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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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Caregivers Network for East Kootenay Seniors Society		
Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers		
<p>The project "Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers" would provide gas and meal vouchers to low income family caregivers who are driving senior's to medical appointments out of community, or to visit their senior loved one who is placed in long term care out of community on the "first available bed" policy. The Caregivers Network supports over 200 family caregivers throughout the East Kootenay, and at minimum another 200 senior care recipients who benefit from our support. In a recently conducted needs assessment, we have determined that approximately 1/3 of our clients are low income and struggling with the cost of caring for a loved one.</p> <p>We would like to invite our low income clients to register in this travel assistance program on an individual as needed basis. We have six paid staff in the largest communities in the East Kootenay each with their own client base and means to distribute gas and meal vouchers. We would provide low income clients with meal and gas vouchers to help offset the cost of caregiving for a senior loved one needing to travel out of community.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
		\$10,000.00

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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
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		\$13,000.00

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Cranbrook Food Bank Society		
Redesign and Accessibility Upgrades to Receiving and Distribution of Donated and Recovered Food		
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will have all the equipment purchased and the volunteers trained by the end of August 2024.</p>		
	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>

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Cranbrook Lacrosse Association		
School Program and Safety Equipment Upgrade		
<p>The Cranbrook Lacrosse Association(CLA), is a vibrant, non-profit organization that has seen substantial growth over the last 8 years, more than tripling the number of youths registered in lacrosse during that time. The growth is directly related to the development model that has been adopted by our Association that ensures registration costs are kept low in order to keep the sport of lacrosse accessible and inclusive for the engagement of all youth.</p> <p>With tremendous growth and limited revenue generated from registration fees the CLA has not had the opportunity to upgrade and replace some of the key equipment required to run our lacrosse program and with the addition of a new turf for the Memorial Arena, we now require the ability to maintain the cleanliness and integrity of the turf.</p> <p>The project involves the acquisition of new goalie equipment, lacrosse goals, youth lacrosse sticks, shot clocks and an industrial vacuum for the turf. In acquiring these items, the CLA will be able to improve the quality of outdated, worn-out equipment, ensure enhancement of our school program, and ensure that all current safety standards are met. The addition of the turf to our program last year was a substantial purchase but to maintain the integrity and cleanliness of the turf surface the purchase of an industrial vacuum is essential.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$19,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$8,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$7,500.00
		<u>\$39,500.00</u>

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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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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
		<u>\$3,315.00</u>

Elks Lodge 90 - Kimberley BC

Infrastructure Upgrade

This project is an infrastructure upgrade to our lodge. The building, which was constructed in 1948, is in need of maintenance and modernisation as well as replacement of some appliances. This comes in the form of flooring replacement, an electrical safety upgrade for our kitchen to mitigate risk of fire and flooding and the replacement of locks for our doors.

City of Kimberley \$21,241.00

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Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC		
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>

Heart Of The Mountain Foundation

Heart of the Mountain - Retreats

We are putting on multiple healing retreats with different focuses and educational experiences, the fall months of 2024.

The intension is to put on a minimum of 4 retreats. These are 3 days of full immersion retreats where the patrons are guided through a weekend of movement classes, group healing and conversational sessions, guided meditation walks, practitioner sessions they have not tried (different types of massage, reiki, sound healing, reflexology, theta healing, breathwork, etc.), very healthy food, and relaxed accommodation to promote decompression. These weekends are facilitated to experience alternative methods of healing, allow for full relaxation, and have conversations with the practitioners, facilitators and other patrons about what they are experiences, what they have learned and additional ideas they have yet to try.

The idea of the project is not only to provide them experiences through the weekend, but also teach them tools to take home and use in their daily lives and create a community where they can continue to openly exchange ideas, information and understanding about all aspects of personal wellness.

We have 2 facilitators as well as numerous registered practitioners from the area that are scheduled throughout the weekend. We also use local catering, accommodations and products to provide for the weekend.

