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1st Kimberley Scouts, Scouts Canada

Camp Stone Safety Modernization Project

The 1st Kimberley Scouts is undertaking a one-time safety modernization project to align Camp Stone and key program equipment with current safety standards and best practices for youth outdoor programming. Camp Stone is a community-serving facility that supports youth development, outdoor education, and volunteer-led recreation for families across Kimberley and the wider RDEK region.

This project will fund a professional third-party safety inspection of the facility and equipment inventory, followed by targeted upgrades to address identified safety gaps. Improvements will include replacement of outdated or non-compliant gear, modernization of safety-critical systems, and implementation of standardized safety documentation and procedures that support safe participation in community programming.

The purpose of this project is to proactively reduce risk, improve emergency preparedness, and ensure the facility meets contemporary expectations for organizations serving youth and the public. This is a time-limited capital improvement initiative (not an operational expense) and represents a strategic investment in public safety and long-term community infrastructure.

City of Cranbrook	$3,600.00
City of Kimberley	$6,000.00
District of Invermere	$2,500.00
Electoral Area C	$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,500.00
Electoral Area F	$1,100.00
Electoral Area G	$1,100.00
Village of Canal Flats	$900.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$900.00
	$20,600.00

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

Low cost Spay/Neuter Community Voucher Program

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

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

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Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network

Enhanced Ktunaxa Language Learning Project

Over the past 5 years, CBEEN has hosted 5 Introductory Ktunaxa Language Learning Courses, offering online language learning courses to over 500 local residents. These have been offered by Ktunaxa Elder and Language Instructor, Alfred Joseph, and Ktunaxa Language Instructor, Mara Nelson. These are comprised of Ktunaxa and non-Ktunaxa participants, and we work hard to ensure this is a safe space for everyone: https://outdoorlearning.com/non-indigenous-learners/

In 2025, we piloted an initial intermediate language learning course that gave 75 language learners from our 5 introductory courses into this 'second level' course. This project will allow us to both offer another one of these intermediate courses, and also be able to bring together these intermediate level learners together on a monthly basis to support their in their ongoing efforts to help with language revitalizations.

We will also provide every participant with a copy of Alfred Joseph's book, Ktunaxa Nature Walk, which helps people in continuing to develop a deeper understanding of the language, and connections to the local land after the course is done. "With this book, Alfred has achieved his lifelong goal of preserving and passing on Ktunaxa traditional knowledge, as he has done throughout his life, so that future generations can have the benefit of his grandparents and great grandparents' knowledge." - Hereditary Chief Sophie Pierre

District of Invermere	$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$6,000.00

Columbia Valley Arts Council

Youth Workshop Programming

The Columbia Valley Arts Council would like to focus on re-introducing youth workshop programming. We plan to partner with Pottery Playground, in order to deliver a wider range of choices than we can offer on our own. Workshops will focus on Drawing Fundamentals, Introduction to Painting, and Introductory Pottery classes, including hand-building and basic wheel throwing. Workshops will take place at the Pynelogs Arts and Cultural Centre and the Pottery Playground workshop/studio. Our goal is to offer free and/or affordable workshops to increase accessibility for the youth interested in the Arts.

District of Invermere	$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	$500.00
Electoral Area G	$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$500.00
	$4,000.00

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Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Boardroom Hybrid Meeting Upgrade

The CVCC would like to upgrade the hybrid in person/remote meeting capabilities of its boardroom. Many boards in the Columbia Valley are struggling with director attraction and retention. Our Valley is long and bringing together an effective board often means the directors come from as far away as Spillimacheen and Canal Flats to meet in a central location like the CVCC boardroom. The CVCC has many groups using the conveniently located Chamber Boardroom as a meeting space. While the boardroom is functional as is, the popularity of offering a hybrid in person/remote option has grown for user groups trying to make participation as convenient as possible for the most people possible. The current hybrid option could be improved by simplifying the setup process (somewhat challenging for our less tech comfortable users) and and increasing the effectiveness of the hybrid meeting technology.

The CVCC would like purchase a 360Â° conference camera, mic, and speaker combination unit that would create an immersive hybrid meeting experience. This device would also be made available for a nominal rental fee to non-profit groups to use off-site at alternate meeting locations.

