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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
Blue Lake Forest Education Society		
Blue Paddle Campaign		
The Blue Paddle Campaign provides subsidies for local youth to attend Blue Lake Camp programs. Our programs can range from one day to week long programs. There are overnight options, and day long options. This money will be used to support kids getting outside, learning about the natural world, and improving their leadership skills. This money will go to individual kids who's families have a financial barrier to participating. This funding will ensure every child can attend camp without their families' finances being a burden to them.		
	District of Sparwood	\$2,400.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,800.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area F	\$2,400.00
	Electoral Area G	\$2,400.00
	City of Cranbrook	\$6,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,400.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,200.00
	District of Invermere	\$2,400.00
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		\$34,000.00

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Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network		
Wild Voices for Kids in RDEK		
<p>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.</p> <p>The goals of the Wild Voices program include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,300.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	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
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		\$12,000.00

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Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History		
Making History Public		
Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History (CBIRH) will undertake work to extend and expand the Columbia Basin Image Bank, by digitizing, preserving and making publicly accessible 600 new historical photographs of the East Kootenay District. Through this project CBIRH will bring historical photos that are currently inaccessible to the general public. The photographs will be accessible for public viewing for free on CBIRH's website www.basininstitute.org .		
These are the communities/areas: City of Cranbrook - 110 images; City of Fernie - 50 images; City of Kimberley - 80 images; District of Elkford - 30 images; District of Sparwood - 50 images; Electoral Area A - 40 images; Electoral Area B - 100 images; Electoral Area C - 110 images; Electoral Area E - 30 images.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,250.00
	City of Fernie	\$750.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$750.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$750.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$2,550.00
	Electoral Area E	\$450.00
		<hr/> \$13,000.00

Cycling Without Age (CWA) Fernie Foundation

CWA Fernie Trishaw Purchase 2024

The project is the acquisition of the funds required to purchase a new Trishaw. The original Trishaw was purchased second-hand in 2018 and now has significant problems with its mechanical parts and the battery. This has limited our services to having only 2 trishaws available at any time to take people on outings. Having a third trishaw bike would allow more people in the community to enjoy being outside and feeling the wind in their hair. Three trishaws would allow CWA to expand our operations while continuing to provide rides to more users. The cost of a new Trishaw is approximately \$21,700 and CWA Fernie has been fundraising for the past 2 years in order to acquire the necessary funds. A grant from ReDi would be a significant addition to help support the purchase of this new trishaw.

City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

Spreading the Word, NOT the Invasives - Reducing the Spread of Invasive Species through Education and Outreach

This project will promote increased environmental stewardship and positive behaviour change for invasive species prevention. EKISC will directly increase community knowledge, awareness, and understanding of the impacts of invasive species on natural environments and the region as well as identification and best management practices.

This project will provide invasive plant and animal education and awareness through in person workshops and training; interactions at events such as farmers markets; connecting with youth through schools and girl guides/scout groups; interactions with boat owners at boat launches to spread the message of Clean, Drain, Dry; connecting with pet stores about the Don't Let It Loose program; weed pulls which enable hands-on experience identifying and controlling invasive plants; distributing invasive plant resources and spending one-on-one time with landowners; and online communications such as webinars and engaging social media posts.

This project will aim to increase engagement with community members and groups that EKISC has not worked with previously or groups in which there is a lack of or need for invasive education.

The funding from last year was used at events such as plant walks, invasive plant pulls, our "Watercolour With Weeds" workshop and community garden presentations, there was much gratitude from the community for our presence and feedback showed the public appreciated these engaging events and there was demand for more such events.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,000.00
City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
District of Elkford	\$2,000.00
District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$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	\$500.00
Electoral Area G	\$500.00
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	\$17,000.00

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East Kootenay Regional Science Fair Society		
East Kootenay Regional Science Fair		
We host the East Kootenay Regional Science Fair on an annual basis. Students in grades 6 to 12 from around the East Kootenay can compete in the fair and possibly qualify for Canada-Wide Science Fair. Each year four winning students from the regional fair travel to the national fair with their project. Science fair is an opportunity for students to develop their own experiments or complete research projects to further their scientific understanding. It is also an opportunity for students to present their work and defend their ideas to a series of judges. The regional fair is a gateway to the national fair where students can represent their home region.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$815.00
	City of Fernie	\$500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$500.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$500.00
		<hr/> \$3,315.00

