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BC Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - East Kootenay Branch

Low cost Spay/Neuter Community Voucher Program

The low cost Spay/Neuter community voucher program at the East Kootenay Branch of the BCSPCA targets pet overpopulation. By providing free or subsidized spay/neuter procedures for owned cats, dogs and rabbits in low income households, as well as feral cats throughout the East Kootenay Region. The program also provides microchips with lifelong registration to the BC Pet Registry, to help lost pets be safely returned to their owners or be identified as an already sterilized feral cats.

City of Cranbrook	\$16,000.00
City of Fernie	\$600.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
District of Elkford	\$300.00
District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$500.00
Electoral Area A	\$300.00
Electoral Area B	\$600.00
Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
Electoral Area G	\$300.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$700.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	\$29,300.00

Baynes Lake Community Society

Baynes Lake Community Enhancement

Epoxy floors for the bathrooms. Current bathroom floor surface is rough stone, which collects dirt and can't be scrubbed properly, which leads to a safety hazard with urine and feces splatter. To be installed by local community members

Landscaping - Community has a large surrounding area which requires more landscaping to fill in holes which are tripping hazards and to cover the dirt with grass to keep the new dirt in place. To be installed by local community members

HVAC system - to adjust the airflow in the public building to allow it to meeting building codes. This requires additional engineering and permits, and a larger HVAC system that was not included in our CBT Smart Grant.

Cabinet - build a cabinet in kitchen area for central storage of breakfast supplies, to reduce the tripping hazard in the existing small storage area. To be built by local community members

Improve metal roofing fasteners to limit water ingress. Install larger screw fasteners

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Baynes Lake Seniors Housing Society		
Baynes Lake Seniors Housing Locks and Exterior Work		
The Baynes Lake Seniors Housing Society seeks funding to enhance safety, accessibility, and sustainability of our housing complex. This project will:		
Upgrade Unit Security: Replace front door locks on all units and have them mastered to improve resident safety and emergency access.		
Maintain Building Exterior: Repair siding failures and non-compliant areas to protect the building envelope.		
Enhance Fire Safety: Add gravel around the generator and propane tank to reduce fire risk and improve emergency access.		
Exterior Trim Painting: Refresh trim to maintain building integrity and appearance.		
The Society's Housing Manager will oversee the project, coordinating qualified contractors, managing timelines, and minimizing disruption to residents. Success will be measured by the completion of all upgrades and improvements, ensuring safer, more secure, and well-maintained housing. This project will extend the life of the property and support residents to continue living safely and comfortably in their community.		
	Electoral Area B	\$10,500.00

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Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network		
Wild Voices for Kids RDEK		
Wild Voices for Kids supports school-based environmental education in the Columbia Basin by connecting pre K-12 teachers and students to hands-on presentations and field-studies, based on the local environment. These presentations and field-studies are created and delivered by community educators who are experts in their field, including biologists, ecologists, geographers, foresters, mountain guides, and cultural liaisons. The goals of the Wild Voices program include: 1. Assisting teachers in reaching their curriculum goals in engaging and innovative ways 2. Facilitating learning opportunities that foster ecologically literate students 3. Providing access to environmental learning for students and teachers in the Columbia Basin through at least 100 fully subsidized and 100 heavily subsidized presentations each school year, with unlimited presentations available at slightly subsidized rates Since 2008, students across the Columbia Basin have received curriculum-linked presentations and hands-on field studies through Wild Voices. Funding would be used to cover honoraria for Community Educators delivering presentations and bussing expenses for student travel to field-based studies for Wild Voices presentations delivered to students in RDEK.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,800.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,600.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$900.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
		\$14,600.00

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Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History		
The Lens of History		
Over the past year, the Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History (CBIRH) has acquired several new collections of historic images from East Kootenay. We plan to expand the Columbia Basin Image Bank by digitizing, preserving, and providing public access to 850 additional images. Our high-quality scanning process will protect the originals and ensure the images are suitable for publication, tourism, city promotion, and historical projects. These images will be freely accessible on CBIRH's website, www.basininstitute.org , serving both students and the wider public. The project will include images from the City of Cranbrook (175), Village of Canal Flats (30), Village of Radium Hot Springs (100), City of Fernie (75), City of Kimberley (70), District of Sparwood (30), Electoral Area A (40), Electoral Area B (75), Electoral Area C (150), Electoral Area E (75), and Electoral Area F (30).		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,645.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,560.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,455.00
	District of Sparwood	\$625.00
	Electoral Area A	\$830.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,560.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,125.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,565.00
	Electoral Area F	\$625.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$625.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,080.00
		<u>\$17,695.00</u>

