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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 Improvements will include replacement of outdated or non-compliant gear, modernization of safety-critical systems, and implementation of standardized safety documentation and procedures that support safe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
	<u>\$20,600.00</u>

?aq?am FIRST NATION

Hockey for Reconciliation

The Hockey Drop-In Program is a free, inclusive recreational ice hockey initiative hosted by Ê?aq?am (St. Mary's Indian Band) in collaboration with the broader Cranbrook community. It provides open drop-in sessions for Indigenous children and youth, as well as non-Indigenous kids who wish to participate, creating opportunities for early connection, friendship-building, and meaningful contributions to reconciliation efforts in the region.

City of Cranbrook	\$4,500.00
Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
	<u>\$8,500.00</u>

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AIDS Network Outreach and Support Society		
ANKORS Peer Engagement Project		
The project is the peer engagement or "same Day Cash Pay "project. It will be supervised by ANKORS Team Lead and will rely heavily on community partnerships with non- profits and the private sector to support the Peers engaged in project activities. The peer engagement initiative will focus on several things: stigma reduction, reducing isolation, skill building, work experience, stabilization, connectivity and promoting wellness. The project provides honorariums to vulnerable population (unhoused) that we recruit to do jobs and provide skill training, such as work projects at Common ground encampment and other camping sites Honorariums are provided to peers engaged in community activities and trainings.(community clean ups, syringe sweeps, shoveling, firewood distribution, nonprofit activities (i.e. green house skill project) The idea of this project is when people who are unhoused are given honorarium for same day work, then they are less likely to engage in survival crimes like stealing to buy food, personal items etc. This same day honorarium idea engages homeless people, supports skill building, fosters pride and promotes stabilization, reduces substances use and leads to recovery. Another goal is reduction of survival crime, impacting community and businesses. Last year's Redi grant saw a reduction in substance use by peers engaged in this project, and a move toward stabilization and recovery.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$11,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$12,000.00</u>

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Active Cranbrook Physical Literacy Society		
Active Cranbrook Physical Literacy - Community Education		
Physical literacy education provides coaches, teachers, and community leaders with the knowledge and skills to deliver higher-quality, more impactful programs within their organizations, clubs, and groups.		
This project will deliver three streams of education in the Southeast Kootenays:		
- 4-6 Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) workshops - 3-4 Foundational coaching courses (such as All Youth Matter and Planning a Practice) - Multiple Afterschool Physical Literacy sessions in elementary schools		
FMS training builds the essential movement skills (grass roots level) needed to succeed in all sports and recreational activities.		
Through its volunteers, Active Cranbrook will further partner with local schools and sport and recreation organizations to bring qualified facilitators to the region. This approach reduces barriers for residents who are unable to travel or afford required certifications, such as NCCP FMS training.		
Due to geographic and financial challenges, communities in the Southeast Kootenays do not have the same access to training opportunities as other regions in BC. This project will bring certification and professional development opportunities directly to the East Kootenays. Grant funding will cover instructor travel and course delivery costs. Active Cranbrook will promote, coordinate, and support access to training through its established marketing channels and volunteer network.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$10,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$250.00
	District of Invermere	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
	Electoral Area F	\$250.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

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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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Caregivers Network for East Kootenay Seniors Society		
Travel Assistance Program for Family Caregivers		
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. 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.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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

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

CPPG Maintenance & Sustainability Project

The CPPG has grown since its inception fourteen years ago. Once a grassy plot of city land, is now home to an abundance of garden beds, a timber-frame gazebo, a robust compost station, and a greenhouse. Over the years comes wear and tear and, unfortunately, the end of the lifespan for some of the original trees and shrubs. Our proposed project focuses on essential maintenance and site improvements by replacing fence posts, installing an irrigation system, and removing non-viable trees and shrubs.

The garden is fully fenced, however, four of the posts are rotting below ground and are beginning to become unstable. We would like to be proactive and replace the posts for public safety and to prevent any deer from entering the premises.

Next, we would like to clear out several overgrown haskap bushes that have stopped producing berries and remove an expired fruit tree that has reached the end of its lifespan. This area is taking up valuable space that, if cleared, would make way for new young plants.

Lastly, as the number of garden beds and food production has increased significantly over the years, we urgently need an irrigation system. Over 70% of the garden beds are being watered by volunteers. This is becoming unsustainable, given the abundance of food now being grown in the garden.

City of Cranbrook	\$5,100.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$5,600.00

Community Connections Society of Southeast BC

Muffins & Community - Seniors Baking Pilot

CCS proposes a 10-session pilot program designed to reduce senior isolation while supporting local food security. Once a month, seniors will gather in our licensed commercial kitchen to collaboratively bake large batches of muffins for donation to local school programs, community organizations and the shelter. Each session will combine hands-on baking, coordinated delivery to partner organizations, and a facilitated social coffee/tea hour to encourage connection and conversation.

The project responds directly to resident-identified interests in meaningful volunteer work and social engagement as well as steps toward community food security. Participants will use tested recipes and work together to bake, package and deliver, creating a clear sense of purpose and shared accomplishment. By contributing nutritious food to students and various community members, the program strengthens ties between seniors and the broader community.

Accessibility is a core component of the project. Transportation subsidies, adaptive kitchen tools, large-print materials, and ample seating and rest breaks will ensure inclusive participation. Community impact will be measured through the number of seniors engaged, sessions held, and muffins produced.

Overall, this pilot addresses social inclusion, addressing senior isolation, and delivering tangible nutritional benefits to local community partners.

City of Cranbrook	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$2,331.00</u>
	\$7,331.00

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Community Connections Society of Southeast BC		
Water for Cranbrook Urban Farm		
Cranbrook Urban Farm is not hooked up to city utilities. Service maps indicated a stub-in for sewer and water, but when we were installing the farm we verified (with the help of our contractor and city staff) that the stub ins did not exist. Two contractors quoted for connecting to municipal water and sewer main and the cost was approximately \$90,000. With the help of a contractor, we will purchase and install a cistern for potable water used to grow the crops of lettuce, and equipment cleaning. It will contain an aerator to keep the water oxygenated and prevent standing water, and a pump to move the water from the cistern into the farm.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$17,245.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$20,245.00</u>

Cranbrook & Region Tourism Society DBA Visit Cranbrook

Capacity Development - A.I. Integration in the Workplace

This project is a local business capacity-building initiative focused on educating business owners on the practical integration of artificial intelligence (AI) into their day-to-day operations. As the business environment continues to evolve rapidly, many small business owners face uncertainty around new technologies and how to use them effectively. This project aims to address that gap by increasing awareness, confidence, and capability related to AI tools.

