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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
<b>Baynes Lake Community Society</b>		
Water Treatment, Fence Restoration, Refrigeration		
<p>Water treatment is to install a point of entry well water filtration system as recommended by Interior Health to remove pathogens.</p> <p>Fence restoration to restore white picket fence around church court yard sand, pressure wash, and paint.</p> <p>refrigeration - replace and enhance refrigeration needs. purchase refrigeration units.</p> <p>Replace flattop sausage grill used for community events.</p> <p>Picnic tables - purchase picnic tables for community events and ease of storage.</p>		
	Electoral Area B	\$23,000.00
<b>Blue Lake Forest Education Society</b>		
Blue Paddle Campaign		
<p>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.</p>		
	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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<b>Collective for Lower Elk Aquifer Restoration (CLEAR)</b>		
<p>Story Map: Investigating Water Balance in South Country</p> <p>The proposed story map will build on the results of a water availability, water balance and water quality study to be conducted for CLEAR by MacHydro - a hydrology consulting company in Cranbrook. This study will research and compile existing information regarding South Country ground and surface water to ensure CLEAR and the broader community residents, area users, funders and decision makers have an evidence based, accurate understanding of our water situation currently and going forward. A technical report to be produced by MacHydro as part of the existing study will be used as the basis for the proposed story map. The story map will be an essential means to communicate an accurate common understanding of our water system to a broad audience. This understanding is key to informed decision making as CLEAR continues to engage the broader community and partners to address diminishing water resources.</p> <p>The main tasks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- arrange the data contained in the technical report to be produced by MacHydro for CLEAR.</li> <li>- identify main conclusions.</li> <li>- assemble into a storyline.</li> <li>- physically put story map into ArcMap. (ArcMap is a computer program used to represent geographic information as a collection of layers and other elements (e.g. text, photos, graphics) in a series of maps.</li> </ul>		
	Electoral Area B	\$6,000.00

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<b>Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network</b>		
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"> <li>1. Assisting teachers in reaching their curriculum goals in engaging and innovative ways.</li> <li>2. Facilitating learning opportunities that foster ecologically literate students.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <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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<b>Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History</b>		
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 <a href="http://www.basininstitute.org">www.basininstitute.org</a> .		
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

**Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Society**

**Cranbrook Landmark Restoration**

The Restoration Project aims to renew the exterior of the iconic Cranbrook Water Tower and Elko Train Station, integral components of our community's local history. This endeavor is dedicated to safeguarding these significant landmarks, thereby actively supporting the implementation of the Downtown Revitalization Plan. Urgent attention is required for the restoration of both structures, addressing issues such as deteriorating siding and renewing the protective painting.

Situated prominently along the arterial highway through Cranbrook and in close proximity to Cranbrook's Downtown, these prominent structures play important roles as historic landmarks in the community. Their restoration is not only essential for preserving our heritage but also serves as a strategic initiative to enhance the appeal of the city to tourists. The revitalization of these landmarks is poised to attract visitors, encouraging them to pause and explore the city, thereby contributing substantially to community vibrancy and the overall economic development of the City.

City of Cranbrook	\$28,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
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**Cranbrook Food Bank Society**

Redesign and Accessibility Upgrades to Receiving and Distribution of Donated and Recovered Food

This project is to update the current equipment we use for the receiving and distribution of food to increase both safety and efficiency at the Cranbrook Food Bank. These upgrades will also make many areas of the Food Bank more accessible to our diverse team of over 80 volunteers.

Beginning in June 2024, we will switch some of our table scales to floor scales. This will allow carts to be rolled onto the scales, increasing efficiency and decreasing the risk of injury from improper body mechanics. We will also upgrade carts in our warehouse and operational area. We will purchase an adjustable-height cart to accommodate our volunteers with diverse abilities. The addition of an electric pallet jack for the receiving of shipments and large donations will also increase our efficiency and make it safer for volunteers to move pallets of food.