District of Invermere	$1,200.00
Electoral Area F	$650.00
Electoral Area G	$650.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$500.00
	$3,000.00

Columbia Valley Food Bank

Feeding Minds and Bodies

Feeding Minds and Bodies would ensure that every child and senior regardless of income, has reliable access to nutritious food. Funding for this project would provide us the ability to offer high-quality, nutrient dense food options to families and seniors for fresh foods that are often financially out of reach for low income households. Fresh fruit and vegetables are foundational to supporting cognitive development in children, strengthen immune systems and help seniors in remaining active and resilient. This grant will help close the nutrition gap for children and seniors in our region by turning grant funding support into healthy fresh food on plates. It will allow us to meet a growing need with dignity and respect and put focus on the long-term health of the families and individuals we serve in the Columbia Valley. Currently in our food hampers, when available we provide minimal amounts of fresh produce consisting of potatoes, carrots, onion and for households with children an apple and cheese stick. We would like to provide a greater variety of fresh food and options with enhanced nutritional value.

District of Invermere	$8,341.56
Electoral Area F	$3,107.64
Electoral Area G	$817.80
Village of Canal Flats	$1,308.48
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$2,780.52
	$16,356.00

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Columbia Valley Food and Farm Association

Nourish Meal Preparation & Delivery Program

The Nourish Meal Preparation & Delivery Program provides healthy, home-cooked meals to vulnerable and mobility-limited seniors throughout the Columbia Valley. The program currently serves 20 seniors on a weekly basis in partnership with Family Dynamix and has identified unmet demand for up to 45 seniors requiring regular meal support. This application reflects planned growth to meet that level of need during the 2026 program year.

Meals are prepared using a food recovery-first approach. Ingredients are sourced through partnerships with the Columbia Valley Food Bank, local grocery stores, and regional farmers and food producers. Recovered food is prioritized wherever possible to reduce food waste and stretch available funding. When recovery is insufficient, ingredients are purchased at wholesale prices to ensure reliable access to nutritious, culturally appropriate meals.

Meals are prepared in a commercial kitchen, and delivered by an experience Chef and trained volunteers to seniors living across multiple rural and small urban communities. The program emphasizes dignity, nutrition, consistency, and geographic equity, ensuring seniors living outside municipal centres receive the same level of service as those living closer to services.

District of Invermere	$8,000.00
Electoral Area F	$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	$3,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$3,000.00
	$17,000.00

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Columbia Valley Housing Society

Private, Employer, Credit Union, Philanthropic Outreach

This project will engage a local marketing and communications expert to plan and help the CVHS deliver a targeted communications and outreach campaign aimed at private lenders, credit unions, and employers.

The campaign will present non-profit housing project plans, designs, and funding structures, demonstrating how stacked financing supports the delivery of non-profit rental housing in the Columbia Valley over the next five years.

By summer 2026, the campaign will showcase a scalable 10-unit development model in Invermere, supported by a detailed financial proforma, and confirm a 48-unit workforce housing development in Radium Hot Springs as part of the future build pipeline.

Additional workforce rental housing projects in the Columbia Valley may also participate, provided they commit to offering rents at low to moderate income levels and are working with federal or provincial granting agencies to deliver non-profit workforce housing.

District of Invermere	$2,876.00
Electoral Area F	$1,916.00
Electoral Area G	$1,916.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,916.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$2,876.00
	$11,500.00

Columbia Valley Youth Soccer Association

Youth Soccer Equipment Project

The purpose of this project is to secure funds to be able to purchase some of the required equipment that can allow us to continue to offer this popular program to a growing group of children and youth.

Your support would allow our organization to purchase required equipment (such as balls, tents, jerseys and nets - outlined in the budget) while keeping fees affordable so that there is a lower financial barrier for families wishing their children to participate.

District of Invermere	$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	$500.00
Electoral Area G	$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$500.00
	$5,000.00

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Cranbrook And District Restorative Justice Society

Restorative Justice Service Enhancement & Capacity Pilot

CDRJS has worked to reduced crime in the East Kootenay since 2007 by working with RCMP, victims, and community members to hold people accountable outside of court when appropriate. These processes are extremely financially efficient and save both the municipalities and provincial government significant costs related to crime and provide reparations to victims where appropriate. Traditionally, our work begins after a charge has been recommended.

This pilot shifts that model upstream.

Instead of only responding after harm has occurred, this project will test a structured youth prevention model delivered directly in partnership with schools, youth facing organizations, and RCMP. Small group sessions will be offered to youth who are showing early warning signs, involvement in fights, peer conflict, or repeated school discipline issues, before charges are laid. The goal is early accountability, skill building, and intervention before behaviour escalates into criminal involvement.