The project will deliver a single in-person training seminar facilitated by an expert in artificial intelligence and business applications. The session will provide clear, practical examples of how AI can be used to improve efficiency, marketing, customer service, and decision-making. While examples will be tailored to the hospitality and tourism sector, given its importance to the local economy, the training will be broadly applicable and accessible to business owners across multiple sectors.

Visit Cranbrook will partner with the Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce to plan, promote, and deliver the seminar. This collaboration will ensure strong outreach to the local business community and alignment with broader economic development objectives. By the end of the session, participants will have a foundational understanding of AI, practical use cases relevant to their business, and the tools to begin integrating AI into their operations in a meaningful and sustainable way.

City of Cranbrook \$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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Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Society		
History Centre Fence Upgrade		
The Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Society (CAMAL) will construct a new perimeter fence for the Cranbrook History Centre's Historic Railcar exhibit area, directly adjacent to the recently built Train Shed. The project replaces a failing chain-link fence with a durable wood-and-metal barrier that ties visually to the new structure and allows the fence line to be moved tight to the building, opening up additional on-site parking. The work includes removal of the old fence, installation of new fencing and gates, snow stops on the shed roof to protect visitors and vehicles, and gravel in-fill to create safe, low-maintenance parking and circulation space. The new configuration improves security for the nationally significant railcar collection, enhances visitor safety by clearly separating public parking from exhibit areas, and significantly upgrades the site's streetscape appearance in line with local tourism and downtown revitalization goals. The new fence will feature a simple, visually compatible design that echoes the Train Shed's timber structure. A solid lower section of vertical wood boards-constructed in-house by CAMAL staff and volunteers-will provide a warm, heritage-appropriate base and help screen vehicle parking from the railcar exhibit. Above, black painted steel pickets will maintain clear sightlines to the historic railcars while offering a secure barrier and a refined, finished appearance along the site's frontage.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$34,463.00
Cranbrook Food Bank Society		
Balanced Plates - Improving Local Food Security		
Balanced Plates is a food security initiative focused on improving nutritional equity for clients of the Cranbrook Food Bank through the local procurement of essential, nutrient-dense foods. Rising food costs driven by ongoing inflation have made staples such as eggs, meat, dairy, and fresh produce increasingly unaffordable for many households. According to Canada's Food Price Report 2026, overall food prices in Canada are projected to rise 4%-6%, with meat expected to increase 5%-7%, and dairy and eggs 2%-4%, adding nearly \$1,000 to the annual grocery bill for an average family of four. These same items are among the most inconsistently donated to our food banks or are received with very short shelf lives, creating ongoing gaps in our choice market and home delivery programs. Through this project, the Cranbrook Food Bank will purchase locally produced eggs, meat, dairy, and fresh produce to strengthen existing programs and ensure clients have consistent access to balanced, nourishing food options. Prioritizing local procurement improves access to high-quality protein and fresh foods while supporting regional farmers and food producers. Locally sourced purchases will strategically supplement donated food, helping stabilize access during periods of donation decline while maintaining nutritional standards. Ultimately, Building Balanced Plates supports client health, dignity, and well-being while reducing nutritional inequities caused by rising food prices and limited access to protein-rich foods.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$35,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$7,000.00
		<u>\$42,000.00</u>

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Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice Society		
CKHS Workspace Revitalization Project		
Project Description: CKHS Workspace Revitalization What is the project? The CKHS Workspace Revitalization Project is a critical infrastructure upgrade designed to modernize the central administrative office and the boardroom of the CKHS. This project replaces aging, non-ergonomic, and mismatched furniture with a cohesive, professional yet comforting feel tailored to the unique demands of a high-empathy work environment. What will the project do? This project serves three primary functions: Enhance Caregiver Wellness: By providing ergonomic workstations, we reduce the physical strain on staff who manage complex coordination and clinical documentation. Improve Bereavement Support: New boardroom furnishings will create a dignified, comfortable, and soothing environment for, grief support groups, and sensitive consultations. Increase Operational Capacity: Modernizing the layout will optimize the existing square footage, allowing for better collaboration. How will this be achieved? CKHS will execute this revitalization through a three-phase procurement and implementation strategy: Needs Assessment & Design: Optimizing the workspace configuration to ensure private areas are available for sensitive communication, complemented by modernized stations for collaborative care coordination. Strategic Procurement: Purchasing high-durability, ergonomic furniture from vendors that offer long-term warranties, ensuring the grant funds act as a multi-decade investment. Installation & Optimization: Removing old furniture (to be donated or recycled) and installing the new units during off-peak hours to ensure zero disruption to hospice services or client care coordination.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$8,527.00

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Cranbrook Lacrosse Association		
Women's Lacrosse and Community Expansion Equipment		
The Cranbrook Lacrosse Association (CLA) is a family-focused, community-driven non-profit youth sport organization that has served the Cranbrook community for over a decade. Our mission is to introduce and grow the sport of lacrosse in an accessible and inclusive way. To support affordability, the CLA has not increased program fees for the past three years. Participation in lacrosse is growing rapidly across Canada, and the CLA has seen increased demand locally for program development: expanding programming to Kimberley and introducing female lacrosse teams. The CLA has the facilities, coaches, and community interest required to launch these programs, however, additional equipment is needed to make them successful long term. This project is focused on the purchase of lacrosse equipment to support new Kimberley and women's teams, allowing the CLA to expand access to the sport across the region, increase equity for female players, and keep participation affordable for local families.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$20,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$7,500.00
	Electoral Area E	\$5,500.00
		<u>\$43,000.00</u>

Cranbrook Minor Ball Association

Confederation Ballpark Storage/Announcers Booth

This project involves the design and construction of a multi-purpose announcer's booth at Hunter Field. It will feature secure storage facility for equipment integrated into an announcer's booth. The booth will be built on a flat concrete pad designed for long-term durability and accessibility.

This project will serve several functions. It will improve site aesthetics and capabilities, which will allow for CMBA to host youth baseball and softball tournaments. A professional dedicated space for announcers will improve Cranbrook's abilities to host games with teams from the surrounding municipalities. This will increase growth and engagement with the field and transform the park into a central hub. It will also improve comfort for volunteers and accessibility to the fields. The flat foundation will allow space for spectators with limited mobility to have access to a safe, covered viewing area. Finally, it also provides a secure environment to store both team equipment and field maintenance supplies. This will extend the lifespan of gear and tools, which helps create consistent playing conditions for all groups.

This project will be completed with the support of New Dawn Developments. The site will be prepared to pour the level foundation to ensure accessibility. Following this, the weather-resistant booth will be constructed as well as the installation of the necessary electrical components.