City of Kimberley	\$7,500.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,500.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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Key City Theatre Society		
Ed Fest 2024		
<p>The 2024 edition of Ed Fest in Cranbrook, BC, is a multi-day celebration of creativity and expression, culminating on September 6th and 7th at Rotary Park. This festival is designed to engage the community through a diverse array of performances, workshops, and activities suitable for all ages, with the aim of fostering an appreciation for various forms of art, including music, dance, literature, theatre, and more. The project is a collaborative effort by local artists, not for profits, and community members committed to creating a unique and memorable experience for attendees.</p> <p>The festival is named after Ed the Elephant, who famously escaped from a traveling circus in Cranbrook nearly a century ago, and the event embraces a circus escape theme. Attendees are encouraged to wear carnival costumes to enhance the festive atmosphere. The Cranbrook History Centre will provide insight into Ed's story during the festival. Key City Theatre will be organizing interactive live performances alongside Fisher Peak Performing Artists who will be delivering two days of Music concerts, and Cranbrook Arts will organize art workshops and installations. Additionally, an artisan market will be hosted in partnership with the Cranbrook Farmer's Market.</p> <p>Ed Fest is inclusive and open to everyone, free of charge, and aims to be a platform where creativity, music, art, and community spirit are celebrated without barriers.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$9,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,500.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

Art Door Pride

Centre 64 requires "use-focussed" diagrams on their washrooms. As an art centre we also have the opportunity to create fun painted doors that can open conversations.

Centre 64 has five bathrooms, one womens, one mens, two gender neutral single stall, and a handicapped, all of which are marked with traditional male/female gender signage. The signage is not inclusive and safe for all genders. For example, the current downstairs bathroom designated as "Men" has urinals and stalls. The downstairs bathroom currently designated as "Woman" has only individual stalls. Painting what is actually inside the doors on the outside door would provide accommodation through a small change to meet the needs of the local community. The upstairs bathrooms are all individual stalls and can be completely gender neutral, as is the handicapped bathroom.

City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

Creative Maker's Space

By procuring specialty furniture a Creative Maker's Space can be created in the dance studio, an area that is currently underutilised in Centre 64. Haskell Education designs makersspace furniture that works perfectly for Centre 64 to create a Creative Maker's Space. The items would be procured from their Canadian Educational distributor. The requirements to achieve a Creative Maker's Space include having everything mobile, in order that it can be moved to the side to put up the portable stage or make the space open and available for dance. The Creative Maker's Space would require storage, both for the participants and instructors so that it can facilitate longer programming (ie: a week-end, week-long course, or a 6-8-week summer program). The storage unit has a specialty backing for teaching, planning, and creation. The Creative Maker's Space will also require areas for actually making the art projects on the retractable butcher block table tops. The Creative Maker's Space will allow for year-round project programming for a wide variety of art activities for everyone in the Kimberley area.

City of Kimberley	\$22,076.00
Electoral Area C	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$10,000.00
	<u>\$42,076.00</u>

Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64

Kimberley First Saturday 2024

Kimberley First Saturday (KFS) is a FREE one-day festival occurring between July and October that promotes the appreciation of arts, culture, and heritage. It provides a focal point for community to gather, interact, appreciate, and experience a variety of artistic endeavours. Launched in 2013, KFS has become a main stay of the summer arts scene in Kimberley and area. KFS includes music, a wide arrange of artistic workshops and demonstrations that are interactive and participatory for all age ranges, again free of charge. There is both a focus on fostering early engagement in creativity through children's activities and a space just for adults to get explore their creative side. It is a venue for local artists and crafters to display and sell their work, sometimes for the first time. KFS relies heavily on community partnerships and volunteer support for its success. Leveraging these partnerships and our volunteers has been the key to our success. The volunteer led committee of KFS engages in continual fundraising activities to ensure that we can continue to offer an accessible, free and family-friendly event.