The pilot will introduce a formal referral pathway from schools and police, a structured group curriculum focused on responsibility and conflict resolution, and clear tracking of outcomes.

The project relies on CDRJS's trained volunteer facilitators, supported by coordinated oversight to ensure consistency and proper data collection.

ReDi funding will be used to launch and test this prevention-focused pilot for a defined period. Results will determine whether this approach reduces youth police contact and supports long-term community safety.

City of Cranbrook	$15,000.00
City of Fernie	$4,000.00
City of Kimberley	$5,000.00
District of Elkford	$2,000.00
District of Invermere	$2,000.00
District of Sparwood	$4,000.00
Electoral Area A	$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$40,000.00

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Diverse Family Roots Society

AccessABLE Kootenays

AccessABLE KOOTENAYS is all about mapping the Kootenays and the communities that are accessible, inclusive, engaging and fun friendly places to meet folks. In partnership with Web developer Noah Funk , along with the strength of our 40 plus volunteer Family Stewards - https://diversefamilyroots.ca/family-stewards/ that are located all throughout the East Kootenays.Also enlisting the Self-Advocates from the Kootenays CLBC Community Council we will be able to provide individuals and families precise information that acknowledges accessible ,inclusive ,supportive, businesses and meeting places, fun places, gathering places in communities all throughout the East Kootenays of British Columbia. AccessABLE Kootenays project will engage people with disabilities and be inclusive of people with disabilities with other intersectional lived experiences including, IBPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+communities, youth, seniors. AccessABLE Kootenays will also map the locations of our 40 volunteer family stewards, the communities that they live in, their BIOS and how they can support families In their community. AccessABLE Kootenays will also map the locations of Resources and community support/ respite options for individuals and Families.

City of Cranbrook	$4,000.00
City of Fernie	$2,000.00
City of Kimberley	$3,000.00
District of Elkford	$500.00
District of Invermere	$1,000.00
District of Sparwood	$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	$500.00
Electoral Area B	$3,000.00
Electoral Area C	$3,000.00
Electoral Area E	$500.00
Electoral Area F	$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$500.00
	$21,000.00

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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

Ecosystem Allies: Arming the Public

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

City of Cranbrook	$3,000.00
City of Fernie	$2,500.00
City of Kimberley	$2,500.00
District of Elkford	$1,500.00
District of Invermere	$2,500.00
District of Sparwood	$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	$1,000.00
Electoral Area C	$1,000.00
Electoral Area E	$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	$750.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,500.00
	$21,750.00

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East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge (SIPCOLS)

The Strategic Invasive Plant Control of Leafy Spurge (SIPCOLS) is a collaborative, landscape-scale program focused on containing and reducing leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula) in the Columbia Valley. Leafy spurge remains one of the most aggressive invasive plants, with well-documented impacts to agriculture, wildlife, biodiversity, recreation and tourism. Its deep root system and long-lived seedbank, demands effective, coordinated management multi-year treatment.

SIPCOLS will continue to prioritize treatment of high priority infestations while strengthening coordination among land managers. EKISC will work with project partners to implement an annual workplan that focuses on treating established infestations, new occurrences, and reducing the risk of spread into adjacent lands. This approach leverages partner funding, improves efficiency, and supports management across jurisdictions.

Objectives:

1. Inventory leafy spurge sites, with an emphasis on new or expanding infestations.
2. Implement a multi-partner management plan that prioritizes sites adjacent land managers and high-value areas.
3. Treatment of high-priority leafy spurge infestations, particularly those located within 1 km of private land, reducing impacts to agriculture, and neighbouring land uses.
4. Targeted treatments on Crown and lands adjacent to First Nations communities, including areas near the CWWMA and Shuswap Band lands, to align off-reserve and on-reserve management efforts.
5. Engagement with land managers and community to reinforce the importance of leafy spurge control and support long-term participation in prevention and management.

Electoral Area F	$7,240.00
Electoral Area G	$1,810.00
	$9,050.00

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Edgewater Recreation Society

Wittman Field Improvements - Phase 2

This grant application is in support of a multi-phase improvement project to the Wittman Field and Frank's Rink area that the ERS will continue to undertake over the next two years. Initial work on this project was completed in the summer of 2024 with the installation of an underground irrigation system. Phase 1 of this project was successfully completed in summer of 2025 with the installation of a new infield. This grant application is specifically to support Phase 2. The overall project is phased as follows:

Phase 0 (2023/2024)
-Irrigation and storage

Phase 1 (Spring / Summer 2025)
-New Infield
-Paint and repair dugouts and shed

Phase 2 (Spring / Summer 2026)
-Continue paint and repair dugouts and shed
-RepairsÂ toÂ fencing
-CompleteÂ installationÂ ofÂ outfieldÂ netting
-InstallationÂ ofÂ BattingÂ Cage
-Back Stop upgrades
-Bull pen pitching mounds
-Weed suppression

Phase 3 (Spring / Summer 2027)
-Gazebo / Picnic Area
-DesignÂ workÂ andÂ planÂ forÂ bicycleÂ pumpÂ track
-Landscaping and beautification

District of Invermere	$1,300.00
Electoral Area F	$2,375.00
Electoral Area G	$3,893.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,500.00
	$9,568.00

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Family Dynamix		
Valley Wide Youth Programs		
Our Objective is to offer programs throughout the entire Columbia Valley for youth grade 6-12. Once a month we will run an activity in Radium, Fairmont, Windermere and Edgewater. With this program we will offer a variety of Art, Games night, Gym night, hiking, outdoor survival skills and other activities guided by youth input. Through the youth nights the teens will get an opportunity to get to network and know different youth and supports in their own Community. In Canal Flats we have a youth space available where they can feel comfortable and safe to visit. It is available every Thursday 4-8pm for youth to participate in activities, network and connect with supports. We will have two youth facilitators available for each youth activity to ensure safety protocols are in place.		
	District of Invermere	$1,500.00
	Electoral Area F	$1,500.00
	Electoral Area G	$1,500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	$5,840.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,500.00
		$11,840.00

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Flats Fest Society

Flats Fest Music Festival

Flats Fest is a two-day outdoor country music festival held annually in Canal Flats, British Columbia, designed to celebrate live music while strengthening community, tourism, and the local economy in the Columbia Valley. The festival will feature approximately 20 top country and regional artists performing across two stages, offering a diverse mix of established headliners and emerging talent. In addition to live music, Flats Fest will include local food and beverage vendors, artisan market booths, licensed areas, and on-site camping, creating a full destination festival experience for attendees.

Flats Fest is produced by the Flats Fest Society in partnership with local governments, sponsors, community organizations, and volunteers. The festival will be delivered through professional event planning, artist booking, production management, and community coordination to ensure a safe, well-organized, and high-quality experience. Key components include securing appropriate permits and insurance, contracting professional staging, sound, and lighting services, implementing comprehensive health and safety and security plans, and engaging trained volunteers to support operations.

Marketing and promotion will target both local residents and regional visitors through digital advertising, social media, radio, tourism partners, and community outreach. By combining strong programming, professional delivery, and community collaboration, Flats Fest will be achieved as a sustainable annual event that benefits artists, audiences, and the surrounding communities.

District of Invermere	$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	$500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$7,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$14,500.00

Freestyle Panorama Ski Club

Freestyle Event Hosting Infrastructure

This project involves the purchase of essential event infrastructure for Freestyle Panorama, including professional-grade tents and timing equipment, to support the delivery of freestyle ski competitions, training events, and community programming at Panorama Mountain Resort.

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District of Invermere	$1,000.00
Electoral Area F	$5,000.00
Electoral Area G	$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$500.00
	$7,000.00

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Groundswell Network Society

Garden Fence Replacement Project

The fence protects Groundswell's Food Forest, full of fruit trees and bushes, our Â¼ acre Market Garden and our 18 Community Gardens. After 17 years in existence our fence has deteriorate to the point that it is no longer safe in many places. Phase 2 would replacing the second half of our current fence around our Market Gardens and Community Gardens. We have been working on finding funds to replace the fence for the last 3 years, with an all metal fence that will have a longer lifetime. We have been able to attract 8.5K of funds towards phase 1 of the fence replacement. Mike Christensen at OneTime Fencing has assured us that we can replace the fence in Phases.

District of Invermere	$2,000.00
Electoral Area F	$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	$2,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$2,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$2,000.00
	$10,000.00

Hospice Society of the Columbia Valley

Positioning Hospice Without Fear: Rebranding Initiative

Many people report that they associate hospice services with the intense emotions associated with grief, loss, and bereavement. The perception is that these feelings are negative. As a result, individuals and families may be discouraged from seeking support services. At the same time, active citizens may be discouraged from volunteering.

This fear may prevent people from finding healthy ways to express their grief, leading to poor mental health, less community involvement, and other crises. The Hospice Society seeks to address this feedback by highlighting hospice as a free, community-based support service for everyone in the Columbia Valley.