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Cranbrook Pickleball Club		
Cranbrook Pickleball Club - Shade Benches		
Purchase and install 2 shade benches in the non-play area inside the Kinsman Park pickleball courts. The shade benches will provide seating and shade for players getting ready to play or waiting to play. We get many visitors and spectators during our annual Open House and annual tournament and these benches will greatly enhance their experience. The existing round tables with bench seating are not sufficient for our growing membership. The umbrella shades used in the round tables break easily and are largely ineffective in providing the needed shade during hot summer days. The new shade benches will roughly double the seating available and greatly increase the shaded area for players. The design is common at other pickleball courts and works well. The shades are part of the bench structure to ensure a long service life.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$8,000.00
Cranbrook Public Library		
Library of Things Refresh		
This project will refresh and expand the Cranbrook Public Library's Library of Things to support the Library's goals to provide people with hands-on learning opportunities and resources that respond to community needs. Originally launched with a few donated cake pans, the Library of Things has grown over the past decade into a popular collection of tools, technology, and creative equipment. The collection helps people explore new hobbies (e.g., hiking backpack), learn new skills (Ozobot coding robots), complete personal projects (photo negative digital converter), and access specialized tools they might otherwise not use (radon detectors). To ensure the Library of Things continues to meet evolving community interests, staff reviewed current items to identify those needing updates, and researched possible additions that to diverse interests. The project will replace popular equipment such as the thermal imaging cameras for home energy efficiency projects, the reel-to-reel film converter for digitizing memories, and increase the number of the Victor Reader Stratus audiobook players for patrons with visual impairments. New items will focus on enhancing wellbeing - such as air quality monitors and light therapy lamps - and on inspiring curiosity with tools like a telescope, portable solar panels, a portable DVD player, and Yoto audiobook players for children.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,720.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,180.00
		<u>\$5,900.00</u>

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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 Foundation for Health		
FW Green Home - Tovertafel Projector		
We are seeking funding for a Tovertafel projector system for the FW Green Home. The Tovertafel, Dutch for "Magic Table", is a projector that transforms any surface into an immersive, interactive game. This care tool supports care teams in providing person-centered care at any time of the day and helps manage behavioral symptoms associated with dementia. The Tovertafel system is co-designed with dementia patients and caregivers. It includes infrared sensors that detect hand movements to turn surface projects into accessible, approachable, and engaging group activities for residents. The system is easy to use and features over 40 different games, at different difficulty levels, that can be played all day long. These games help residents maintain eye coordination and motor skills and offer a fun form of communication that promotes social interaction with care professionals, family, and friends. Tovertafel systems have been successfully fundraised for and introduced to many long-term care homes across the province, including at the Kimberley Special Care Home. The addition of one to the FW Green Home would give staff an easily accessible and meaningful tool to enhance programming and family engagement, creating daily opportunities for residents, staff, and loved ones to connect with each other in an enjoyable environment.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,566.00
		<u>\$18,566.00</u>

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

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East Kootenay 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	\$1,200.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,100.00
	City of Kimberley	\$800.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$600.00
	Electoral Area C	\$600.00
		\$4,800.00

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East Kootenay Society For Active Living		
Soccer for ALL - Summer/Fall 2026		
The East Kootenay Society for Active Living, through its Premier Elite Soccer Camps program, proposes Soccer for ALL, an inclusive youth soccer initiative providing structured, high-quality programming to children and youth aged 6-16 across urban and rural East Kootenay communities. The project prioritizes equitable access for families facing financial, geographic, or systemic barriers, including Indigenous youth. In Summer and Fall 2026, the project will deliver three integrated components. Premier Elite Summer Soccer Camps will operate in Cranbrook (Moir Park), Kimberley (Marysville/Purcell Fields), and Fernie (community fields) from July 6 to August 28, 2026, offering affordable, developmentally appropriate training. A fully subsidized summer camp for Îᓂᓐᓐᓐᓐᓐ (St. Mary's Band) youth will run in Cranbrook from July 13-17, 2026, continuing a successful barrier-free model. In addition, a fully subsidized fall program in Fernie, titled Fernie Selects, will run September 8 to October 15, 2026, with 2-3 sessions per week. Targeted outreach will engage families in RDEK Electoral Areas A, B, C, and E, with transportation support and shared equipment improving rural access. Programming follows Premier Elite's player-centred curriculum aligned with Canada Soccer's Long-Term Player Development framework and UEFA Grassroots principles, emphasizing skill development, physical literacy, teamwork, and confidence. Delivery is supported through partnerships with local soccer associations, the Îᓂᓐᓐᓐᓐᓐ community, and municipal partners, using publicly accessible community fields.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$500.00
	City of Fernie	\$3,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$11,500.00</u>

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East Kootenay Track and Field Association		
Equipment Upgrade for East Kootenay Track and Field		
We need to replace some of our older equipment and to add new equipment to be able to offer a wider variety of disciplines. We will be able to attract more youth with more options for all the track and field disciplines. The project will be carried out by board members and parents volunteers. We got engagement from local businesses last year and they are happy to support us again. We are also doing additional fundraising by being involve in the Kimberley Fall Fair as a non-profit.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$2,300.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,060.00
		<u>\$33,660.00</u>

East Kootenay Volleyball Club

EKVC Sports Equipment Acquisition

This project aims to upgrade essential equipment for EKVC, a community and regional-based volleyball club that provides inclusive, high-quality sporting opportunities for youth players. The project will focus on replacing outdated and worn equipment to ensure a safe, modern, and engaging training and competition environment. Specifically, the project will deliver two trainer+ volleyball trainers for setting and passing drills and a volleyball serving machine. These upgrades will directly improve the quality of training sessions, match play, and player development programs across the age levels. Modern, well-maintained equipment is critical to reducing injury risk, supporting skill progression, and meeting current competition standards.

The project will be achieved through the strategic purchase of approved, competition-grade equipment from reputable suppliers. Club coaches and committee members will oversee equipment selection to ensure it meets the needs of the diverse youth player's needs. Once purchased, the equipment will be integrated into weekly training sessions and development programs.

By upgrading equipment, the project will enhance participation, improve performance outcomes, and support long-term club sustainability. It will also allow the club to expand programs, attract new members, and better serve the broader community by providing a safe, accessible, and enjoyable volleyball experience for all participants.