City of Kimberley	\$5,500.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,500.00
	<u>\$7,000.00</u>

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64		
Kimberley Kaleidoscope 2024		
Kimberley Kaleidoscope Festival has provided diverse visual, performing, and literary arts for the community since 2014		
Plans include; Adjudicated Regional Fine Art Exhibit with awards presentation in Centre Gallery followed by a live Jazz evening		
A variety of workshops including; painting, collage making, writing, ukulele, weaving		
Some workshops will be organized specifically for families and teens		
Family performance in the theatre featuring Sandra Lamouche, a Native Hoop Dancer, from the Cree Nation, who is also a storyteller and author of a children's book		
She will be accompanied by an indigenous drummer		
Other performers include Shayna Jones, traditional folklore storyteller and dancer, as well as Carly's Angels, Drag Queen performers from Calgary		
Palate Pleaser which encourages involvement of local restaurants will also return to the Festival		
	City of Kimberley	\$5,300.00
Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64		
Pride at Centre 64		
Centre 64's 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month project is to hire two Drag Queens to facilitate two days of programming for Centre 64. The aim is to present diversity of gender expression and identity, build acceptance, and develop creativity in personal expression through celebrating the Art of Drag.		
The projects are still being established but will be focused on education in presenting gender diversity, identity, and expression through art. All programming will be family inclusive. One project may be to use the Art of Drag for storytelling in art and building personal narratives. Interactive performances in the Art Gallery are being designed to integrate the local community with personal expression through visual elements. The Kimberley Art Council is also looking at hosting a stage performance and/or lecture.		
	City of Kimberley	\$2,800.00
	Electoral Area C	\$200.00
	Electoral Area E	\$400.00
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Kimberley BC Senior Association		
Kimberley BC Seniors - Line Dancing Classes		
A qualified instructor with be obtained to facilitate dance classes geared to seniors. The project goal is to provide seniors in our community with an opportunity to gather and enjoy fellowship through music and dance.		
	City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00

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Kimberley Disabled Skiers Association		
Replacement of Alpine Ski Racing Downhill Gates and Panels		
Equipment used in ski racing must be homologated or approved by the world governing body of FIS (Federation Internationale de Ski Alpin) in accordance with safety standards established by this organization. As a lot of the equipment that was originally purchased as part of the legacy grant has or will be expiring or not meeting new safety standards this equipment must be updated and replaced with equipment which meets new safety standards. In this case we we would be purchasing "High-Visibility" gates and panels to replace existing gates and panels. The proposed gates and panels are newly homologated and should be valid for the approximately the next 10 years.		
	City of Kimberley	\$12,500.00
Kimberley Health Centre Society		
Building Code and Efficiency Upgrades for Non-Profit Office Space		
The Health Centre Society has been approached by the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society requesting space for an office in our building in proximity to other health and social services. The only space we have available is a vacant office on the lower floor that does not meet current building codes for fire safety, lighting and ventilation. We are seeking funding to help cover the costs of improvements so that the space will be safe and useable by the KKCFSS.		
	City of Kimberley	\$9,000.00
Kimberley Health-Care Auxiliary		
Kimberley Thrift Store Lift Installation and Upgrades		
This project will assist the Kimberley Health-Care Auxiliary in continuing with renovations to the lower level of the Kimberley Thrift Shop. The current plan is to continue with the finishing of the lower level, and installation of a lift that will transport goods up and down in a safe manner. The installation of the lift will be completed by Seymour Engineering Ltd., and meet the requirements of Technical Safety BC-Elevating Division		
	City of Cranbrook	\$24,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$63,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$11,641.00
	Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$5,000.00
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		\$118,641.00