The initiative will involve updating and improving hospice branding and educational materials to reassure the public that quality of life, family wellness, community involvement, and personal dignity are all part of a compassionate community. Rebranding the hospice will connect the public to the Hospice's vision that no one should grieve or die alone.

Printed materials and digital content will be used to facilitate the rebrand. Name tags and shirts will be developed to assure clients that they can feel safe, understood, and confident in contacting our trained hospice volunteers. Clients and the public will also be able to identify staff to ease any concerns they may have.

District of Invermere	$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	$2,500.00
Electoral Area G	$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,500.00
	$9,000.00

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Invermere Companion Animal Network

ICAN Community Spay/Neuter & Kitten Crusade

This project has two pillars: 1) An Assisted Spay/Neuter Program providing financial vouchers to low-income residents for cat sterilization; 2) The "Kitten Crusade," which takes in pregnant cats, fosters them through weaning, and covers the cost of spaying the mother before returning her to her owner.

City of Cranbrook	$1,000.00
District of Invermere	$6,000.00
Electoral Area F	$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	$2,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,500.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$2,000.00
	$15,500.00

Invermere Pickleball Society

Pynelogs Pickleball Courts

This is a multi-year project delivered in phases (expected 2026-2028). For the purposes of this grant application, funding is being requested for year one of the build process, which includes site preparation (excavation, base materials, compaction) and construction of the asphalt pad. Subsequent years/phases will complete sport surfacing, fencing, noise mitigation, net systems, and supporting infrastructure.

The District of Invermere (DOI) and the Invermere Pickleball Club (IPBC) are working together to develop eight outdoor tournament-level pickleball courts, including two wheelchair-accessible courts, located near Pynelogs Rotary Ball Park in Invermere, British Columbia. This site is District-owned land. This project will establish Invermere as the pickleball hub of the Columbia Valley, bringing together players from across the region. The project is managed by the DOI, with IPBC as the major stakeholder responsible for fundraising and advisory support. Once complete, the courts will be owned by the DOI and open to public use when not scheduled for club programming. Two courts will always remain available for public use, except during tournaments.

The project is designed to support community health (especially supporting seniors), tourism, local business activity, and inclusive sport opportunities for wheelchair users while creating capacity to expand children/youth programming (ages 8-17), adult programming, and host multiple tournaments annually.

District of Invermere	$31,750.00
Electoral Area F	$6,358.00
Electoral Area G	$5,862.00
Village of Canal Flats	$6,529.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$10,901.00
	$61,400.00

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Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society

Lake Windermere Monitoring and Education Project

This project focuses on water quality and quantity monitoring in Lake Windermere and the upper reaches of the Columbia River, while also supporting habitat protection and restoration, species surveys and monitoring, and community-based education and outreach initiatives.

The growing popularity of the Columbia Valley as a tourism and recreation destination is placing increasing pressure on Lake Windermere including escalating threats from shoreline development, infrastructure, habitat disturbance, toxic algal blooms, increased risk of non-native and invasive species, and impacts from motorized water recreation. These pressures are compounded by climate-driven changes, including prolonged droughts, flooding, and the effects of forest fires on water quality and aquatic ecosystems.

Building on established baseline datasets is critical for understanding ecological conditions and detecting change over time. Monitoring support of trained citizen science volunteers, increases data coverage and community stewardship. The data collected enables long-term assessment of human and climate-related impacts and provides accessible information to support informed decision-making, governance, and restoration initiatives.

Community engagement is central to the project. Opportunities include citizen science water and invasive species monitoring, shoreline cleanups, outreach booths, workshops, and kid summer camps. These activities foster stewardship and local capacity to care for the watershed.

Monitoring results are shared through annual reports, presentations, and recommendations to support collaborative protection of aquatic ecosystems and the long-term health of the Lake Windermere watershed.

District of Invermere	$5,500.00
Electoral Area F	$5,500.00
Electoral Area G	$1,050.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$600.00
	$12,650.00

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Living Lakes Canada Society

Monitoring for Wilmer Watershed Management Planning

For the past year, Living Lakes Canada has been collecting water data from Lillian Lake, Neave Creek, and Boulder Creek, along with meteorological data from the Boulder Creek watershed, to develop a hydrological model. Following the completion of the initial model, it has been identified that additional monitoring and updates to the model are needed to inform sustainable water management decision-making.