We will implement this project by purchasing the equipment from suppliers both locally and online and then we will switch out the new equipment for the older equipment that needs replacing. We will provide in-person training for all the volunteers and employees who will be using the equipment and will include the training in our volunteer manual.

We will have all the equipment purchased and the volunteers trained by the end of August 2024.

City of Cranbrook	\$11,761.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	<u>\$17,261.00</u>

**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
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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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, data entry).
2. Outreach (delivery of workshops, learning events, resource development).

The primary component of this Project is invasive plant management. EKISC works with Crown land range tenure holders to administer strategic invasive plant treatments on public rangelands (i.e., ranchers are paid to treat invasive plants on their range tenures). Treatments are in alignment with Provincial priorities to ensure a landscape level approach, and help the range tenure holder increase forage availability for livestock. Management activities include mechanical or chemical work through application of approved herbicides. EKISC assists project participants with receiving the necessary education (e.g., attending Pesticide Applicators Certificate course, invasive plant identification) and training required to safely and effectively apply herbicides.

The project enables ranchers to stay on top of existing and new invasive plant infestations (e.g., support forage availability/retention), and improves land stewardship on range. Treatments are monitored to ensure efficacy and completion, and data is entered into the Provincial database. EKISC also delivers education and outreach activities to the ranching/agricultural community.

Electoral Area B	\$9,830.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$2,970.00</u>
	\$12,800.00

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<b>East Kootenay Invasive Species Council</b>		
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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<b>Elk Valley Hospice</b>		
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>

**Elko Parks and Recreation Association (1987)**

**Elko Community Hall Interior Upgrade**

The funding for this project will be spent on the interior of the community hall. The present venue is dated and by repairing drywall, adding suspended ceilings and replacing parts of the interior walls, the project will not only bring the venue a more up to date appearance, but will stop winter drafts and improve the insulating by repair or replacement. Suspended ceilings will be dropped and installed under the present ceiling creating an air barrier and another line of defense against heat loss, repair and/or replacement where necessary of walls will help to stop drafts and heat loss during the winter months. The addition of a hardwired heater in the crawl space in the location of the water lines will prevent freezing and will ensure pipes are not frozen or lines broken during freezing temperatures. We would also like to add a device charging station for cell phones and or tablets and the like. When the community hall is being used as a warming station or evacuation hub, the citizens involved will have access to chargers to keep updated on road closures, storm warnings or contact family.

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**Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club**

**Fernie Freestyle Radio Purchase**

To source and purchase twenty (20) two-way programmable radios for Fernie Freestyle Ski and Snowboard Club coach use starting in the 2024-2025 ski season.

The radios will be purchased through SparComm. They have identified the Kenwood MX-1200 radio as the most appropriate for our needs.

Currently, we have 20 coaches that rely primarily on personal cell phones for communication with with each other, as well as with Fernie Alpine Resort operations and ski patrol. This is an issue as there are frequent battery problems, phones not overly accessible while on the person, etc. We aim to purchase the required number of radios to ensure that coaches are able to provide the safest ski experience possible for participants, families, and the ski hill itself.

City of Fernie	\$3,840.00
Electoral Area A	\$2,500.00
Electoral Area B	<u>\$1,700.00</u>
	\$8,040.00

**Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society**

**Researching the Life and Times of the 923 Internees of Section D**

Clean 923 grave sites in Section D.

Photograph new GPS pictures in Section D for 923

Write a narrative about the life and times of the internees in Section D.

Make video using the narrative to put on the web sites (fernierheritagecemetery.com) and (ourfernier.ca)

City of Fernie	\$1,250.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,250.00
Electoral Area B	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	\$5,000.00

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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>

**Fernie Trails Alliance Association**

**Ancient Cottonwood Signage**

Last year the Fernie Trails Alliance (FTA) had the opportunity to take over the management the Ancient Cottonwood Trail from the Elk River Alliance (ERA). The ERA was unable to manage the trail due to lack of funds. The FTA worked diligently with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to have the land use agreement enacted. Once the FTA had the land use agreement in place the FTA then met with the Conservation Officers at NCC and a local Arborist to begin the work to the make the trail safe to users again. Once the high danger trees were assessed and mediated the FTA Trail Crew began working on clearing brush, repairing bridges and fences. Now that the trail is safe and open the signage on this trail was about 15 years old and in disrepair. The FTA is asking for funding to support the upgrading of signage and repairing of bridges in this much loved family friendly trail.