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Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank		
Meeting and Presentation Room Development		
<p>The project involves the development of an unfinished room on the second floor of the food bank into a meeting room with presentation and teaching capabilities. This will serve the food bank operations and events, while presenting new opportunities to expand services and offer new programs to our food bank clients and the potentially the community at large. At about 400 square feet, it is estimated this space would comfortably fit 12 people with tables, more without tables. This will be achieved by purchasing business equipment and having a volunteer contractor install flooring, prepare and paint the walls and ceiling along with potential minor electrical modifications. This will be followed by the installation of in kind business tables and chairs, a wall mounted large retractable presentation screen, a wall mounted dry erase white board and a business quality projector. Once completed the food bank would be able to use the space for its own business and be able to explore hosting other community gatherings.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$4,054.00
Kimberley Nature Park Society		
Expansion of Wildlife Cameras and Trail Counters for Kimberley Nature Park		
<p>We would like to expand our wildlife camera and trail counter project in the Kimberley Nature Park. The cameras will help us establish baseline data on wildlife within the park and to help fulfill our mandate of conservation and education. It will help us identify types of wildlife, which parts of the park the wildlife is using and an indication of abundance. The trail counters will help us track the human usage of the park, as well as park entrances and trails are used. The counters will also help to determine the proportion of bike vs foot traffic in the park. It will also help us track usage changes over time and provide some baseline data to help us in a broader park ecological and climate change assessment planned in the coming years.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$2,598.00
Kimberley Nordic Club		
Child and Youth Ski Equipment		
<p>We are requesting funding support to purchase 15 new sets of rental equipment for our growing and extremely popular ski program, Track Attack. This program is the next step after Jack Rabbits in the provincial Skill Development Program model that is used by all Nordic ski clubs in BC. As kids learn the basics of skiing and graduate from the Jack Rabbits program, the next step is Track Attack, which consists of kids aged 9-12. This is the level where kids are introduced to skate skiing, offseason roller skiing, adventure skiing, team building activities, nutrition, equipment preparation/maintenance, and friendly competition. This foundational program introduces kids to all aspects of the sport, encouraging them to stay involved with the sport as they age and embrace it as a fun, life-long winter activity.</p>		
<p>The project will eliminate participation barriers by providing low-cost options for children to participate in the sport. There are considerable equipment fees for families that wish to participate in the sport of cross country skiing. To purchase all the required new equipment, it would cost each child approximately \$1200. The club strives to eliminate this barrier by providing seasonal rentals for \$200 per participant. This allows families to stay involved with the sport without purchasing expensive new equipment each season.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$13,000.00

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Kimberley Pride Society		
Kimberley Pridefest		
<p>Our foundational Pride event is the Pridefest in the Park, which we are planning for the weekend of June 21-23, 2024. The programming is in development but is anticipated to include an evening celebration of dance and drag entertainers, possibly a 2SLGBTQIA+ content film night or feature events at participating local businesses exhibiting 2SLGBTQIA+ artists, and a family friendly event at Rotary Park featuring community BBQ, local business vendors, and games and fun for all ages.</p> <p>Our goal is to build on the success we had for our 2023 Pridefest in the Park and Pride Dance, providing similar and new programming, with improved amenities and collaboration with local businesses, and possibly a parade, which is a celebration pillar of Pride events all over the world.</p> <p>We estimate the event attendance will be >200 people of all ages.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$5,500.00
Kimberley Public Library		
Public Access Computer Update		
<p>This grant application is for a project to install new public computers at the Kimberley Public Library. The project aims to improve the digital literacy and access of the library patrons, especially those who are low-income, elderly, or have disabilities. The project will provide 8 new desktop computers for patron's in-library use, along with software, peripherals. The project will be achieved by ordering and installing the computers in the library</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
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Kimberley Skating Club

Kimberley Skating Club Ice Show

The Kimberley Skating Club's annual ice show is a transformative project aimed at bringing the community together through a captivating display of the skaters' talents. This event provides an opportunity for skaters to showcase their skills to friends, family, and the community, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment. The inclusive nature of the show is emphasized by making it affordable for families, with entry by donation, ensuring that socio-economic barriers do not hinder community participation.

To achieve the project's success, skaters and coaches collaborate closely, working together to bring the show to life. This shared vision enhances the skaters' performance skills and also strengthens the sense of camaraderie within the club. One of the results of the show is an increase in participation in the club by showcasing the skaters' achievements and creating a sense of belonging within the community. With 500 attendees in 2023, the ice show serves as a powerful platform to demonstrate the strength and capabilities of female participants, reinforcing the importance of gender equality and empowerment.

Funds raised from the show contribute to offsetting programming costs, ensuring that ongoing activities remain affordable for participants. By combining entertainment, community engagement, and fundraising, the Kimberley Skating Club's annual ice show embodies the club's commitment to promoting skating, fostering community connections, and supporting the development of its members.