City of Cranbrook	\$9,268.00
Electoral Area C	\$995.00
	<u>\$10,263.00</u>

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FRESH START Collaborative Society		
Empowered Employment		
Graffiti is an act of mischief that goes beyond being a nuisance. It significantly impacts the visual esthetics of a community and affects the perception of safety residents and visitors feel using public spaces. When unaddressed, graffiti contributes to frustration, a sense of neglect, and repeated vandalism. In addition, each graffiti occurrence costs either the municipality, businesses, or neighborhoods considerable time, money and energy to clean. Empowered Employment is a low-barrier employment program that offers supervised, hands-on skills training to individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty. Through initiatives that contribute to cleaner and safer communities, Empowered Employment is having a positive impact on poverty in the East Kootenays. This project will address the lack of graffiti removal options available in the East Kootenays by providing a cost-effective solution to graffiti management. We have reached out to a professional who provided graffiti removal services across BC for many years. They are willing to come to Cranbrook and train Empowered Employment supervisors and participants to professionally remove graffiti from all types of services. Once trained, Empowered Employment supervisors will lead teams in providing professional, cost-effective graffiti removal services on a request basis to Cranbrook and other communities in area E and F.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$12,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$3,025.00
	Electoral Area F	\$3,025.00
		<u>\$18,050.00</u>

Fisher Peak Performing Artists Society

Summer Sounds/ Music in the Park

Summer sounds is a live music presentation, in Rotary Park Cranbrook. We hire musicians to provide an opening act and a closing act of music that starts at 630 pm and ends around 930 pm every Thursday night starting July 2 2026 and running every Thursday night until August 27. We have direct contact with musicians and are already putting music groups onto our schedule. We then contract these musicians and fill our schedule.

City of Cranbrook	\$33,650.00
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Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC		
Kootenay Trout Hatchery Outreach Programs 2026-27		
The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a non-profit Society seeking funding for outreach and educational programs based out of The Kootenay Trout Hatchery and associated Visitor Centre and Community Fishing Pond (KTH) in Electoral Area C, as well as surrounding communities and school groups from communities such as Cranbrook, Kimberley, Jaffray, Fernie, Elkford, Sparwood, and Invermere. The Kootenay Trout Hatchery is a tremendously valuable resource for the public; particularly residents as well as visitors to the area with nearly 15,000 visitors and over 7,000 Outreach Program participants annually. Programs offered include Learn to Fish; a program designed to introduce participants to sustainable recreational fishing practices as well as Environmental Stewardship Programs, Sturgeon Conservation Educational Programs and Hatchery Tours. Seasonal Outreach Instructors (primarily university students) will be hired, and trained on program delivery. These Instructors will deliver the programs, tours, as well as engage with drop-in visitors at the facility.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$14,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$47,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$70,000.00</u>

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Fun Field Festival Foundation

Fun Field Festival - Kids Program/Marquee

Fun Field Festival 2026 is a three-day, camping-based music, arts, and wellness festival in Wardner, BC.

This year FFFF is expanding the free kids program with sand sculpture, face painting, instrument-making, interactive crafts, games, pony rides, and forest education. Expert and established children's activities and arts facilitators from Fernie and Cranbrook will deliver programming. Activities within the festival are free. Festival tickets are free for kids under 10, with reduced youth/senior/parent pricing.

The festival overall features 15+ multi-genre musical acts, highlighting emerging and established Canadian artists. A highlight is the Friday "Battle of the local Jam Bands," where local regional bands compete.

Family games include scavenger hunts, giant Twister, and frisbee games. Arts offerings include an interactive paint-by-numbers mural, live portrait painting, and a guided group painting session. Wellness options include yoga, ecstatic dance, breathwork, and Qi Gong.

The ReDi grant funding project would fund a large commercial marquee for shade, shelter, and possible stage use, and fund two facilitator groups and supplies, recognizing the value of children's facilitators in the East Kootenays.

Investing in reusable infrastructure and by transitioning from the volunteer facilitator model in 2025 FFF can ensure fair payment of valuable facilitators. An attractive kids program drives ticket sales, increasing festival numbers and helps to bring financial stability for FFF 2027 without ongoing reliance on grant funding.

City of Cranbrook	\$800.00
City of Fernie	\$800.00
Electoral Area C	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
	\$4,600.00

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	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$15,500.00

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Key City Gymnastics Club		
Gymnastics Equipment Safety Upgrades		
Our Gymnastics Equipment Safety Upgrades project will address the replacement of damaged and overused gymnastics equipment to enhance athlete safety and program quality. The acquisition of safe, reliable and high-quality equipment is essential to supporting all programming at Key City Gymnastics Club (KCGC), which serves over 2000 participants and members annually. Updated equipment will ensure a safe, inclusive, and positive training environment for all users of the facility. With high and rising costs of specialized gymnastics equipment, we endeavor to purchase and replace equipment on a rotational basis. With a high-volume equipment usage, it is a financial challenge to keep up with the purchases and replacements required to run our programs. The Gymnastics Equipment Safety Upgrades have identified several pieces of equipment required to be replaced or purchased that will improve the experience of all athletes. We will be kicking off a fundraising campaign to raise the funds required to replace key equipment pieces this year, that are showing signs of wear and tear and/or has reached the end of its maximum use recommendation. The campaign, along with fundraising opportunities, will be posted on our website and social media platforms along with photos and a tracking method to monitor how close we are to achieving our goal.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$19,000.00
	Electoral Area C	<u>\$7,190.00</u>
		\$26,190.00

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Key City Theatre Society		
EdFest 2026		
ED Fest 2026 is the fourth annual edition of Cranbrook's free, outdoor, multi-day arts festival, presented in Rotary Park and Downtown Cranbrook.		
The 2026 edition marks the 100th anniversary of Cranbrook's Great Elephant Escape of 1926, a defining moment in the community's local folklore and identity.		
Building on three successful years of delivery, ED Fest 2026 will present a curated mix of:		
- Live music and performance - Visual arts and public art installations - Lantern Parade - Circus arts - Storytelling and historical interpretation - Youth and family creative zones - Indigenous and intercultural programming - Artisan market and food vendors		
The festival will use the anniversary as a creative lens, inviting artists and the public to explore themes of escape, belonging, movement, and imagination through accessible and participatory arts experiences.		
New in 2026:		
- A 100th anniversary Ed the Elephant procession featuring a large-scale puppet and community-built elements - A commissioned site-specific performance inspired by the escape - Expanded youth arts programming - Increased participation from regional artists across the Kootenays		
ED Fest continues to grow as a cornerstone cultural event for Cranbrook, strengthening local cultural identity while supporting shoulder-season tourism, downtown animation, and paid opportunities for artists.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$11,907.00
	City of Kimberley	\$750.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,250.00
		\$16,907.00

