

Organization **Nelson & District Arts Council**

Registration # S-0008686  
Box 422, Nelson BC V1L 5R2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **ArtWalk 2024**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson  
Across Nelson, with a major focus on the downtown core, inside and outside of businesses.

Importance to the community:  
In this unpersicdented time, we need arts more than ever. It is what unites us as a community during our darkest times, and the pandemic brought this to light. Artists need opportunities in order to survive, and this will support those artists. This staple event in it's 35th year has become a go to for individuals in the region, who are invested in it continuing. Despite the complexities that the world presents, ArtWalk allows our community to show our civic pride, and give residents and artists a sense of unity. Benefactors Include (but are not limited to): Visual and Performance Artists, Business Owners, Arts Lovers, Youth, Tourists, Technical Professionals

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/8/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$8,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

ArtWalk is celebrating 35 years of local/regional artist promotion and community arts engagement. The pandemic has highlighted the importance of support through providing paid opportunities to perform and a low barrier gallery where visual artists can be featured. Up to 50 visual artists are hosted in up to 30 venues across the summer. A brochure is distributed across the region, highlighting this community staple: a free, family friendly summer event that tourists and locals alike participate in. NDAC promotes artists through our social media platforms, driving traffic toward the in person galleries throughout the community.

Two in person openings are hosted and will feature up to 20 local performance artists each, who will be paid professional fees for their work. Thousands of individuals attend the openings. ArtWalk ensures that downtown core is activated with performance art in different genres and styles so that everyone in the community can see something that they connect with.

We will be waiving all artist fees for the gallery portion of ArtWalk, so as to ensure that artists are able to take home as much money as possible.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nelson & District Arts Council's mandate is to stimulate, broaden, encourage and facilitate cultural opportunities, projects and activities in Nelson and District.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Artists continue to be desperate for paid gigs due to the climate that the pandemic has left the arts and culture sector in.

Not enough rural Shows: Showcasing of rural artists, both visual and performance

Artists are asked to volunteer all the time: Appropriate pay of rural artists

Rural Youth need engagement: Youth Artist Support

There are no opportunities for people facing financial barriers: Barrier Free Visual and Performance Arts Exposure

Community Building: Community events increase civic pride

Events aren't easy for seniors/individuals with mobility issues to access: Accessible events in centralized locations

Arts Technicians need employment: Provide jobs for arts techs whether in person or online

As an artist support organization, we hear time and time again that the above needs need to be filled. We are proud to bring these benefits to the community, while addressing these needs.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Arts Council was the initiator of the ArtWalk movement in Western North America in 1988. We have proudly delivered this project for over three decades and are a prominent and trusted organization in the cultural community. We have the staff and expertise to ensure that the 2024 edition of ArtWalk is a success

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: ArtWalk 2024**

NDAC ED (secures funding), ArtWalk Coordinator Stephanie Myers, a Technical team will support live music at the live events, a Canada Summer Jobs Student has been applied for to support the project with marketing and admin as well.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Hall Printing - In Kind Design Assistance  
Local Business Owners - In Kind Marketing Assistance

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson & District Arts Council**

Registration # 2-0008686  
Box 422, Nelson BC V1L 5R2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Rural Artist Support Weekend 2024**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Online. We have found that our attendance greatly increases when we hold the sessions online.

Importance to the community:

The Arts and Culture sector is in desperate need of support. When we provide artists with education, we provide the whole community with benefits. Educated artists navigate the business world more efficiently, increasing their ability to make sales (local economy), market themselves (outside our community) and operate as businesses. Offering these sessions in a barrier free setting allows for anyone to access services that can be seen as challenging/financially prohibitive to access. All speakers are paid for their time in the form of an honoraria in order to encourage the symbiotic relationship between the arts and business.

Bringing in representatives from funding bodies allows for rural artists to connect with the funders, building relationships that are invaluable for their career opportunities. Artists have the opportunity to directly have their questions and concerns addressed face to face, something that is readily available for metropolitan artists but not for our rural communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 12/15/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$2,750.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

**Project: Rural Artist Support Weekend 2024**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,500.00	\$9,150.00	\$9,150.00

**1. The project will provide:**

In the fall of 2016, NDAC hosted an Arts and Poverty Forum. That roundtable discussion determined that a major need of local and regional artists is education on the business of being an artist. The first RASW was held in 2017, and it has become an annual event, featuring fully accessible educational opportunities to over 1000 artists in our region to date.

RASW provides artists with education in areas that they might not be comfortable accessing. Artists are provided with a free weekend symposium featuring speakers from the business community (mortgage broker, marketing expert, financial planner, curator, lawyer) as well as roundtable discussions focusing on the local artists' concerns. NDAC works to bring in speakers from provincial funding bodies and entities. This allows for artists to connect directly with funders, building relationships that can be invaluable for career opportunities.

We will be tailoring sessions to meet the needs of artists in the current cultural climate. Alongside our regular business oriented sessions, we will offer education on how to ensure audience/artist safety, resilience funding options and more. We also will host a presentation on cultural appropriation, a topic that requires a lot of discussion in our predominantly caucasian community.

We also provide ASL interpretation at our event and are one of the only organizations doing this work in the region.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nelson & District Arts Council's mandate is to stimulate, broaden, encourage and facilitate artistic opportunities, projects and activities in Nelson and District.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Many artists find the business of art daunting. Not understanding business can be a massive barrier and RASW provides the opportunity to become comfortable with the business of art. Sessions have included marketing, insurance, investment, grant writing and more. Every session is different and provides a perspective on business that artists of all disciplines can engage with.

Rural Artists find it challenging to connect with funders. In 2023 we saw RASW feature speakers from Creative BC, BC Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts. This interaction is rarely afforded in rural communities, and

**Project: Rural Artist Support Weekend 2024**

provided local artists with the opportunity to directly communicate and build relationships with provincial funders/organizations based in the lower mainland.

Cultural appropriation is an issue that local artists often struggle with. Providing education on this topic will allow for local artists to develop respectful practices, especially when working outside their own histories and cultures.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This will be our eighth year offering the event and we have seen it increase in popularity annually from our initial roundtable discussion. As the arts service organization in the area we are the perfect conduit to connect artists and businesses, as we have healthy relationships with both groups. Our networking and marketing skills ensure that the events are well attended and our online forum provides for an accessible space, a huge bonus when working with people that could potentially face physical and monetary barriers.

We have the experience with live-streaming events so implementing a digital version of this event will not be an issue.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Nelson and District Arts Council, Local Business Experts, Creative BC, BC Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Any of the presenters from funding bodies from the province or federal government are unable to receive payment for their presentations, so their sessions are provided in kind.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **New Denver and Area Youth Centre Society**

Registration # S-0059479

Box 151, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Denver and Area Youth Network-Administrative Coordination**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton

The Outlet Youth Centre, Lucerne School, various sites within Area H and the Villages of New Denver and Silverton.

Importance to the community:

This project has a beneficial impact on youth in our community. This project demonstrates to youth their value and that they are cared for - our youth centre is located on the main street of New Denver, where youth are seen and acknowledged. We are active in supporting the work of staff and advocates to address the needs and challenges faced by youth such as: youth engaging in unhealthy behaviors; access to food, transportation and health support systems. Staff continue to expand their professional development, especially those opportunities offered through the Basin Youth Network such as outdoor leadership courses. The network seeks to support youth who are engaged as well as those experiencing barriers in school and community life. The network continues to place a high priority on providing healthy food during drop-in activities and workshop days.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$900.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$3,200.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$3,000.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$7,100.00</b>	<b>\$69,275.00</b>	<b>\$69,275.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project is to support funding for the coordinator position for the New Denver and Area Youth Network. Organizational responsibilities include: bookkeeping, staffing, scheduling, communications, reporting (government, funders, board and membership), convening meetings, fundraising, outreach, establishing and maintaining community partnerships, programming and activities and youth advocacy. Prioritizing this role ensures the Network's capacity to provide diverse and meaningful programming for youth. Programming activities include leadership course, recreation (skiing, climbing wall, archery, hiking etc.), first aid, food safe and driving courses, art and music workshops and more.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To alleviate rural isolation and work to prevent at risk behavior and substance abuse. To provide a wide variety of opportunities for youth in the areas of skill building, leadership, work experience, personal enrichment and the pursuit of individual interests. To ensure that all youth have access to programming and opportunities while working to reduce barriers, financial and otherwise.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Youth Network offers programming and opportunities based on feedback from youth as well as emerging priorities. We conduct a youth survey every year that helps us plan programming. The Network includes adults who are committed to youth advocacy and who regularly interact with youth. The network supports youth through the Empowerment Tools for Teens program (bursary program to support youth interests); contributes to youth work experience opportunities such as the Summer Salad Bar at our local farmers' market, odd jobs for seniors as well as a new youth internship program at the Outlet Youth Centre; and youth enrichment opportunities such as the CBT Leadership Journey course and the music program, School of Rock. The network ensures that the Outlet Youth Centre is a welcoming space for youth drop-in and that there is food, art supplies, games and technology available when open.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This organization is now in its 13th year of operating, having determined early on through a strategic planning process that the administrative position was key to sustainability and growth while relieving our volunteer board of the day to day tasks. The New Denver Youth Network has created and maintained strong relationships with community organizations, Lucerne School, parents and community members, and mental health professionals, all in the interest of serving the needs of youth. We have a dedicated Board and staff as well as a longstanding relationship with the Trust. This project ensures that these relationships remain strong and that meaningful funding is available for youth programming.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**



**Project: New Denver and Area Youth Network-Administrative Coordination**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Coordinator, supervisors, Board members, volunteers, parents and community members/facilitators.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers contribute hours through facilitating activities, fundraising, youth transportation, chaperoning, cooking etc. The volunteer Board of

Directors meets monthly. Youth contribute volunteer hours toward fundraising and community activities as well.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Silverton Community Club**

Registration #

301 6th Street, Box 89, SILVERTON BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Canada Day, July 1, 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The Silverton Creekside Campground and Ball Park, Silverton Memorial Hall, Curling Arena for Silent Auction, and Day Park for Fireworks.

Importance to the community:

Canada Day July 1st is the day to celebrate and remember our country and how great it is. It is a day for the communities to come together, have some fun, socialize, enjoy the bocce tournament, and the many other events. To enjoy the great fireworks display which is the only one held in the communities of Silverton and New Denver.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/30/2024      Project End: 7/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$3,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,350.00</b>	<b>\$18,350.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Celebration of Canada Day July 1st. Bring together the surrounding communities with events as the bocce tournament, breakfast, parade, concession. and beer garden. The singing of O Canada and enjoy the Canada Day cake. There is a silent auction, flea market, kids games, and hopefully another wonderful display of fireworks. The many volunteers help to put it all together.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide community spirit and volunteerism within the community. To provide financial support and resources to projects .To organize existing community projects and develop and promote new ones. To assist and provide resources where needed to insure the community remains a vibrant community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Canada Day July 1st is the day to celebrate and remember our country and how great it is. It is a day for the communities to come together, have some fun, socialize, enjoy the bocce tournament, and the many other events. To enjoy the great fireworks display which is the only one held in the communities of Silverton and New Denver.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

To promote community spirit and volunteerism. To provide financial support to the food bank, hospital auxiliary, and where needed. To help organize, develop, and promote projects and to assist and provide resources where needed.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization, Silverton Community Club, has been celebrating Canada Day for many years. This is the day to bring people together, young and old. We do rely on grants, donations, raffles and the money raised from the breakfast, concession, beer gardens. The many volunteers help to make this event a very successful, fun, and joyous day.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Silverton Community Club members and many volunteers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The many volunteers that help with set-up and take-down and work in the grounds.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Gymnastics Club**

Registration #

Box 851, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Performance Series Crank Beam**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston  
Creston, BC in the gymnastics club location.

Importance to the community:

The 140 young gymnasts aged 3-15+ who participate in your gymnastics classes. We will then be ready to host a local competition (goal is March 2025) and invite gymnasts from our zone (East and West Kootenays).

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 5/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,885.81</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,885.81</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$7,885.81</b>	<b>\$7,885.81</b>	<b>\$7,885.81</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: New Performance Series Crank Beam**

We would like to purchase a new Spieth America Performance Series Crank Beam. This new beam will allow us to be ready to host competitions and adjust the beam height for all our levels of gymnasts (recreational and competitive). Our beams are old and in need of updating to better accommodate all levels of gymnasts.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide gymnastics classes to the youth of the Creston Valley

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The 140 young gymnasts aged 3-15+ who participate in your gymnastics classes. We will then be ready to host a local competition (goal is March 2025) and invite gymnasts from our zone (East and West Kootenays).

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We will be able to safely coach gymnastics on this apparatus to all of our recreational and competitive gymnasts. A crank beam is quicker, easier and safer to adjust for all levels. We now have a competition beam. This is the final piece to be updated in our gym so we can host competitions.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have the location, the space and we are ready to do some heavy lifting to get the new equipment in position. We are excited to grow our club and support our community by hosting a competition in March 2025 (the goal).

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Coaching staff and a few volunteers to move the heavy equipment and get it set-up.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We have volunteers that assist with loading, moving, setting up the equipment.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Starbelly Jam Society**

Registration # S-42877

po box 15, Crawford Bay BC v0b 1e0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Starbelly Jam Music Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Crawford Bay Park

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because it draws larger crowds to our quiet part of the world. It is good for the local businesses and gives them exposure to a larger group of people. Our whole community will benefit from this project as well as further afield areas such as Nelson, Creston and surrounding areas.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/5/2024 Project End: 7/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,500.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**Project: Starbelly Jam Music Festival**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is a 3 day music festival. It will provide entertainment and music as well as arts crafts and children's events to children 12 and under for free. It is also an opportunity for local musicians to have a venue which also showcased larger more well known acts. This festival is an opportunity for our local community to enjoy high quality music. It is also an opportunity to broaden minds and to offer a larger world view to our very small isolated population. Our Artistic Directors chose musical acts from many different genres, cultures and lifestyles.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide a multi-day music festival where children 12 and under are given free admittance with an adult. To broaden minds and world views of our children and youth as well as adults by having a music festival with many different cultures, lifestyles and genres represented. Also to provide high quality music to our isolated population and to provide a venue for local artists.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to our community because it draws larger crowds to our quiet part of the world. It is good for the local businesses and gives them exposure to a larger group of people. Our whole community will benefit from this project as well as further afield areas such as Nelson, Creston and surrounding areas.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This is an excellent opportunity for local musicians to experience a larger venue with exposure from more well known acts. Its an opportunity to bring the larger world to our small isolated area and to expose our children and our population to beautiful music, other cultures and lifestyles.. Our Artistic Directors have been doing this for years and have a great ear and eye for musical acts that will address the aforementioned issues.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Starbelly Jam's board of directors has been putting on a multi day music festival for over 20 years and we are well suited to put on this event.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Starbelly's board of directors  
Our Artistic Directors  
Volunteers from our community

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Starbelly Jam society has many volunteers in the community that help put on the festival.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Girl in the Wild Adventure Association**

Registration # S0072317 / 75957 3538 BC0001  
2042 Blaeberry Road, Golden BC V0A 1H1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Camp 1**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Basecamp/Frontcountry:

Valhalla Pines Campground near Winlaw, BC : July 5 PM - July 6 AM and July 10 PM - July 11 AM

Mount Carlyle Lodge, Sandon, BC: July 6 AM - July 10 AM

Importance to the community:

Not only are we spending money in Area H for a week-we do all of our grocery shopping at the Nelson Save On. \$2000+. We hire a custodian for the Mount Carlyle Lodge. We rent the lodge. We engage locals to porter our gear and food up to the lodge. We rent the campground in Winlaw for basecamp. Etc. But we are also welcoming youth from the community into the program who, when they return back to "regular life", are not only contributing to their own communities in positive ways, but are showing up for their peers and teaching them what they learned at camp to facilitate a more connected, confident generation. youth benefit from seeing what they are capable of and choosing to rise. And we all benefit from a next gen that confidently moves forward.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/5/2024 Project End: 7/11/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$10,184.75</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,684.75</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: 2024 Camp 1

\$11,684.75	\$29,434.75	\$29,434.75
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**1. The project will provide:**

This is a 7-day free confidence-building overnight camp for teenagers who identify as girls or non-binary. They come from all over BC, with approximately 25-40% coming from Kootenay Central specifically each year. (Note, we don't know this percentage for 2024 until we complete camp applications in April-however we have had youth from Castlegar, Nelson, Yahk, Nakusp, Winlaw, etc over the past 5 years and have a strong presence in the region because our camps are held here).

Camp 1 will bring 8 teenagers, aged 15-17 to two locations in Area H-First, Valhalla Pines Campground near Winlaw, which is our basecamp. This is where we prep for our alpine camping experience together and also spend our last night together before dispersing. Two nights are spent here. The other 5 days and 4 nights are spent at the Mount Carlyle lodge out of Sandon.

Our curriculum is based in adventure and vulnerable conversations. Throughout our time together, the youth who come to camp will embark on a program rich with daily meditation, yoga, hiking, bouldering, alpine swimming, vulnerable conversations, dancing, connection, and more. We move them through conversations about body image, negative self talk, comparison and competition and toward goal setting, dreaming, ally ship, gratitude, and support.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide free confidence-building camps in wild spaces to teenagers who identify as girls or non-binary to ultimately eradicate self-loathing.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Not only are we spending money in Area H for a week-we do all of our grocery shopping at the Nelson Save On. \$2000+. We hire a custodian for the Mount Carlyle Lodge. We rent the lodge. We engage locals to porter our gear and food up to the lodge. We rent the campground in Winlaw for basecamp. Etc. But we are also welcoming youth from the community into the program who, when they return back to "regular life", are not only contributing to their own communities in positive ways, but are showing up for their peers and teaching them what they learned at camp to facilitate a more connected, confident generation. youth benefit from seeing what they are capable of and choosing to rise. And we all benefit from a next gen that confidently moves forward.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues addressed:

- self hate / self loathing
- comparison
- self harm
- negative self image
- loneliness / lack of connection

How are they addressed:

Camp applicants answer a series of very vulnerable questions in our application process-so we can uncover what each youth is struggling with and identify if our program is the right one to support them on a journey of healing.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

**Project: 2024 Camp 1**

This is our work. It's a program we developed. Our executive's director's life's work. We've run it for 5 years, 1-2 camps per summer based on funding at the Mount Carlyle Lodge. This is everything we do. Our whole heart. We know how to change lives, so we do.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Girl in the Wild Adventure Association creates, runs, and implements the project every year. Our leadership team (4 adult mentors at camp) will facilitate the camp experience.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We usually received gear donations from several outfitters across BC. But these relationships for 2024 have not been secured yet this year.

In 2023 we received over \$10,000 of gear donations from Valhalla Pure Outfitters stores (incl. tents, sleeping pads, base layers, buffs, socks, hats, etc.) We also received from other sponsors lip gloss, hand sanitizers, toques, pee cloths, sunscreen, bug repellent, journals, artwork, jewellery, for the youth who attend camp.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Community Library**

Registration # S-0061537

PO Box 135, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Acquire furniture-table, shelving-for the library**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan  
At the SLocan Community Library

Importance to the community:

All library members and volunteers will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/1/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The library needs to replace the old and damage furniture.

**Project: Acquire furniture-table, shelving-for the library**

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the SLocan Community Library is to provide library services to the residents of the Village of SLocan and surrounding areas.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All library members and volunteers will benefit.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Better work area and books presentation.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our library has a solid base of dedicated volunteers that will ensure the success of the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The society directors

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Library volunteers and directors will handle all purchasing

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Tennis Club (NTC)**

Registration # 66320  
2162 Hwy 3A, Nelson BC V1L 6K5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Completion of Tennis Court Lighting**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson  
LVR Multisport Facility, 1007 Cottonwood St, Nelson, V1L 3W2; above LV Rogers Secondary School

Importance to the community:

The extension of playing hours to 10pm with 4 lit courts is necessary to meet the increased demand for court time. Moreover, climate change is extending the outdoor playing season in the spring and fall when daylight hours are short. Extended play will particularly benefit working families, and enable evening programs for both juniors and adults to operate at capacity. Court lighting will also enable expansion of social and tournament events in the future drawing more visitors to our community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/21/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,520.00</b>	<b>\$25,520.00</b>

**Project: Completion of Tennis Court Lighting****1. The project will provide:**

In 2021, the Nelson Tennis Club, with the assistance of CIP/AAP funding, undertook LED lighting of 2 of the 4 tennis courts which provided excellent playing conditions from dusk until 10pm, particularly in the low-light shoulder seasons. By late 2023, however, the growth in tennis membership to 250 and the increased popularity of evening programs had increased the demand for playing time to the point that lighting of the 2 remaining courts has become necessary. The underground electrical cable conduits and cement footings for the light poles are already in place, as is the master electrical panel in the Facility Centre. The project will involve mounting 5 additional light poles, attaching light brackets to the pole tops, running the electrical wiring from the main junction box to the top of the poles then through the bracket arms, and finally wiring and attaching the LEDs to the brackets. A certified electrician and a bucket lift will be required.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nelson Tennis Club is a registered non-profit society committed to providing and maintaining high-quality tennis facilities and programs for the citizens of Nelson and region, and for visitors to the area. The Club is partnered with School District 8 in the shared use of the court facilities. The Club provides professional instruction for all age groups, with particular emphasis on youth development. The Club hosts social events and tournaments for community building and to provide opportunities for recreational and competitive play. Administration, operation and facility maintenance is provided by volunteers. Membership fees are kept to the minimum necessary to maintain operations, and membership bursaries are available for those with financial hardship in order that participation is open to all income levels.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The extension of playing hours to 10pm with 4 lit courts is necessary to meet the increased demand for court time. Moreover, climate change is extending the outdoor playing season in the spring and fall when daylight hours are short. Extended play will particularly benefit working families, and enable evening programs for both juniors and adults to operate at capacity. Court lighting will also enable expansion of social and tournament events in the future drawing more visitors to our community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

1) Since 2018, the tennis club has grown from 80 to 250 members, with a notable increase in family memberships. The main playing opportunity for working families during the week is in the evenings. 2) The growth in participation in evening programs, such as men's and women's nights, now requires 4 lit courts. 3) At times in mid-summer, the excessive afternoon heat necessitates evening play for health and safety concerns. 4) With 4 lit courts, NTC will be positioned to host larger regional tournaments to the benefit of Nelson's hospitality sector. 5) Climate change is extending the outdoor season earlier into the spring and later into the fall when daylight playing hours are limited.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Since the beginning of site revitalization in 2018, the NTC, with a solid core of experienced volunteers, has a proven record of accomplishing large, complex capital projects on time and on budget. The completion of court lighting is the last significant capital project at the site and is a comparatively straightforward undertaking compared to previous large projects such as court reconstruction and building of the Facility Centre.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Nelson Tennis Club capital projects volunteer group will be responsible for planning, procurement, site supervision, and the provision of volunteer labour. Cobra Electric will provide re-purposed light standards. Arcright Welding will fabricate the light brackets. All electrical installation work will be undertaken by Ian Colgur, certified electrician.