Elk River Watershed Alliance

Elk River Floodplain Restoration

The Elk River Alliance seeks ReDi support for purchasing fencing supplies and watering systems to support streambank restoration on three historical pasture fields along the Elk River. In 2024-25, work will focus on installing protective fencing, watering systems and revegetation along 600 m of Elk River streambank. Two sites are located between Elkford and Sparwood: The 'Big Ranch' and 'Elk River Lodge'. The third 'Morrissey Meadows' site is located 18 km south of Fernie.

Livestakes (cut branches) and seedlings of cottonwood, red osier dogwood, and willows will be collected from existing groves. They will be re-planted within 10 m of the riverbank to produce dense barrier vegetation. A watering system will be installed to maintain soil moisture for two years, which will allow the plants to create a viable self-sustaining root network. Temporary fencing will be installed to protect young plants from herbivores.

The project will stabilize banks, restore terrestrial and aquatic habitats, and improve flood resilience. Dense roots will trap soil and stones and allow the bank to resist water erosional forces naturally. Riparian vegetation will also be vital for a healthy habitat for mammals, birds, and fish. This work will forward a long-term goal of developing a functional floodplain forest ecosystem on the sites, and connect the floodplain corridor along the Elk Valley.

City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
District of Elkford	\$10,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$4,606.00
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Elk Valley Hospice

Wind Phones for the Elk Valley & South Country

The Elk Valley Hospice Wind Phone Project proposes to design, construct and install a Wind Phone in each of the following communities: Elkford, Sparwood, Fernie and the South Country.

Wind Phone's provide a powerful opportunity to ease suffering and are a meaningful resource for people journeying with end of life, loss, and grief. There are many different varieties of Wind Phones but at their most basic they provide grieving community members access to an unconnected phone in nature. This unconnected phone allows them to connect with loved ones who have passed and share their thoughts and feelings. It also provides an opportunity to say the things you wished you could have but did not.

The first Wind Phone was created in Japan as a shrine to mindfully connect people to their loved ones who had died in the 2011 earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Since then, Wind Phone's have been established all over the world with the "...wish that [a] path leads you to a telephone of the wind as you walk with grief, a place where the wind will take your words to the ones you love who have walked ahead." (Amy Dawson).

City of Fernie	\$3,400.00
District of Elkford	\$3,400.00
District of Sparwood	\$3,400.00
Electoral Area B	\$3,400.00
	<u>\$13,600.00</u>

Fernie Pets Society

Elk Valley Spay Neuter Incentive Program (SNIP)

This program provides subsidies to area residents who require financial assistance in order to spay or neuter their cats. Approved applicants pay a nominal fee of \$50 per cat with the remainder of the costs covered by the Society. The program also covers the full cost of spay & neutering surgeries and other veterinary fees for feral cats in order to reduce the unwanted cat population.

City of Fernie	\$900.00
District of Elkford	\$300.00
District of Sparwood	\$900.00
Electoral Area A	\$900.00
	<u>\$3,000.00</u>

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Fernie Pride Society

Elk Valley Pride Festival

The 8th Annual Elk Valley Pride Festival is a 5-day celebration of diversity, inclusion, and Pride for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and allies and takes place primarily in Fernie, BC. The 8th annual celebration is scheduled for September 18-22, 2024 and will feature cultural events for all ages, educational opportunities, a queer arts day, and a myriad of other events.

The Elk Valley Pride Festival format in 2024 will again be a hybrid one. The Festival has demonstrated growth year-to-year and in 2021, the growth allowed us to create an exciting new component; Spectrum Queer Arts Day. Spectrum has become a cornerstone of the Festival and features live music, refreshment garden, info booths, a skateboard jam, and an art market.