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

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64		
Theatre@C64 Fall Season		
Theatre@C64 is a community theatre program developed by Centre 64 in collaboration with local artists and volunteers. The project will provide accessible, inclusive opportunities for youth and adults in Kimberley and the surrounding area to participate in all aspects of live theatre, both onstage and behind the scenes. Building on the success of a pantomime Puss in Boots for the holidays, Theatre@C64 will conduct mainstage performances in Fall 2026 season. Supported by monthly drop-in improv nights and exploratory workshops, participants will have opportunities to engage in acting, directing, playwriting, costume and set design, stage management, and technical theatre. Programming will be open to a range of experience levels, from first-time participants to experienced performers, with an emphasis on skill development, mentorship, and collaborative creation. Theatre@C64 productions will take form through a combination of facilitated rehearsals, workshops led by local theatre professionals, and volunteer support. Centre 64 will provide rehearsal and performance space, administrative coordination, and promotional support. Productions will culminate in public performances, strengthening Kimberley's cultural offerings while creating welcoming entry points into the performing arts. Theatre@C64 aims to build community connection, foster creative confidence, and support diverse storytelling in Kimberley. By lowering barriers to participation and offering consistent programming, the project will help grow a sustainable local theatre culture and expand access to live performance in a rural setting.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$495.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
		<u>\$4,995.00</u>

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Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64		
WERX@C64		
WERX@C64 is Centre 64's visual arts programming, delivered through three dedicated studio spaces designed for hands-on creative learning. Launched in Fall 2025, WERX@C64 offers a range of accessible artistic experiences, including short-term and weekend workshops, as well as multi-week classes taught by local artists, artisans, and creative practitioners from across the region. The project increases creative opportunities for residents in Kimberley and surrounding rural communities by providing high-quality, affordable instruction across a variety of artistic disciplines and skill levels. Early response to the program has been strong, with participants engaging from across the region and demonstrating a clear appetite for ongoing, community-based creative learning. Funding will support the continued delivery and growth of WERX@C64 by covering workshop supplies and targeted advertising. Providing materials for each workshop reduces barriers to participation, particularly in remote, rural contexts where sourcing specialized art supplies can be difficult and costly. This approach ensures workshops remain inclusive, welcoming, and financially accessible to a broad range of participants. Advertising support will enable Centre 64 to reach new audiences, increase enrollment, and maximize attendance, ensuring workshops are well attended and sustainable. Together, these supports will strengthen Centre 64's capacity to deliver consistent, high-quality programming, support local creatives, and foster community connection through shared creative experiences.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$3,500.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$2,000.00
		<u>\$21,000.00</u>

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Kimberley Trails Society

Purple People Pleaser Trail Redesign and Refurbish

The project will refurbish, redesign, and partially reroute the Purple People Pleaser (PPP) mountain bike trail on Bootleg Mountain in Kimberley, BC. PPP is one of the most heavily used intermediate trails in the network and serves as a critical progression step for riders advancing from beginner-friendly trails such as NIMBY and Spicy Kitty.

The Bootleg Mountain trail network is the primary shuttle and pedal access downhill area in the region offering a dedicated and managed recreation site through a partnership agreement with Rec Sites and Trails BC. Bootleg Mountain sees significant ridership from surrounding communities and tourists between May and October.

The project will extend the trail from 1.45km to approximately 2.3km, reduce the overall trail grade by 4%, and introduce purpose-built speed-control features such as berms, grade reversals, rollers, and technical trail features. Approximately 700 m of degraded trail will be reclaimed, 700m of existing trail will be retained, and new trail segments will be constructed to create a more sustainable alignment.

This work will be achieved through professional trail design, selective machine-assisted construction using narrow equipment, and volunteer and contractor support coordinated by the Kimberley Trails Society (KTS). The final trail will be narrower than the existing alignment to promote controlled speeds, reduce maintenance needs, improve long-term durability and user experience.

City of Cranbrook	\$10,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$15,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$5,000.00
	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

Kin Club of Cranbrook

Kinsmen Water Spray Park Upgrades

The Kin Club of Cranbrook will upgrade our water spray park with fixtures that will be safe for the children to use. Our toddler slide needs to be replaced as the water doesn't work properly in the slide currently. This will help more families be able to utilize the park because all fixtures will work properly for the kids. Working with our partner Park Works out of Kelowna BC we have identified a suitable replacement to the existing slide that should more or less bolt into place.

City of Cranbrook	\$20,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$3,500.00
	<u>\$23,500.00</u>

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Kootenay Columbia Air Search and Rescue Society		
Sponsoring: Southeast Drone Search and Rescue Team		
Search and Rescue Gear Acquisition and Response Level Training		
This project will provide our team with the necessary equipment for ensuring that we can see all targets clearly as they are spotted by the drone. The Spotter will have a larger visual plane to be able to see small objects and discern between bystanders and actual search targets. This will decrease the amount of time that it takes to search a given area. An important part of our response is the ability to search in the dark using thermal cameras. We have recognized the need to light up our search command post for the safety of the people working the area, along with a well lit area to land in. The jackets we intend to purchase will allow us to identify ourselves amongst other search teams during a search, as well as during the process of analyzing search photos and videos. Because we also train and respond to tasks with GSAR groups we have the need to be able to accompany them into the back country during all seasons without causing them any extra effort or stress. AST1 training would allow us to accompany them into avalanche zones, and Remote First aid would give our team a level of first aid that would be relevant to remote responses.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,325.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,200.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,324.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,200.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,200.00
		<u>\$11,849.00</u>

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Kootenay East Soccer Association		
KESA Building Community Through Soccer		
The Kootenay East Soccer Association (KESA) is proud to maintain its Canada Soccer Member Association Level 1 designation-an achievement that reflects our commitment to high-'quality programming and a supportive, community-'driven soccer environment. This recognition underscores our dedication to creating meaningful opportunities for players, coaches, referees, and families across the East Kootenay region. As a Level 1 association, KESA prioritizes coach education by offering free, accessible training such as Learn to Train, Fundamentals, and Soccer for Life. These programs strengthen volunteer coaching capacity while inspiring youth to explore leadership pathways, helping build a sustainable future for soccer in our community. To address the growing need for qualified officials, KESA is also launching a free Referee Course for members this year. This initiative supports local clubs and tournaments at a time when referee shortages are increasingly challenging sport organizations nationwide. KESA remains committed to reducing financial barriers for families by covering tournament fees, field rentals, and jerseys for players in both House and REP/DEV programs. These efforts ensure that all children-regardless of financial circumstances-can participate fully and confidently. Through these initiatives, KESA continues to strengthen community connection, expand access, and support the long-'term growth of the beautiful game throughout the region.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$29,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$12,300.00
	Electoral Area C	\$9,300.00
	Electoral Area E	\$6,000.00
		<u>\$57,100.00</u>