**Project: Completion of Tennis Court Lighting**

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Nelson Tennis Club volunteers will transport the light standards from Cobra Electric to the site, will provide the labour required to mount the light poles and brackets, and will assist the electrician in the running of wires and attachment of LEDs.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Silvery Slocan Historical Society**

Registration # S0009236

Box 301, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Silvery Slocan Museum Artifact Signage Project**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver

The project will take place at the museum site, the former Bank of Montreal building, at 202 - 6th Avenue, New Denver.

Importance to the community:

Because some 30 artifacts are not clearly identified, visitors to the museum, both local and tourists, often wonder what an artifact might be. This project will aid them in identifying the artifact.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/28/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$692.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$692.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,384.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,384.00</b>	<b>\$1,684.00</b>	<b>\$1,684.00</b>

1. The project will provide:



**Project: Silvery Slocan Museum Artifact Signage Project**

The museum has many artifacts displayed outside the building. This project will produce 30 signs, about 20 x 30 cm, to place on outdoor artifacts to identify the artifact and give a brief description. Each sign will be researched and designed by museum Board members. The signs will be weather proof, produced by SpeedPro Signs in Nelson. SpeedPro has produced the signage we have put up over the past few years.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the Society are:

- a. to collect and record the history of the Slocan Lake District.
- b. to conserve, operate and maintain the Silvery Slocan Museum for the interpretation and display of the artifacts, documents, relics and record of the Slocan Lake District.
- c. to educate and inform the public.

To this end, we operate the Silvery Slocan Museum, located in New Denver.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Because some 30 artifacts are not clearly identified, visitors to the museum, both local and tourists, often wonder what an artifact might be. This project will aid them in identifying the artifact.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In the past, we have tried to identify the out door artifacts with laminated paper signs. These do not last very long and are severely affected by adverse weather. The signage produced by SpeedPro for the Village of New Denver, and for the museum, has proven to be very hardy over the years.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As the artifacts have been collected and displayed by the Silvery Slocan Museum, it would be the best organization to deliver this project. The Board has the capacity to do so.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The museum Board members will be involved in carrying out the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Silvery Slocan Museum will be providing:

- identifying signs needed
- research into the correct names for the artifacts and also how the artifacts were used
- proofing the sign designs
- putting up the signs around the museum grounds

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Concert Society**

Registration # 11897 7966 RR001  
P.O. Box 1198, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Concert Venue Rental**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo  
St. Andrew's United Church in Kaslo

Importance to the community:

We average about 80 attendees for the concerts, which (for a classical music concert) is a high percentage (5%) of the 1600 people who live in the trading area. The rental fees we pay help keep this facility open and available as a community resource.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/16/2024      Project End: 6/16/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$850.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>

**Project: Concert Venue Rental**

**1. The project will provide:**

Our concert venue is St. Andrew's United Church and Hall, in downtown Kaslo. To rent the church and hall costs \$250. We have 5 concerts there each Sept - June season, for a total of \$1250. We hope to obtain a grant to cover this expense.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kaslo Concert Society exists to promote the enjoyment of classical music by presenting five concerts every Sept - June season. We also arrange for our visiting musicians to perform at the local school, when that fits into their schedule. School students and young children are admitted to our regular concerts for free.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We average about 80 attendees for the concerts, which (for a classical music concert) is a high percentage (5%) of the 1600 people who live in the trading area. The rental fees we pay help keep this facility open and available as a community resource.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The St. Andrew's United Church was chosen for their excellent acoustics, their willingness to store the grand piano we use, and the fact that they have an attached hall which we can use for the intermission.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have been doing this since the 1970s, and are one of the smallest villages around to succeed at it.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Kaslo Concert Society and St. Andrew's United Church.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KCS board members spend many hours organizing the concerts, and helping with ticket-taking, refreshment baking and serving, making announcements, staging the piano, etc.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Robson Fire and Rescue Society**

Registration # S0069490  
Box 70, Robson BC V0G 1X0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Auto Extrication Equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J  
Primarily Robson but we will also service surrounding areas including Pass Creek and Ootischenia.

Importance to the community:  
This project will help enhance the life safety services we currently provide to our community and surroundings.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$13,900.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$13,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$13,900.00</b>	<b>\$13,900.00</b>	<b>\$13,900.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Auto Extrication Equipment**

This project aims to increase our auto extrication capabilities with newer upgraded equipment. With the purchase of new stabilization jacks, vehicle cribbing, and a dual-output pump we will allow us to train and perform our duties better and more efficiently.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- (a) To provide education to the community regarding fire prevention and safety;
- (b) To hold events that support and promote fire prevention and safety in the community;
- (c) To provide relevant training to members; and
- (d) To raise funds to support the activities of the Society.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will help enhance the life safety services we currently provide to our community and surroundings.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Currently, we have older antiquated stabilization equipment and a single output pump. This older equipment costs valuable time during incidents where lives are on the line.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the only organization set up to deliver these services in the area and have an excellent group of well-trained members.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Robson Fire Rescue Society

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time to train with and use this equipment

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Disc Golf Association**

Registration # 714809548

3681 8th Street, Creston BC V0B 1G2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **18 Hole Disc Golf Course; 9 holes in 2024 and remaining 9 holes in 2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B, Town of Creston

The desired property is on the corner of East Arrowcreek and Highway 3.

Importance to the community:

Disc golf is a quickly growing sport in Canada, USA and Europe. It is a very affordable recreational opportunity for people of all ages and skill levels. We will encourage people to try the sport and continue to develop their skills through clinics, league play and tournaments. There is a high level of socialization available through involvement in this sport. Locally, the amount of people playing the sport is increasing, including the PE classes at the high school now introducing disc golf to their students. For less than the cost of a tennis court, an 18 hole course can serve effectively up to 70-90 people at any time.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/19/2024      Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$3,000.00</b>			
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,999.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

To establish an 18 hole disc golf course in the area of East Arrowcreek and Highway 3. The available property that we are pursuing is 20-30 acres in size. The course will be used by local disc golfers and also attract disc golfers from abroad. It will also provide a viable venue for tournament play. The building and maintenance of the course will be through the work of volunteers and grant funding to purchase disc golf baskets and required materials for tee off areas and course signage. This will be a 2 year project with 9 holes completed in 2024 and the remaining 9 holes built in the Spring of 2025.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote the development of disc golf and other disc golf activities through organization, co-operation and competition in the Creston Valley.

To develop, build and maintain a profession regulation 18 hole course for tournaments open to players of all levels. To be ambassadors and stewards between fellow Disc Golfers, the environment and the broader community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Disc golf is a quickly growing sport in Canada, USA and Europe. It is a very affordable recreational opportunity for people of all ages and skill levels. We will encourage people to try the sport and continue to develop their skills through clinics, league play and tournaments. There is a high level of socialization available through involvement in this sport. Locally, the amount of people playing the sport is increasing, including the PE classes at the high school now introducing disc golf to their students. For less than the cost of a tennis court, an 18 hole course can serve effectively up to 70-90 people at any time.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We will be working with the Area B Director and the LKB to gain approval for the area of land needed to build an 18 hole disc golf course. This will also include a parking area, which will be needed. The opportunity is to attract disc golfers from local and surrounding areas. Also to create "weekly league play" and "learn to play" events to continue to grow an already very popular sport in Canada and USA. Once the course is established the opportunity exists to run tournaments that will attract players from other provinces and the USA. Ongoing maintenance requirements for the disc golf course are minimal, requiring approximately 25 hours annually. This would be managed by 1/2 day work bees as required. Finding local support was a need, but through door to door, community clinics, and holding small disc golf events, there is lots of support for this project.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We currently have 5 committed members on the Creston Valley Disc Golf Association established in the Fall of 2022, who absolutely love the sport.

We are very passionate about building an 18 hole disc golf course and developing the sport further in the community. Through the members of the Creston Valley Disc Golf Association, we have access to many other people, groups and resources that would be available to assist in the building and maintenance of a disc golf course as well as organizing events to promote the sport.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Creston Valley Disc Golf Club Board, currently 5 members. Volunteers in the Creston Valley who are disc golfers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

Project: 18 Hole Disc Golf Course; 9 holes in 2024 and remaining 9 holes in 2025

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer labor and use of volunteer equipment required for building an 18 hole disc golf course. It is estimated that about 150 hours of volunteer labor will be required in the building of an 18 hole course.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375

Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Food Cupboard**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

The Food Cupboard is in the basement of St Andrews Heritage Hall at 500 4th Street in Kaslo. We also travel once a week on Wednesdays to Meadow Creek and operate a satellite food cupboard out of the Lardeau Valley Community Hall there.

Importance to the community:

- Many Kaslo and Area D residents live in poverty and have a monthly income that is insufficient to meet the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. By supplying free food to those in need, we will help to meet the basic living needs of our community members.
- Low-income community members of all ages will be the primary beneficiaries of the program. However, it also presents an opportunity for community engagement. Local residents are exceedingly generous with cash donations and many local gardeners and businesses donate excess food and are happy to see it put to good use.
- Local Residents contribute volunteer time in meaningful and accessible roles. Volunteer work is social, can help to meet educational requirements and builds self esteem and job skills.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$11,500.00</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Food Cupboard

<b>\$23,000.00</b>	<b>\$152,000.00</b>	<b>\$152,000.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Food Cupboard will be open twice weekly in Kaslo and once a week in Meadow Creek. We will travel once a week to Meadow Creek and operate a satellite Food Cupboard at the Lardeau Valley Community Hall. Free food will be provided at both locations to those in need. Food Supplies are sustained through grants and donations, as well as food recovery efforts. Community members, gardeners and local businesses are generous in their donations of excess food. We will take advantage of bulk purchasing to get best value for the funds available. 20 volunteers will be recruited to help with food processing, packaging, and distribution. Paid staff will coordinate volunteers and manage purchasing and record keeping.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kaslo Community Services Society (KCSS) is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

- Many Kaslo and Area D residents live in poverty and have a monthly income that is insufficient to meet the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. By supplying free food to those in need, we will help to meet the basic living needs of our community members.
- Low-income community members of all ages will be the primary beneficiaries of the program. However, it also presents an opportunity for community engagement. Local residents are exceedingly generous with cash donations and many local gardeners and businesses donate excess food and are happy to see it put to good use.
- Local Residents contribute volunteer time in meaningful and accessible roles. Volunteer work is social, can help to meet educational requirements and builds self esteem and job skills.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues:

- Some residents of Kaslo and RDCK Area D do not have enough to eat, and many find the increased cost of living means that there isn't enough money to buy enough food or good quality food.
- The cost of food has increased significantly over the last few years.
- Food Cupboard clients include families, individuals, seniors, people living with a disability, employed and unemployed. A recent survey showed that 50% of clients were families with children in the home, and close to 15% were seniors living on a fixed income.
- We counted 148 unique Food Cupboard users in March 2023.

Opportunities:

- We can purchase food in bulk and get a better price than an individual can access.
- Through food recovery, we divert usable food from the landfill.
- We provide meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- We can help people access other KCS services as needed.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding. KCS operates both the Kaslo Food Cupboard and the Meadow Creek Food Cupboard. We have built up a relationship of trust with clients and donors and offer services beyond the provision of free food. The Kaslo Food Hub offers a

**Project: Food Cupboard**

variety of food-related services including a tool library with tools for gardening and food processing. We also offer food-related workshops from time to time. The Food hub can also act as a gateway to other KCS services including counselling for mental health issues, substance use, family violence, family support and victim services.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Erin Carr, BSc - Food Cupboard Coordinator - worked for KCS since 2015 in a variety of roles and as Food Cupboard Coordinator since April 2018 - experienced in leadership, group facilitation, cooking and supporting individuals with diverse needs.

Patrick Steiner, BA - Co-Executive Director, Food Security and Seniors - worked for KCS since 2014 - experienced in farming, business owner, project management and volunteer management.

Jane Ballantyne, MSC - Co-Executive Director, Finance and Administration

Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-Kind

KCSS - Rent (\$2,400) / Electricity (\$2400) / Phone and Internet (\$1,200) / Cleaning (\$720)

Donated Food - 28,000 pounds, valued at \$3.21/pound (Food Banks Canada) = \$89,880

Volunteer hours - 750 hours valued at \$20 (Gaming Grant valuation) = \$15,000

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Valley Community Band**

Registration #

7231 Avis Road, Winlaw B.C. V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Community Band Development Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

Weekly rehearsals will be held at the Slocan Legion which provides storage of our new stands and sheet music, and hosts events such as Remembrance Day and seasonal concerts. Performances will be in halls, gardens and schools of the upper and lower Slocan Valley.

Importance to the community:

This music, with its varied repertoire (styles and levels of difficulty) unites people. It creates a sense of community. Participation fosters personal betterment and creates bonds in the participants who commit to practicing, rehearsing together every Thursday night and performing. Audience members learn about the instruments and are visibly moved by the live music of brass, woodwinds and percussion.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/19/2024      Project End: 6/27/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$800.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$3,500.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,300.00</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>

**Project: Slocan Valley Community Band Development Project****1. The project will provide:**

The SVCB will hold weekly intermediate-level concert band rehearsals in the Slocan Legion hall. This is a learning experience for approximately 25 people with a qualified conductor aiming to produce quality live performances within the Slocan Valley. This grant will help provide an honorarium for the conductor, hall rental, new sheet music, instrument repair, advertising and photocopying. Band members also pay an annual fee and there are donations at some performances.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Slocan Valley Community Band is a concert band that enhances life in our community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This music, with its varied repertoire (styles and levels of difficulty) unites people. It creates a sense of community. Participation fosters personal betterment and creates bonds in the participants who commit to practicing, rehearsing together every Thursday night and performing. Audience members learn about the instruments and are visibly moved by the live music of brass, woodwinds and percussion.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This is confidence and skill-building performance training with a qualified band teacher for valley people of varying abilities. Participants have come from Hills to Krestova, with valued members driving in from Nelson and Castlegar. For 43 years the band has been providing a healthy learning activity for its members, currently aged 16 to 83, and for audiences in the valley. Mr. Gail Elder created this concert band which is now centered in the Village of Slocan. In the past year the group has played two or three times in Slocan, once in Winlaw, and twice in New Denver.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The band has been thriving for 43 years. With Gail Elder continuing to take responsibility for organizing every aspect of this program, a qualified band teacher conducting and nearly two dozen committed members, this is a solid project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Gail Elder will manage the program and Talon Nansel will provide professional instruction. Approximately two dozen musicians will contribute.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Countless hours on the part of volunteers who are the musicians, their families and Gail Elder as manager in particular.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Family Place**

Registration # 107576894RR0001

767 11th Avenue, Castlegar B.C. V1N 1J7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Capacity Programming**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The projects would take place in Castlegar at Neighbourhood House. In order to reach families in Areas I or J, we are prepared to offer gas cards or ride-sharing for those parents needing support to attend.

Importance to the community:

Beneficiaries include: Mothers and their families, Parents and children ages 7-12, Families of children ages 0-6 years.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/14/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$2,001.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$2,801.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$15,203.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$20,005.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$20,005.00</b>	<b>\$25,010.00</b>	<b>\$25,010.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Community Capacity Programming**

The project has three components, based on the needs of families in Castlegar, Area I and Area J. A Motherwise program will run for 8 weeks, serving the needs of new mothers who are experiencing post partum depression or are at risk for ppd. Motherwise has been prove as extremely effective in supporting new families suffering from postnatal depression. It is co-facilitated by a mental health clinician. A Family Summer Camp program will run for 8 weeks, free of charge, meeting the needs of families who cannot afford camps and may be isolated during the summer months. Typically, all family support programming closes for the summer, leaving vulnerable families without programming. A My Tween and Me program will run for 8 weeks, addressing the needs of families and tweens (7 to 12 year olds) who are experiencing challenges at home. The My Tween and Me program is a facilitated group program that provides parents and their tweens with the knowledge, tools and support they need during the child's transition to adolescence. Offered to parents/caregivers and their children aged 7 through 12, the program strengthens parent-child communication and supports parents in building a positive relationship with their tween.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kootenay Family Place is a registered non-profit organization with charitable status whose staff is passionate about serving the needs of children, youth, and families throughout the West Kootenay Boundary region. We are a family of qualified professionals striving to develop and provide a constellation of relevant services to our ever changing and diverse communities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Beneficiaries include: Mothers and their families, Parents and children ages 7-12, Families of children ages 0-6 years.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues that will be addressed are:

Family cohesiveness. Support for mothers experiencing mental health issues. Support for families of "tweens" during a sometimes very difficult time. Summer fun, parenting support, and a safe, educational place for financially challenged families to meet during summer months. All of these programs provide multiple levels of support to families in the area in so many ways. When the parents are feeling supported and safe, their children do, too. Kootenay Family Place Neighbourhood House has over 3000 individual sits a year from families. All programs are free of charge. The coordinators and consultants collect data all year long in order to identify what the biggest gaps for families are. These three projects would go a long way in filling those needs.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kootenay Family Place has been offering programming to families for over 50 years. Qualified, dedicated staff with many years of expertise work for KFP. KFP is also an accredited agency, meeting rigorous standards for ethics, health & safety, risk management, quality improvement, and quality services.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Neighbourhood House Coordinator  
Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Coordinator  
Canada Prenatal Nutrition Coordinator (CPNP)  
Neighbourhood House Assistant  
Family Navigation Coordinator  
Casual Staff

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In Kind Contributions include Food, Kitchen Items for cooking, Art Supplies, Rent, Janitorial, Utilities, Advertising, Internet, Flip charts and paper, one to one support, telephone and email contact, miscellaneous supplies.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Creston Valley Food Action Coalition - Farmers Market**

Registration # S0053261

Box 1002, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Creston Valley Farmers' Market

Project Title **Market Park Signage, Advertising & Promotion**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

Multiple locations with in the Town of Creston with our "day of market" sign that are put out the morning of the market and removed directly after. We would like to work with the Ministry of Transportation to have 3 road side signs installed with proper permits to promote the the Farmers' Market year around. Radio advertisements will be run with our local radio stations targeting the local area, Kootenay region and just across the boarder.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because the Farmers' Market organizes and supports over 60 - 75 local vendors that attend the market each week, giving them the opportunity to sell the products they have grown or made. This supports local business and the Farmers' market generates over a million dollars in sales each year in our community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 11/2/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$274.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$5,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,274.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$12,274.00</b>	<b>\$12,274.00</b>	<b>\$12,274.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The CVFM is moving back to its original location this year with the completion of Phase 1 of Market Park. This project is to redesign all of our billboard and day of market signage to offer directional support and attractive marketing material to increase visibility on market days.

We will work with a local printing copy to redesign all of our frame sign inserts, our billboard signs and our printed material to include all of the information about where and when to find the Farmers' Market plus how to get there. Additionally we want to run an add campaign with our local radio station and the station in Bonners Ferry inviting residents and tourist to come up and join us at the Farmers' Market. Supporting local businesses, farmers and producers of the Creston Valley.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We are the Creston Valley Food Action Coalition, a dynamic group dedicated to fostering a resilient and sustainable local food system. Through collaboration and community engagement, we strive to enhance food security, promote agricultural diversity, and strengthen the connections between growers, producers, and consumers. Our efforts encompass education, advocacy, and practical initiatives that nurture a vibrant food culture while respecting the environment. Join us as we work together to create a healthier, more equitable food landscape for all in Creston Valley and beyond.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because the Farmers' Market organizes and supports over 60 - 75 local vendors that attend the market each week, giving them the opportunity to sell the products they have grown or made. This supports local business and the Farmers' market generates over a million dollars in sales each year in our community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This project will help with informing the community about the change of location. Inform the community about the special community partners and businesses at the market. Promote special events that are being held at the market and the overall awareness of the Farmers Market.

As an organization we count the number of people that attend the market each week and track the overall sales from the vendors and share that economic data with other organization in the community that support business development and economic stimulus in our community.

Tracking the number of people in attendance plus the sales of the market can help us plan future events that has a great community impact, helps support local businesses and vendors and creates an attraction for tourism. All strengthening our community, but first they need to know where we are.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization has been operating the Farmers' Market along with other community programs that support our agriculture community businesses for years. We have a strong board of directors that are farmers and producers themselves, a passionate team of employees that work diligently to support the needs of our farmers, our community and are recognized by the British Columbia Association of Farmers' Market as a strong and successful market in the Kootenays.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Farmers' Market Manager will be the team lead on the project. We will be working with a local design team and the local radio station.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Creston Valley Food Action Coalition is supporting this project with the coordination from our Executive Director and the Farmers Market Manager.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Riondel & District Curling Club**

Registration # Business No 12368-3203, Society No S-0022146  
238 Fowler Street, Box 118, Riondel British Columbia V0B 2B0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Riondel Curling Club - Compressor and Oil Pump Replacement**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A  
At the Riondel Curling Club in Riondel, BC.