City of Fernie	\$3,955.00
Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$3,000.00
	<u>\$9,955.00</u>

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<b>Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC</b>		
Kootenay Trout Hatchery Outreach Programs 2024-25		
<p>The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a non-profit Society seeking funding for Outreach 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 such as Cranbrook, Kimberley, and Jaffray. 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 5,000 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.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$12,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$46,610.00
		<u>\$68,610.00</u>

**Friends of Lake Koocanusa Society**

Waldo Cove 2024 Improvements

2024 Capital Improvements. With the addition of a new tenure to the park and increased all season traffic, we have a number of capital improvements we need to make.

- 1) We require an additional sign explaining the need to reduce traffic during the curlew nesting season. This is required to respect FOLKS commitment to protect the Curlew species.
- 2) The road requires widening and two trees require removal for public safety near the north beach.
- 3) We require Wake Buoys or signs to reduce motor boat speeds in the cove. This is required to improve the safety of swimmers, paddle boarders, kayakers and others.

Electoral Area B	\$9,700.00
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<b>Ghostrider Adventure Camp Foundation</b>		
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 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>

**Kootenay Livestock Association**

Kids Learning Agriculture

An Ag Education Program for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students within the Kootenay basin. While the broad scope of this program is fundamental agriculture knowledge and understanding the basics of where food comes from, the focus of the program is Kootenay basin production agriculture. This program consists of many different learning and connection opportunities for students such as field trips, industry speakers, lesson packages and education for teachers and in class learning opportunities - science experiments and hands on learning opportunities. Knowing and understanding where food comes from, what food comes from our local area, how it is grown, processed and marketed as well as the environmental impacts are the main focus of this program. This program allows a connection from producers to students. With only 1.6% of Canada's population being involved in agriculture it is an area of interest and excitement for most students. The Kootenay Livestock Association holds education as one of it's top priorities.

City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
Electoral Area B	\$500.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,400.00
Electoral Area E	\$500.00
Electoral Area F	\$100.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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<b>Living Lakes Canada Society</b>		
Water Monitoring for Local Climate Change Adaptation		
<p>Living Lakes Canada has developed an innovative methodology to gather the data and information necessary to build climate resilience in the Columbia Basin. We are implementing a coordinated water monitoring network that reflects local priorities while also addressing scientific data gaps.</p> <p>In 2022, we implemented this approach in the RDEK within the Columbia-Kootenay Headwaters Hydrologic Region and the Elk River Valley which is part of the Upper Kootenay Hydrologic Region. In 2023 we expanded to the rest of the Upper Kootenay region (map attached). Activities include monitoring of stream flow; water temperature; climate; high elevation ecosystems; groundwater, wetland and lake level; water quality and biodiversity at 42 locations across the RDEK.</p> <p>To support local capacity building and youth engagement in water monitoring and stewardship, we offer community workshops and training on water monitoring protocols, volunteer opportunities, internships and employment opportunities.</p> <p>The monitoring network is capturing critical long-term data to support community and ecosystem resilience in the face of climate disruption. The improved knowledge of our watersheds will support local climate adaptation and water stewardship initiatives.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
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**Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society**

**M2BL Trap and Release (TNR) Expansion**

Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society's pivotal project aims to enhance and sustain our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. Currently M2BL is the sole registered domestic animal rescue conducting this service in the East Kootenay. In 2023, we were involved with well over 200 spays and neuters, with at least half attributed to TNR efforts. However, we are hindered by the absence of suitable recovery spaces for feral cats post-surgery. Managing feral cats demands specialized care, and our few volunteers equipped to provide that care quickly become overloaded.