City of Kimberley	\$2,850.00
Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
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	\$4,850.00

Kimberley Trails Society

Sponsoring: Friends of Lois Creek

Power Plateau Trail Improvement and Extension

A proposed improvement and extension to the existing Power Plateau trail in Lois Creek Trails will provide users with a new route to access the Legion Ridge trails including Barts, Tightly Whitey, Totem and Legion Ridge. The project is to improve an existing section of the Power Plateau trail and to build a new trail crossing the Powerline trail at the west end above a proposed wetland area. This will relieve foot and bike traffic pressure on the Powerline trail where it is thick with invasive plants including Spotted Knapweed and Blueweed. When completed, the project should help to reduce the spread of invasive plants further into the trail system. The new route will be constructed by Kimberley Trails Society to a gentle "stroller-grade" standard similar to the popular Power Down and Power Up trails built by KTS (with assistance from Wildsight crews) last year, further enhancing access to Lois Creek Trails for families with young children. Trail users currently climb the Legion Ridge escarpment at a 13 to 15% grade. The new alignment (in red on the attached map) will reduce that grade to about 8%. The concept line includes about 500m of improved trail (Power Plateau) and 650m of new trail (not yet named).

City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00
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Kimberley Trails Society		
Round the Mountain Promotional Video		
<p>As part of this years Round the Mountain festival we would like to hire a local videographer to create a short video documentary celebrating why this event is so special, how it has (and continues) to benefit our local community and celebrate the volunteers, past and present that have put so much passion and energy into the event. The dream for the project is to finish with a 10 minute video containing event day footage, interviews celebrating longstanding volunteers, the people that had the vision to create this event and how the event has benefited Kimberley trail users for over a decade. This will be accompanied by several shorter reels that can be used to promote the event and inspire a new generation of participants and volunteers through social media. We are seeking grant support specifically for this part of our event so that money raised through registrations can still be used to benefit the local community by supporting trail maintenance and our partner organisations that help deliver the event.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$3,750.00
	Electoral Area E	\$3,750.00
		<u>\$7,500.00</u>

Kimberley Trails Society

Trail Crew Tool and Equipment Purchase

Our trail crew tool and equipment purchase project will see us purchasing new trail building and trail maintenance tools primarily for our paid trail crew but also for volunteers that help maintain our trails. Dedicating resources for trail maintenance is essential for us to maintain trails, trail features and provide accurate way finding signage for all trail users.

Some of the needs we have identified include buying hand tools that will not only be used on a daily basis by our trail crew, but also for volunteer use at our volunteer trail work parties. We will purchase a pair of electric chainsaws that are better for the environment than the gas powered ones we currently operate. Other key wish list items include heavy duty work packs for the crew to transport equipment to the work site, a nordic grooming attachment for our snow dogs to boost our winter grooming program for nordic skiers and trail cameras that will help us better allocate resources and gain greater insight to user groups, trail usage/type and required maintenance efforts. Trail counters will be used to inform KTS and its partners about trail usage to inform future development and maintenance decisions.

City of Kimberley	\$6,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$3,336.00
	<u>\$9,336.00</u>

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Kimberley Wellness Foundation		
Improved Refrigeration		
<p>The purchase and installation of a new sliding glass door cooler is needed to replace the older unit currently onsite. For effective and safe storage of perishable foods we receive daily, we require 2 double-door coolers. Glass doors enable partner agencies accessing food for clients to clearly and easily see what food is available. We currently have 2 sliding glass coolers in use. One is reliable, purchased new in 2023. The 2nd is a previously used donation, in use at our facility for 5 years. It is increasingly unreliable, with unpredictable changes in temperature happening at higher frequency. Replacing this unit will eliminate food waste due to fluctuating temperatures, ranging from freezing to unacceptably warm, and leading to loss of precious food resources for our vulnerable community members.</p> <p>Upon acquisition of funds to purchase a new cooler, we will order and install it in our facility, disposing of the older unit in the most environmentally conscious way.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
Kimberley Wellness Foundation		
Sponsoring: S.W.I.M. (Seniors Wellness in Motion)		
S.W.I.M. (Seniors Wellness in Motions)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Offer healthy and enjoyable aquatic exercise programs for the more frail and isolated and medically challenged seniors of our area. 2. To see isolated and medically challenged seniors maintain their mobility, self-esteem, mental awareness and confidence. 3. To offer socialization with fellow participants and volunteers, following exercise programs. 4. During periods when the pool is closed, maintain contact and socialization with seniors by conducting home visits and/or arrangements trips to local restaurants. 		
	City of Kimberley	\$3,500.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
		<hr/> \$4,000.00