Importance to the community:

Without this project, the curling club can no longer operate. The members and guests of the Riondel Curling Club will benefit from on-going curling league operations next season. This season, we had 30 curling members and participation from the Crawford Bay School, who held weekly curling for their students until the ice plant broke down.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/28/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,500.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>	<b>\$26,500.00</b>

**Project: Riondel Curling Club - Compressor and Oil Pump Replacement**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project requires hiring a mechanical contractor to supply and replace the existing compressor and oil pump that were damaged during a water main break in January 2024. Some additional piping and possibly replacement of the accumulator may also be required, but this cannot be determined until the existing damaged equipment is removed.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To own, operate and maintain mechanical equipment and facility to provide residents of the East and West shores of Kootenay Lake with a recreational curling league.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Without this project, the curling club can no longer operate. The members and guests of the Riondel Curling Club will benefit from on-going curling league operations next season. This season, we had 30 curling members and participation from the Crawford Bay School, who held weekly curling for their students until the ice plant broke down.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

A water main break in January 2024 caused damage to the ice plant compressor and oil pump, which now need to be replaced. The curling season was terminated as we cannot make or maintain curling ice. A portion of membership fees will be returned to our members. The problem was identified during five visits from Tratech Mechanical to try to re-start the ice plant.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Riondel & District Curling Club operates and maintains the ice plant equipment and is responsible for making the curling ice and running the curling league.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our ice maker, Lee Martin, will oversee the work. He will be assisted administratively by Mark Easton, (Vice-President), Wendy Leger (Treasurer) and Fraser Robb (President). The most likely contractor will be Tratech Mechanical from Creston.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer labour for administration, fund raising, grant applications, over-seeing mechanical contractor work, and start up of the ice plant after work is completed.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Food Action Coalition - Harvest Share Program**

Registration # S0053261

Box 1002, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Harvest Share Storage and Equipment Purchase**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

The seacan will be located at 401 Payne St. The Kootenay Farms Food Hub, run by the Fields Forward Society

Importance to the community:

The CVFAC and Harvest Share program work with community volunteers to gather fruits and vegetable in our community that otherwise would not be harvested. We then ensure that the product is cleaned, inspected and distributed to many other community organization that ensure the distribution of product to those in need. In 2023 we support over 21 community organization in the Creston Valley and 4 other Food Banks in the Kootenays. Supporting our regions food security needs.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/19/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$7,500.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$16,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$16,900.00</b>	<b>\$16,900.00</b>	<b>\$16,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to purchase a Seacan and other harvesting equipment to support the Harvest Share program in the Creston Valley. Recently the CVFAC has partnered with the Fields Forward Society to improve the many opportunities for food security in our valley. In the past we have been renting a storage unit and now have the option of placing a seacan at the FFS Kootenay Farms Food Hub site for storage of all of the Harvest Share equipment.

With our partnership we are using the Food Hub as a processing site for all food that is gleaned in the community. Our volunteers go out and pick the fruits and vegetables, then bring it back to the food hub for processing and then we package and distribute to local community organization.

By having the seacan located at the Food Hub it would lesson the work of our volunteers from having to pack up supplies from one location, moving it to the gathering location and then having to move it back again. It would also give Harvest Share an increased capacity for storage going from a 10 x 10 unit to 8 x 40.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We are the Creston Valley Food Action Coalition, a dynamic group dedicated to fostering a resilient and sustainable local food system. Through collaboration and community engagement, we strive to enhance food security, promote agricultural diversity, and strengthen the connections between growers, producers, and consumers. Our efforts encompass education, advocacy, and practical initiatives that nurture a vibrant food culture while respecting the environment. Join us as we work together to create a healthier, more equitable food landscape for all in Creston Valley and beyond.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The CVFAC and Harvest Share program work with community volunteers to gather fruits and vegetable in our community that otherwise would not be harvested. We then ensure that the product is cleaned, inspected and distributed to many other community organization that ensure the distribution of product to those in need. In 2023 we support over 21 community organization in the Creston Valley and 4 other Food Banks in the Kootenays. Supporting our regions food security needs.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Reducing the work load of our volunteers.  
Giving us more storage space for items such as packing crates, picking ladders and other equipment.  
Safer and monitored storge for less chance of theft.  
All item would be in one location for greater organization of the program needs.  
Reduce running around time of volunteers.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have the relationship between the two societies and having been working together for the betterment of our community. We have a strong and knowledgeable group of volunteers that can assist in executing the project to completion. The passion to strengthen our organization and make the work load lighter for volunteers.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Creston Valley Food Action Society Board of Director, Staff and Volunteers of the Harvest Share Program  
Fields Forward Society Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers.  
Hired excavating company for site preparation.  
Kootenay Containers - Seacan Provider

- 8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
- 12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Creston Valley Food Action Society - Volunteer Appreciation**

Registration # S0053261

Box 1002, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Volunteer Celebration**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

In various location in the Creston Valley.

Importance to the community:

Volunteers have such a huge impact on the sustainability of non profits and recognizing them for the time they donated and the work they do is sometime overlooked. It is important to thank individuals that contribute to the betterment of community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/19/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>

**File No. 110-2024**

**Project: Volunteer Celebration**

**1. The project will provide:**

This projected if funded will give us the organize monthly volunteer celebration to recognize the great volunteers that give so much to our communities. We will host little gatherings in various location within the Creston Valley giving us the opportunity to update community members on what is happening, how they can get involved and to continue to thank that volunteers for all the work they do in supporting the Creston Valley Farmers Market and the Harvest Share Program.

Over the past few years and since Covid volunteers have been decreasing in many organization and we are hoping that but creating these celebration events it will increase and attract new volunteers to the many great programs our community has to offer.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We are the Creston Valley Food Action Coalition, a dynamic group dedicated to fostering a resilient and sustainable local food system. Through collaboration and community engagement, we strive to enhance food security, promote agricultural diversity, and strengthen the connections between growers, producers, and consumers. Our efforts encompass education, advocacy, and practical initiatives that nurture a vibrant food culture while respecting the environment. Join us as we work together to create a healthier, more equitable food landscape for all in Creston Valley and beyond.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Volunteers have such a huge impact on the sustainability of non profits and recognizing them for the time they donated and the work they do is sometime overlooked. It is important to thank individuals that contribute to the betterment of community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Giving thanks to the many volunteers and recognizing what they do for our communities is sometimes overlooked. We will work with other community partners to achieve awareness and hold gathering that will enhance the connection between volunteers and community partners.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the owner of the programs and have a connection with our volunteers.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Staff of the Creston Valley Food Action Coalition, Board of Director of the CVFAC and other community partners

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fields Forward Society**

Registration # S0068935

401 Payne St, Creston BC V0B 1G6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Farm & Food Map**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston  
The Creston Valley as it includes any farmer or business that wants to participate.

Importance to the community:

This map is an important marking tool that supports between 40-45 local businesses. It promotes the importance of agriculture in our community and increase economic stimulus through farm gate and business sales in our valley.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$2,250.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,250.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,250.00</b>	<b>\$8,250.00</b>	<b>\$8,250.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Farm & Food Map**

The Farm & Food Map has been circulated in the valley over the past few years under the direction on the Creston Valley Tourism Society. As their focus has changed and is emerging in a stronger focus of tourism we have ventured into organizing the Food & Farm Map which is an important resource to tourist to find the location of our many great farmgate farmers, fruit stands, local businesses and restaurants.

We did not want this publication to stop in circulation and are jumping in to ensure that we can pilot this project into many years of success. This map will not only provide a tool to tourist that pick it up in local venues but it may act as an attraction to draw tourists in from other locations when seen on display at the regional airport in Cranbrook or on the ferry that connects us on highway 3A.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Fields Forward Society, whose mandate is to support food and agricultural initiatives in the Creston Valley, including provision of education to farmers about new and emerging technologies and climate change adaptation tools. As part of the Fields Forward Society, the Food Hub meets Fields Forward's commitment to developing a vibrant local agri-food system.

The vision is to foster a thriving regional agriculture and food sector that is a significant contributor to the local economy in the Kootenays.

The mission is to be a catalyst to help agriculture and food producers and processors improve their sales and economic success.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This map is an important marking tool that supports between 40-45 local businesses. It promotes the importance of agriculture in our community and increase economic stimulus through farm gate and business sales in our valley.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The largest opportunity is the promotion of our local farmers, businesses and restaurants. This map will provide all the necessary contact information for tourist to reach out to the farmers, it will provide an oversight of what the Creston Valley has to offer to tourists and will create an enhancing day of touring the Creston Valley if a tourist want to go on that adventure.

Through this map we hope that it drives visitors to the locations which then lead to sales of product.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have a good working relationship with the Creston Valley Tourism Society which will support the translon. We have a excellent relationship with many of our Creston Valley farmer and are connected to the needs of our farmers. We are passionate about promoting what with this beautiful agricultural valley has to offer.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fields Forward Society staff lead by the Executive Director.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

**Project: Farm & Food Map**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Boswell Memorial Hall Society**

Registration # S-1593

12374 HWY 3A, Boswell B.C. V0B 1A4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New, Safer, Ergonomic Dishes and Mugs**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

(Dishes will be purchased from 2 different companies.) Dishes will be placed in Boswell Memorial Hall.

Importance to the community:

Our community at large and our Boswell Memorial Community members will benefit from the ease of use of the new dinnerware for all our lunch and dinner events. All members will be pleased with the newer, larger and easier to hold coffee mugs. Hall renters will also appreciate the new dinnerware.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 8/22/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$3,400.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>

**Project: New, Safer, Ergonomic Dishes and Mugs**

**1. The project will provide:**

Our project is to purchase new, safer, ergonomic dishes and mugs to replace our very heavy, old dishes. Our dishes are hard to serve with, pick up and put into our washer. Our 4oz mugs with tiny handles makes them difficult to hold. After many searches we have 2 quotes-- one for the dishes and one for the stackable mugs. We will purchase the dishes.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

BMHS is continually working to provide a safe and environmentally gathering place for our community. As well we are a "Designated Centre in case of Disaster. We are a very engaged and active Community with daily, weekly and monthly events. These include Quilting, Exercise, Yoga, Carpet Bowling, Focus on Healthy, First Responders, Vintners, Board Meetings and more. We also rent out the Hall for private functions.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our community at large and our Boswell Memorial Community members will benefit from the ease of use of the new dinnerware for all our lunch and dinner events. All members will be pleased with the newer, larger and easier to hold coffee mugs. Hall renters will also appreciate the new dinnerware.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Replace the very old and heavy dishes with lighter, safer dishes. These issues have identified by kitchen staff users for quite some time.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have a seating capacity of 120. Most of the dinners, dances, and other events are at or close to capacity. During "Come and Go" (ie: Father's Day Breakfast) events can have up to 140+.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

(Bill Bannister-President) Board of Directors. Rosemarie Lowe researched many food equipment companies and received quotes. Two have been selected to purchase from.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

None

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Community Auditorium Society**

Registration # 118879356RR0001

Box 234, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay River Theatre Subsidy**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston  
Kootenay Rive Auditorium/Theatre

Importance to the community:

In every healthy and vibrant community, regardless of size, you will see a focus on the cultural and performing arts. Citizens not only want these entertainment options but we need them in the Creston Valley. With them we teach the youth of their value and for many young people it can open doors for their future. We have an aging population in the valley and many of these people want to ensure that they are afforded opportunities to see and experience cultural and entertaining events which include not just plays but films, forums, concerts and overall fun events for all ages.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

This request for funding is to be used to subsidize the rental that local performing groups and/or individuals must pay in order to utilize the Kootenay River Auditorium. These funds will allow more user groups, in particular those whose own funds are limited, to access this venue. Usually a performing group requires more than just one or two days to prepare for an audience. Generally three, sometimes five days are required in order to execute a performance, taking into consideration technical and full dress rehearsals as examples. Without a subsidy the cost for some of these groups would be prohibitive. It should also be mentioned that groups not only must pay rental for the Theatre but they also have to cover the custodial costs. The Society plans to achieve this goal, if funding is approved, by immediately directing the funds to the High School Clerical/Administrative staff who retain responsibility for the rental of the Auditorium throughout the year. With the funding requested we would be enabling not only performing community groups to gain access to the Auditorium, but it would also in turn increase the number of events and activities for the community to experience and enjoy.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our Mission Statement is as follows: To ensure an exceptional performing arts space is available to the community and performers by fundraising for the purchase of equipment and act as the intermediary between the school district, local government and user groups.

Our Constitution reads in part: To operate exclusively as a charitable organization for the provision of educational, social and cultural facilities in the Town of Creston and to disperse and distribute money and property in the furtherance of the objectives of the society.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

In every healthy and vibrant community, regardless of size, you will see a focus on the cultural and performing arts. Citizens not only want these entertainment options but we need them in the Creston Valley. With them we teach the youth of their value and for many young people it can open doors for their future. We have an aging population in the valley and many of these people want to ensure that they are afforded opportunities to see and experience cultural and entertaining events which include not just plays but films, forums, concerts and overall fun events for all ages.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

With the funding requested the Society will be able to allow more user groups access to the Auditorium. We will also be ensuring that the Auditorium is utilized to full capacity through the year. The Auditorium Society has been in existence since the High School was built decades ago and over this time we have heard from many groups and individuals that without monetary assistance in the form of a subsidy they would be denied access to our theatre. A good example of this is the Footlighter's Actors Group. Without the subsidy the cost for them would be \$150 for a day (minimum 4 hours), and custodial costs of \$164 per day but with the subsidy they would pay \$75. This is a regular user group in the Theatre and they offer the very best local performers and performances that the valley has to offer.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Creston Community Auditorium Society has been in existence since the High School was built over 40 years ago. We are the liaison between all parties involved in the use of the Theatre and we have been instrumental in funding for most of the needs that are required for a good working theatre ie seating, lighting, curtains etc. We have a solid working Board of Directors and in the last year and a half we have implemented the new Ticket System for online booking of tickets which has been extremely successful to date and puts our Theatre on par with all other Theatres in the Province.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: Kootenay River Theatre Subsidy**

If funding is approved the only role the Society will play in implementing the project would be to receive the funds through our Treasurer and have those same funds directed to the High School Auditorium Administration group for disbursement to local user groups as they see fit.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Everything the Society does is done through the goodness of volunteers which without we would not have such an excellent venue full of talented performing artists.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**

Registration # 132004227RR0001  
3 View Street, Nelson BC V1L 2V1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Infant Radiant Warmer for the Maternity Ward**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson  
Kootenay Lake Hospital is located in Nelson, BC.

Importance to the community:

Maternal newborn care will benefit from this purchase. We have an increasing population of patients who rely on KLH for their perinatal care.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 7/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Infant Radiant Warmer for the Maternity Ward**

The goal of this project is to raise \$50,000 to purchase an Infant Radiant Warmer for the Maternity Ward at Kootenay Lake Hospital. This infant warmer uses gentle radiant heat to maintain the body temperature of newborns who require assistance after their birth. It is equipped with an overhead lamp to prewarm the mattress and is especially helpful in providing soothing warmth for premature babies. The radiant warmer has integrated controls, such as oxygen and suction, for clinicians to use when resuscitating babies. It also comes with an integrated scale for the baby's first weight.

Funds for this campaign will be raised through grants as well as direct mail solicitation to individuals, local businesses and service organizations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors with a mandate to raise funds to purchase priority medical equipment for Kootenay Lake Hospital.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Maternal newborn care will benefit from this purchase. We have an increasing population of patients who rely on KLH for their perinatal care.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Kootenay Lake Hospital is home to the busiest Maternity Ward in the region. The infant warmer will support priority and safe care for every delivery by having state of the art resources available. It will replace an infant warmer that needs upgrading as it has reached the end of life and parts are no longer available.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation was established as a registered charity in 1991. Over the last 33 years we have raised over \$6.5 million to purchase priority medical equipment for our hospital.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation's Executive Director, along with the 13 volunteers on the Board of Directors will implement this project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Not applicable

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society (KORTS)**

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001

PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC VOG 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park (KFMBP) Trail Design and Layout for Park Completion**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo  
Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park

Importance to the community:

Trail counters placed in 2023 indicate a usage rate of 35-50 users per week in the summer months and informal surveys indicate KMBP users include both Kaslo residents and visitors to Kaslo. The Park is popular because its focus is on progressive riding skill development starting at very young riders through to teen and adult riders who are learning to ride toward longer trails in the Kaslo and Area D trail network.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 6/14/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$4,500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Extensive volunteer work has seen impressive trail construction in the KFMB Park and as the Park nears completion, the remaining trail features need to be well integrated with the existing infrastructure, including the newly built outdoor shelter. This application focusses solely on the design and layout of remaining park features prior to construction taking place. This will be achieved by KORTS and Kaslo Mountain Bike Club contracting with a design consultant and working in the field to develop and plan the final design layout.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

1. Encourage community and visitor participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation and sport activities, especially, but not limited to, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, hiking, running and the like.
2. Build and maintain non-motorized recreational trails in and around Kaslo for public use.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Trail counters placed in 2023 indicate a usage rate of 35-50 users per week in the summer months and informal surveys indicate KMBP users include both Kaslo residents and visitors to Kaslo. The Park is popular because its focus is on progressive riding skill development starting at very young riders through to teen and adult riders who are learning to ride toward longer trails in the Kaslo and Area D trail network.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The trails and ride features within the KFMBP have always been visioned as rider progression friendly and suitable for multi-age and multi-skill development. Design involving consultants and specialists began in 2015 with construction following from 2016 - 2020. The current issue is to design and build higher level progression features to create a full multi-level bike park environment. This need was identified during user interviews in 2023.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KORTS is the volunteer based umbrella Society / organization in Kaslo that is directly involved in trail development and maintenance of both Village of Kaslo lands and RDCK/Crown land in Woodlot 494 and the Community Forest Mt Buchanan recreation area (Kaslo Interpretive Forest). KORTS has been involved in the construction and maintenance of trails in and around Kaslo and Area D since 2005 and relies on a strong volunteer base (over 14,000 volunteer hours since inception) along with local business support.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

KORTS and Kaslo Mountain Bike Club which is a Club within the KORTS umbrella framework.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KORTS/KMBC volunteer time 30hrs @ \$25/hr = \$750

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 203**

Registration # 854338688

234 Granby Dr, Edgewood BC V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Cenotaph Restoration**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ  
Edgewood, BC

Importance to the community:

The Cenotaph is a historic part of our community and a memorial to our fallen comrades

The Community will benefit from this restoration

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 10/28/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
				<b>\$14,500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$14,500.00</b>	<b>\$16,240.00</b>	<b>\$16,240.00</b>

1. The project will provide:



**Project: Cenotaph Restoration**

To repair our cenotaph to help preserve it for years to come  
Removal and replacement of existing mortar jointing  
Hiring a competent, professional stone mason to carry out required repair.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide a service for our members, veterans and our community. The services we provide include financial donations, social events, school bursaries and scholarships for our community

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Cenotaph is a historic part of our community and a memorial to our fallen comrades  
The Community will benefit from this restoration

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Visual failing of mortar joints and brick resulting in unsafe conditions as well as being unsightly  
Visual inspection has identified these issues by a professional stone mason

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the Royal Canadian Legion and are the custodians of our cenotaph, yes we have the capacity

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Branch Executive and the professional stone mason

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Member oversight and waste removal upon project completion

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston & District Historical & Museum Society**

Registration # S-0009477

219 Devon Street, Creston BC V0B 1G3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Summer Programming at the Creston Museum**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston

Family Fun programs, Kids Day, and Pioneer Camp/Junior Curators Club activities take place at the Creston Museum. Canada Day programming takes place at Canyon Park. History About Town takes place in several locations around the community, including downtown Creston, Pioneer Cemetery, Forest Lawn Cemetery, and one of Creston's residential areas.

Family Fun, Kids Day, and Canada Day activities are made available to all groups and organizations, such as day cares, seniors groups, summer camps, and the Library's summer reading programs. Programs, modified as necessary, may be delivered at the Museum or at a location determined by the partnering organization.

Importance to the community:

As noted above, this project helps meet a need for quality summer programs and activities. Benefits include:

For the community:

- Meet a need for engaging and meaningful summer activities for children, families, and others in the community;
- Meet a need for opportunities for new residents, including new Canadians, to learn more about the community;
- Members of the general public gain opportunities to explore the local story through a variety of activities.

For the young people to be hired:

- A very positive and supportive early-career experience;
- Opportunity to build skills in museum education, heritage interpretation, and community engagement, which are highly transferrable to other fields;
- Opportunity to use and enhance a wide variety of skill sets, from organisational skills to creativity and innovative thinking, in ways that few other summer jobs in the community will allow;
- A unique and rewarding summer employment opportunity.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/20/2024

Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood

**Project: Summer Programming at the Creston Museum**

Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,500.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,250.00</b>	<b>\$25,410.00</b>	<b>\$25,410.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

To engage local residents in the community's story, and provide entertainment for the travelling public, the Creston Museum presents a full schedule of summer programming.

The day-long Kids Day, 22 June, is a public event with a range of activities designed to help children appreciate the similarities and differences between their daily lives and those of settler children.

We are expanding our offerings as part of the community Canada Day celebrations at Canyon Park, bringing several of our Kids Day activities to Canyon Park to support a full day of family programming for large audiences.

"History About Town" week, 15-20 July, offers opportunities for adults and families to explore the story of the community through downtown walking tours and cemetery tours. "Pioneer Camp," 6-10 August, and "Junior Curators' Club," 20-25 August, are week-long hands-on, behind-the-scenes, museum-focused camps for ages 5-8 and 8-12, culminating in a family day on the Saturday to showcase their achievements.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Creston Museum is owned and operated by the Creston & District Historical & Museum Society, which was established in 1971. At the time, its functions were limited to leading field trips to sites of historical interest and maintaining a small archival collection.

In 1979, the Society purchased the collection of a nearby bankrupt, privately-run museum. A building to house it was purchased the following year, and the Creston Museum opened to the public in September 1982. Since then, its collections have more than tripled in size; opening hours have been expanded from seasonal-only to year-round accessibility; programs are extensive and all-inclusive; and additional facilities have been added to the property to house all this.

Our mandate is to collect, preserve, and present the human history of the Creston Valley. We have identified five core values:

â— Respect: The Creston Museum is recognised and respected by the local and visiting public, community leaders, and museum professionals for our role in the community and for the quality of our programs.