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Cranbrook And District Restorative Justice Society		
Restorative Justice Service Enhancement & Capacity Pilot		
CDRJS has worked to reduced crime in the East Kootenay since 2007 by working with RCMP, victims, and community members to hold people accountable outside of court when appropriate. These processes are extremely financially efficient and save both the municipalities and provincial government significant costs related to crime and provide reparations to victims where appropriate. Traditionally, our work begins after a charge has been recommended. This pilot shifts that model upstream. Instead of only responding after harm has occurred, this project will test a structured youth prevention model delivered directly in partnership with schools, youth facing organizations, and RCMP. Small group sessions will be offered to youth who are showing early warning signs, involvement in fights, peer conflict, or repeated school discipline issues, before charges are laid. The goal is early accountability, skill building, and intervention before behaviour escalates into criminal involvement. The pilot will introduce a formal referral pathway from schools and police, a structured group curriculum focused on responsibility and conflict resolution, and clear tracking of outcomes. The project relies on CDRJS's trained volunteer facilitators, supported by coordinated oversight to ensure consistency and proper data collection. ReDi funding will be used to launch and test this prevention-focused pilot for a defined period. Results will determine whether this approach reduces youth police contact and supports long-term community safety.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$4,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$2,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$2,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
		\$40,000.00

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Diverse Family Roots Society		
AccessABLE Kootenays		
AccessABLE KOOTENAYS is all about mapping the Kootenays and the communities that are accessible, inclusive, engaging and fun friendly places to meet folks. In partnership with Web developer Noah Funk , along with the strength of our 40 plus volunteer Family Stewards - https://diversefamilyroots.ca/family-stewards/ that are located all throughout the East Kootenays. Also enlisting the Self-Advocates from the Kootenays CLBC Community Council we will be able to provide individuals and families precise information that acknowledges accessible ,inclusive ,supportive, businesses and meeting places, fun places, gathering places in communities all throughout the East Kootenays of British Columbia. AccessABLE Kootenays project will engage people with disabilities and be inclusive of people with disabilities with other intersectional lived experiences including, IBPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+communities, youth, seniors. AccessABLE Kootenays will also map the locations of our 40 volunteer family stewards, the communities that they live in, their BIOS and how they can support families In their community. AccessABLE Kootenays will also map the locations of Resources and community support/ respite options for individuals and Families.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
		\$21,000.00

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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council		
East Kootenay Range Tenure Invasive Plant Program		
The Project's objective is to support range stewardship and invasive plant management activities on Crown land range tenures. To achieve this, EKISC focuses on two components: 1. Invasive plant management (inventory, treatment, monitoring, and data entry) 2. Outreach (workshops, learning events, and resource development). The primary component of this Project is invasive plant management. EKISC works collaboratively with Crown land range tenure holders to administer strategic invasive plant treatments on public rangelands, with ranchers compensated for treating invasive plants on their tenures. Treatments are aligned with Provincial priorities to ensure a coordinated, landscape-level approach that increases forage availability for livestock. Management activities include mechanical and chemical control using approved herbicides, supported by EKISC through training, education, and certification requirements for safe and effective application. Ranchers in the region are facing increasing pressure from expanded recreation use (camping, off-road vehicles) and industrial activity, which have accelerated the introduction and spread of invasive species onto rangelands. These disturbances facilitate the movement of invasive plants from access corridors into adjacent grazing areas, where they outcompete native forage species critical for livestock. This directly impacts rancher livelihoods by reducing forage availability and increasing management costs. The Project helps ranchers address both existing and emerging infestations, and supports long-term stewardship. EKISC also delivers targeted education and outreach to support informed, proactive range management.		
	Electoral Area B	\$12,740.00
	Electoral Area C	<u>\$3,185.00</u>
		\$15,925.00