Field reconnaissance at Neave Creek and Boulder Creek has revealed the need for additional water monitoring stations. Four additional hydrometric stations will be installed on a short-term basis at strategic locations in these creeks. Living Lakes will install these temporary water monitoring stations upstream of major diversions and on diversion channels within the project area. These stations will provide a more comprehensive understanding of water supply and flow direction, particularly in the context of creek diversions.

Expanding the monitoring network will significantly improve the accuracy and resolution of the hydrological model. With more data points, Living Lakes Canada will be able to better track seasonal changes in streamflow and more precisely estimate how much water is being diverted from the main creek channels. This enhanced understanding will support more informed water management decisions, help identify potential impacts on downstream users and ecosystems, and improve the ability to anticipate changes in water availability under varying climatic and land-use conditions.

Electoral Area F	$6,000.00
Electoral Area G	$4,000.00
	$10,000.00

Peaks Gymnastics Society

Peaks Equipments Upgrades

Peaks Gymnastics Society is a non-profit gymnastics organization serving the Columbia Valley. Our purpose is to provide safe, inclusive, and high-quality gymnastics programming that supports physical literacy, confidence, and lifelong participation in sport. Our mission is to provide quality gymnastics programs where every athlete is supported to achieve their personal best. We offer programming for children and adults of all ages and abilities, from early childhood through adulthood, including gymnastics, parkour, trampoline and tumbling, birthday parties, and drop-in opportunities.

The Equipment Upgrade Project addresses the need to replace and update aging gymnastics equipment to ensure a safe, developmentally appropriate training environment for all participants. Updated equipment will benefit athletes across all programs and levels, supporting skill development, injury prevention, and positive sport experiences. This project ensures Peaks Gymnastics Society can continue to deliver high-quality programming and meet the needs of a growing and diverse community.

District of Invermere	$4,500.00
Electoral Area F	$4,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$12,000.00

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Steamboat Mountain Music Society

The Fifteenth Annual Steamboat Mountain Music Festival

Edgewater's signature summer event is an annual, affordable, three-day outdoor music festival. Our Society aims to develop audience appreciation of the arts, strengthen skills and networks of regional musical performers, build community involvement and volunteer opportunities, sustain partnerships with local businesses, and celebrate our local culture. Friday evening, we present a sequence of five admission-free porch parties all around town featuring local performers at each location. The Saturday program is covered by ticketed admission, which we keep affordable for local families. On Saturday night, the festival moves inside to the community hall to wrap up with a joyful dance party into the midnight. Sunday, we offer free workshops for local established and aspiring musicians. The festival features sixty performers, engages many community volunteers, and attracts an audience of 500-700 locals and visitors.

District of Invermere	$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	$5,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$7,000.00

Summit Trail Makers Society

STMS Tool Storage Upgrade

Summit Trail Makers Society (STMS) requires a larger tool & materials storage facility.

STMS maintains 11 hiking trails throughout the Columbia Valley that are enjoyed by more than 6000 locals and visitors every year. People from throughout the RDEK and surrounding areas use these trails. Maintaining these trails requires tools and supplies. Our current tool storage is a small trailer. The tools and materials STMS needs to perform trail maintenance has exceeded the capacity of this trailer. The current trailer is only 5 ft high which makes it difficult and uncomfortable for volunteers to collect and manage tools and supplies. The current trailer has no power for lighting which exacerbates an already difficult working environment. Our organization is only as strong as our group of volunteers and STMS has made it a priority in recent years to improve the safety, comfort, and experience these volunteers have while doing their valuable work.

STMS would like to purchase a 20'x8' shipping container and outfit it for use as a storage facility. This larger space would alleviate the problems listed above and provide a secure and safe environment for STMS volunteers to conduct pickup/drop off and maintenance of tools and supplies. The Lake Windermere District Lions are partnering with STMS and providing a space on their property for the container.

City of Cranbrook	$250.00
City of Kimberley	$250.00
District of Invermere	$2,150.00
Electoral Area F	$1,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,000.00
Village of Canal Flats	$350.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$6,000.00

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The Invermere Judo Club

Volunteer Coaches Travel and Training

This project is to cover all associated costs for travel of the Invermere Judo clubs NCCP certified coaches and upcoming training of qualified judoka for coaching certification. We live in a rural area and costs associated with keeping our coaches certified as well as sending certified coaches to competition and training is costly. All our coaches are volunteers and as a club we try to ensure that they don't incur any expenses associated with traveling for competition or certification requirements. We will achieve being able to cover all travel costs associated with competition and training through funding such as grants, fundraising and club membership.