â— Engagement: The Creston Museum is engaged in our community; we support the work of community leadership and organisations and meet the needs of individuals through our mandate of local history.

â— Interactivity: The Creston Museum is a place where people can interact with and share local history, the community story, and their own stories.

**Project: Summer Programming at the Creston Museum**

â— Inclusivity: The Creston Museum reflects all aspects of the local story - past, present, and future - and is welcoming and accessible to all individuals, communities, and organisations.

â— Leadership: The Creston Museum is a focal point for the arts/culture/heritage sector, providing leadership for others within that sector, and serving as a link between the sector and others sectors in the community.

These core values guide us in our mission of using the past to inspire connections to the Creston Valley today, to address its challenges, and make it a better place to live, learn, and explore.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As noted above, this project helps meet a need for quality summer programs and activities. Benefits include:

For the community:

- Meet a need for engaging and meaningful summer activities for children, families, and others in the community;
- Meet a need for opportunities for new residents, including new Canadians, to learn more about the community;
- Members of the general public gain opportunities to explore the local story through a variety of activities.

For the young people to be hired:

- A very positive and supportive early-career experience;
- Opportunity to build skills in museum education, heritage interpretation, and community engagement, which are highly transferrable to other fields;
- Opportunity to use and enhance a wide variety of skill sets, from organisational skills to creativity and innovative thinking, in ways that few other summer jobs in the community will allow;
- A unique and rewarding summer employment opportunity.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Already, we are receiving inquiries about family and children summer programming from visitors. Organizers of the Canada Day celebrations asked us, at the end of last year's event, if we would contribute again in 2024, and several community partners have already scheduled us to deliver programs and activities with their clients and audiences. Local and regional tourism organizations, including Creston Valley Tourism Committee and the International Selkirk Loop, have asked to include our summer programs in their events calendars and marketing materials. Clearly, there is a high demand for quality summer programming, both for local residents and for the travelling public.

This project also provides an opportunity to hire two young people for a positive, supportive, and skill-building work experience.

With support from the CBT Resident Directed funds, we can offer these programs for no more than a nominal fee, making them affordable for all.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Creston Museum, over many years, has developed programs for school groups from Kindergarten to college; for all the seniors homes and support programs in the Creston Valley; and for community partners ranging from the Creston Public Library to Blossom Fest and the Fall Fair. We have delivered them to very positive effect in every community in the valley, from Yahk to Riodel. Many of these programs are customized: we work very closely with our partners and audiences to develop programs and activities that meet their needs.

We typically hire three to five young people each summer, and are consistently ranked as one of Young Canada Works' preferred employers. Our Manager is skilled in providing a fun, supportive, and co-operative work environment. She works closely with local organizations such as Kootenay Employment Services and has worked as a mentor through BM Museums Association's Mentorship Program.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**Project: Summer Programming at the Creston Museum**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Museum manager Tammy Bradford will oversee the project. Two people will be hired to carry out the project's activities: a Program Coordinator (14 May - 31 August) will be largely responsible for planning and developing activities, delivering Kids Day and Canada Day activities, and supporting the work of a Museum Host (25 June - 31 August), to deliver the programming.

The Program Coordinator, hired through Young Canada Works, will be a college or university student. The Museum Host, funded through Canada Summer Jobs, may be a high school student or youth facing barriers to employment.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**

Registration # S0077960

POBOX 434, Slokan bc v0g 2c0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **HARMONY Community Festival on the Beach**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slokan  
Village of Slokan beach.

Importance to the community:

It brings people together to build on existing connections or to create new ones. With these connections, new opportunities can arise for collective abundance in the Slokan Valley. It also supports locals financially, whether they be performers or crew members.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 7/20/2024      Project End: 7/21/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,230.00</b>	<b>\$12,230.00</b>

**Project: HARMONY Community Festival on the Beach**

**1. The project will provide:**

2nd annual event. Live music all day Saturday and acoustics Sunday. Family Friendly and no alcohol served. By donation sliding scale \$0-\$50. No tickets or wristbands. Activities for kids. Workshops. Volleyball. Water games. Food and artisan vendors.

Intention is to support local artists and small businesses, to promote tourism to Slocan and the Slocan Valley and to give back to the community with surplus donations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide accessible wellness retreats and community events by using a by donation method of financing (pay-what-you-can and pay-it-forward).

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It brings people together to build on existing connections or to create new ones. With these connections, new opportunities can arise for collective abundance in the Slocan Valley. It also supports locals financially, whether they be performers or crew members.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Attendance will be weather and wild fire dependent. We had an excellent turnout last year.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This will be our 2nd annual event and we have lots of support from the community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Members of the society, volunteers and contracted professionals for sound and lighting.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Fuel for generator, posters, sand, raffle prizes.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**

Registration # S 54710

Box 498, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Salmo Snowboard Club

Project Title **Salmo Snowboard Club**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

Our junior and senior teams meet at the Salmo Ski Hill twice a week during the ski season. The Salmo Ski Hill has given us permission to run our program at the hill and support our mandate.

Importance to the community:

The Salmo Snowboard Club is run by an administrator and head coach. Tara Zeznik, the administrator, is an Early Childhood Educator who enjoys watching youth learn/perfect sports and helping her community. Andy Dobson, the head coach, is passionate about snowboarding and has been trained and certified by the Canada Snowboard Association.

The Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre has offered to sponsor us as we align with many of the aims of their organization and The Salmo Ski Hill is also in support of our program. We are a sanctioned club with the BC Snowboard Association that also helps us in achieving our aim within our community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 1/1/2025 Project End: 3/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Salmo Snowboard Club

\$2,500.00	\$5,850.00	\$5,850.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Salmo Snowboard Club is a local initiative for youth in Salmo and the surrounding communities. The project is aimed at bringing youth together with experienced mentors to develop skills and a stronger sense of community through the sport of snowboarding.

We will achieve this through a twice weekly program offered at the Salmo Ski Hill focused on developing snowboarding skills in a team environment.

Youth benefit from exposure to varied adult mentors and a sense of belonging through membership in groups. It is our aim to provide this for the youth of Salmo and surrounding areas through our programming throughout the ski season.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To connect youth and mentors together by creating a community around the sport of snowboarding in Salmo and the surrounding areas.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Salmo Snowboard Club is run by an administrator and head coach. Tara Zeznik, the administrator, is an Early Childhood Educator who enjoys watching youth learn/perfect sports and helping her community. Andy Dobson, the head coach, is passionate about snowboarding and has been trained and certified by the Canada Snowboard Association.

The Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre has offered to sponsor us as we align with many of the aims of their organization and The Salmo Ski Hill is also in support of our program. We are a sanctioned club with the BC Snowboard Association that also helps us in achieving our aim within our community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Salmo has had a long standing ski program offered in our community, however, there was nothing offered for youth who chose to snowboard. This program was developed in response to youth who expressed a desire to join together through the sport of snowboarding and advance their skills.

Over the first 3 years of operation we have struggled to get the enrollment needed to bring in the income needed to pay the instructor. I suspect this would have been a high enrollment year if it weren't for the very low snowfall.

We are seeking grant support to keep this program low cost to the families of Area G. We believe cost should never be a prohibitive factor to youth's involvement in sport.

Where will this project take place? (100 words)

Our junior and senior teams meet at the Salmo Ski Hill twice a

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have teamed up with organizations who have a track record of success. The Salmo Ski Hill, Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre and BC Snowboard/Canada Snowboard Association have all provided us with support in achieving our aim.

The Salmo Ski Hill is a long-standing community organization who have been providing recreation opportunities to our community for decades.

Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre, our sponsoring organization, is the primary organizing body of programming for youth in our community. They are experienced with offering sports and recreation opportunities to youth in our community.

**Project: Salmo Snowboard Club**

Canada Snowboard is the governing body for the sport of snowboarding in Canada. Our coach, Andy Dobson, has completed the Canada Snowboard Coaching Pathway so that he can provide our riders with quality coaching. This year our organization became sanctioned by Canada Snowboard.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Salmo Snowboard Club is run by an administrator and head coach. Tara Zeznik, the administrator, is an Early Childhood Educator who enjoys watching youth learn/perfect sports and helping her community. Andy Dobson, the head coach, is passionate about snowboarding and has certified by the Canada Snowboard Association.

The SVYCC has offered to sponsor us as we align with many of the aims of their organization and The Salmo Ski Hill is also in support of our program. We are a sanctioned club with the BC Snowboard Association that also helps us achieve our aim in our community.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Donations from local businesses to support our fundraising efforts

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375

Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Saturday Market 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

The Kaslo Saturday Market is held at Front Street Park in downtown Kaslo. The Market will be held every Saturday from June 8 to October 12, 2024. In addition, the project is managed out of the Kaslo Community Services (KCS) Office at 336 B Avenue in Kaslo, where the Market Coordinator has office space and responds to telephone and e-mail communication from that location throughout the season. Vendors who prefer in-person communication can also drop by the KCS office.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because it will:

- Provide an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public.
- Encourage shopping local with access to food and artisanal goods of the area.
- Help incubate businesses for local farmers and artisans.
- Provide a free and lively social opportunity for locals and tourists.
- Host the BC Association of Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon program - which provides coupons to low-income individuals and families - which can then be redeemed for food at the market.

Who will benefit from this project?

- The market vendors - local farmers and artisans.
- The community of Kaslo. The market is a popular community event and a tourist attraction.
- Other tourist-related businesses in Kaslo.
- Low-income families and seniors who receive market coupons.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>
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<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$40,700.00</b>	<b>\$40,700.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will operate the Kaslo Saturday Market 2024, Kaslo and Area D's largest farmers' market. We will organise, promote and deliver a weekly farmer's and artisans market in the heart of downtown Kaslo from June to October. The market provides business opportunities for vendors, attracts tourists to our town (with spin-off benefits for other businesses in the downtown core), and provides a lively, outdoor family-oriented event for socialising, entertainment and shopping. As part of the project, we will host the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) Nutrition Coupon Program which provides coupons to low-income individuals and families which can then be redeemed for food at the market. In 2023, we were able to provide \$21,000 of coupons that supported low-income families and seniors to purchase food directly from local farmers at the market, and at the same time enjoy the lively social scene at the market. We anticipate similar levels for 2024. Two KCSS staff oversee the operation of the market and work with an advisory committee that includes market vendors.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kaslo Community Services Society (KCSS) is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to our community because it will:

- Provide an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public.
- Encourage shopping local with access to food and artisanal goods of the area.
- Help incubate businesses for local farmers and artisans.
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Who will benefit from this project?

- The market vendors - local farmers and artisans.
- The community of Kaslo. The market is a popular community event and a tourist attraction.
- Other tourist-related businesses in Kaslo.
- Low-income families and seniors who receive market coupons.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

- The market provides an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public. This helps nurture and incubate entrepreneurs and new businesses.
- A 2022 survey of customers found that 55% were locals and 34% were tourists, making the market an ideal place for local farms and businesses to meet new customers.

**Project: Kaslo Saturday Market 2024**

- The market is a lively scene in downtown Kaslo on summer Saturdays - attracting tourists and locals alike - to socialize, purchase fresh produce, sample delicious snacks, and browse for artwork.
- The market supports the local economy.
- The market is important for local food security, as it is the most direct avenue for customers to support farmers and find locally grown food.
- The market allows the Kaslo Food Hub to participate in the BCAFm Nutrition Coupon program, a win-win for local farmers and low-income families and seniors.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding.

Kaslo Community Services has been operating the Kaslo Saturday Market for 6 years. We have introduced many new initiatives during that time, including paid staff to run the market, attracting new vendors, retaining old vendors, invested in new and better market infrastructure, delivered an annual coupon program that helps low-income families and seniors participate in the market, built good relations with the Village of Kaslo, as a provider of a popular weekly community event.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kathy Allaire - Market Coordinator - is in charge of vendor bookings, weekly market management, customer engagement and event promotion.

Patrick Steiner - Co-Executive Director, Food Security and Seniors - is in charge of market support, administration and the BCAFm market coupon program.

Jane Ballantyne - Co-Executive Director, Finance and Administration - provides financial oversight and reporting.

Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager - provides technical support

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KCS - Office space, phone internet, laptop computer - \$1,200

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**

Registration # S 54710

Box 498, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Paint the Fitness Centre**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

In the Fitness Centre at the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre

Importance to the community:

The Fitness Centre is used 6 days a week by hundreds of our community members. The paint is flaking and the walls are scratched and chipped. An update will improve the experience for all members accessing the space.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/1/2024 Project End: 8/26/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Paint the Fitness Centre**

The project consists of painting the Fitness Centre in the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre. The space has not been painted for almost 20 years.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide meaningful supports, services and programs for the community of Salmo ages 0-99.

To provide a space that is accessible to all.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Fitness Centre is used 6 days a week by hundreds of our community members. The paint is flaking and the walls are scratched and chipped. An update will improve the experience for all members accessing the space.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Painting the space is an important component of providing a welcoming and useable space for our community members.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The SVYCC oversees the overall maintenance and operations of the building.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre (SVYCC) ED will hire a contractor to do the work.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

SVYCC will provide in kind project management.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Ladies Auxiliary to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #17**

Registration #

PO Box 288, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kitchen Equipment Upgrade**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

Salmo Legion Kitchen

Importance to the community:

Our kitchen is used for community gatherings, rentals, Senior dinners and delivery to the community of Salmo and Area G.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$4,999.99</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.99</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.99</b>	<b>\$4,999.99</b>	<b>\$4,999.99</b>

1. The project will provide:



File No. 121-2024

**Project: Kitchen Equipment Upgrade**

Upgrading dated and non-working kitchen equipment. Ensure that we continue to run our kitchen within the Food Safe rules. This will be achieved by replacing kitchen equipment.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The sole purpose of forming a Ladies Auxiliary is strictly to assist a Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in carrying out its work on behalf of all veterans and their dependents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our kitchen is used for community gatherings, rentals, Senior dinners and delivery to the community of Salmo and Area G.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issue of non-working and/or outdated equipment in order to fulfill our obligations to the Branch and community by maintaining a commercial kitchen.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Ladies Auxiliary is responsible for running the kitchen and our members are knowledgeable of the requirements of Food Safe and Safe practices.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 217

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers will research and purchase Kitchen equipment.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Ootischia Fire Department**

Registration #

119 Ootischia road, Ootischia B.C. v1n 4l7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Vehicle Stabilization Equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J  
Area J and the Ootischia Community

Importance to the community:

This project will greatly enhance the safety of the community and the members of the OFD. This will allow for a more rapid stabilization of an emergency incident leading to improved life safety

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 7/15/2024      Project End: 11/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$5,600.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Vehicle Stabilization Equipment**

This project is intended to enhance the life safety , education and training of area J residents by purchasing 2 vehicle stabilization jacks that are used in auto extrication.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Ootischenia Fire Department provides emergency services response, training and education to the residents of the Ootischenia community, area J and city of Castlegar residents

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will greatly enhance the safety of the community and the members of the OFD. This will allow for a more rapid stabilization of an emergency incident leading to improved life safety

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

As it stand at the moment, the Ootischenia Fire Department (OFD) responds to vehicle and machinery incidents and has no was of stabilizing a vehicle until such time as extrication can be performed. These tools are essential in accomplishing that and also used in training and educating members and the community

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The OFD is the only organization in the area that is suited to deliver such needs. Through extensive training and evaluations the Fire Department has proved it can successfully deliver this service

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The OFD

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time to facilitate the project

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society**

Registration # S0008273

112 Heritage Way, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Borshch Cook-off**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project will be held at the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, which is located at 112 Heritage Way in Castlegar, British Columbia. Borshch stations for twelve to fifteen cooks will be set-up within the DDC's courtyard. Due to the increasing number of attendees at the Cook-off, portable toilets and handwashing stations will be set-up around the museum's perimeters. The entire museum will be open through donation during the day of the event to encourage everyone to explore our grounds and displays.

Importance to the community:

The Borshch Cook-off is an important community event because it is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity. It has grown awareness of our region's diversity around the province. Last year, CBC Radio Kelowna interviewed DDC staff about the Cook-off, leading to several guests making a trip from Kelowna to taste and learn about borshch. For many participating cooks, borshch is a part of their family histories. It allows local cooks to reconnect with their heritage and their relatives, who help in the borshch making process, while giving them an opportunity to share their borshch making stories with friends and visitors at the event. It also supports local businesses and artists, as several supplies are purchased from local craftspeople and businesses. The Cook-off celebrates and grows awareness of our region's diversity, allows individuals to connect with their heritage and feel a sense of belonging, and supports local businesses and craftspeople.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/21/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$1,759.84</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,759.84</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,500.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,019.68</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,019.68	\$10,891.68	\$10,891.68

**1. The project will provide:**

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) is seeking funding to support the 2024 Borshch Cook-off. The DDC's Borshch Cook-off features twelve to fifteen cooks from around the Kootenay and Boundary regions. Each cook is required to prepare and bring three gallons of borshch from their home to serve to our judges and visitors who attend the event. The event runs from 10am to 1pm, with the judging component taking place from 10am to 11am and the public segment running from 11am to 1pm. The Borshch Cook-off is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity in the West Kootenays. The event brings together over 300 people from around the province. Everyone who attends the Cook-off can experience and taste numerous varieties of borshch, while learning about the Doukhobors' history, local heritage, as well as Eastern European foodways. The Cook-off seeks to bring people together through a cultural food celebration as foodways promote cross-cultural understanding and often connect us to specific places, to our families and to our own heritage. With support from the KDHS Board of Directors, the event is organized primarily by the DDC's Museum Director and Office Manager, who are responsible for coordinating volunteers, purchasing all necessary supplies, and helping all cooks and judges register for the event.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society (KDHS) and the Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) exist to preserve and promote the historic cultural heritage of the Doukhobor peoples.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Borshch Cook-off is an important community event because it is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity. It has grown awareness of our region's diversity around the province. Last year, CBC Radio Kelowna interviewed DDC staff about the Cook-off, leading to several guests making a trip from Kelowna to taste and learn about borshch. For many participating cooks, borshch is a part of their family histories. It allows local cooks to reconnect with their heritage and their relatives, who help in the borshch making process, while giving them an opportunity to share their borshch making stories with friends and visitors at the event. It also supports local businesses and artists, as several supplies are purchased from local craftspeople and businesses. The Cook-off celebrates and grows awareness of our region's diversity, allows individuals to connect with their heritage and feel a sense of belonging, and supports local businesses and craftspeople.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The 2024 Borshch Cook-off will be the fourth time in which the DDC has hosted this exciting event. We have made considerable improvements to the Cook-off every year. After each event, we have asked cooks, judges, and volunteers about the ways we can improve the Cook-off. This feedback has been central to our yearly improvements and have mitigated the challenges we encountered within the first couple years of hosting the event. In particular, portion control and having enough borshch available for the duration of the event was a challenge we encountered during our first Cook-off. Since then, we have introduced a standardized serving size, increased the amount of borshch that the cooks are required to bring from home, and implemented a ticket system so that each visitor can receive one serving of borshch from each cook. We plan to maintain this feedback system to continuously improve the Cook-off experience.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

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The DDC is best suited to deliver the Borshch Cook-off because it furthers our mandate of preserving and promoting Doukhobor heritage and cultural diversity and because we have the space to host over 300 people at the museum. Borshch is a prominent soup throughout the Kootenays due to the Doukhobors' presence in the region. As our museum stands as a replicated Doukhobor village, the Cook-off provides a unique visitor experience that allows people to taste different varieties of borshch within a village setting. We have also included more educational features, such as historical borshch facts and documentary films from which the public can learn about the unique and complex history of borshch. The DDC is an ideal location for the event because we have the capacity to comfortably welcome 300 to 400 people within our museum's courtyard and enough space to disperse portable toilets and wash stations on our grounds.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The DDC's Museum Director and Office Manager are responsible for planning and leading the Borshch Cook-off. The staff receives planning and event support from the KDHS Board of Directors and volunteers from our organization. This will be the third consecutive year in which the current Museum Director and Office Manager have planned and led the Borshch Cook-off. The experience gained in past years has provided the Museum Director and Office Manager with valuable insights that have helped us mitigate any challenges around the Cook-off.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre will seek in-kind contributions to support the 2024 Borshch Cook-off from several local businesses. Our in-kind contribution list from last year's event is featured below:

2023 First Place Prize: Gift Basket from Slocan Valley Co-op (\$100 value)

2023 Second Place Prize: Gift Card to Humble Bean Coffee Shop (\$50 value)

2023 Third Place Prize: Gift Card to Common Grounds Coffee Shop (\$40 value)

2023 People's Choice Award: Gift Basket from the Gift Box (\$50 value)

Bread and cheese donations from Castlegar Safeway and Kootenay Market (\$50 contribution per store)

Gift Cards provided by Kootenay Market for each cook (\$300-\$375 total value)

Small participant package provided by the Doukhobor Discovery Centre for each cook and each judge (\$200 total value)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Park Community Hall Society**

Registration # S0013916

PO Box 5, Slocan Park BC V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Building Upgrades (Replace/Paint Railings and Back Stairs, Metal Roof Screws, Backsplash)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Slocan Park Community Hall. Railings, stairs and roof are exterior upgrades and the backsplash is an interior kitchen upgrade.

Importance to the community:

The Slocan Park Hall and grounds form an integral part of our community. This is our central meeting place where families, children and seniors from the Slocan Valley and beyond come to attend cultural, educational, social and sporting opportunities. Activities taking place at the Hall this year included weekly Seniors Gatherings as well as a Seniors Xmas Tea, Xmas Craft Fair and Information Day, multiple organizational meetings and AGM's, Kid's Summer Camps and Dog Scent competition to name a few. Many children participate in the baseball program on our baseball field, use the ice rink, and enjoy the playground - they are running around all over the veranda, stairs, ramp, etc.

Keeping the Hall structure "safe" for public use is paramount and the projects identified have been selected for this reason.