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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council		
Ecosystem Allies: Arming the Public		
This project will expand EKISC's Education and Outreach Program by strengthening community knowledge, skills, and capacity to prevent and manage invasive species across the East Kootenay region. Building on the success of the 2025 ReDi-funded project, which demonstrated strong community engagement and demand for hands-on learning, this initiative will deepen education efforts while introducing new tools, partnerships, and training to support long-term behaviour change. The project will deliver invasive plant and animal education through in-person workshops, presentations, community weed pulls, walk-and-talks, youth programs, and outreach at high-risk locations such as farmers markets, boat launches and recreation areas. These activities will promote key messages including Clean, Drain, Dry; PlayCleanGo; Don't Let It Loose; PlantWise; and Buy Local, Burn Local. Online webinars and social media outreach will further extend reach. A renewed focus will support landowners through one-on-one interactions, helping them identify and understand practical management options. New partnerships will introduce innovative learning approaches, including exploring alternative uses of invasive species through Indigenous, traditional, and holistic perspectives, such as making tinctures and salves, and emerging tools like invasive species detection dog training. Funding will also enhance program delivery through new education materials, safety equipment, and staff training, including water safety, bear safety, and Indigenous relations training. Together, these efforts will empower communities to take informed, meaningful action on invasive species stewardship.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
	District of Invermere	\$2,500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$750.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$21,750.00</u>

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East Kootenay Society For Active Living

Soccer for ALL - Summer/Fall 2026

The East Kootenay Society for Active Living, through its Premier Elite Soccer Camps program, proposes Soccer for ALL, an inclusive youth soccer initiative providing structured, high-quality programming to children and youth aged 6-16 across urban and rural East Kootenay communities. The project prioritizes equitable access for families facing financial, geographic, or systemic barriers, including Indigenous youth.

In Summer and Fall 2026, the project will deliver three integrated components. Premier Elite Summer Soccer Camps will operate in Cranbrook (Moir Park), Kimberley (Marysville/Purcell Fields), and Fernie (community fields) from July 6 to August 28, 2026, offering affordable, developmentally appropriate training. A fully subsidized summer camp for Îᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ (St. Mary's Band) youth will run in Cranbrook from July 13-17, 2026, continuing a successful barrier-free model. In addition, a fully subsidized fall program in Fernie, titled Fernie Selects, will run September 8 to October 15, 2026, with 2-3 sessions per week.

Targeted outreach will engage families in RDEK Electoral Areas A, B, C, and E, with transportation support and shared equipment improving rural access. Programming follows Premier Elite's player-centred curriculum aligned with Canada Soccer's Long-Term Player Development framework and UEFA Grassroots principles, emphasizing skill development, physical literacy, teamwork, and confidence. Delivery is supported through partnerships with local soccer associations, the Îᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦᑭᑦ community, and municipal partners, using publicly accessible community fields.

City of Cranbrook	\$500.00
City of Fernie	\$3,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$11,500.00</u>