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Kootenay Outdoors Recreation Enterprise (KORE Outdoors)		
ReHUB Mobile Repair Tour 2026		
The 2026 ReHub Mobile Repair Tour will deliver measurable environmental and community impact across the East and West Kootenay, offering outdoor gear repair, sustainability programming, and workforce skill development. ReHub is KORE Outdoors's circular gear initiative focused on repair, reuse, and redesign of outdoor gear to sustain product life and divert materials from local landfills. We're helping communities and the outdoor gear industry shifts away from single use thinking by keeping products in use longer. Through repair clinics, upcycling workshops, community gear swaps, and collaborations with designers, ReHUB helps reduce waste and create and extend new value from old outdoor gear. The 2026 tour will travel to 12 communities in the Kootenay and Columbia Regions June 2026 September 2026. Each one day event will feature a seven-person ReHub Repair Crew (one Tour Manager, three Repair Technicians, one Intake Coordinator, and one DIY Educator, one driver) delivering repairs, demonstrations, and community workshops supported by local organizations and businesses. The ReHub Tour is a collaborative project with College of the Rockies (COTR) who are providing the Mobile Education Lounge (MEL) truck and trailer and driver.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$2,500.00
	District of Invermere	\$2,500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$2,500.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

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Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Child and Family Service Society		
Pantry Program at t?ikxawi?ikimik - Foundry East Kootenay		
The Pantry Project at Foundry East Kootenay supports youth aged 12-24 and their caregivers by providing access to healthy food, hot lunches and basic hygiene products in a safe, inclusive, and judgment-free space. Foundry East Kootenay is part of a province-wide network of integrated health and social services, offering care in areas such as physical health, mental health, substance use, social services, and peer support. The Pantry Project responds to increasing food insecurity and limited access to hygiene supplies-issues that directly affect dignity, self-confidence, wellbeing, and participation in school, work, and community life. The pantry ensures that any youth or family visiting Foundry can access the essentials they need, when they need them. Building on two successful years, this funding will maintain and enhance pantry operations, with a small portion of the budget supporting hygiene items like menstrual products and toiletries. Foundry staff will restock items regularly, support the weekly lunch program, monitor usage trends, and engage youth in identifying emerging needs to ensure the pantry remains responsive and effective. By reducing barriers and promoting equitable access to essential supplies, the Pantry Project strengthens community connection, supports health and wellbeing, and demonstrates Foundry East Kootenay's commitment to youth-centered, inclusive care.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
		\$12,000.00

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Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society		
M2BL TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome) Project		
Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue Society is dedicated to controlling the region's feral cat population through its Trap-Neuter-Return/Rehome (TNR) program. Our experienced volunteers deliver animals from cat containment units throughout the region to local vets for examination and neutering procedures. The animals are treated as required, and evaluated for suitability for placement in homes (in the case of kittens) or returned to their original location (in the case of adults not able to be domesticated). The desired outcome is to humanely keep the feral cat population under control. Why is a TNR program needed? Feral cat colonies originate from kittens born within the colony, or from intact domesticated cats that have been abandoned or lost. In five years, an unsprayed feral female can have up to 20,000 descendants beginning at 5 months of age. Feral cats tend to live together in groups or colonies, in both urban and rural areas. Besides humanely keeping the number of feral cats in check, TNR programs promote cat health through vaccinations and help reduce unwanted spraying and fighting behaviours. Kittens that can be ethically socialized can be adopted out which also helps with population control.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,750.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,200.00
	Electoral Area C	\$8,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$3,250.00
	Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
		<u>\$17,700.00</u>

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Military Ames

Veterans and First Responders Appreciation BBQ

Veterans and First Responders Appreciation BBQ - On August 20, Military Ames, in collaboration with The Rolling Barrage, a coast-to-coast, x-Canada motorcycle ride, will partner with the Cranbrook Legion to host an appreciation BBQ in Cranbrook. The event welcomes Veterans, active Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP, First Responders, their families and is open to everyone. Military Ames also prepares welcome packages for all riders, often exceeding 250 participants.

The BBQ serves three key purposes:

1. To express gratitude and support for Veterans, active Military, RCMP, and First Responders.
 2. To foster connection and collaboration, reinforcing that participants are not alone in their experiences.
 3. To raise awareness of PTSD, promote healing, and connect individuals to support and peer networks.
- The event has been held in Cranbrook since 2017 and, until recently, was funded mainly out of pocket by volunteers. As attendance has grown, serving nearly 400 people in 2025, the cost of hosting the BBQ has increased beyond what volunteers can sustain. In 2025, expenses exceeded \$4,000. With 2026 marking the 10th anniversary of The Rolling Barrage, rider registration and interest are already significantly higher.

The BBQ operates on a donation basis, with 100% of proceeds supporting programs for Veterans and First Responders. Since its inception, the event has fostered meaningful, lasting connections among individuals & organizations.

City of Cranbrook	\$800.00
City of Kimberley	\$400.00
Electoral Area C	\$500.00
Electoral Area E	\$400.00
	\$2,100.00

North Star Rails to Trails Society

Rails to Trails Enhancement and Improvement

We have 2 projects this year. The first is invasive species control, which a local contractor does in the fall and the following spring. To maintain the physical integrity of the Trail, keeping it safe for users, weeds must be kept away from the pavement edges. A stretch of land 1 metre on each side of the Trail is chemically treated, with physical weed removal of more difficult sections.

The second project is at the request of cyclists using the trail: we need more bike racks at the various scenic viewpoints on the Trail. We plan to install 4 racks this year: an extra one each at 2 existing stops, and 2 at the new gazebo above Marysville. The racks will be purchased at a local manufacturing business and installed by the business with assistance from the Directors and other volunteers.

City of Cranbrook	\$16,922.34
City of Kimberley	\$6,206.58
Electoral Area C	\$11,557.08
Electoral Area E	\$2,214.00
	\$36,900.00

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Northern BC Friends of Children - East Kootenay Branch		
East Kootenay Family Support Project		
Our project will ensure that East Kootenay families can attend essential medical appointments, regardless of their financial circumstances. In addition to easing travel costs, we offer emotional support and referrals to other organizations that can provide additional assistance. Friends of Children helps cover expenses such as fuel, accommodations, parking, and meals, and works closely with partner agencies to connect families with additional resources and information. Together, this support ensures families are not alone when they must travel to access vital medical care for their child		
	City of Cranbrook	\$18,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$25,000.00</u>

**Pinewood Elementary School
Sponsoring: Pinewood Elementary School PAC**

Pinewood Playground

The playground at Pinewood school has some very old pieces that we would love to replace! The children of the school decided that they would like swings and slides in replace of these older items.

Though the school replaced a large section of the playground about a decade ago, we believe it is time to finish it up for the children!

The project will enhance the features at the school for children's entertainment and enjoyment. We will fundraise and apply for grants to fund this project.