Families and children, seniors from Slocan Park and surrounding areas will benefit, as will the general public.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$5,979.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,979.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,979.00	\$6,859.00	\$6,859.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Building upgrades for any structure are required periodically. This project will:

- 1) Have a contractor climb onto the flat section of the older, flat section of aluminum roofing and tighten any loose metal screws. We have leaks on the veranda and know these are coming from holes left from loosened screws. Need to check all the screws on this section of roof.
- 2) Re-attach loose backsplash behind kitchen sink. Molding from window will be removed, glue applied, backsplash re-attached and molding put in place. A section is loose, and we don't want moisture getting in between the backsplash and the wall.
- 3) Replace wood stairs and stringers at North entrance. The wood is rotting on these stairs after 30 years. They were already re-puttied and re-painted 5 years ago.
- 4) Removal and disposal of wood railing on veranda. The wood is rotting and splintering on the railings after 30 years. These were also re-puttied and re-painted just 5 years ago.
- 5) Construction of 16 wood railings and 112 balusters similar in design to existing railings and balusters.
- 6) Prime and paint new wood railings, balusters, and new stairs. This will protect them from weather and provide some longevity.
- 7) Small section of metal railing (30 yrs old) is rusting and chipping. Scrape and sand to remove rust and re-paint.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- A. To engage in charitable activities for the purpose of promoting the social, cultural and recreational interest of the residents of the Slocan Park District.
- B. To own, lease and operate facilities necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives aforementioned.
- C. Such facilities shall be made available to individuals and organizations regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, political persuasion, nation of origin, as required by the Human Rights Act.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Slocan Park Hall and grounds form an integral part of our community. This is our central meeting place where families, children and seniors from the Slocan Valley and beyond come to attend cultural, educational, social and sporting opportunities. Activities taking place at the Hall this year included weekly Seniors Gatherings as well as a Seniors Xmas Tea, Xmas Craft Fair and Information Day, multiple organizational meetings and AGM's, Kid's Summer Camps and Dog Scent competition to name a few. Many children participate in the baseball program on our baseball field, use the ice rink, and enjoy the playground - they are running around all over the veranda, stairs, ramp, etc.

Keeping the Hall structure "safe" for public use is paramount and the projects identified have been selected for this reason.

Families and children, seniors from Slocan Park and surrounding areas will benefit, as will the general public.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In relation to above:

- 1) This will prevent damage to the roof. Water can back up under the metal roofing and rot out the plywood underneath.
- 2) We don't want mold building between the backsplash and wall.



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- 3) The stairs are a safety concern and someone could fall through them if the wood is punky.
- 4 & 5) Wood railings/balusters are a safety concern - someone could lean up against the railing, push it over and fall. Also, lots of splinters on the railing.
- 6) Paint will keep the surfaces smooth and will protect wood railings and stairs from becoming weathered.
- 7) Metal railing is also used by folks who have mobility problems and they can cut their hands on chipped metal pieces when they hold railing for support.

All these issues were identified by our maintenance person, by members of the general public and confirmed by a contractor.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This organization is responsible for all aspects of the Slocan Park Community Hall. This Society's work includes preserving this facility for generations to come. We have a dedicated Board of Directors and passionate volunteers who care about the Hall and continue to contribute their time and energy.

This Society has always completed work from previous grants within identified timelines and budgets.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Bob Podovelnikoff - Bob is our "go to" maintenance person at the Hall and has practical knowledge of duties related to this project. He will liaise with the contractor and the Board.  
Peter Cotter - Chair of the Slocan Park Community Hall Society Board. Peter is a retired millwright and oversaw large work projects in his worklife.  
Lorraine Podovelnikoff - Secretary of the Slocan Park Community Hall Society Board. Lorraine will offer administrative services to this project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer to scrape, sand and paint metal railing. 1 volunteer at \$30 per hr. X 10 hrs. = \$300  
Volunteer to write grant, make RDCK inquiries, compile receipts and write/file final report: = 8 hrs. X \$30 per hr. = \$240  
2 Volunteer/s to assist in taking balusters and railings to refuse site: 4hrs @ \$30 per X 2 volunteers = \$240

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society**

Registration # S0075885  
305 4th st, Nelson BC V1L 2S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Polka Dot Dragon Lantern Festival**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The festival will take place as a parade on Baker Street on Friday, Feb 7th and as an outdoor gallery/performance space at Lakeside Park on Saturday, February 8th. The workshops will take place in and around Nelson in January, at local schools and community centres.

Importance to the community:

Participating in community arts strengthens communities. This festival appeals to a variety of ages and skill levels. It promotes local artists and performers and art appreciation. It gives artists an opportunity to come together and network and to make works outside of the gallery/theatre setting. It brings students together by offering workshops, so that on the day of the festival the beach is filled with creations made by students from different schools. It creates opportunities for volunteers to meet each other as they work towards common goals. This festival sparks creativity and imagination and brings light to our community in a time of year when connection with community can be difficult to find.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 11/1/2024      Project End: 2/8/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$3,800.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Polka Dot Dragon Lantern Festival**

<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$34,800.00</b>	<b>\$34,800.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

This project brings people together in celebration of art, nature, and community. The Polka Dot Dragon Lantern Festival has been happening since 2014, and growing in size and popularity each year. Through a combination of providing lantern making kits and hosting lantern making workshops at community centres and local schools it creates an accessible platform for community art, where everyone can be an artist. The festival also promotes local artists and performers by offering a honorariums each year to support their contributions to the festival.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- To advance the public's appreciation of the arts by producing arts festivals and events in the West Kootenays and by providing a forum for qualified artists to exhibit, present, or perform their artistic works through participation in such events.
- To carry activities ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the above charitable purpose.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Participating in community arts strengthens communities. This festival appeals to a variety of ages and skill levels. It promotes local artists and performers and art appreciation. It gives artists an opportunity to come together and network and to make works outside of the gallery/theatre setting. It brings students together by offering workshops, so that on the day of the festival the beach is filled with creations made by students from different schools. It creates opportunities for volunteers to meet each other as they work towards common goals. This festival sparks creativity and imagination and brings light to our community in a time of year when connection with community can be difficult to find.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This festival takes place in February. It is not the easiest season to host an outdoor festival, but we have found it is a time of year people are very appreciative for reason to come together and make art. The community building which happens in preparation for the festival is just as important as the event itself. The festival gives people the opportunity to come out and enjoy the outdoors in a different way. The main way we have identified these needs is by the overwhelming enthusiasm we have received at the lantern making workshops, from the growing number of artists and performers who have become involved, and the great turnout of attendees each year.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society was incorporated in January 2022. After several years of working with partner organizations to produce the festival, we decided that wanted to have a non-profit dedicated solely to bringing more community engaged arts opportunities to the Kootenays. The lantern festival continues to be the main focus of our non-profit, and we have also started to develop other community arts projects.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Myra Rasmussen is a community engaged artist and the artistic director of Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society. With help from the society's board of directors, she will be in charge of the project and will work with an event organizer, local artists, performers, and community volunteers to implement the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

City of Nelson is waiving park permit fee for community event, providing electricity, and portable washrooms

Schools and community centres are donating space for workshops

Nelson District Credit Union is lending tents for event

Kootenay Coop, Save on Foods, and Oso Negro are providing food for volunteers

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Cooperative Radio**

Registration # CP-1773  
308A Hall St., Nelson BC V1L 1Y8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **KCR Cultural Space and Live Music Series**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The project will take place at the Kootenay Coop Radio Station in Nelson. Live broadcasts can be accessed on air throughout the region and online.

Importance to the community:

Residents and artists of our community will benefit from the completed renovation of the KCR basement space through having access to a cultural performance and rehearsal space in which local and small touring artists can host shows. It will benefit emerging artists in our community through the creation of a low-barrier, inexpensive space equipped with sound and video tech that will contribute to their ability to test and promote their work. Currently there are very few small venues of this size available in Nelson and area. Local organizations in our community will benefit from another potential venue for public and private meetings. Our cooperative members and listeners will benefit from the station having the space and capacity to produce live to air performances. Artists and bands showcased in the live to air series will benefit from exposure to a live audience and being broadcast on air and streamed online.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/2/2024 Project End: 6/27/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$500.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$7,650.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,150.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: KCR Cultural Space and Live Music Series**

\$9,150.00	\$15,085.00	\$15,085.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

This project will enable the Kootenay Coop Radio to purchase high quality sound reinforcement equipment for our new performance venue; increase staff capacity directed at producing live music content that exposes established and emerging regional artists to an audience; and raise the profile of the station in the community. Over the past couple of years, Kootenay Co-op Radio has been working to convert the basement in our heritage building into a live performance venue and community space. To date we have installed a basement entrance at the front (Hall Street side) of our building; met fire code regulations for a 30 person venue capacity; upgraded plumbing and electrical infrastructure: constructed a fire barrier ceiling (insulation and drywall), and installed a small kitchen and bar area, thanks in part to funding through this program. Upon completion of the renovation, KCR will produce a series of 12 1-hour long monthly live music broadcasts showcasing local musicians. KCR listeners will enjoy a new live to air music performance series while participating musicians will benefit from their performances being broadcast on the radio and streamed online. This series will coincide with our 25th anniversary celebrations as well as welcome the community into our new space.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kootenay Cooperative Radio uses its facilities and the initiative and skills of its membership to create a medium for balanced expression of the varied perspectives of our community. KCR aims to entertain and inform listeners through its commitment to innovative broadcast journalism and high-quality programming.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Residents and artists of our community will benefit from the completed renovation of the KCR basement space through having access to a cultural performance and rehearsal space in which local and small touring artists can host shows. It will benefit emerging artists in our community through the creation of a low-barrier, inexpensive space equipped with sound and video tech that will contribute to their ability to test and promote their work. Currently there are very few small venues of this size available in Nelson and area. Local organizations in our community will benefit from another potential venue for public and private meetings. Our cooperative members and listeners will benefit from the station having the space and capacity to produce live to air performances. Artists and bands showcased in the live to air series will benefit from exposure to a live audience and being broadcast on air and streamed online.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

- Residents of our community will have increased access to cultural performances, both during the project and beyond, in a small, intimate, all-ages venue
- Artists have access to a low-cost performance and rehearsal space
- Developing this venue and producing live to air shows raises the profile of KCR in the community and has the potential to attract new members, supporters and sponsors
- Rental fees from the use of the finished space by musicians, KCR programmers and community groups contributes to an increase in operating revenue for the station
- These opportunities have been identified through internal strategic planning work; the station receiving several requests per month since the beginning of the renovation project for use of the space for shows and rehearsals; and the success of a previously produced live to air series of shows featuring local and regional musicians and bands

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kootenay Coop Radio has over 20 years of experience connecting artists and community. We have hosted many events since our inception in 1999. Our building is underutilized and so this small performance space will become a

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valuable asset for expanding cultural performance opportunities. KCR has over 60 programmers who connect with a variety of artists in our broadcast area and this allows us to have a very diverse offering of artists in our network. Local and touring artists contact us regularly about wanting to promote their work. This project will create yet another avenue for us to meet the needs of these artists. KCR has 3 part-time staff who are able to coordinate projects and programs and volunteers to deliver on our strategic planning goals. The KCR staff will guide the work of installing the technical infrastructure, producing broadcast shows for the concert series and ongoing management of the space.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The KCR staff- our Operations and Programming Manager, Administrative Manager and Sponsorship and Events Coordinator- as well as KCR volunteers. A short-term coordinator and sound technician will be contracted to co-produce the live music series.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KCR staff and volunteers will work to complete the renovation of the basement performance space as well as conduct outreach with potential artists and bands who will be a part of the live to air concert series.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Cycling Association**

Registration #

1713 Scott St, Creston BC V0B 1G5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wynndel Mountain Bike Trail Network**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

The trail is located in Wynndel, BC. From the access point to 1.5 km along the trail it is on land owned by the Town of Creston; from that point onward the trail is on land owned by the Wynndel Irrigation Board.

Importance to the community:

Building a high-quality, easy to access trail in Creston will benefit families and outdoor enthusiasts who will enjoy long anticipated access to a beginner-friendly trail. Having an increased variety of recreation options makes our community an inviting place for families and career-aged people to live. The project will also impact the Creston Valley at large as quality trails have been a driver of tourism in other Kootenay communities.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 10/15/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$4,456.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$8,200.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,656.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$12,656.00</b>	<b>\$46,980.00</b>	<b>\$46,980.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The CVCA is developing a mountain bike trail network in Wynndel for community use. Earlier phases of the project saw volunteers building a downhill-use trail for more experienced riders. The current phase of the project is to contract a professional trail builder to construct a multi-directional trail that will both provide uphill access to the advanced downhill-use trail, but most importantly for this phase of the project provide an accessible trail for riders of all abilities to try mountain biking and develop their skills. As this trail will be machine built it will be wide, with obstacles removed or minimized and easy to ride in both uphill and downhill directions.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Creston Valley Cycling Association (CVCA) is a community cycling group that aims to bring all types and levels of cyclists together to help develop cycling in the Creston Valley both off and on-road. We have a long history of leading group ride activities and supporting community events such as the Bike Rodeo. More recently, the CVCA has become the community group and advocate for mountain biking riders and trails, including the development and maintenance of mountain bike trails in the Creston Valley.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Building a high-quality, easy to access trail in Creston will benefit families and outdoor enthusiasts who will enjoy long anticipated access to a beginner-friendly trail. Having an increased variety of recreation options makes our community an inviting place for families and career-aged people to live. The project will also impact the Creston Valley at large as quality trails have been a driver of tourism in other Kootenay communities.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Constructing a machine-built trail will address the lack of access to beginner-friendly mountain bike trails in the Creston Valley. Currently there are no insured trails on public land, and trails that do exist are not able to be grandfathered in as public trails and are too challenging for most riders. New trail development provides an opportunity to establish trails that are up to modern trail standards and are approachable for new riders.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The CVCA is the only cycling group in the Creston Valley and has become the central organization bringing together community members who have maintained their own trails over the years. Many of the board members and volunteers have been avid mountain bikers in the Creston Valley for years. It has become evident as we have watched other communities develop excellent mountain biking trails that Creston is ready to do this as well and has the capacity to do so; in the past couple of years it has registered as a non-profit society and has taken critical steps to ensure the safe and sustainable development of a mountain bike trail network, including securing insurance for the project and occupation agreements with the landholders.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Creston Valley Cycling Association is the overseer of these trails, as well as the organization in charge of ongoing maintenance and maintaining the trail insurance policy. There is a signed agreement with the Town of Creston covering 10 years of occupation and maintenance permissions for the CVCA. There is also an agreement with the Wynndel Irrigation District that is renewed annually by a report from the CVCA on the trail status. Randy Boardman, a licensed and insured trail builder, will be the machine operator and builder for the trail.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Board Members from the Creston Valley Cycling Club are volunteering their time to liaise with community partners to ensure the longevity of the trail, and community volunteers are donating time in constructing the intermediate trail next to the beginner trail to broaden the use of the trail network.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

Registration # 118819036RR001

520 C Falls Street, Nelson BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Spay-Neuter & Medical Assistance**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of Salmo, Village of Kaslo

The Project takes place and starts at the Nelson BCSPCA including our local vets.

Importance to the community:

There is an ongoing trend of animal owners requesting assistance from the program. Due to rising cost of Vet care, animals owners do not always have the resources to seek spay neuter, vaccines and permanent identification. Funding for the Project will prevent more unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. As well the added protection of a vaccine and parasite prevention lowers the risk of illness/spread of disease like Parvo virus, distemper, FIV, FIP. The public also benefits from the decreased conflict with stray at large animals.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 6/1/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$600.00</b>			<b>\$330.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$2,400.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,980.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,980.00</b>	<b>\$14,420.00</b>	<b>\$14,420.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The BCSPCA will identify families/persons in need of Spay Neuter/ Medical Assistance via walk-ins, Out Reach workers speaking on behalf of clients, phone calls and referrals. The purpose of the project is to reduce the number of unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. Included in the Project is a standard vaccine, parasite treatment, and permanent lifetime microchip registration with the BC Pet Registry. This will be achieved by working with local Vets, social workers, engaging with the public, educating on the importance of spay neuter and vaccines, vet visits.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

There is an ongoing trend of animal owners requesting assistance from the program. Due to rising cost of Vet care, animals owners do not always have the resources to seek spay neuter, vaccines and permanent identification. Funding for the Project will prevent more unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. As well the added protection of a vaccine and parasite prevention lowers the risk of illness/spread of disease like Parvo virus, distemper, FIV, FIP. The public also benefits from the decreased conflict with stray at large animals.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We are addressing the problem of pet overpopulation, due to unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. These are identified by owner surrender requests, social media posts of puppies/kittens needing homes, roaming intact animals disrupting neighbourhoods. We also get requests from animals owners that can not afford the cost of the procedure of spay/neuter.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is well know in the community and surrounding areas, providing outreach with our pet food bank, emergency boarding and general education to the public. We have a great relationship with local vets and we work together to make the project run smoothly. We connect to with animals owners and keep it all about helping the animal owner and build a trusting relationship.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The BC SPCA Animal Centre Manger, staff, Volunteers of the Nelson BCSPCA, local Vets, their staff and animal guardians are all involved in the process.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our Veterinary partners offer us a discount on all procedures including microchip implantation, vaccines and treatments, pain management and aftercare items.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Fields Forward Society - Kootenay Farms Food Hub**

Registration # S0068935

401 Payne St, Creston British Columbia V0B 1G6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Expansion of Equipment for Community**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D  
Kootenay Farms Food Hub, our community commercial and food processing facility.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because we are providing producers, farmers market vendors and community partners the access to equipment for production that they might not be able to purchase. They can use the food hub to explore business opportunities and scale up their businesses with out large investments on equipment.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/19/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,205.00</b>	<b>\$5,250.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$5,250.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$14,705.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$14,705.00</b>	<b>\$18,605.00</b>	<b>\$18,605.00</b>

**Project: Expansion of Equipment for Community**

**1. The project will provide:**

The Kootenay Farms Food Hub is hoping to expand our equipment for community use. Over the past year we have grown our user base primarily focusing on our commercial kitchen and giving access to community. We have multiple Farmers' Market Vendor and other users that are supplying other businesses with baked product for retail sales. We would like to purchase a double decker full size convection oven to offer our users more baking space that would then result in more product being baked and great efficiencies.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kootenay Farms Food Hub Innovation Centre was created by the Fields Forward Society, whose mandate is to support food and agricultural initiatives in the Creston Valley, including provision of education to farmers about new and emerging technologies and climate change adaptation tools. As part of the Fields Forward Society, the Food Hub meets Fields Forward's commitment to developing a vibrant local agri-food system.

The Food Hub Vision + Mission

The vision for the Food Hub is to foster a thriving regional agriculture and food sector that is a significant contributor to the local economy in the Kootenays.

The mission of the Food Hub is to be a catalyst to help agriculture and food producers and processors improve their sales and economic success.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because we are providing producers, farmers market vendors and community partners the access to equipment for production that they might not be able to purchase. They can use the food hub to explore business opportunities and scale up their businesses with out large investments on equipment.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The largest opportunity is that our users will be able bake their items more efficiently and have access to more cooking space. We will also be able to accommodate more than one user at a time at the food hub because we will have the access to more equipment that is working towards our second full operating kitchen. We have grown out of our single kitchen capacity.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are currently operating the Kootenay Farms Food Hub. We are licensed with Interior Health, working towards our HACCP certification and follow food safe practices. User can come into our environment and be supported by our staff and ensure that they are making food safe products for consumption.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kootenay Farms Food Hub staff and contract installers

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Bmx**

Registration #

po box 815, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **track maintenance and improvment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

West Kootenay bmx racetrack

Importance to the community:

improvements to help update facility and attract a higher number of users

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 10/1/2024

Project End: 10/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$4,900.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

infrastructure changes- starting hill and starting gate and track surfacing



**Project: track maintenance and improvement**

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Operation and maintenance of west kootenay bmx track and club

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

improvements to help update facility and attract a higher number of users

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

bringing up the quality level of facility

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

our organization is the sole operator of this facility

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

track operator and volunteers

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

administration and all labour is volunteer

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre Society**

Registration # S54710

Box 498, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Salmo Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Project Title **Salmo Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

The opportunity this group will address for the population of Salmo is an outlet for physical exercise and mental health. With depression on the rise, this group will create a community that will allow for a healthy outlet for male aggression. It will promote healthy physical exercise and lasting friendship within the group and community.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community because it teaches many character developing skills as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle through exercise. The demographic of our students is approximately half teenage boys and half middle-aged men. The teenage boys benefit the most from the character developing skills before they set off into the world and become men. The middle-aged men benefit the most from the physical fitness aspect of the sport but still get the benefits of the soft skills. Because of this demographic divide in age, the club also fosters this exchange of knowledge between older males and younger males which may contribute to their development.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/21/2024      Project End: 5/21/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$1,950.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,950.00</b>

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Salmo Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu aims to teach the citizens of Salmo the martial art of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. Through this process, the program will develop the skills of confidence, discipline, respect, fitness, critical thinking, and self defence to the participants. It will also foster a sense of camaraderie between the members and create a community. This will be achieved by the instructors, Eric Moraes and Andrew Leonard, holding space and teaching this traditional martial art.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose and mandate of Salmo Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is to disseminate the art and practise of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu to the community of Salmo. We do this by gathering Wednesday nights (6-730) in the Salmo community center to train.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to the community because it teaches many character developing skills as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle through exercise. The demographic of our students is approximately half teenage boys and half middle-aged men. The teenage boys benefit the most from the character developing skills before they set off into the world and become men. The middle-aged men benefit the most from the physical fitness aspect of the sport but still get the benefits of the soft skills. Because of this demographic divide in age, the club also fosters this exchange of knowledge between older males and younger males which may contribute to their development.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The opportunity this group will address for the population of Salmo is an outlet for physical exercise and mental health. With depression on the rise, this group will create a community that will allow for a healthy outlet for male aggression. It will promote healthy physical exercise and lasting friendship within the group and community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Both Eric and Andrew have been training Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for many years and although there are more experienced teachers in the Kootenays, there are none in Salmo. We do have the capacity to offer this service and the only limitation currently is the amount of mat space we have to work with.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The individuals involved with implementing the project will be Eric Moraes and Andrew Leonard who have been training this traditional martial art for years and hold a rank of brown belt and purple belt respectively.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo and District Healthcare Auxiliary Society**

Registration # S0069042

Box 842, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Thrift Store enhancements**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

Salmo Thrift Store, 303 4th Street, Salmo, BC lower level of the Salmo Royal Canadian Legion

Importance to the community:

Our fundraising efforts benefit medical and human health projects... locally, regionally and provincially. We aim to achieve a comfortable shopping and working environment for all.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/17/2024      Project End: 12/20/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$1,900.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Thrift Store enhancements**

Thrift Store enhancements. Thrift Store organization, cleanliness, safety, and storage. New rack toppers and additional hanging supplies for store organization; shelf lighting and tables for better display; vacuum cleaner to replace worn out one.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We aim to enhance the well-being of our community and those in need.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our fundraising efforts benefit medical and human health projects... locally, regionally and provincially. We aim to achieve a comfortable shopping and working environment for all.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Further enhancements to the Thrift Store will provide our customers/clientele with a more pleasant shopping experience and increase sales, leading to more opportunities to support our local and regional health care facilities (ie: Salmo Wellness Centre, KLH, KBRH and KERPA).