In addition, 95% of Festival events are free to attend, take place only in universally accessible venues, and are appropriate for people of all-ages. We work directly with local suppliers as much as we can and value our community partnerships and the efforts they invest for marginalized communities.

City of Fernie	\$7,500.00
District of Elkford	\$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Ghostrider Adventure Camp Foundation

Ghostrider Adventure Camp

The Ghostrider Adventure Camp provides a one week residential program for the children of the Elk Valley who do not have the opportunity to experience a week away at camp due to their home social environment. We offer a range of activities including rafting, hiking, crafts, survival skills, canoeing to name a few. All of our activities are designed to increase self esteem, self-reliance and develop stronger social skills. This year we hope to raise \$30000 to be able to accommodate 36 kids aged 8-12yrs and 6 teens in our leadership training program all from the Elk Valley.

City of Fernie	\$1,400.00
District of Elkford	\$1,400.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,400.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,400.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,400.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

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Rocky Mountain Village Auxiliary Society (RMVAS)		
Keeping Elk Valley and South Country Senior's Warm and Happy		
Project Warm: We would like to purchase two more blanket warmers, and 96 flannel blankets to keep residents warm and comfortable during stressful times. We are in the process of buying our first blanket warmer currently.		
Project Happy: we would like to purchase 3 sets of virtual reality goggles to allow residents to safely travel to a place of their choice.		
	City of Fernie	\$5,100.00
	District of Elkford	\$5,100.00
	District of Sparwood	\$5,100.00
	Electoral Area A	\$600.00
	Electoral Area B	\$3,600.00
		<u>\$19,500.00</u>
Sparwood Coal Miner Days Society		
Coal Miner Days 2024		
Coal Miner Days is our week long Community celebration that has something for everyone, from sporting events to kids festivities, parade and everything in between. CMD proceeds have been raised to support: Lilac Terrace expansion, new Sparwood Skate Park, Raise a Child UP, Sparwood EDC Committee, Sparwood Food Bank, Search & Rescue as well as sporting groups in our community. Coal Miner Days are packed full of exciting events, fun for the entire family.		
	District of Sparwood	\$17,000.00
Sparwood Curling Club		
Rock Maintenance		
The rocks must be sharpened every 10 years. It is important to sharpen rocks so they work correct on the ice for curling. The club has 64 rocks, and they need to be shipped to		
	District of Sparwood	\$14,677.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
		<u>\$16,677.00</u>

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Sparwood Farmers Market Society		
Kid's Fest		
<p>The main goal of the Kid's Fest each year is to attract more people to the market through a family oriented event, which grows awareness of the market and the vendors.</p> <p>The Sparwood Market has hosted a Kid's Festival in Sparwood since 2019, which has been highly successful and well attended. Many families attend this event because the market provides kids entertainment with bouncy houses, face painting, balloons and carnival food! Many families expect this event each year and the combination of a market for parents and activities for children is a staple of our community summer events.</p> <p>The funds from the Redi grant would be used to rent a bouncy house for Kid's Fest, as well as hire face painting and balloon makers for the Kid's Festival.</p>		
	District of Sparwood	\$2,175.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
		\$3,675.00
Sparwood Golf Club		
John Deere HD200 Select Spray Purchase		
<p>Our club is purchasing a John Deere ProGator, we would like to purchase the 2 attachments, Select Sprayer,(for applying chemicals) and the Top dresser for sand. This will help make the maintenance of the course easier and faster for our volunteers. We may have to finance the Gator, but if we could receive grants for the attachments, it would help us financially</p>		
	District of Sparwood	\$16,000.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
		\$18,000.00
Sparwood and District Chamber of Commerce		
Bike Stand Tool Station		
<p>Our project is to finalize the bike wash station with a tool stand on a concrete pad. This will provide an area for bike users in our community and for those visitors coming through to clean there bike and also put there bike up on a stand to do tune ups and fix anything from chains to flat tires, or tighten breaks and gears etc. We are working with Sparwood Trails Alliance, and a local business for the concrete pad.</p>		
	District of Sparwood	\$4,368.00
	Total Funding Requested:	<u>\$83,420.00</u>