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Kootenay East Soccer Association

KESA Quality Programming and Coaching

KESA obtained a Member Association Level 1 with Canada Soccer in 2023. This is a recognition of the quality of KESA's programming and a commitment to hold our coaches and programs to a higher standard. KESA will purchase two portable video systems to help our REP teams improve by recording games/practices and replaying them back to learn and grow as players/team. Video is needed for graduating players to apply for soccer scholarships to Colleges/Universities when they are trying to get on a post secondary soccer team. This video system will aid in coach education by giving the chance to video and send out drills as well as aid in coach evaluations. Being a Canada Soccer Member Association Level 1, we are committed to providing coach education. This year we will run a Learn to Train and Fundamentals Soccer course. These at no cost to our volunteer coaches. KESA runs a Ref course yearly at no cost to our members. KESA works hard at keeping costs down for our programs for our families by covering costs of Tournament fees, Field Rentals, and Jerseys kits for house players. KESA is looking to order a Soccer Ball Launcher to provide REP/DEV teams advanced skill development and goalies more precise training.

Electoral Area E	\$5,500.00
City of Cranbrook	\$25,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$9,500.00</u>
	\$50,000.00

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	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$10,000.00

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Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Child and Family Service Society		
Foundry East Kootenay Food and Menstrual Product Pantry		
<p>Foundry East Kootenay is a part of a province-wide network of integrated and inclusive health and social services for youth aged 12-24 and their caregivers. Core services include physical health, mental health, substance use support, social services, peer support, and e-health services. Foundry East Kootenay serves all youth and families in the Kootenay region - Indigenous, 2SLGBTQ+, youth with disabilities, new Canadians and many more. The building, located close to schools and the downtown core, makes for an ideal space for at-risk youth to access vital services.</p> <p>Through the food and menstrual product pantry program, youth will have safe access to food and menstrual products (tampons, pads, etc.) in a judgement-free space. With increased economic pressures, more youth are at-risk or experiencing food insecurity and do not have access to menstrual supplies. Food insecurity and a lack of period products has profound impacts on education, employment and overall wellness. The pantry at Foundry East Kootenay will ensure any youth or family member accessing the space can access the products they need, when they need it - this helps to reduce challenges youth may be facing in their lives.</p> <p>Foundry East Kootenay staff will ensure the pantry remains fully stocked and will work with youth and families to identify areas of improvement.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$18,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$6,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
		<u>\$30,000.00</u>

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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

North Star Rails to Trails Society

North Star Rail Trail Enhancement and Improvement

We have 4 projects this year: invasive species control, repair of benches, clean-up of graffiti and application of reflective tape to crossing gates.

City of Cranbrook	\$10,778.55
City of Kimberley	\$3,836.40
Electoral Area C	\$6,850.75
Electoral Area E	\$1,370.30
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	\$22,836.00

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Northern BC Friends of Children - East Kootenay Branch		
East Kootenay Family Support		
The East Kootenay Family Support Project will assist families travelling to access necessary medical care for their ill or injured child. We provide fuel, food, and accommodations to families who must leave their home community along with emotional support and access to other agencies.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$11,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$4,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$500.00
		<u>\$17,500.00</u>

Original Goat Production Society

Dirtbag Festival

Dirtbag Festival (DB) is a long time Kimberley event that focuses on the outdoor beauty of our backyard. OGP took over DB last year. This year they are making some changes. The goal is to bring it back to local, encourage younger folks to submit, focus on a variety of the athletics and allow all levels of athletics and artists to take part. Rather than have one stocked up events OGP has decided to branch DB festival out to 3 events throughout the year. 1 film event and 2 photography events.