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The S&DHAS has been working and raising funds for over 50 years for healthcare initiatives and around Salmo and the area. Our members/volunteers are quite simply... the best ... working our well run, neat and clean Thrift Store and looking after our customers/clientele and their needs. We are the only clothing boutique in the area.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our members/volunteers will be responsible for the purchase and installation of all items approved.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All work undertaken will be by our members/volunteers.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Living Lakes Canada Society**

Registration # 727136327RR0001

#202A, 330 Baker Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4H5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K

Monitoring sites have been established across the RDCK on Ktunaxa, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations territories.

The network has been designed to include a diverse range of watershed types. Monitoring carried out at each site can be used to infer conditions of other watersheds with similar characteristics, allowing the knowledge generated to improve understanding of all RDCK watersheds.

Many smaller community-based water stewardship groups also operate in this region - this project aims to complement and support their efforts. LLC would prefer not to receive funds from this program at the expense of applications for local/ Indigenous-led water stewardship initiatives.

Importance to the community:

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$759,863.00</b>	<b>\$759,863.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Living Lakes Canada has developed an innovative methodology to gather the data and information necessary to build climate resilience in the Columbia Basin. We are implementing a coordinated water monitoring network that reflects local priorities while also addressing scientific data gaps.

In 2022, we implemented this approach in the RDCK within the Mid Columbia-Kootenay region. In 2023 we expanded to the Lower Columbia-Kootenay region (map attached). Activities for 2024 will include monitoring of stream flow; water temperature; climate; high elevation ecosystems; groundwater, wetland and lake level; water quality and biodiversity at 67 locations across the RDCK.

To support local capacity building and youth engagement in water monitoring and stewardship, we offer community workshops and training on water monitoring protocols, volunteer opportunities, internships and employment opportunities.

The monitoring network is responding to the recognized need for critical long-term data to support community and ecosystem resilience in the face of climate disruption. The improved knowledge of our watersheds will support local climate adaptation and water stewardship initiatives.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Living Lakes Canada (LLC) facilitates collaboration in education, monitoring, restoration and policy development initiatives for the long-term protection of lakes, rivers, wetlands and watersheds in Canada. Our mandate is to help Canadians understand, adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change to water quality and quantity, biodiversity and healthy human communities through grassroots water stewardship activities. Living Lakes Canada bridges the gap between science and action to foster and normalize citizen-based water stewardship.

LLC serves to address the climate crisis as it relates to people across Canada. Our work encompasses water protection, restoration, and health. We build capacity through community-based water monitoring to help address climate impacts. We promote and facilitate cross-sector collaboration and research to increase water literacy and support progressive decision-making for improved water stewardship. Our successful leadership and stewardship templates have supported the creation of many other grassroots water stewardship groups. LLC has received multiple water stewardship awards and has been recognized by the federal government as a "best practices" example in community-based ecological monitoring in Canada.



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Our internal support functions assist our core programs and are currently managing an annual budget of \$4,344,098 including projects across Canada.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Climate impacts are resulting in extreme temperature and precipitation, flooding, fire events and diminishing glaciers. Existing water monitoring networks are insufficient to track and understand these impacts. Therefore, decision makers and community members do not have access to the information required to improve community climate resilience.

These data gaps have been identified in a series of reports from the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC) and Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) dating back to 2006. These reports highlighted the need for increased water data to help communities understand climate impacts and adapt.

Specific local issues and opportunities were identified through extensive consultation with the communities in 2022 and 2023 through online surveys and meetings, in-person community meetings and direct conversations. All levels of government, First Nations, local stewardship groups and the private sector were involved in community consultation which informed LLC's monitoring site selection.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Living Lakes Canada has been leading the development and implementation of this project since its beginnings in 2017. Results to date, supported by the RDCK ReDi Grants in 2023, are detailed in the attachments to this application.

Our team is composed of 17 qualified full-time employees who bring a wealth of experience facilitating water monitoring and stewardship projects, with seasonal and part-time staff retained as needed. We have contracted the appropriate hydrology professionals to provide scientific guidance and oversight. Additionally, we are connected to a network of industry leaders and professionals who provide in-kind advisory support to our staff.

As this is a large-scale project, we are enhancing our capacity by working with local consultants, stewardship groups and community members to implement the monitoring.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project is led by Living Lakes Canada and will be implemented by our staff, primarily based in Nelson. Summer students will be employed, providing job experience opportunities for local youth. Local consultants are also employed to support the operation of monitoring stations and provide technical oversight. Where possible,

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monitoring is carried out in collaboration with community stewardship groups, local governments and Indigenous communities.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All levels of government, environmental stewardship groups, Indigenous community members and knowledge holders, industrial water users, tourism and recreation operators, community drinking water systems, private sector consultants make in-kind contributions to the project through sharing local concerns and priorities. Many of these groups also contribute their own data to the Columbia Basin Water Hub database where it can be accessed by LLC and other data users. Local governments and landowners provide access to sites and share local observations and conditions. Community members support the monitoring activities as volunteers. We receive discounts and sponsorships from several monitoring equipment and software providers.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **CRESTON VALLEY FALL FAIR ASSOCIATION**

Registration # 850609280BC001

PO BOX 95, CRESTON BRITISH COLUMBIA V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Creston Valley Fall Fair 2024**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston  
Town of Creston.

Importance to the community:

We will bring arts, food, and culture together in one venue in the Creston Valley. All visitors to the fair have the opportunity to take part in all the fair has to offer. As part of the fair, a local food feast, featuring local products purchased from local producers, will be offered. Profits from the food feast go back into the community in the form of the BC Farmer's Market Nutrition Coupon Program Fund. The fair is also a venue for a silent auction hosted by the Creston Valley Agricultural Society that funds an agriculture grant for further education. It also gives local businesses the opportunity to support the fair, advertise and engage with their customers.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/6/2024 Project End: 9/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,808.00</b>	<b>\$3,716.00</b>	<b>\$3,616.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$10,075.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$19,215.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$19,215.00</b>	<b>\$46,030.00</b>	<b>\$46,030.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

To host an annual fall fair which will be a showcase the finest local livestock and garden produce, baking, preserves, crafts, and youth exhibits. Demonstrate the value of agriculture to our local economy through displays and activities. To show the country side of life to those who might be unfamiliar, by inviting the public, artisans, and farmers to participate in various activities. This is an inclusive event, and we welcome everyone to participate.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

1. To hold an annual fair, which will be a showcase of the finest local livestock, farm and garden produce, baking, preserves, crafts and other exhibits.
2. To demonstrate the value of agriculture to our economy through various displays and activities.
3. To show the "country side of life" to people who may not be familiar, thereby promoting a sense of understanding and co-operation for the benefit of all.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We will bring arts, food, and culture together in one venue in the Creston Valley. All visitors to the fair have the opportunity to take part in all the fair has to offer. As part of the fair, a local food feast, featuring local products purchased from local producers, will be offered. Profits from the food feast go back into the community in the form of the BC Farmer's Market Nutrition Coupon Program Fund. The fair is also a venue for a silent auction hosted by the Creston Valley Agricultural Society that funds an agriculture grant for further education. It also gives local businesses the opportunity to support the fair, advertise and engage with their customers.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This is an opportunity to bring the community together. This Fair has run for over 100 years and is a community highlight. A community survey was circulated to identify areas of community interest and opportunities to improve and we will be working to implement them. Two areas identified were children's games and agricultural education for youth. We will be implementing these.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Fall Fair has been delivered by the Creston Valley Fall Fair Association for 105 years. We have experienced, knowledgeable, dedicated directors, and volunteers. Because this is an enormous effort, we rely heavily on volunteers, including the help of local community groups such as the local quilter's guild, to hold this event. This year we're also looking to collaborate with other community associations, such the Libations Society to carry this out, which lightens our load.

Last year, we had record attendance. We increased activities in the barn, and had more entries than the previous year. Additionally, we hosted a very successful Night Farmer's Market, which drew a lot of people.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Creston Valley Fall Fair Association and many volunteers from the community.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

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1700 volunteer hours.

In kind donations: sawdust, tractor rental, trailer storage, chocolate milk, pallet jack.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Lake Historical Society**

Registration # S0005444

324 Front Street, Kaslo British Columbia V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The SS Moyie Educational Project: Engaging Schools and Communities and Sustaining Legacy**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H

This project will take place at the National Historic Site, the SS Moyie as well as in the classrooms, community centres, and homes of those who wish to have the educational resources that are created to enhance this project. The Special Event Day activities would take place on the S.S. Moyie itself, as well as on the grounds surrounding the ship, and in the Kaslo Visitor Centre.

Importance to the community:

This project is important for everyone in Kaslo as the Moyie represents a big part of the identity of our community. Developing a greater understanding of the importance of our historical past, including how the steamships and indigenous collaborated back then and today is knowledge that needs to be shared. Special events give people a chance to come together and share experiences while learning about the history of our region. Various sectors of the community stand to gain from this initiative: residents of all ages, particularly students and teachers, benefit educationally, contributing to the narrative of Kootenay Lake's Sternwheelers. Socially, guests bond over exploration aboard the aesthetically captivating ship and experience personal enrichment. Economically, local businesses stand to profit as guests visit the shops and restaurants. The project intertwines education, social cohesion, and economic growth, fostering a deeper appreciation for Kaslo's heritage while invigorating its tourism landscape.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/27/2024      Project End: 10/11/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$3,350.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$200.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$200.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The SS Moyie Educational Project aims to foster community engagement, ignite historical curiosity, and uphold a lasting legacy centred around the SS Moyie, a beloved 125-year-old Sternwheeler and National Historic Site in Kaslo. This initiative seeks to illuminate the invaluable historical treasure within the community, enhancing local residents' appreciation, attracting tourists' interest and fostering a deeper connection within the rural schools. By accentuating the historical significance of the Moyie, the project endeavours to draw visitors of all ages to experience the vessel firsthand.

The project intends to achieve its objectives through two strategic approaches. Firstly, the creation of educational resources tailored for schools and community groups aims to enrich the understanding of the Moyie's historical importance among younger generations and regionally. Secondly, by hosting special event days aboard the Moyie, it seeks to create immersive experiences that captivate visitors, offering them a tangible connection to the vessel's storied past.

Through these concerted efforts, the SS Moyie Educational Project endeavours to build a profound sense of pride and ownership within the region, while also positioning Kaslo as a compelling destination for history enthusiasts and tourists alike. By engaging communities, inspiring appreciation for history, and sustaining the legacy of the SS Moyie, this project aspires to leave an enduring mark on both local culture and heritage tourism.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kootenay Lake Historical Society is the custodian of the S.S. Moyie, the oldest intact passenger sternwheeler in the world and a National Historic Site. The Moyie plied Kootenay Lake for 59 years. The Society also operates the Kootenay Lake Archives, which is responsible for a collection of materials and original photographs pertaining to the history of the Kaslo area and Kootenay Lake sternwheelers. Our mandate also includes the promotion of local history in the area.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important for everyone in Kaslo as the Moyie represents a big part of the identity of our community. Developing a greater understanding of the importance of our historical past, including how the steamships and indigenous collaborated back then and today is knowledge that needs to be shared. Special events give people a chance to come together and share experiences while learning about the history of our region. Various sectors of the community stand to gain from this initiative: residents of all ages, particularly students and teachers, benefit educationally, contributing to the narrative of Kootenay Lake's Sternwheelers. Socially, guests bond over exploration aboard the aesthetically captivating ship and experience personal enrichment. Economically, local businesses stand to profit as guests visit the shops and restaurants. The project intertwines education, social cohesion, and economic growth, fostering a deeper appreciation for Kaslo's heritage while invigorating its tourism landscape.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This project seeks to address several key issues and opportunities. The issue of the decreased visitor numbers to the Moyie in recent years likely due to the pandemic and the closure of the Moyie during the restoration project.

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Regarding an opportunity to enhance the tourism appeal of Kaslo, a shared priority among its residents, as well as economically benefiting the community at large. Rejuvenating community engagement by providing a focal point for participation and pride in preserving local history. Igniting historical curiosity among residents and visitors, encouraging a deeper appreciation for the cultural heritage embodied by the Moyie and its significance to the region. The project aspires to uphold a lasting legacy by ensuring the preservation and continued relevance of the Sternwheeler as a symbol of Kaslo's rich history. These objectives were identified through community consultations, historical research, and recognition of the need to safeguard and promote the unique heritage.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Kootenay Lake Historical Society is ideally positioned to spearhead the SS Moyie Educational Project due to its core mandate of promoting local history. With a clear commitment to this objective, the Society is equipped to develop educational resources, forge partnerships with schools and community groups, and organize special events at the Moyie. Leveraging the resources of the Kootenay Lake Archives and drawing upon the expertise of its staff and board, the Society has a proven track record of engaging residents and tourists alike in exploring Kaslo's heritage. With a deep-seated dedication to the project's objectives, the Society ensures sustained effort and commitment throughout its duration. The opportunity to delve into the remarkable history of the SS Moyie, the world's oldest intact sternwheeler, resonates strongly with the community, making the Society uniquely suited to deliver on this initiative.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The implementation of this project would be overseen by multiple individuals who would share in the work. The educational resources, including learning materials, video links, and interactive assets would be created by the staff and volunteer board of the Kootenay Lake Historical Society. Interactive assets may require a third party to help build them. The interpretative tours of the Moyie and grounds would be implemented by the staff and volunteers. The Special Events would be implemented by Visitor Centre seasonal staff - under the direction of their supervisor and the volunteer board of directors of the KLHS.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In addition to cash contributions, various other forms of support and resources are being contributed to the SS Moyie Educational Project. These contributions include:

1. In-kind donations: We will reach out to our local businesses who may provide goods or services such as materials for educational resources, printing services, prizes for special events, or ad space at reduced or no cost.
2. Volunteer hours: Community members and our board will volunteer their time and expertise to assist with project planning, organization, and execution and promotion of events.
3. Expertise and knowledge sharing: Professionals or experts in relevant fields, such as history, education, or tourism, will be asked and may provide guidance, advice, or training to project organizers and volunteers.
4. Access to facilities or equipment: Schools, libraries, or other institutions may offer access to facilities or equipment for educational workshops, presentations, or exhibitions related to the project.



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5. Promotion and marketing: Media outlets, such as local newspapers and radio stations may donate advertising space or airtime to help promote project events and initiatives.

These non-monetary contributions are essential to the success of the project and demonstrate the broader community's commitment and support for preserving and promoting Kaslo's heritage through the SS Moyie Educational Project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Argenta Community Association - Fall Faire Standing Committee**

Registration # S0019094  
GD, Argenta BC V0G 1B0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Argenta Fall Faire and Seasonal Events**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D  
Argenta Hall and ground, including the new Argenta playground and pavilion.

Importance to the community:

The population of Argenta, along with the rest of the Lardeau Valley, will directly benefit from this project, which gives opportunities for economic, social and community growth. Indirectly, folks from Kaslo, Nelson and beyond visit our community for these events, introducing them to our area and population. Meaningful connections are made at these events.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$5,400.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,400.00</b>	<b>\$14,330.00</b>	<b>\$14,330.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is the Argenta Fall Faire event and its related seasonal fundraising events, including the Argenta Yuletide Market, Halloweenie, Spring Fling, and a February Square Dance.

Argenta and its surrounding communities are rural and sparsely populated, which can lend itself to easily falling into a sense of isolation. Regular community events reminds us that we have loving neighbours and a community support network. They are important to maintaining the social fibre and well-being of Argenta. Among the most attended in our area, are the Argenta Fall Faire and its related seasonal events. With these community events, we are creating opportunities for connection and celebration. These event also attract patrons from outside of our immediate community, allowing for a more expansive sense of community.

Economically, they provide a market for local artists and businesses to sell to locals and visitors, and an opportunity for patrons to support their friends and neighbours in return. They provide a venue and audience for local artists and musicians to perform, and expose our locals (who often stick close to home) to new experiences. All of which are valuable for creating a sense of belonging in community.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the society are: To acquire and own the parcel of Crown Land on which to build and manage a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; to promote community improvements.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The population of Argenta, along with the rest of the Lardeau Valley, will directly benefit from this project, which gives opportunities for economic, social and community growth. Indirectly, folks from Kaslo, Nelson and beyond visit out community for these events, introducing them to our area and population. Meaningful connections are made at these events.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The seasonal events will address issues of isolation, community well-being, and social networking. They will provide opportunity for vendors, musicians, performers and the locals, to support one another and share in experience. Opportunities were identified by talking with locals, being part of community, engaging with the Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society, and as members of the Argenta Community Association, which actively engages with community and their concerns.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Fall Faire has been running in Argenta for decades under volunteer committee leadership. The Argenta Fall Faire Standing Committee is the group organized, dedicated and experienced to deliver the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fall Faire Standing Committee will implement the project along with other community volunteers. The Fall Faire Standing Committee is composed of 6 committed community members, who have collectively run events in Argenta for the last several years. We have a general coordinator, vendor coorindators, volunteer coordinators, and music coorindators. All labour is volunteer.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**

Countless hours of volunteer labour are devoted to putting on the events. All labour towards the event is volunteer.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Lake Family Network**

Registration # S-50733

7641 Holt Road, Balfour British Columbia V0G 1C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Parent and Child Time**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

Redfish Elementary School 265 Bryan Rd Nelson B.C V1L 6M9. PACT taking place at the school gives families and children continuity and makes the transition from PACT to Kindergarten much easier for all involved. We have many families from both Areas E and F attend weekly.

Importance to the community:

In this area, there is a noticeable lack of family-oriented programs, and we are trying to fill that gap. Most services and programs for residents in Areas E and F are provided in Nelson, but due to the ever-increasing cost of living, it's becoming challenging for families to travel. By bringing in professionals to the school for these early years' families, we are helping those who feel isolated and alone. Besides the government funded StrongStart program at Redfish School which runs only once a week, we are the only program of this kind in the area. We have loyal attendees from both Areas E and F, and on average, we have nine families attending each week. The program facilitator works with the principal and teachers to identify and support families at risk.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/20/2024      Project End: 6/27/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,750.00</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Parent and Child Time

\$3,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

This is a weekly program that happens at Redfish Elementary School and is free for children between the ages of 0 and 6 along with their parents or caregivers. The program includes various activities such as songs, story time, crafts, science experiments, a nutritious snack, gym space for free play and organized active play, and a Lending Library. Additionally, a qualified facilitator invites Guest Speakers 4-6 times per year who are professionals in their field and come to talk about topics like dental hygiene, sleep, health and nutrition, financial literacy, basic first aid, and physical and occupational therapists.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Creating Community Connections. We aim to offer and promote family/child-based programs, activities, and events in our community; to foster strong inter-community communication, and networking to support these programs and events; to provide opportunities for citizens to become active/involved members of their communities in safe and healthful ways; to provide and maintain a network of safe and suitable venues for programs and activities; and to promote health and well-being, and community spirit.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

In this area, there is a noticeable lack of family-oriented programs, and we are trying to fill that gap. Most services and programs for residents in Areas E and F are provided in Nelson, but due to the ever-increasing cost of living, it's becoming challenging for families to travel. By bringing in professionals to the school for these early years' families, we are helping those who feel isolated and alone. Besides the government funded StrongStart program at Redfish School which runs only once a week, we are the only program of this kind in the area. We have loyal attendees from both Areas E and F, and on average, we have nine families attending each week. The program facilitator works with the principal and teachers to identify and support families at risk.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This program caters to the needs of families in the Outlet areas. PACT serves as a crucial link for families with each other, their community, and healthcare professionals. Parents and caregivers cherish the social connections they form at the program and often become lifelong friends as their children grow up together. As we reside in a rural and somewhat isolated community, the healthcare connections parents and caregivers establish are paramount. Children require the opportunity to learn, play, and grow with their peers. At PACT, we provide families and children with a secure and enjoyable place to play and develop essential social, physical, and literacy skills. These skills help the children prepare for their entry into Kindergarten and the public education system. Families play a crucial role in shaping our program yearly by expressing their needs or parent-education desires verbally or in writing.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Kootenay Lake Family Network is a group of volunteer parents dedicated to our community. The Parent and Child Time program has been established for 15 years and has evolved to meet the needs of our community. This year, we are working closely with the school to integrate the program and make the transition to Kindergarten less daunting for families. We follow Redfish School's Code of Conduct and learning language. Our Lending Library has many parenting books and is being expanded regularly. We understand that parents are the child's primary teachers and that it is essential to provide books to families.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: Parent and Child Time**

The Kootenay Lake Family Network has had a 15-year partnership with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) to deliver this program. CBAL hires the qualified facilitator and the KLFN provides the snacks, supplies, and equipment.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

\$1000 in-kind donation from Redfish School - reduced rate for facility rental.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Wellness Foundation**

Registration # XS0078058

514 Vernon Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Yoga Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

Our festival takes place at the Vallican Whole Community Center in RDCK Area H but we will be making connections between folks throughout the West Kootenay region and encourage attendance from all surrounding communities. We have also held events in Castlegar & Nelson and are making allies with other festivals in the area. We use the Kootenay Yoga Festival & our year-round events as a platform to connect with the greater community which provides us more support & participation each year and brings us closer to our organization's larger vision; to create a community bursary fund for alternative health services.