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East Kootenay Track and Field Association		
Equipment Upgrade for East Kootenay Track and Field		
We need to replace some of our older equipment and to add new equipment to be able to offer a wider variety of disciplines. We will be able to attract more youth with more options for all the track and field disciplines. The project will be carried out by board members and parents volunteers. We got engagement from local businesses last year and they are happy to support us again. We are also doing additional fundraising by being involve in the Kimberley Fall Fair as a non-profit.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,300.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,060.00
		<u>\$33,660.00</u>
Elk Valley & Area Hospice Society		
Update Core Volunteer Training Manual		
Project: Updating our current training manual.		
Goal: Our current course was donated to us by the previous facilitator; it is outdated and needs considerable updating. This will bring our current outdated core training manual up to date, offering efficient, effective, and appropriate course material to properly train volunteers and educate the public. This project will allow us to deliver an up to date training course, ensuring we can build volunteer capacity and knowledge.		
Action: We will hire an Education Designer, a specialist who can take our existing Companioning the Dying course material and work with the Elk Valley & Area Hospice board to create a revised training manual.		
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$3,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Elko Parks and Recreation Association (1987)		
Outdoor Kitchen		
The Elko Parks and Recreation is requesting funding of \$20,000.00. The said funding is intended for the completion of an outdoor space adjacent to our community hall, that's intended purpose is to serve as an outdoor kitchen space.		
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Elko Volunteer Fire Department Society		
Elko Volunteer Fire Department Safety Equipment		
We are fund raising for life saving equipment for our Volunteer Fire Fighters and First Responders. Recently, we've seen first-hand the critical importance of well-equipped emergency responders. Unfortunately, there have been several instances in which different equipment, such as specialized rescue tools, life-saving medical gear, and enhanced firefighting technology could have made a difference in both the speed and effectiveness of their responses. Our goal is to raise funds for these much needed items, ensuring that our first responders have the best possible tools to save lives and protect the community in future emergencies.		
	Electoral Area B	\$9,500.00
Fernie Food Security Society		
Fernie Schools Weekly Backpack Food Program		
The Weekly Backpack Program is a food-security initiative that provides nourishing, whole foods to youth in Ecole Isabella Dicken Elementary School (EIDES) and Fernie Secondary School (FSS) over weekends, a time when school-based meal programs aren't available. The goal is to bridge the hunger gap for kids who rely on school meals during the week, ensuring they have access to adequate food outside school days. Youth are encouraged to fill their backpack with the food items required to provide the nutritional requirements for the weekend. The food is child-friendly and usable without complex preparation. The program ensures consistent access to food, supports family well-being, and helps children stay focused and healthy; all fundamental aspects of reducing food insecurity and its latent effects on learning. This is achieved by: 1. Coordinating with Schools: Schools identify students who would benefit, ensuring food goes to the children who need it and integrates with existing supports, allowing access without stigma and with dignity. 2. Reduces Stress: Youth from food-insecure households may lack sufficient food Friday to Sunday. Providing food that can be counted on eases financial pressure on families struggling with rising costs. 3. Supports Positive Development: Adequate nutrition is linked to better learning and overall health. 4. Encourages Community Involvement: Broadens support for local food security and raises awareness about child hunger.		
	City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$6,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
		<u>\$25,000.00</u>

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Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club		
Freestyle Training Equipment Replacement		
The Fernie Freestyle Club is a community-based organization dedicated to developing athletes and promoting safe participation in freestyle skiing and snowboarding. Through structured coaching, training environments, and youth programming, the club provides opportunities for athletes of varying skill levels to develop technical skills, confidence, and lifelong engagement in winter sport. Our programs serve local youth and visiting participants by maintaining a safe, professionally managed freestyle training environment. The club operates in partnership with local mountain facilities (Fernie Alpine Resort and Wapiti Ski Club) and relies on well-maintained equipment to construct and maintain terrain park features that meet safety and training standards. The club's current terrain park and course maintenance equipment has reached or exceeded its service life. Aging tools and hardware reduce efficiency, increase maintenance downtime, and pose safety risks to both staff and athletes. We will achieve our goals with the purchase and replacement of aging snow fencing, bamboo poles, generators, rope, shovels, rakes, tampers, and snowblowers.		
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$3,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,500.00
		\$10,500.00

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Fernie Pride Society		
2026 Elk Valley Pride Festival		
The Elk Valley Pride Festival is a multi-day community festival hosted by the Fernie Pride Society that celebrates Pride and brings together 2SLGBTQ+ people, families, and allies from across the region. It is a community initiative designed to create an affirming and welcoming space while supporting connection, visibility, and inclusion in the Elk Valley and South Country regions. The project will celebrate diversity, strengthen community relationships, and promote inclusion through a range of accessible cultural, recreational, and educational experiences. The festival welcomes participants of all ages and backgrounds and offers opportunities to connect, learn, and engage in community activities that highlight queer arts, voices, history, and experiences. This will be achieved by organizing a five-day program of events such as parades, flag-raising ceremonies, workshops, youth programming, arts activities, outdoor recreation, performances, and community gatherings. It also involves collaboration with volunteers, vendors, artists, and local organizations that provide resources, services, and interactive activities. Programming is largely free, hosted in accessible venues, and supported by community participation and sponsorship to ensure broad engagement and impact.		
	City of Fernie	\$6,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
		\$16,000.00
Fernie Women's Resource and Drop in Center		
Sponsoring: South Country Preschool		
Preschool Shed and Toys		
We would like to purchase a 10x8 shed with locking doors, put shelving up for organizing toys and purchase new outdoor toys.		
	Electoral Area B	\$5,000.00