City of Kimberley \$2,000.00

Original Goat Production Society

Kimberley Horror Fest

Kimberley Horror Fest is a short horror film festival open to all levels of experience. We encourage actors, videographers, writers and directors to team up and produce short scary movies. The films are then judged by professionals of the film industry. These judges provide feedback to the filmmakers. Winners receive cash prizes. Several filmmakers have received grants for further projects. KHF has been a positive launch pad for budding filmmakers. We screen all the films to a live audience at Centre 64. The film component is then followed up with a concert by local musicians.

City of Kimberley \$2,600.00

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Rocky Mountain Riders		
Fire Suppression & Dust Control		
Fire suppression equipment upgrade. Holding tank for Water, to be used with existing Gas powered Pump for fire suppression and dust control. This will be achieved by sourcing and purchasing water holding tank, upgrading equipment to be more effective in case of a fire.		
	City of Kimberley	\$700.00
	Electoral Area E	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
		\$2,500.00
Spark Society for Youth		
Moving Ahead With Change, Completing Energy Efficiency Goals		
The project is too keep rising utilities lower, saving funds as well as being more energy efficient as a community YOUTH organization. This will be a future and present investment as well as a teaching tool for youth how important energy saving is for our community and planet. It is also a good community example that the Youth Organization is a leader in the energy saving and environmental support. We also have an old water heater that is leaking so it is time to replace and complete our goal of our energy efficient building. We heat the water 24/7 however it is not needed so it is a waste, the only time hot water is used for floors, hands and dishes so it makes more sense to to hot water on command.		
Our energy efficient installed dishwasher gives us the opportunity to save on utilities by reducing costs and the ability to rent the kitchen as a commercial space, sharing our non-profit community resource.		
	City of Kimberley	\$9,000.00
Sullivan Mine & Railway Historical Society		
Historic Orpheum Theatre Refurbishment		
The Sullivan Mine and Railway Society seeks funding through the CBT Resident Directed grant program to undertake the comprehensive refurbishment of the historic Orpheum Theatre. The primary focus of this project is to repaint the building, contributing to the preservation and revitalization of this iconic cultural landmark. Certified contractors will be hired to carry out the project.		
This project is important to safeguard and preserve the historical and cultural significance of the Orpheum Theatre for present and future generations. Once complete, it will support the mining railways' contribution to the local economy by attracting visitors, promoting tourism, and potentially generating increased economic activity in the surrounding area. The enhanced aesthetics of the building will contribute to the success of the railway and the community through a meticulous repainting process. Creating a well-maintained space that can serve as a cultural reminder of the historic relevance of the Sullivan Mine and keep its memory alive for years to come.		
	City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00

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Symphony of the Kootenays Association		
Christmas Celebration Concert including Student Concerto		
Symphony of the Kootenays (SotK) will present a concert on November 23, 2024 featuring a piano concerto performed by 3 local piano students. The balance of the program will feature guest artists in a folk-based genre to engage community members who may not otherwise be inclined to attend a Symphony concert.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
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		\$8,000.00

Symphony of the Kootenays Association

Summer Concerts at St. Eugene Mission and Columbia Valley Centre in Collaboration with A'qam Community

Symphony of the Kootenays will present concerts at the Columbia Valley Centre on Saturday July 6, 2024 and the St. Eugene Mission on Sunday July 7, 2024 in collaboration with the ?aqł'am Community. In preliminary discussions Nasu?kin (Chief) Joe Pierre stated "the Ktunaxa people are excited about the possibility of hosting the Symphony at ?aqł'am next summer." The collaboration will include participation by dancers and drummers from the community as available. This concert is intended to be a celebration of two cultures. Organization and logistics will be arranged by the Symphony administration in consultation with ?aqł'am and other local indigenous artists.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$500.00
Electoral Area F	\$500.00
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	\$8,000.00

Tourism Kimberley Society

The Kimberley Ambassador Program

The Tourism Kimberley Society has partnered with the Kimberley and District Chamber of Commerce and the College of the Rockies to provide for the creation and delivery of a program to train community members to be Kimberley Ambassadors. Each training session (one offered in spring and one offered in winter) is four hours, split between classroom learning and a field trip style tour of Kimberley, and focuses on providing course registrants with customer service skills and the ability to deliver local knowledge, including promotion of it's attractions, businesses, products and services, so that front line workers and residents alike can be agents tasked with the promotion of our marvelous city.