Importance to the community:

This is the fourth year running the festival and the positive impact we've seen on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the community as a whole is significant. This project is incredibly important for promoting a healthier lifestyle for all communities in the Kootenays which greatly benefits our region as a whole. The long-term goal of our foundation is to create a community bursary fund which can support up to 100 low-income people with their well-being by giving access to holistic health services in the area. This will also allow more support to local businesses & private health practitioners as they will be able to reach a wider scope of clients, contributing to a conscious local economy. We will also promote indigenous health and reconciliation through our collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people and will create more awareness about the traditional territory we live on today.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/27/2024 Project End: 5/5/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$27,150.00</b>



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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,150.00	\$55,250.00	\$55,250.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Our organization has been running an annual wellness & arts based festival in the Slocan Valley area, currently titled 'Kootenay Yoga Festival'. This is an inclusive event that not only promotes personal health but also fosters community engagement and supports local talent. Our upcoming event in September 2024 marks the fourth year of the festival and we expect approximately 300 attendants, attracting guests from the local area as well as from out of town. The festival builds a bridge between surrounding communities, artists, and wellness cultures in the West Kootenays and serves as a platform for individuals and groups to showcase their passions, performances, wisdom, and skills. Local artists will share their offerings throughout the weekend and we will also provide access to a diverse range of yoga & movement classes, self-development workshops, and educational talks. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Sinixt tÉ™mxwÃ¸laÉ”xw (homeland), participants can learn about our local First Nations culture and traditional territory. We have formed a solid alliance with the Autonomous Sinixt, with their support, we create awareness on reconciliation and the cultural values of the Sinixt peoples through educational workshops with elder, Marilyn James. Our main focus is to make art and holistic wellness more accessible to the general public by creating an environment that supports physical, mental, emotional, and creative health.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kootenay Wellness Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to support individuals with their health & wellness by encouraging the use of the various holistic services offered throughout the Kootenay region. Our mandate is to make the wellness industry more accessible to the public to improve the overall health of our community. We work with financial barriers of individuals & families to provide free resources & low-income services for physical, mental & emotional well-being. Our goal is to empower people to improve their own lives through self-care and ancestral healing practices as well as to create a circular economy with the local businesses, practitioners & facilitators in our area. Overall our project budget is approximately \$50,000.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This is the fourth year running the festival and the positive impact we've seen on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the community as a whole is significant. This project is incredibly important for promoting a healthier lifestyle for all communities in the Kootenays which greatly benefits our region as a whole. The long-term goal of our foundation is to create a community bursary fund which can support up to 100 low-income people with their well-being by giving access to holistic health services in the area. This will also allow more support to local businesses & private health practitioners as they will be able to reach a wider scope of clients, contributing to a conscious local economy. We will also promote indigenous health and reconciliation through our collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people and will create more awareness about the traditional territory we live on today.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We recognize the large population of at-risk individuals within our local communities who struggle with financial hardships as well as physical, mental & emotional health issues. As a result, we see a greater need for alternative health services to manage the daily stresses of life as well as more events, especially in rural areas, to enhance community connection. Our foundation is actively working on creating more accessibility to these services by offering a discounted ticket program to the festival for low-income folks as well as special youth passes and a

**Project: Kootenay Yoga Festival**

volunteer program which provides free entry as an exchange. By offering year-round events at an accessible price, we can also increase community involvement at our local gatherings & workshops. In addition, we will be using mobile outreach to bring events closer to those in rural communities and providing transportation options for those who may have difficulty traveling to our festival.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our team is a group of hard working individuals who are committed to improving our community through the vision of our foundation. Each person has the capacity to manage their time appropriately, complete important tasks successfully and use their valuable skills to make this project a reality. Our current team consists of Event Coordinator, Fundraising Director, Finance Assistant, Website Designer, Digital Marketing & Communications Manager, Sound & Tech Coordinator and Executive Director. We have had a very successful outcome from previous year's festivals and events, with lots of positive feedback and collaboration from our community. This has allowed us to grow a lot as an organization since the initial conception of this project. We are certain that we will be able to have the same kind of success in 2024 and we are very motivated by how we can truly impact the wellbeing of those living in our region.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our KYF team of skilled individuals has been generously volunteering their time & energy for the start up of this project, however, this is an initiative that requires support from our entire community. We have a detailed plan for volunteer involvement with clear roles to support the planning & production of our events. We have also assembled an advisory board with members who have expertise in relevant areas and we regularly engage with them for guidance and feedback on how to successfully complete our project. Our sponsorship program also allows local businesses to be involved in and support the event.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

- Over 400 volunteer hours from staff positions,
- 50 hours consultation time from advisors

**In-Kind Donations**

- The Hume Hotel - \$100.00
- Yasodhara Ashram - \$110.00
- Oso Negro Coffee - \$115.50
- Ralcomm - \$213.00
- Happy Gut Pro - \$215.28
- Kootenay Co-Op - \$250.00
- Kootenay Bakery - \$257.75
- Viva Cacao - \$300.00
- Kootenay Kombucha - \$336.00
- Hall Printing - \$100.00
- Mountain Valley Media - \$600.00
- The Jam Factory Co-working space - \$1,929.38
- Retreat Guru - \$1,617.00
- Life Untethered Coaching - \$1,500.00

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Top Knott - \$600.00  
Embracing Life - \$800.00  
Love of Shiva - \$220.00  
RONA/Maglios - \$397.98  
Shady Spaces Corp - \$697.50  
Radio Winlove - \$600.00

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Balfour Recreation Commission**

Registration # S0006781

602 Queens Bay Road, Balfour BC V0G 1C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Balfour Daze 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

The event will take place at the playing fields in Balfour. We will use the gazebo and stage that was built for events such as this. There are washrooms on site, a parking lot, and a large area for vendors and children's activities. The event was successfully held here last year.

Importance to the community:

Balfour Daze was successfully held last year for the first time after the Covid hiatus. Residents and tourists alike were happy to have an event such as this to attend, and the many local musicians, artists, crafters, and vendors benefitted from the exposure. Attendees of this year's festivities will enjoy coming together in the spirit of harmony and celebration. It is our belief that Balfour Daze gives Balfour and the outlet districts a sense of identity and a place for its residents to mingle and communicate in a fun and safe environment.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 8/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$5,600.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>	<b>\$15,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Balfour Daze is a day-long and family-oriented celebration held in Balfour, representing the Kootenay Outlet District areas of Balfour, Harrop, Procter, Queens Bay, Ainsworth, and Longbeach. With around 400 people expected to attend throughout the day and evening, this event promises to be an excellent showcase of local talent. Residents and tourists will enjoy live performances from local musicians, browse the work of talented artisans and crafters, and indulge in delicious food from the pancake breakfast and local vendors. Balfour Daze is more than just a fun day out! We will be supporting community partnerships such as the Balfour & District Business & Historic Association with their historical display and the Balfour Harrop Fire Department will be selling tickets for their annual Duck Race. All proceeds from the event will go towards the renovation and upgrading of the washrooms at the Balfour Fitness Centre.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To operate and maintain community-use facilities in the Balfour area. The BRC aims to promote healthy living and community spirit while building a network of community resources as a base for future events and community development. We aim to create, encourage, maintain, promote, develop, and support recreational activities that are of demonstrable benefit to the community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Balfour Daze was successfully held last year for the first time after the Covid hiatus. Residents and tourists alike were happy to have an event such as this to attend, and the many local musicians, artists, crafters, and vendors benefitted from the exposure. Attendees of this year's festivities will enjoy coming together in the spirit of harmony and celebration. It is our belief that Balfour Daze gives Balfour and the outlet districts a sense of identity and a place for its residents to mingle and communicate in a fun and safe environment.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This is a fabulous opportunity for local artists, musicians, and crafters to showcase their talents.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The very essence of Balfour Daze is to promote healthy living and community spirit. This closely aligns with the BRC's mandate, making us the ideal organization to host this annual festival. We have passionate board members who are truly invested in the success of this event. Our president has personal experience with Balfour Daze as his family has been instrumental in organizing this event in the past.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Balfour Recreation Commission will oversee the event. We have a committee of board members who are organizing the entertainment, food, vendors, and volunteers. The Kootenay Lake Family Network will be in charge of the children's activities.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**Project: Balfour Daze 2024**

We will have a raffle, silent auction with items donated by local businesses, pancake breakfast, and beer garden. The BRC has a board member committee set up for this event. An event of this magnitude will require many volunteer hours.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association**

Registration # S-0061546

1758 Winter Rd, Castlegar BC V1N 4S6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pass Creek Community Activities 2024-2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

Project activities will all take place at the Pass Creek Hall located at 1989

Pass Creek Road. The building is owned and managed by the Pass Creek Hall Society, which is run by long-standing community members of Doukhobour families. The hall has two floors, one kitchen, accessible bathrooms and entrances. This location is one, if not the only, venue that the neighbourhood of Pass Creek can easily access, and has enough space for larger groups of people to meet communally (120 occupancy on the main floor).

Importance to the community:

This project is integral to the community because firstly, there is no other formal community organization located in Pass Creek to run community activities. Without the PCNA, Pass Creek residents wouldn't have any close centre or location to congregate, meet new neighbours or learn new skills. The PCNA feels it is important to provide these people with a close place that can bring comfort, belonging, and opportunities for skill building and entertainment. Secondly, this project is integral because of the opportunities it provides. Having a hall close-by that regularly brings residents together provides opportunities to strengthen family bonds through family activities, there are opportunities to attain resources and information about the area and it also provides a place for families to connect with other families.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The PCNA is requesting \$6000 in funds to run our project which will entail 1 year of communities activities for electoral area I, pass creek and surrounding area residents. The PCNA was created and run by volunteers of the Pass Creek community. Events are low to no cost and open for anyone to participate. All activities are located at the PC Hall. Activities for the year will be:

- yoga 2x week
- karate 2x week
- Spring garage sale and BBQ
- Homesteading workshops
- Seasonal Potlucks
- Bear Aware/fire proofing your homestead

Activities are achieved through the work of our volunteer board. Membership and being on the board is open to everyone. We normally meet every 6-8 weeks. The grant supports the rental of the hall which is integral as there is limited locations for activities in the creek. All costs for activities mentioned are donated or supplemental grants are applied for.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The PCNA is run by community members of pass creek. We embrace the diversity in our neighbourhood and aim to join as many households for neighbourhood programming and events to improve the wellbeing of individuals and build positive healthy community relationships.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is integral to the community because firstly, there is no other formal community organization located in Pass Creek to run community activities. Without the PCNA, Pass Creek residents wouldn't have any close centre or location to congregate, meet new neighbours or learn new skills. The PCNA feels it is important to provide these people with a close place that can bring comfort, belonging, and opportunities for skill building and entertainment. Secondly, this project is integral because of the opportunities it provides. Having a hall close-by that regularly brings residents together provides opportunities to strengthen family bonds through family activities, there are opportunities to attain resources and information about the area and it also provides a place for families to connect with other families.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The overall goal of all activities is to develop the community. Events and activities also work to combat social isolation, helps to build people's personal confidence and facilitate relationship-building between neighbours. There will be opportunities to build skills and increase diversity by bringing more people together. The PCNA welcomes community members to share their unique interests and talents by holding their own workshops at the hall. PCNA members support and help facilitate any residents desire to hold a session by helping plan, set-up, implement and tear down their presentations/activities. At all events the PCNA asks for feedback and every two years the PCNA delivers a survey to local residents for input on current programming and for new ideas. Community needs and interests are identified through this way and additionally through surveys distributed at events. All feedback is collected and reviewed by members to improve for next year.



**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The PCNA is best suited and has the capacity to deliver this project because our members have history here, determination and lastly, the time to commit to the activities. The PCNA is made up of Pass Creek residents and our homes are spread throughout the whole area of the community. The PCNA members represent diversity from having elderly and younger members, and from heritages all across Canada. Some members have been in the organization for four years so they have the historical perspective on the life of the organization. The PCNA also has the capacity to deliver this project as many of the members are retired and have more free time to devote to planning activities.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

For the most part, residents from the community (some may be from area outside Electoral area I) will be the ones actually implementing the activities as most project activities are information and/or instructor-led workshops geared to teach people about a specific subject, like Sauerkraut making. Other larger events, a congregation of community residents coming together to play music, sell crafts and eat food. PCNA members will be working behind the scenes and largely be responsible for all the planning and development of activities before they actually take place.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time and small contributions to events from community members - for example, extra tables and chairs, food for potlucks, promotion in the local news.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**

Registration # 12995 5286 RR0001  
Box 100, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Medical Bus**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

The bus will provide transportation from Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier and Edgewood to the Okanagan with dedicated stops in Vernon and Kelowna. Storage of the bus is located at the Community Services Building, 205 6th Avenue NW, Nakusp.

Importance to the community:

The most common barrier for our rural residents to access medical and specialized appointments is the lack of transportation particularly for seniors, low income and at-risk residents. This project helps remove barriers to access and provides options which are affordable, safe and reliable.

Maintaining health helps people adopt and maintain healthy behaviors resulting in lower healthcare costs. Providing affordable and reliable transportation for those needing it allows people in our area who may normally not have transportation options to continue to participate in their own wellness. Priority participants will continue to be seniors however this project will also target individuals and families living in poverty and people with diverse abilities including mental health, youth and youth at risk.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/1/2024      Project End: 5/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$7,900.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$750.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Medical Bus**

<b>\$11,400.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The project will maintain the use of the Medical Bus to connect vulnerable, rural, remote and isolated residents of Nakusp and area to reliable and affordable transportation to attend appointments in the Okanagan. Priority will be given to seniors and those attending medical appointments however with the flexibility to serve a more diverse clientele should seats be available.

The bus will provide a regular schedule to the Okanagan. Volunteers will be recruited and maintained to drive the bus.

ASLCS will collaborate with groups and organizations i.e. Senior's Centre, Halcyon Assisted Living, Mental Health Clubhouse, to identify individuals who experience barriers to transportation. ASLCS will market and promote services to maximize riders and create revenue to offset costs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Arrow and Slokan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) is a non-profit charity providing community based social services solutions for 50 years. Our Vision: "Advocating for vibrant, thriving and supportive communities." Our Mission: "Working together with our communities to provide innovative services and solutions." We successfully deliver over 20 diverse programs and services, i.e. Employment services, Women and Children's counseling, Home Support, Better at Home, Medical Bus, Food Bank and more. ASLCS is a financially solid and capable organization and holds many government contracts with a multitude of funding models. Successful simultaneous management of these contracts demonstrates that we have the capability to financially manage and support all services. ASLCS has a varied portfolio of assets, internal controls to maintain cash, savings and an undrawn line of credit. Our operating budget is \$1,191,544.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The most common barrier for our rural residents to access medical and specialized appointments is the lack of transportation particularly for seniors, low income and at-risk residents. This project helps remove barriers to access and provides options which are affordable, safe and reliable.

Maintaining health helps people adopt and maintain healthy behaviors resulting in lower healthcare costs. Providing affordable and reliable transportation for those needing it allows people in our area who may normally not have transportation options to continue to participate in their own wellness. Priority participants will continue to be seniors however this project will also target individuals and families living in poverty and people with diverse abilities including mental health, youth and youth at risk.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues:

Lack of reliable, affordable and accessible transportation for vulnerable populations to attend important medical and specialized appointments. Lack of support for seniors and other vulnerable populations to connect them with transportation resources.

Opportunities:

Promote and implement transportation opportunities.

Support seniors and others to maintain health and wellness by providing the ability to attend appointments which may otherwise be inaccessible.

Reduce isolation for seniors and vulnerable populations.

Generate revenue from bus fares.

Identified by:

**Project: Medical Bus**

Service providers i.e. Stopping the Violence Outreach and Counselling, Better at Home, Halcyon Assisted Living, and Service Organizations I.e. Senior's Association, Arrow Lakes Healthcare Auxiliary.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

ASLCS has demonstrated capacity to manage a variety of social service based programs. We currently manage 20+ programs, with our services impacting local populations from children to seniors.

Infrastructure for this project is in place.

ASLCS has experience and specialized staff who have cultivated and maintained excellent working relationships with partners and stakeholders.

We have demonstrated experience providing transportation for seniors to access medical appointments and health and wellness activities locally and regionally.

ASLCS has demonstrated experience recruiting volunteers to help with programs i.e. Better at Home, Food Bank, Holiday Hampers and our Community Works Gift Shop. We have a broad volunteer base with dedicated workers who have volunteered their expertise and time for many years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project Administration - Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) at 205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp.

Coordination - ASLCS staff

Volunteers - Bus Drivers

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Coordination, scheduling, reservations, conducted by ASLCS staff, 2 hours/week at \$25/hour = \$2600

Bus parking

Volunteer Bus Drivers - a trip to the Okanagan is generally a 10-12 hour day. They are paid a \$80 honorarium per trip and volunteer their time.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society**

Registration # 1979294106

120 Heritage Way, Castlegar BC V1N 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Relocation Administration Support**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project will largely take place in Castlegar at the Kootenay Gallery of Art though some travel may be required for additional research for gallery design and layout.

Importance to the community:

Ultimately, our goal is to relocate to the downtown city core with the final result being centrally located in a highly visible and easily accessible area

to increase public access to arts and culture within our city, our region, and beyond. It is understood our relocation will be an economic driver to support the community--inspiring potential new business growth, supporting local tourism, and exposure to arts and culture within our region; as well as, increase our overall attendance and revenue. It is believed access to a vibrant arts community combined with other recreational offerings will support the recruitment of new people to our city and region thereby supporting the local business/industry recruitment process. Overall, individuals and businesses in our community will benefit from our relocation project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$2,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$8,492.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,492.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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\$12,492.00	\$35,144.00	\$35,144.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Gallery continues to regularly work towards relocating the Gallery from it's current rural location to the downtown core within the City of Castlegar. The central location will provide several opportunities: 1) increase community participation - easier access for the general public to arts and culture within the community; 2) Accessibility - within walking distances and/or on the bus routes, close to public schools, easier access for wheel chairs, etc. 3) assist and support the downtown revitalization programs. 4) increase our overall space for exhibits, gift shop, etc. With the additional space we will be able to provide additional arts/culture programming and performances.

This project will assist us with the transition and allow us to continue the project momentum through administrative support in research and development, planning, liaising with stakeholders, and assisting with project management. Administrative attention to details will be directed through the organization/attendance of weekly (sometimes 2X weekly) relocation meetings - in person & online meetings with partners, committees, planning advisors, stakeholders, architects, consultants, grant writers; minute taking; reporting and record-keeping; developing/creating content for collateral materials for community engagement, etc.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kootenay gallery of Art, History and Science society is a not-for-profit public art gallery and a registered charitable organization. The Gallery is dedicated to presenting contemporary art exhibitions, providing art education programs and experiences for people of all ages.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Ultimately, our goal is to relocate to the downtown city core with the final result being centrally located in a highly visible and easily accessible area to increase public access to arts and culture within our city, our region, and beyond. It is understood our relocation will be an economic driver to support the community--inspiring potential new business growth, supporting local tourism, and exposure to arts and culture within our region; as well as, increase our overall attendance and revenue. It is believed access to a vibrant arts community combined with other recreational offerings will support the recruitment of new people to our city and region thereby supporting the local business/industry recruitment process. Overall, individuals and businesses in our community will benefit from our relocation project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Currently, our building size is inadequate for our needs. As well, the current location is outside of the city and local bus routes, making it difficult to access without a vehicle. The new space will be close to triple the amount of floor/wall space we have. This will allow us the opportunity to support community program which has been identified as part our mandate and to bring in exhibits of various sizes. It will also provide easier access for the community to arts and cultural opportunities. We also project a significant increase in our giftshop sales thereby providing increased revenue for us and also for the many artists who show/sell their work at the gallery.

These needs and/or opportunities have been identified through strategic planning and also through community engagement - surveys and interviews, etc.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

**Project: Relocation Administration Support**

The Kootenay Gallery has over 40 years of experience in the successful delivery of organizing exhibitions and arts programming within this community and surrounding region. We have a record of completing projects, detailed recordkeeping, providing final reports and supporting the arts and culture within this area and service industry. Our staff and relocation committee members possess the necessary business, project management and technical skills to ensure this project is competently and efficiently carried out to completion.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The relocation project will be implemented by the Kootenay Gallery Executive Director, the Gallery's Curator, and the Administrative Assistant as they work with the Gallery's Relocation Committee and various other community partners and stakeholders.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-kind support contributions will also include:

Relocation committee volunteers - est. 3 people X 3 hrs/wk X 50 wks = 450 hrs in-kind (we expect volunteer committee work to increase over and above the state amount.)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Harrop & District Community Centre Society (HDCC)**

Registration # S-4264

6066 McConnell Road, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6P6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Harrop Hall renovation project - phase !V**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

6066 McConnell Road, in Harrop.

Importance to the community:

All residents of the unincorporated "villages" on the south shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake - that is, Harrop, Procter and Sunshine Bay - will benefit from an improved Hall. It is the site of the highly popular Harrop Harvest Festival which sees folks coming from all over, summer weddings, reunions, family gatherings, as well as regular annual events and weekly activities - yoga, workshops, outdoors club meetings, etc.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/3/2024 Project End: 10/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$5,000.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>



**Project: Harrop Hall renovation project - phase IV**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will focus on the continuing exterior restoration and re-siding. Interior improvements will be undertaken including new paint, floor restoration and cosmetic upgrading (lighting, etc) to improve the attractiveness of the hall.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The mandate of the society is to foster community involvement and spirit through events of all sorts at the Harrop Hall.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All residents of the unincorporated "villages" on the south shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake - that is, Harrop, Procter and Sunshine Bay - will benefit from an improved Hall. It is the site of the highly popular Harrop Harvest Festival which sees folks coming from all over, summer weddings, reunions, family gatherings, as well as regular annual events and weekly activities - yoga, workshops, outdoors club meetings, etc.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This is an ongoing project that has seen many improvements to the hall, in large part through Re-Di/CIP grants in the past and the efforts of the society's volunteers. With one or perhaps two additional grants the Hall - centre of a number of ongoing events - will continue to serve the community at large for decades to come.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The HDCC does have the track record and ongoing linkages with contractors and suppliers to continue the ongoing restoration.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

A local contractor will be employed for restoration aspects and the re-siding, using lumber donated by Harrop Procter Forest Products, the milling division of the Harrop Procter Community Cooperative. Interior renovations/improvements will largely be undertaken by volunteers who are members of the society.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Much of the interior work will be done by volunteers.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Solutions**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, RDCK Area K, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan

This project intends to provide funds in RDCK Area H and Area K, and in the municipalities of New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and Slocan, pending successful fund acquisition from each region.