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Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC

Kootenay Trout Hatchery Outreach Programs 2026-27

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a non-profit Society seeking funding for outreach and educational programs based out of The Kootenay Trout Hatchery and associated Visitor Centre and Community Fishing Pond (KTH) in Electoral Area C, as well as surrounding communities and school groups from communities such as Cranbrook, Kimberley, Jaffray, Fernie, Elkford, Sparwood, and Invermere. The Kootenay Trout Hatchery is a tremendously valuable resource for the public; particularly residents as well as visitors to the area with nearly 15,000 visitors and over 7,000 Outreach Program participants annually. Programs offered include Learn to Fish; a program designed to introduce participants to sustainable recreational fishing practices as well as Environmental Stewardship Programs, Sturgeon Conservation Educational Programs and Hatchery Tours. Seasonal Outreach Instructors (primarily university students) will be hired, and trained on program delivery. These Instructors will deliver the programs, tours, as well as engage with drop-in visitors at the facility.

City of Cranbrook	\$14,000.00
City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
District of Elkford	\$1,000.00
District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$47,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	\$70,000.00

Friends of Lake Koocanusa Society

Waldo Cove 2026 Improvements for safety

We have two park safety issues we would like help with and one capital improvement.

1) After having the BC Firesmart review the property, we have identified a large number of trees that require removal because they are a fire hazard for the park and surrounding properties. The additional risk is due to an outbreak of Fir Beetles.

2) The access path to the Southern beach has developed a problem due to underground water flow. This will be fixed by adding a culvert and appropriate fill.

3) We need to add additional signage to the park to help patrons understand who manages the park and how they can get involved financially and/or as a volunteer.

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Ghostrider Adventure Camp Foundation		
The Ghostrider Adventure Camp		
The Foundation aims to raise funds to cover the cost of a one week residential summer camp for 36 "at risk" children of the Elk Valley where they will be able to get the chance to experience activities including canoeing, rafting, teambuilding, arts & crafts at Rock lake Camp in Elko, BC. We also provide a one week leadership training program where we offer 6 teens of the valley the opportunity to join our counsellor in training program, where they get to work alongside trained camp counsellors. The project is designed to support "at risk" kids and help develop their confidence, self reliance and team building skills. We hope to raise \$31,500 to cover the cost of 36 campers and 6 teens for the leadership training.		
	City of Fernie	\$1,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$7,500.00</u>

Grasmere Community Society

Out Door Pickleball Court with Basketball nets

Design and build a regulation size pickleball court on the old Grasmere School grounds for Grasmere and surrounding communities. Install basketball nets on either side to offer a secondary sport using the same space. Purchase a C-can for storage and a riding lawnmower for maintenance.

This project will provide fitness opportunities for ALL ages and enhance community spirit.

We plan to hire a local contractor to complete the project.

Electoral Area B \$18,500.00

Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department Society

Zoll AutoPulse Acquisition

The South Country Fire Department Societies seek the purchase of an AutoPulse system as the machine delivers consistent, high-quality chest compressions during cardiac arrest. The Jaffray Fire Department, in partnership with the Barnes Lake and Elko Fire Departments, aim to purchase a ZOLL AutoPulse Automated CPR System. This lifesaving device will significantly improve cardiac arrest outcomes across the three rural communities. In rural environments-where response times, transport distances, and limited staffing present major challenges as seen in our rural areas-mechanical CPR is a proven intervention that directly improves patient care and responder safety over long call durations when compared to manual CPR. With the Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department Society as the project spearhead, we plan to seek our financial goal of \$35,000 through a variety of grants and fundraisers. Our hopes are to have the AutoPulse system in service by December 31, 2026. This timeline includes 60 days post purchase to allow for training of the 3 Departments First Responders.