Our project centers on acquiring a dedicated piece of land, providing a location for 30 individual cat containment units. These units will serve as safe havens for feral cats during their recovery period or for kittens rescued from feral environments being treated for health issues. By addressing this critical gap in infrastructure, our organization can substantially improve the efficiency and impact of the TNR program. With the generous support of the ReDi Grants, New Dawn Development, FR Rentals, and skilled volunteers, we anticipate purchasing a plot of land and completing the construction of cat containment units on-site by June 30, 2025. Simultaneously, M2BL will hold a fundraising campaign to fund construction of a small building on the land which can be used to house animals with nowhere else to go for a short term.

City of Cranbrook	\$40,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$30,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	\$2,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$33,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$45,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$34,000.00
Electoral Area F	\$20,000.00
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	\$206,000.00

**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
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	\$19,500.00

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<b>Sand Creek Community Club</b>		
Upgrades to the Community Hall		
The items we will be including, would be new entryway and side doors. Lighting at the front entry and some electrical upgrades to assist with our new pump system (septic) that will be installed.. Many of these upgrades will allow for two separate rental spaces (the Gazebo / and the Hall) to increase independent use / rental of both facilities over the summer.		
	Electoral Area B	\$80,750.00
<b>South Country Cowboy's Association</b>		
Elko Equestrian Riding Arena Enclosure and Foundation		
Build an equestrian riding arena enclosure 144' x 226' with a soil and sand foundation at the Elko Park, (former Elko Rodeo Grounds). This project will provide a safe facility filling the gap from the loss of the arena at Brian Ironmongers' and the Fernie site. The sand and soil base foundation of 5 inches deep will be distributed evenly throughout the arena. This foundation plays a crucial role in supporting the horses. The arena foundation gives horses assurance of stable ground while training so they can perform their best during events. Our communities will thrive and come together to hold many equestrian events, such as, gymkhanas, roping, barrel racing, equestrian training workshops, 4H, community events, auctions, dances and farmer's markets. Preserving the heritage of the western lifestyle, keeping the traditions alive for our communities now and future generations. The project will construct a riding arena enclosure for use by the local community groups and organizations.		
	Electoral Area A	\$4,335.00
	Electoral Area B	\$21,916.00
	Electoral Area C	\$23,556.00
		<u>\$49,807.00</u>
<b>South Country Trail &amp; Recreation Association</b>		
Jaffray Frontage Trail and ATV Quad		
The Jaffray Frontage Trail is a project which will connect the community of Jaffray with a paved path adjacent to Highway 3 between Rosen lake road to the east and the West Jaffray Trails to the west. This will allow safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchairs and other non-motorized methods of transportation from residential areas of Jaffray to the school, local businesses and trails. We are currently working with the RDEK, MOTI and engineers to complete this much needed pathway. We will use the ReDi Grant funds for the legal fees and final survey engineering fees for the Statutory Right of Way agreements for two landowners that have property adjacent to the trail to make the trail further away from the highway to make it as safe as possible. It will also be used for the subcontractor on the project to get the trail to completion. We also would like to purchase an ATV quad in order to groom trails for snowshoeing, nordic skiing, biking and walking and snow clearing in the winter and help maintaining our trails in the summer months. The donated snowmobile that we had been using for this purpose is older and has needed many repairs to keep it running this winter.		
	Electoral Area B	\$60,000.00

**Resident Directed Grants  
Summary of 2024/2025 Proposals  
Electoral Area B**

Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
<b>Triangle Women's Institute</b>		
Pioneer Hall Upgrades		
Pioneer Hall Upgrades 2024/2025 are:		
1. Replace existing cabinets and countertops in the kitchen		
2. Install an acoustic drop ceiling in the main hall		
3. Replace the old audio/visual equipment		
Electoral Area B		<u>\$32,700.00</u>
Total Funding Requested:		\$345,996.00