District of Invermere	$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	$500.00
	$6,500.00

The Windermere Valley Child Care Society
Sponsoring: Serenity Farm

Rooted in Community

Rooted in Community is a farm-based, inclusive community initiative that supports children, youth, and families through accessible, relationship-centered programming rooted in play and connection to the land.

The project delivers weekly playgroups for children from birth to school-age, providing developmentally appropriate, play-based experiences in a natural environment. These playgroups support early learning, social-emotional development, and caregiver connection, while strengthening protective factors such as belonging, attachment, and community support.

Inclusion Days are intentionally designed for children who benefit from smaller group sizes, reduced sensory stimulation, and flexible participation. Programming is responsive and adaptable, allowing children to engage at their own pace within calm, predictable environments. These days prioritize emotional safety, self-regulation, and meaningful engagement, ensuring that individual needs are recognized and supported without pressure to conform to typical group expectations.

The project also offers evening programs for preteens ages 9-12, creating safe, inclusive spaces for them to connect with peers, develop leadership skills, and engage in land-based and creative activities. These evenings support positive youth development, social connection, and community belonging.

Through accessible, inclusive, and developmentally responsive programming, Rooted in Community strengthens families, reduces barriers to participation, and fosters a connected, resilient community where children and youth of all abilities feel valued and supported.

District of Invermere	$2,850.00
Electoral Area F	$3,800.00
Electoral Area G	$950.00
Village of Canal Flats	$950.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$950.00
	$9,500.00

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The Windermere Valley Ski Club

Athlete Video Room & Warmup Shelter

The Athlete Warming Hut project will replace the Windermere Valley Ski Club's aging athlete facility at Panorama Mountain Resort with a new 20' x 20' wood-framed warming hut built on the existing footprint. The new structure will provide a heated, electrically serviced, ski-in/ski-out space for athlete video review, team meetings, and warm-up during cold training sessions. It will include seating and audio/visual capability for coaching and performance analysis, plus secure consolidated storage for training equipment previously dispersed across multiple locations. The existing building will be safely dismantled and removed prior to construction. The new building will be transported to the site and placed on a concrete pile foundation for stability, standard wood-frame techniques for durability and local building code compliance, and insulated finishes to ensure year-round usability. Electrical and heating systems will be installed to support A/V equipment and occupant comfort. Placement beside the Old Timer run ensures immediate access during training and events. The project will be delivered through contracted local builders with volunteer support from club families for site prep and non-technical tasks, and overseen by WVSC leadership to meet schedule, budget and safety standards.

District of Invermere	$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	$3,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$8,000.00

Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club

Youth Nordic Ski Programs

This project supports the delivery and enhancement of Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club's youth programs, with a focus on Ski S'kool and youth skill development programming during the 2026/27 winter season. These programs introduce children and youth to cross-country skiing, build fundamental movement skills, and create clear pathways for ongoing participation in sport and recreation. Ski S'kool functions as the entry point to the club's broader youth programming pathway, with equipment, apparel, coaching, and volunteer resources shared across all youth programs.

ReDi Grant funding will be used to replace and maintain shared ski equipment, purchase teaching and coaching supplies designed to enhance the athlete experience, support youth-focused on-snow team-building and skill-building events, and provide consistent team apparel for athletes, coaches, and volunteers. These shared assets are used across the full youth programming pathway, from Ski S'kool through skill development programs. Equipment replacement ensures that participants - many of whom are trying Nordic skiing for the first time - have access to safe, functional gear regardless of family income. Apparel improves safety, visibility, and a sense of belonging while representing the club and community positively, and building a sense of team pride and camaraderie.

This project directly strengthens program quality, reduces participation barriers, and supports long-term sustainability of youth Nordic programming in the Columbia Valley.

City of Cranbrook	$500.00
District of Invermere	$3,000.00
Electoral Area F	$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,500.00
	$7,000.00

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Wildsight Invermere

Columbia Valley SHIFT Circular Economy Program

Columbia Valley SHIFT is a new initiative of Wildsight Invermere that creates opportunities for residents and businesses to make simple changes, shifting our community toward ecological, social, and economic sustainability. This program will provide action-oriented entry points for those who may be interested but not necessarily know where to begin or how to engage.

Programs will comprise one major event, the SHIFT Fair, along with a series of repair cafes and workshops throughout 2026 and 2027. Programs will offer knowledge and skill-building opportunities focusing on core theme of "circular economy". We will create hands-on activities that empower residents to repair items like gear, textiles, small appliances, and more.