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64		
Localpalooza		
Kimberley Localpalooza is a vibrant, two-day community festival celebrating local music, arts, and business while creating a family-friendly downtown experience. Now entering its second year, the festival will take place July 25-26 and showcase ten local musicians performing 45-minute sets over two days on the new outdoor stage adjacent to Centre 64—a state-of-the-art performance space developed with the support of the City of Kimberley and Columbia Basin Trust. This event activates the stage as a hub for accessible, high-quality outdoor arts and entertainment. Beyond live music, Localpalooza will feature a chili cook-off with local restaurants, a craft beer garden highlighting regional breweries, an artisan and vendor market, sidewalk sales with downtown businesses, and children's arts and crafts activities. These components combine to create an inclusive, engaging, and celebratory atmosphere that strengthens community connections, supports local creatives, and stimulates economic activity in Kimberley's downtown core. By blending performance, culinary, craft, and family-focused experiences, Localpalooza not only entertains but also fosters a sense of belonging and pride, ensuring Kimberley residents and visitors alike can enjoy and participate in a vibrant cultural event that highlights local talent and creativity.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$1,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,600.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
		<u>\$9,600.00</u>

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

WERX@C64

WERX@C64 is Centre 64's visual arts programming, delivered through three dedicated studio spaces designed for hands-on creative learning. Launched in Fall 2025, WERX@C64 offers a range of accessible artistic experiences, including short-term and weekend workshops, as well as multi-week classes taught by local artists, artisans, and creative practitioners from across the region.

The project increases creative opportunities for residents in Kimberley and surrounding rural communities by providing high-quality, affordable instruction across a variety of artistic disciplines and skill levels. Early response to the program has been strong, with participants engaging from across the region and demonstrating a clear appetite for ongoing, community-based creative learning.

Funding will support the continued delivery and growth of WERX@C64 by covering workshop supplies and targeted advertising. Providing materials for each workshop reduces barriers to participation, particularly in remote, rural contexts where sourcing specialized art supplies can be difficult and costly. This approach ensures workshops remain inclusive, welcoming, and financially accessible to a broad range of participants.

Advertising support will enable Centre 64 to reach new audiences, increase enrollment, and maximize attendance, ensuring workshops are well attended and sustainable. Together, these supports will strengthen Centre 64's capacity to deliver consistent, high-quality programming, support local creatives, and foster community connection through shared creative experiences.

City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
City of Fernie	\$1,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$3,500.00
District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,000.00
	\$21,000.00

Lions Club of Sand Creek

Sponsoring: Galloway Curling Club

Kitchen & Club Room Flooring Upgrade

The project is to replace the chipped tile flooring in the kitchen with safety vinyl flooring. It is also to repair and refinish the original fir flooring in the club room. It will be achieved by hiring local skilled contractors to provide the work that the club volunteers are unable to do.

Electoral Area B	\$15,958.00
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Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society

M2BL TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome) Project

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society is dedicated to controlling the region's feral cat population through its Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome (TNR) program. Our experienced volunteers deliver animals from cat containment units throughout the region to local vets for examination and neutering procedures. The animals are treated as required, and evaluated for suitability for placement in homes (in the case of kittens) or returned to their original location (in the case of adults not able to be domesticated). The desired outcome is to humanely keep the feral cat population under control.

Why is a TNR program needed? Feral cat colonies originate from kittens born within the colony, or from intact domesticated cats that have been abandoned or lost. In five years, an unspayed feral female can have up to 20,000 descendants beginning at 5 months of age. Feral cats tend to live together in groups or colonies, in both urban and rural areas. Besides humanely keeping the number of feral cats in check, TNR programs promote cat health through vaccinations and help reduce unwanted spraying and fighting behaviours. Kittens that can be ethically socialized can be adopted out which also helps with population control.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,750.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,200.00
Electoral Area C	\$8,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$3,250.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	\$17,700.00

Rocky Mountain Village Auxiliary Society (RMVAS)

Celebrating Special Occasions for the Elk Valley and South Country Senior's

The project is to intentionally celebrate and bring the joy to all residents on every holiday we can. RMVAS and community members will work together to get this done.