City of Cranbrook	\$7,500.00
Electoral Area C	\$7,500.00
	<u>\$15,000.00</u>

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Purcell Hut Association		
Backcountry Hut Feasibility Assessment		
The Purcell Hut Association (PHA) is undertaking a feasibility assessment to support the development of additional backcountry huts within the region. PHA currently manages the Mt. Patrick Hut in the St. Mary Valley, which has provided safe, low-impact backcountry access for over three decades. With growing demand for non-motorized recreation, PHA is seeking to responsibly expand this network. The assessment will include site identification and mapping, environmental and wildlife considerations, access and construction constraints, and consultation with groups that may be impacted. PHA has already had preliminary discussions with Kimberley Trails Society, Recreation Sites and Trails BC, local residents, and Éᑎᑏᑏᑏᑏᑏ Community Enterprises. This project will strengthen regional recreation planning, improve safety and accessibility for users, and lay the groundwork for future investment in sustainable outdoor infrastructure that supports community well-being and economic resilience. While several locations have been assessed, further investigation is required to identify the ideal candidate that meets the objectives of multiple partners. For example, a frontcountry cabin close to Kimberley/Cranbrook would provide a safe and convenient non-motorized access site for families. This project will commit to working with multiple stakeholders to assess a plan that aligns with environmental stewardship, conservation priorities, and sustainable recreation principles.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$10,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$10,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$10,000.00
		<u>\$40,000.00</u>

Rocky Mountain Metis Association

Rocky Mountain Metis Association Monthly Gatherings Project

The Rocky Mountain Metis Association (RMMA) Monthly Gathering Project will employ a Volunteer Coordinator to organize monthly events for the Metis people of the City of Cranbrook and surrounding area. The Volunteer Coordinator will use the existing RMMA volunteer base to host cultural events once a month including land-based activities, cultural practices, and language learning sessions. Additionally, the project will invite nearby Metis organizations from Invermere, Golden, Nelson, and Castlegar to come and participate when possible.

City of Cranbrook	\$15,000.00
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Rotary Club of Cranbrook		
Upgrade Story Walk Portion of Rotary Way		
The project will replace failing sections of the 20+ year old paved Rotary Way trail that comprises the Story Walk portion of the trail network built by high school students within a Rotaract Club sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club and will construct a large signage kiosk showcasing the Story Walk along with other signage that shows the overall trail and its connections throughout the community. The Story Walk is a portion of Rotary Way where portions of a student created story are displayed on sign posts about 100m apart along a section of the trail. Reading the individual portions of the stories on the sign posts encourages people to utilize that full portion of Rotary way to complete the full story. The student created stories are replaced on a regular basis.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$55,000.00
Senior Citizens' Association of Cranbrook		
Renovation of Four Bathrooms		
Building is over 45 years old and bathrooms appear to be original and deteriorating. Men's and Women's bathrooms are located on main and lower floors. Inspections and discussions indicate a complete tear-out and replacement of drywall, flooring, fixtures, safety bars, handicap access stalls and sinks with durable, easily maintained materials.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$80,145.00
	City of Kimberley	\$5,000.00
	Electoral Area C	\$10,000.00
		<u>\$95,145.00</u>

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**Southeast Kootenay School District No. 5
Sponsoring: Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Initiative**

Outdoor Classroom Kits for Schools RDEK

Southeast Kootenay School District 5 and Rocky Mountain School District 6 have collaborated with other local school districts for the past 10 years to offer the Take Me Outside for Learning School Year Challenge. This challenge encourages teachers to sign up to commit to taking their learning outside regularly throughout the school year. The goal of this is to deepen academic outcomes while also supporting better mental and physical health. In exchange, we endeavor to provide resources and support to help them do so effectively. In past years, with your support, we offered classrooms that signed up for this challenge a customizable outdoor learning classroom kit (\$500 value) to support them in undertaking this challenge, and this was met with a huge amount of appreciation! We've attached some of the feedback received. However, we were not able to offer this support to a portion of the classes that signed up. As a result, we would like to request your support in being able to provide access to these resources for more classes in the RDEK. We have requested a total of \$6,000 from you through this program, which in addition to support from other funders.

City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
District of Elkford	\$400.00
District of Sparwood	\$400.00
Electoral Area A	\$300.00
Electoral Area B	\$300.00
Electoral Area C	\$300.00
Electoral Area E	\$300.00
	\$11,000.00

Spirit of the Rockies Society

RockiesFest 2026

The Spirit of the Rockies festival rallies Cranbrook businesses, clubs, organizations and volunteers to bring a primarily free city-wide 4 day festival to citizens and visitors. Activities such as public breakfasts/ bbqs, multiple sports tournaments, friendly competitions, music/ entertainment, a grand parade, market, games and demonstrations will showcase our city's infrastructure, culture and pride in our community. The festival coordinates more than 50 activities and attracts delegates from near and far. The festival brings social unity, showcases local talent and provides skill/ leadership development opportunities to the citizens of Cranbrook and surrounding areas. Free family activities remain accessible to all regardless of financial status.

City of Cranbrook	\$28,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$12,000.00
	\$40,000.00

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St. Aidan Orthodox Church		
Free Breakfast for the Vulnerable		
Our St. Aidan breakfast for the vulnerable program has now been in continuous operation for more than 7 years, serving Monday and Wednesday free breakfasts from 7:30 - 9:30am to Cranbrook's vulnerable sector. We have 10 regular and 4 occasional volunteers. The main goal is to provide an excellent breakfast, a listening ear and caring support to our struggling often homeless friends, showing them they are not judged, but simply welcomed and respected. We provide a full service menu with a menu of 3 choices of eggs, 3 meats, pancakes, fruit, yogurt, hash browns, cheese, tomatoes, toast, fresh ground coffee, juice etc. In addition we supply 50 freshly made sandwiches (2 scrambled eggs, extra thick heritage bacon, and cheddar cheese on a toasted buttered bun) to the Step Up and old Travel Lodge homeless shelters every Monday and Wednesday morning, all year. We also host an annual free Christmas day meal (9 Turkeys, 2 pork and 2 ham roasts with all the trimmings) and give away hundreds of Christmas gifts and food cards with help from the Food Bank. Over \$10,000 in food cards were distributed last year as well. Simple friendship and non-judgmental acceptance is valued as much or more as the breakfast. We also direct those unfamiliar with the various agencies in Cranbrook, to places offering appropriate help.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$20,000.00
Summit Community Services Society		
Sponsoring: Kid's Club Afterschool Program		
Kid's Club Flooring		
We would love to change the flooring at our afterschool program! Changing the flooring from carpet to vinyl will be better for the children's health, as well as opening up opportunities for messy play and crafts. This will be achieved by having a local flooring company come and replace it! We have already been in touch.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$15,350.00

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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
	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

Sunrise Rotary Club of Cranbrook

Kootenay Rockies Gran Fondo

The Kootenay Rockies Gran Fondo (KRGF) is a world class cycling event. 2025 had a record 556 registrants. The event promotes the mental and physical benefits of cycling. This is a ride not a race. Well over 50% of the riders come from outside the area, thus promoting tourism with a significant economic benefit to the region. (Cranbrook Tourism reported in excess of \$600,000). Funds raised support Rotary service projects, including the construction of the proposed Cranbrook Kimberley Hospice facility. Partner service organizations that work at the event also receive some funds that support their local projects. Over 200 volunteers support ride day and the event is managed by a core of experienced individuals.