Other initiatives coming under the Columbia Valley SHIFT umbrella will include:
- A digital directory that will serve as a one-stop shop to help residents find community assets related to SHIFT (i.e. repair experts, tool lending).
- Operation of the summer bike valet service (established in 2025 at the Invermere Farmers and Artists Market).
- An affordable community 'party kits' program, providing reusable items for parties to community members
- a "Sustainable September" business outreach campaign, as an evolution of the successful Plastic Free July initiative led by Less to Landfill in 2025.

Columbia Valley SHIFT will adopt an equity lens and prioritize access, offering a win-win for affordability and climate alike.

District of Invermere	$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	$2,000.00
Electoral Area G	$3,000.00
	$9,000.00

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Wildsight Invermere
Sponsoring: David Thompson Secondary School Climate Club

Transit Pilot Project

The Transit Pilot Project aims to provide a short-term solution to the transit scheduling problem, a solution that leads to long-term changes in the transit schedule.

The current transit schedule does not meet the needs of visitors or residents, including local students. Without evening service, students are unable to access after-school employment, extracurricular activities, or social opportunities such as sports, music, arts, and clubs. Other demographics face similar challenges accessing employment or social opportunities. While BC Transit requires demonstrated ridership to justify schedule changes, the lack of service makes it impossible to show that demand, creating a classic "chicken-or-egg" challenge.

A short-term evening transit pilot would remove this barrier by providing a practical, real-world test of demand. By offering reliable evening service, the pilot would generate the ridership data needed to demonstrate community need and support future adjustments to the BC Transit schedule.

District of Invermere	$2,760.00
Electoral Area F	$2,760.00
Electoral Area G	$2,760.00
Village of Canal Flats	$2,760.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$2,760.00
	$13,800.00

Wilmer Community Club

Improvements to the Wilmer Community Park and Soccer Field

The Wilmer Community Club recently moved their skating rink to improve and upgrade it. The new rink was placed on the existing soccer field and the old skating rink was removed. Landscaping is now required to fill in the area where the old rink was and replace the old soccer field.
In spring 2026 we will level the existing soil and add topsoil to provide a better growing medium. The existing soil is very clay heavy and will not provide a suitable medium to grow grass in. A contractor will be used for the earthworks component and to transport the sod to site. Next volunteers will be used to lay down grass sod on the new soccer field and seed in areas adjacent to the soccer field that require re-seeding. We have kept costs low by only costing out sod for the soccer field section and using volunteers. The new soccer field will be 18 m by 26 m. We have existing soccer nets that can be re-used.
The soccer field will provide a location for local kids to play and be active. It's also important that the landscaping project be completed this spring to prevent invasive weeds from growing in the now exposed, bare soil.

Electoral Area G	$13,150.00

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Windermere Valley Historical Society

Valley Echo Digitization Project

By scanning and digitizing the paper archive copies of the Valley Echo and working on having these digital records available and searchable through online platforms, we believe that a significant amount of the 'valley' history will be more accessible and better documented for the general public to access. This can be useful for general knowledge, research projects, and for helping newer residents having a better sense of the place and the history. It is unclear at this time how many decades of the Valley Echo can be digitized in this initials pilot project, the hope is to digitize as much as possible, but if the entire archive is not possible to digitize in this project the equipment and processes learned through this project will make future work and future digitization projects easier to accomplish.

District of Invermere	$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	$4,000.00
Electoral Area G	$1,500.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,000.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$2,000.00
	$12,500.00

Windermere Valley Youth Centre Society

Summer Hiking Program

In July and August, once a week, we will take teens (12 to 18 years old) out on adventures around the Valley.
8 hikes
- 3 half day hikes with up to 12 participants
- 5 full day hikes with up to 6 participants
- all including transportation and snacks
- lunch for full day hikes

The Columbia Valley receives thousands of tourists each year who are fortunate to roam our backyard, yet lots of our own teens have never had the chance to explore it. In July and August 2025, we took local teens on local trails like Pedley Pass, Brewers Lakes, Jumbo... The participants asked if we would do it again before our adventures even ended. This project helps the youth take ownership of the land they share with the visitors each year. It helps them appreciate what surrounds them.
We will hire Playwest again this year as they are they have most professional and experienced guides and they can provide transportation.

District of Invermere	$4,000.00
Electoral Area F	$632.00
Electoral Area G	$633.00
Village of Canal Flats	$1,100.00
Village of Radium Hot Springs	$1,000.00
	$7,365.00

Total Funding Requested: $69,141.80