City of Fernie	\$500.00
District of Elkford	\$250.00
District of Sparwood	\$250.00
Electoral Area A	\$400.00
Electoral Area B	\$400.00
	\$1,800.00

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Sand Creek Community Club		
Upgrades to the Jaffray Hall & Rink		
The Jaffray Community Hall is a primary venue in our region. As Jaffray's popularity as a destination grows, the Hall is being pushed to its limit with the old stove, as our water system will be completed this year. We have the demand and the foot traffic, but our aging infrastructure is lagging behind, risking our ability to provide a professional, reliable space for high-caliber events. Commercial Capacity: Our current stove is no longer sufficient for the scale of events we host. Replacing it with a high-performance commercial unit is essential to support our main kitchen's heavy rotation. The Winter Economy: The new outdoor rink is a massive draw for the community and a major rental opportunity. However, without a permanent pad, we cannot maximize its seasonal potential or the revenue it generates. Audio & Visibility: We need an integrated indoor/outdoor audio setup and a modern reader board to keep the facility functional and visible. The success of our gazebo and outdoor kitchen proved the demand is there. Now, we must upgrade these core essentials.		
	Electoral Area B	\$65,000.00
Sand Creek Seniors Citizens Drop-In Center		
Purchase and Installation of Solar Panels		
The project is the installation of Solar Panels which will reduce our dependence on BC Hydro for electricity.		
	Electoral Area B	\$31,028.00
Sandcreek Cemetery Society		
Sand Creek Cemetery Columbaria		
The project is to place a 24 niche columbaria on a cement pad at the Sand Creek cemetery.		
	Electoral Area B	\$10,000.00
South Country Ag. & More Youth Association		
Learning, Safely Grooming and Celebrating Achievements		
Our Food Safe Course is a Interior Health requirement so we can safely prepare and serve the many meals we cater for our community service work. One of our leaders is an adjudicator for this course as well so she will be organizing the course. Grooming equipment for beef and sheep projects will entail racks to keep the animal contained while clipping and washing as well as clippers and blowers. The year end celebration for members will be a meal for all of our members, families and community supporters (we would love to have you all come :)) held at the Grasmere Hall in June as a wind up to our year. Members are celebrated individually for their success throughout the year.		
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$6,000.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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South Country Cowboy's Association		
Fencing, Sound System and Round Pen		
Provide perimeter fencing for the Elko Park C to keep the area secure for animals, people and infrastructure. Provide a sound system to be used during training, rodeo and other booked events. The sound system is important to provide clarity of communication to the participants and spectators during the training and booked events. Provide a round pen to be used for training, warm-ups, and managing horses in a controlled environment. Allowing safer interaction between the horse and handler compared to a full-sized arena. The round pen will also be used during emergency activation to secure animals.		
	Electoral Area A	\$1,100.00
	Electoral Area B	\$15,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
		<u>\$21,100.00</u>

South Country Housing Project Society

South Country Septic Upgrades

Pinewood Manor is a 10 unit seniors and people with disabilities, it was built in the early 80's and while many upgrades have been done over the years we are still working with a 40 year old building. In the past couple years we did some upgrades to our septic system through a grant we were able to secure through BC Housing, but there is more work to be done. We are looking to scope the septic field to better understand the life left with the current system, and we are also needing to upgrade our filter system. The current system we have is clogging up meaning we need to bring the septic vacuum in 4-6 times a year which is a huge cost to the society when this should only be required every 2 years at most. We also would like to make an adjustment to the water softener system to drain into a pit so it is not releasing salt into the septic tank, causing the tank to not work properly.

Electoral Area B \$11,000.00

South Country Trail & Recreation Association

Equipment Replacement - Snowmobile

The intent of this project is to obtain new equipment that is needed for the South Country Trails and Recreation Association. Specifically, a new snowmobile is required for winter trail grooming for snowshoeing, nordic skiing, biking and walking. The current snowmobile that the association has is old and needing constant repair; it is no longer financially viable to maintain. The snowmobile will be purchased in the summer of 2026 and be ready for winter grooming use by the end of October 2026.