City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
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Wasa & District Lions Club		
Wasa Lions Grounds Accessibility Upgrades		
The project covers addition of tall toilets for easier access due to the aging element in our Community. The addition of two picnic tables allowing easier access for seating and for wheelchair access. The upgrade of the electrical for the Pancake Breakfast and Winterfest areas to eliminate electrical cord tripping hazards and adequate power access. The cigarette butlers for the Ball diamond dugouts and area will help environmentally and with aesthetic clean up around the grounds.		
	City of Kimberley	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$500.00
	Electoral Area E	<u>\$10,559.00</u>
		\$11,559.00
Wasa Recreation Society		
Fire Doors (4) Hardware Replacement & Service		
This project is to replace door hardware on four doors that are not functioning as required. This project will bring these doors up to safety standards. A certified contractor will install necessary hardware on all four doors.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$200.00
	City of Kimberley	\$200.00
	Electoral Area C	\$200.00
	Electoral Area E	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
		\$4,200.00
Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook		
Forest and Nature School Bursaries		
Wildsight Kimberley Cranbrook (WKC) acquired Forest and Nature School programs (previously run by the Kimberley Outdoor Learning Society) in fall 2023. These are fully outdoor recreational youth programs based in Lois Creek Trails, using the Forest and Nature School (FNS) educational approach.		
FNS programs focus on regular and repeated access to a natural space with play-based, student-led curriculum. There is space and time for independent reflection, collaborative creation, and risky play across the seasons. In 2024/2025, we will be offering fall, winter, and spring programs for different age groups, including Deer & Fawns Parented Play, Wolf Cubs Unparented Play (3-5 year olds), Snowshoe Hares Afterschool, and Ravens Full Day (for homeschooled children).		
As a non-profit, we strive to maintain affordable programming for the community, however there is still a cost associated, making the program out of reach for some families. The Forest and Nature School Bursaries project seeks funding for 6 children to attend at no cost. To assist in identifying families in need, we will connect with third party organizations such as local schools, the Early Learning Center, and Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank.		
	City of Kimberley	\$4,140.00

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Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook		
Grow the Community		
<p>The project is a combination of two Wildsight gardening programs, which share volunteers and resources: the Kimberley Community Garden and the Backyard Farmer Program. The Community Garden is open to the public to utilize (plant, maintain, harvest) and is designed primarily as a demonstration garden, where residents can come to learn growing techniques, composting and other garden-related knowledge. The Backyard Farmer Program uses backyard space, volunteered by yard owners, to grow vegetables (mainly high-yield/high-value leafy greens such as spinach, kale and chard). The concept is based on the urban farming method known as SPIN (Small Plot INTensive), which takes advantage of urban conditions-like warmer ambient temperatures, readily available water sources, yard fencing for protection from wildlife, etc.-to maximize quality and quantity of vegetable produce.</p> <p>All of the produce from both programs which is not consumed by the public is delivered to the Kimberley Food Recovery Depot (KFRD) and the Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank (KHHFB). The two organizations distribute produce to local residents, free of charge, fresh or included in their large-batch recipes of prepared and frozen meals. KFRD has also expressed an interest in having their volunteers assist in harvest and delivery. This project is run by the Sustainability Coordinator, who organizes supplies and volunteers to build, plant, maintain and harvest gardens.</p>		
	City of Kimberley	\$7,100.00
	Electoral Area E	<u>\$945.00</u>
		\$8,045.00
Total Funding Requested:		<u>\$336,645.40</u>