City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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

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Symphony of the Kootenays Association		
Western Skies		
Western Skies at Fort Steele is a family-friendly outdoor symphonic concert presented by the Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) at Fort Steele Heritage Town, in collaboration with the Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation (CAMAL - site operator) and participating Indigenous partners. The project will offer an accessible cultural experience that brings residents and visitors together in a setting that reflects regional history and living cultures. The event will include a public performance on June 27, 2026, supported by professional staging and audience services appropriate for an outdoor venue (including specialized audio support to ensure clear, inclusive sound coverage for attendees). The program and event elements will be developed with Indigenous participation to ensure respectful engagement and to create space for multiple perspectives-past and present-through shared experience, storytelling, and music. SOTK will also offer community-access measures such as a mix of adult and youth pricing, complimentary tickets allocated for Indigenous community members and underserved households, and a public-facing component (e.g., an open rehearsal or community welcome) to reduce barriers to first-time attendance. The project will be delivered by SOTK's professional production team, contracted musicians, and partners at Fort Steele/CAMAL, with a clear plan for attendance tracking, participant feedback, and post-event reporting.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$2,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$500.00
		\$6,000.00

The Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays

Enjoy Your Baby

Enjoy Your Baby (EYB) is a brand new 5-week, 10 hour mental health and wellness course that provides the skills and resources new parents need to navigate the postpartum stage and is specifically for parents/caregivers of babies 0-12 months old. Parents will learn how to build confidence as a parent, feel closer to their baby, manage low mood, stress and anxiety and connect with other parents in a welcoming, community setting led by a certified facilitator. This course is group-based and grounded in the principles of cognitive behavioural therapy which assist people with making practical changes to the way they are thinking and behaving in order to improve how they are feeling. This will be a new project for Enjoy Your Baby being delivered in Cranbrook for the first time.

City of Cranbrook	\$3,650.00
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The Cranbrook Curling Club		
AV Enhancement for Community Events		
The project involves the installation of state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment in the Cranbrook Curling Club, including a laser projector, remote drop-down screen, and a professional sound system. The equipment will be purchased and installed by a qualified professional to ensure proper setup and functionality. This upgrade will enhance the functionality of our hall, making it an attractive and professional space for small businesses, organizations, and community groups to hold meetings, presentations, and events. By improving our facilities, the project will increase rental opportunities and generate additional revenue, which will support ongoing programs and help the club become successful. The Cranbrook Curling Club is a valuable community asset, offering a welcoming space for both recreational and professional gatherings. This project will raise awareness of our facilities, draw more visitors, and encourage broader community engagement in Cranbrook and the surrounding area. Cranbrook is lacking meeting space so this is a win for both the Cranbrook Curling Club and the community.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,800.00
	Electoral Area C	\$2,595.00
		<u>\$8,395.00</u>
The Friends of the Cranbrook Public Library		
Under the Sea!		
The Summer Reading Club's theme, "Under the Sea!" will stimulate a large section of Cranbrook and Area C's school children to continue their literacy journey over the summer months. This incentive program helps kids build their confidence in reading, while having fun and building stronger connections with their public library over the summer months. Studies continue to show that children attending the Summer Reading Club do better in school in the fall. Books for Babies gives new parents the opportunity to read to their infant, helping them develop language, memory, and imagination. Senior programming helps older adults feel connected and less isolated. Adult literacy programs help with improved personal development, enhanced community engagement, boosted self-esteem, access to information, and a supportive learning environment.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$9,675.20
	Electoral Area C	\$2,418.80
		<u>\$12,094.00</u>

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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

Wasa & District 4-H Club

Youth in Agriculture

This project will establish the foundational infrastructure for the Wasa & District 4-H Club, enabling it to operate effectively across a large rural area. Funding will be used to acquire essential shared equipment and storage, including sewing machines, sergers, livestock handling tools, grooming equipment, pop-up shelters, small engines tools, and a secure storage solution. These resources will allow youth to fully participate in skill-building activities related to animal husbandry, trades, crafting, and agricultural education regardless of family income or access to personal equipment. The project will be implemented through coordinated purchasing, safe storage set-up, and supervised use of equipment during club programming. This will remove barriers, strengthen programming quality, and support the long-term sustainability of this rural 4-H chapter.

City of Cranbrook	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$5,250.00
Electoral Area C	\$5,250.00
Electoral Area E	\$5,500.00
	\$21,000.00

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Wildsight Kimberley/Cranbrook

Apple Capture: Shared Resource Project

The Apple Capture Program is a community-driven initiative that promotes local food sustainability, resource sharing, and public engagement in Kimberley and Cranbrook. The program reduces food waste, increases access to fresh local fruit, and strengthens community connections through a multifaceted approach:

- 24/7 equipment sheds on city owned land, in Cranbrook and Kimberley, providing tools for pruning, harvesting, and processing. The sheds are accessible through online sign up at no cost to users.
- A shared fruit tree resource list connecting community members with trees on private land that are available for harvesting.
- Organized community gleaning and processing events, bringing together volunteers, local organizations, and residents to learn, harvest, and preserve fruit collectively.

Continuous improvement is central to the program. Feedback from multiple years indicates the need for major equipment and systems improvements. We are seeking support to:

1. Implement automated responses and restructure the website for clarity, reducing coordinator time and improving user experience.
2. Develop and test improved manuals and guidelines to empower participants and reduce the need for direct oversight.
3. Purchase additional and replacement equipment to expand the free resource-sharing program, ensuring safe, efficient, and accessible fruit harvesting for the entire community.

These upgrades will strengthen the program as a climate-resilient, sustainable food initiative, supporting local food security and community engagement while maximizing City resources.

City of Cranbrook	\$994.00
City of Kimberley	\$1,325.00
Electoral Area C	\$497.00
Electoral Area E	\$497.00
	\$3,313.00

Total Funding Requested:	\$758,066.54
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