Electoral Area B \$20,471.00

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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
Southeast Kootenay School District No. 5		
Sponsoring: Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Initiative		
Outdoor Classroom Kits for Schools RDEK		
Southeast Kootenay School District 5 and Rocky Mountain School District 6 have collaborated with other local school districts for the past 10 years to offer the Take Me Outside for Learning School Year Challenge. This challenge encourages teachers to sign up to commit to taking their learning outside regularly throughout the school year. The goal of this is to deepen academic outcomes while also supporting better mental and physical health. In exchange, we endeavor to provide resources and support to help them do so effectively. In past years, with your support, we offered classrooms that signed up for this challenge a customizable outdoor learning classroom kit (\$500 value) to support them in undertaking this challenge, and this was met with a huge amount of appreciation! We've attached some of the feedback received. However, we were not able to offer this support to a portion of the classes that signed up. As a result, we would like to request your support in being able to provide access to these resources for more classes in the RDEK. We have requested a total of \$6,000 from you through this program, which in addition to support from other funders.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$400.00
	District of Sparwood	\$400.00
	Electoral Area A	\$300.00
	Electoral Area B	\$300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$300.00
	Electoral Area E	\$300.00
		\$11,000.00

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Symphony of the Kootenays Association		
Symphonic Rock		
Symphonic Rock is a one-time collaborative concert presented by the Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) in partnership with Cranbrook-based rock band Pretty for the People, taking place on November 28, 2026 at the Key City Theatre.		
The project brings together orchestral and rock musicians in a shared performance designed to attract both traditional symphony audiences and local popular music fans who may not otherwise attend an orchestral concert. The concert format is intentionally structured to allow audiences to enter from different musical comfort zones. Joining the Symphony on stage will be the highly acclaimed Cranbrook based rock band Pretty for the People. The program will feature the symphony and the band independently at a few moments throughout while most of the performance is a collaboration between the two ensembles.		
This collaboration represents a new artistic approach for SOTK and an opportunity to explore alternative concert formats that remain accessible, familiar, and engaging for a broad audience. Informal community response to the concept has already generated significant interest, indicating strong local appetite for this type of cross-genre experience.		
If audience response and ticket demand are exceptionally strong, SOTK may add a matinee performance; however, the project is fully designed to be delivered as a single evening event and does not depend on an additional performance.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$500.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
		\$5,000.00

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Symphony of the Kootenays Association

Western Skies

Western Skies at Fort Steele is a family-friendly outdoor symphonic concert presented by the Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) at Fort Steele Heritage Town, in collaboration with the Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation (CAMAL - site operator) and participating Indigenous partners. The project will offer an accessible cultural experience that brings residents and visitors together in a setting that reflects regional history and living cultures.

The event will include a public performance on June 27, 2026, supported by professional staging and audience services appropriate for an outdoor venue (including specialized audio support to ensure clear, inclusive sound coverage for attendees). The program and event elements will be developed with Indigenous participation to ensure respectful engagement and to create space for multiple perspectives-past and present-through shared experience, storytelling, and music.

SOTK will also offer community-access measures such as a mix of adult and youth pricing, complimentary tickets allocated for Indigenous community members and underserved households, and a public-facing component (e.g., an open rehearsal or community welcome) to reduce barriers to first-time attendance.

The project will be delivered by SOTK's professional production team, contracted musicians, and partners at Fort Steele/CAMAL, with a clear plan for attendance tracking, participant feedback, and post-event reporting.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	\$500.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$500.00
	\$6,000.00

Triangle Women's Institute

Pioneer Hall Upgrades - 2026

The main part of this project is to install a Generac System at the Grasmere Pioneer Hall. This will ensure that in the event of an emergency the Hall, which is the local evacuation point for emergencies, will have power and can heat, feed and shelter community residents.

Pest Control, Parking Lot upgrades and South Country Ag and More support are the other components of this request.

Electoral Area B	\$34,500.00
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Wasa & District 4-H Club		
Youth in Agriculture		
This project will establish the foundational infrastructure for the Wasa & District 4-H Club, enabling it to operate effectively across a large rural area. Funding will be used to acquire essential shared equipment and storage, including sewing machines, sergers, livestock handling tools, grooming equipment, pop-up shelters, small engines tools, and a secure storage solution. These resources will allow youth to fully participate in skill-building activities related to animal husbandry, trades, crafting, and agricultural education regardless of family income or access to personal equipment. The project will be implemented through coordinated purchasing, safe storage set-up, and supervised use of equipment during club programming. This will remove barriers, strengthen programming quality, and support the long-term sustainability of this rural 4-H chapter.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$5,250.00
	Electoral Area C	\$5,250.00
	Electoral Area E	\$5,500.00
		<u>\$21,000.00</u>
	Total Funding Requested:	<u>\$377,032.00</u>