Importance to the community:

Everyone in the area will benefit from this project because with fewer bears accessing fruit trees, there are fewer food conditioned and habituated bears locally. This will help protect children, elderly, vulnerable adults and all adults within communities or within Area H. For example, the more individuals with properly installed electric fences around fruit trees, the less food there is and less reason for a bear to visit a household or their neighbours. Both 2016 and 2022 were years with more than double the average for reports of bear activity within municipalities, mostly accessing fruit trees (although also accessing garbage, bird feeders, etc), in part due to large natural crop failures of huckleberries. Preventing access to attractants within communities helps encourage bears to return back to their natural forest habitat to seek natural food rewards, reducing risk to humans and pets.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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<b>\$8,400.00</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

This project will hire a local coordinator to manage and provide funds for cost-shares on electric fencing or fruit tree replacement, depending on the needs of the client. The VWS offers cost-share on 50% of the energizer for electric fencing, and this fund will provide an additional \$100 towards additional electric fencing materials. Fruit trees are the most reported attractant locally bringing bears into our communities and acreages (see WildSafeBC 2022 and 2023 annual reports), and a properly installed and maintained electric fence is shown to be the most effective way to protect this investment. However, not all home-owners reside locally year-round, or have a fruit/nut tree that bears edible fruit, and may benefit more from removing their fruit or nut tree and replacing it with a non-fruit/nut bearing alternative. This program provides cost-shares to help meet the needs of each client, with agreed upon funds provided upon receipts for items or services.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote a shared vision that enhances the cultural, social, economic and environmental development of Slocan communities:

- by organizing and bringing together stakeholder groups for collaboration, coordination and cooperating on goals;
- by finding and organizing resources for groups including services, funding, personnel;
- by supporting groups by organizing workshops, seminars, and training programs.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Everyone in the area will benefit from this project because with fewer bears accessing fruit trees, there are fewer food conditioned and habituated bears locally. This will help protect children, elderly, vulnerable adults and all adults within communities or within Area H. For example, the more individuals with properly installed electric fences around fruit trees, the less food there is and less reason for a bear to visit a household or their neighbours. Both 2016 and 2022 were years with more than double the average for reports of bear activity within municipalities, mostly accessing fruit trees (although also accessing garbage, bird feeders, etc), in part due to large natural crop failures of huckleberries. Preventing access to attractants within communities helps encourage bears to return back to their natural forest habitat to seek natural food rewards, reducing risk to humans and pets.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issue addressed: the high rate of visitation by bears within our communities, which often become food conditioned (i.e., learn to associate humans and their infrastructure with food rewards) when they access fruit and nut trees, and habituated (i.e., are no longer afraid of people) when they are in close proximity to humans with no negative consequences. The trend over the past 6 years is for increasing visitation and conflict with bears, with most residents reporting seeing bears accessing fruit and nut trees, as shown in the WildSafeBC 2022 Annual report. Preventing access to fruit and nut trees has been identified as the top priority to reduce bear issues locally (WildSafeBC; Human-Bear Management Plan 2012). Additionally, many individuals have expressed that they do not have the funds to purchase electric fencing materials, or remove a fruit tree, on their own.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Slocan Solutions supports numerous initiatives throughout the Slocan Valley to benefit people and the environment. Other individuals involved: those working for WildSafeBC (the top leader in reducing human-wildlife conflict), Harvest Share (mission is to assist in protecting fruit trees and harvesting fruit for use locally), and Valhalla Wilderness Society (mission is to champion of conservation since 1975. A BC-Based wilderness conservation organization, specializing in the creation of parks and protected areas for wildlife and ecosystems). All individuals are active members of the New Denver Bear Smart Working Group, which strives to reduce human-wildlife conflict

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within BC. WildSafeBC itself is the provincial leader in helping to reduce human-wildlife conflict. Harvest Share has all of its 5 loaner fences rented out for much of the summer/early fall. Valhalla Wilderness Society provides cost shares on energizers for electric fencing to four households in 2022, so is already familiar with the process.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Cora Skaien, WildSafeBC Community Coordinator 2020-2023, will manage the funds with assistance from Slocan Solutions. This project comes with support from the New Denver Bear Smart Working Group, WildSafeBC, Harvest Share (the local fruit gleaning organization), Valhalla Wilderness Society Area H Bear Smart Program, the Village of New Denver, and The Healthy Community Society.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Guidance and assistance provided by the Bear Smart Working Group and Slocan Solutions.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Lake Golf Club**

Registration # 122053358RP0001

101 Golf Course Rd., New Denver BC V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Power Shed Creation**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver

This will take place on the golf course property next to the existing pump house.

Importance to the community:

This will modernize our pump set up. It will allowed continued operation and maintenance of our water pump.

Our golf course is an asset used by many people in our community and surrounding areas. It is a source of outdoor fitness for folks young and old.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,670.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,670.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,670.00</b>	<b>\$7,930.00</b>	<b>\$7,930.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Currently our pump house contains both the pump for the course as well as the electrical panels needed to run the pump. This does not meet current code requirements and is quite dangerous. Anytime there is a leak with the pump we have the potential for water and electricity to be mixing.

This project is to build a separate shed to house the electrical panels so that we can remove them from the pump house.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote interest among its members in the game of golf and such other games as may from time to time be deemed by them to be desirable.

To provide, hold, maintain and operate for the members and their guests social and recreational facilities and such lands, buildings, golf links, equipment and anything else required to further the objects of the Society, however, the Society shall not operate as a Social Club.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will modernize our pump set up. It will allowed continued operation and maintenance of our water pump.

Our golf course is an asset used by many people in our community and surrounding areas. It is a source of outdoor fitness for folks young and old.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This will allow us to separate our electrical equipment from our water pump.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the ones responsible for the continued maintenance and functioning of the golf course.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The golf course board and contractors.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Slocan Lake Golf Club Board will be providing administration and oversight

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Burton Senior Citizens' Association Branch 124**

Registration # S0004367

4390 Highway 6W, Nakusp BC V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Replacing Chairs**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ  
Burton Community Hall

Importance to the community:

Everyone in the community will benefit from the new chairs as this is the main venue for all activities in the community be they social, sports, fitness, meetings, dinners, banquets, weddings, etc. This project is important for the safety of all users.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
			<b>\$6,788.25</b>	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,788.25</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,788.25</b>	<b>\$6,788.25</b>	<b>\$6,788.25</b>

**Project: Replacing Chairs**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to replace our existing chairs in the Burton Community Hall. The existing chairs are worn out and beginning to be unsafe. This project will be achieved by purchasing new chairs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to provide activities to keep seniors active and socially involved. We provide banquets, potlucks, games, musical entertainment, Christmas carol sing, craft fair, fall fair, historical slide shows, guest speakers. For the 2023 fiscal year, our income was \$5,299.06 and our expenses were \$4,169.54. The balance in our operating budget on December 31, 2023 was \$3,613.89.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Everyone in the community will benefit from the new chairs as this is the main venue for all activities in the community be they social, sports, fitness, meetings, dinners, banquets, weddings, etc. This project is important for the safety of all users.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issue is the safety of the existing chairs. This has been identified by the use of these chairs.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is best suited to deliver this project as the Burton Hall Association is currently extremely busy with looking at extending or renovating the existing building as it does not currently meet the needs of our community. This is a project that we are able to facilitate and have the volunteers necessary to replace the chairs and it is one less obligation that our Burton Hall Assn has to deal with.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Burton Senior Citizens' Assn will be involved as we utilize the hall on a free basis with the understanding that we assist with projects such as this to maintain the facility.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our volunteers will provide the labour required to remove existing chairs and replace them with the new chairs.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**

Registration # S0077960

PO Box 434, slocan bc V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Winter Carnival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan Expo Park, Slocan

Importance to the community:

It brings people out during the cold and dark months and it brings people together to build on existing connections or to create new ones. With these connections, new opportunities can arise for collective abundance in the Slocan Valley. It also supports locals financially, whether they be performers or crew members, and local small businesses.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 2/1/2025 Project End: 2/1/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,730.00</b>	<b>\$11,730.00</b>

**Project: Winter Carnival**

**1. The project will provide:**

3rd annual event. Live music all day. Family Friendly and no alcohol served. By donation sliding scale \$0-\$50. No tickets or wristbands. Ice slide, Carnival games hosted by Slocan Valley Youth Network, Snow Sculpture workshop and other workshops, and activities for kids. Food and artisan vendors. Afterparty dance at the Legion (no alcohol served).

Intention is to support local artists and small businesses, to promote tourism to Slocan and the Slocan Valley and to give back to the community with surplus donations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide accessible wellness retreats and community events by using a by donation method of financing (pay-what-you-can and pay-it-forward).

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It brings people out during the cold and dark months and it brings people together to build on existing connections or to create new ones. With these connections, new opportunities can arise for collective abundance in the Slocan Valley. It also supports locals financially, whether they be performers or crew members, and local small businesses.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Attendance will be weather and seasonal illness dependent. We had an excellent turnout the first year. The 2nd year had rain and lots of folks were sick however we still had a good turnout and food vendors sold out.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This will be our 3rd annual event and we have lots of support from the community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Members of the society, volunteers and contracted professionals for sound and lighting and other paid personnel.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Firewood, propane, raffle prizes

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lower arrow Lakes Conservation Association**

Registration # Inc # S0027933 Business #84877 1481 BC0001  
775 Worthington FSR, Edgewood British Columbia V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **SS Minto Display**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

Project location will be in the community of Edgewood residing at the park with an appropriate backdrop of the Arrow Lakes.

Importance to the community:

Our Conservation group was placed as custodians of the SS Minto scale model. The now defunct Edgewood Lions Club were the the ones that commissioned the building of the scale model of the SS Minto, by Club members and numerous locals. It coincided with the 1992 Edgewood Homecoming Celebrations for it's inaugural launch. This scale model was built with extreme attention to detail of the original SS Minto, with functioning sternwheel that is powered by radio control. The entire community of Edgewood and Arrow Lakes Basin will benefit from the display of a model recreation that was the lifeline of transportation for the entire Arrow Lakes basin.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/2/2024 Project End: 11/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$500.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

To construct a small & secure enclosed structure to display a true to 1/16 scale model of the SS Minto. The project completion will allow permanent display of this historic sternwheeler along with the history of the vessel. It will be achieved thru funding and volunteer labor along with locally provided structural lumbers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Conservation of nature and environment is our primary focus while fostering pursuits in the outdoors for members, locals and visitors.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our Conservation group was placed as custodians of the SS Minto scale model. The now defunct Edgewood Lions Club were the the ones that commissioned the building of the scale model of the SS Minto, by Club members and numerous locals. It coincided with the 1992 Edgewood Homecoming Celebrations for it's inaugural launch. This scale model was built with extreme attention to detail of the original SS Minto, with functioning sternwheel that is powered by radio control. The entire community of Edgewood and Arrow Lakes Basin will benefit from the display of a model recreation that was the lifeline of transportation for the entire Arrow Lakes basin.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Possible issues are approvals from the local Parks Board, the Province and First Nations. Identified via initial process obligations.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are best suited as we are the custodians of this important piece of history. It currently is stored in an enclosed trailer with few opportunities for public display.

Our members have a personal connection to this history and the skills to deliver the completed project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project is being run and managed by the local Arrow Lakes Conservation Association.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Local sawyers will provide the necessary wood for the structural frame.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society (KORTS)**

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001  
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park Trail Upgrade & New Infrastructure**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo  
Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park

Importance to the community:

Trail counters placed in 2023 indicate a usage rate of 35-50 users per week in the summer months and informal surveys indicate KMBP users include both Kaslo residents and visitors to Kaslo. The Park is popular because its focus is on progressive riding skill development starting at very young riders through to teen and adult riders who are learning to ride toward longer trails in the Kaslo and Area D trail network.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/6/2024 Project End: 8/23/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$4,500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,050.00</b>	<b>\$6,050.00</b>

**Project: Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park Trail Upgrade & New Infrastructure**

**1. The project will provide:**

The trails and ride features within the KFMBP have always been visioned as rider progression friendly and suitable for multi-age and multi-skill development. Design involving consultants and specialists began in 2015 with construction following from 2016 - 2020. If approved, a separate ReDi Grant will enable KORTS/KMBC to design higher level progression features to create a full multi-level bike park environment. This project will focus on building the higher level progression features, and upgrading an existing downhill trail built in 2018 that is in need of rehabilitation to improve bike rider flow, corner and jump safety.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

1. Encourage community and visitor participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation and sport activities, especially, but not limited to, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, hiking, running and the like.
2. Build and maintain non-motorized recreational trails in and around Kaslo for public use.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Trail counters placed in 2023 indicate a usage rate of 35-50 users per week in the summer months and informal surveys indicate KMBP users include both Kaslo residents and visitors to Kaslo. The Park is popular because its focus is on progressive riding skill development starting at very young riders through to teen and adult riders who are learning to ride toward longer trails in the Kaslo and Area D trail network.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The opportunity addressed is to further the construction of the original vision of the Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park as a multi-age, multi-skill, multi-level trail and mountain riding location for Kaslo residents and visitors. Materials and equipment for construction of progressive jump series, "challenge" trail features, and upgrades to the downhill portion of the park

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KORTS is the volunteer based umbrella Society / organization in Kaslo that is directly involved in trail development and maintenance of both Village of Kaslo lands and RDCK/Crown land in Woodlot 494 and the Community Forest Mt Buchanan recreation area (Kaslo Interpretive Forest). KORTS has been involved in the construction and maintenance of trails in and around Kaslo and Area D since 2005 and relies on a strong volunteer base (over 14,000 volunteer hours since inception) along with local business support. KORTS is recognized in the Kaslo Official Community Plan (2022, Section 9) to provide and maintain trails and park facilities.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

KORTS and Kaslo Mountain Bike Club which is a Club within the KORTS umbrella framework.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Unconfirmed Village of Kaslo fill material

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Nelson Reflektions Artistic Swimming**

Registration # S0052645

622 Front Street, Nelson BC V1L 4B7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting youth in sports**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The project will take place predominately in Nelson with out of town travel to competitions (Kamloops, Nanaimo, Richmond). Due to their being no other similar youth clubs in the area, travel is required to allow the young athletes to compete.

Importance to the community:

Youth sporting opportunities can be very limited in rural communities. It is critical to support youth sport organizations to ensure that the local youth stays active, engaged and positive. We strive to offer fun, affordable and disciplined sporting activity that engages youth in mental and physical well being whilst also teaching them to respect others and their community. We are the only Artistic Swim Club in our area of the interior the closest Club to us is Kelowna. It is valuable to keep this Club going to offer this sport to our community and surrounding areas.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,000.00</b>			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$9,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The project is offering training and improved opportunities for youth in our area. Our regular season runs from 1st September to 31st May and during this time we require a large amount of pool rental at the NDCC. Unfortunately lane rental at the NDCC is very expensive and has one of the highest rental rates in the province of BC. This causes significant difficulty for our club; without funding assistance we struggle to offer quality youth sport at an affordable price for local families. The club travels to out of town competitions as there are not similar youth organizations in our area (as far as Nanaimo and Kamloops). The project would offer pool, coaching and competition travel expenses. With funding for additional training and competition attendance, young athletes gain significant life skills such as teamwork, confidence and self esteem which they bring home for the betterment of our local community.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To offer fun and affordable youth sporting activities open to all youth ages 4-18 within our region.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Youth sporting opportunities can be very limited in rural communities. It is critical to support youth sport organizations to ensure that the local youth stays active, engaged and positive. We strive to offer fun, affordable and disciplined sporting activity that engages youth in mental and physical well being whilst also teaching them to respect others and their community. We are the only Artistic Swim Club in our area of the interior the closest Club to us is Kelowna. It is valuable to keep this Club going to offer this sport to our community and surrounding areas.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The high pool rental cost at the NDCC in Nelson will be addressed, allowing us to offer training for young swimmers and represent Nelson at a provincial level. High pool rental costs can increase monthly fees making the sport unattainable. We lost our coach of 30 years at the end of last season and we need resources for recruiting and training existing and new coaches.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are best suited and have the capacity to deliver the project through a strong Board of Directors and a dedicated coaching team. We work jointly to deliver a quality program in our community. We are looking to expand our coaching expertise and recruiting for new coaches as well as providing training for existing coaches to improve the quality of our programming.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Nelson Reflections board of directors (4 members), the Nelson Reflections coaches (4 coaches) and the Nelson Reflections swimmers (currently 11 swimmers). We hope to recruit more swimmers for next season as we hope to have more coaching resources.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**Project: Supporting youth in sports**

Approximately 2 days per week (80 days annually) unpaid volunteer time by the board of directors to run the club; 6 hours unpaid time for coaches for planning and administration; 10 days annually by athlete parents for fundraising; 8 hours annually by swimmers for fundraising.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association**

Registration # S0039219  
Box 319, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **100 Years of Ice Sports**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

The CDCC is one of the most well used facilities in the Creston Valley and is used by community members and visitors from around the region, from Kitchener to Gray Creek and beyond. Hosting youth and adult sports leagues, recreational events, and even indoors farmers markets, the CDCC is a hub for all ages, genders, and ethnicities, and will be a well visited and relevant location to permanently display local talent, history, and cultivate inspiration. The Johnny Bucyk Arena will be the perfect home for this exhibit, celebrating 100 Years of Ice Sports in the Creston Valley.

Importance to the community:

At the forefront, the Legacy Project will start with celebrating athletes, including youth, sports heroes, coaches and others in the valley. It will highlight the achievements of local Hall of Famers such as Johnny Bucyk and Jet Fumerton, bringing joy to families, friends, and youth inspired by their efforts and pride to the community. At a deeper level however, the Legacy Project is about what has come from the community coming together, competing, gaining physical literacy, learning about teamwork, and meeting individuals from neighboring communities.

The permanent display will show how we came together to play broom ball, curling, figure skating, to watch our young ones or professional athletes, and how we built community along the way. While honoring our past, the display we intend to create will use ice sports as a platform to motivate and inspire continued community growth and connection.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 10/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$5,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$17,500.00	\$76,500.00	\$76,500.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Creston celebrates its centennial in 2024. Such a milestone prompted a reflection of the area's rich and diverse history; acknowledging that ice sports have been key to integrating local and diverse communities, the Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association (CVMHA) sought and acquired hosting the 2023/24 U18 Tier 4 Provincial Championships to celebrate this.

This strategic alignment of the Championships with the centennial provides a golden opportunity to collaborate with the community in showcasing a century of ice sports in the Creston Valley. The proposed project endeavors to create a permanent exhibit in the Creston & District Community Complex (CDCC) that incorporates influential local athletes, historic highlights, immersive storytelling, and curated artifacts to vividly display how ice sports have brought the Creston Valley community together for 100 years. Beyond preserving and celebrating the sporting heritage, the exhibit will aim to cultivate a profound sense of pride and recognition for local athletes and their accomplishments, including highlighting that Creston is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Ktunaxa Nation and Yaqan Nukiy People and celebrating their contributions to the local sports community and shared history of the area.

Ultimately, the project seeks to elevate community awareness and appreciation of our shared history based around ice sports, provide opportunities for community engagement and celebration, and motivate further community connection into the future.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Society dedicates itself to the advancement of Amateur Hockey for all individuals registered with the Society through progressive leadership by ensuring meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe, sportsmanlike environment.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

At the forefront, the Legacy Project will start with celebrating athletes, including youth, sports heroes, coaches and others in the valley. It will highlight the achievements of local Hall of Famers such as Johnny Bucyk and Jet Fumerton, bringing joy to families, friends, and youth inspired by their efforts and pride to the community. At a deeper level however, the Legacy Project is about what has come from the community coming together, competing, gaining physical literacy, learning about teamwork, and meeting individuals from neighboring communities.

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**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

First, the Legacy Project aims to ensure that the community gains a comprehensive awareness of its heritage through promoting a shared understanding of the impactful nature of sports in local history. In achieving this goal, the project will also stimulate recognition of the sporting heroes that came from Creston Valley and surrounding communities, seeking to elevate understanding of their accomplishments and acknowledgement of their contributions.

**Project: 100 Years of Ice Sports**

Understanding the community's past will support future decision making, funding, and resource allocation to support youth, sports, and community wellness into the future.

The CDCC and Johnny Bucyk Arena are one of the only facilities in the Kootenays without a display or exhibit celebrating local sports and community and this project seeks to bridge the gap. The CVMHA has long been excited to bring this idea to life and to create an engaging display to inspire and motivate our community, young athletes and visitors alike.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As a major benefactor of our rich ice sports history, the CVMHA was inspired to take on the key organizing role for this project. The CVMHA is well poised for this role, as they have over 150 members and an enthusiastic board with experience in event coordination, finance, and marketing, as well as a demonstrated history of running successful sporting events.

The Project Committee is diverse and comprised of community leaders with extensive experience delivering community initiatives.

The project is supported by Kala Hooker who has a track record for building community connections to ensure not only the success of the project, but also the assembly of a historically accurate, culturally sensitive, and engaging exhibit ([www.yourwayfinders.com](http://www.yourwayfinders.com)).

Tammy Bradford is contracted to curate the exhibit and has extensive experience with projects of this scope through her time at the Creston Valley Museum ([www.crestonmuseum.ca](http://www.crestonmuseum.ca)).

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kala Hooker, a professional project manager with over 15 years' experience in the social, natural resource, agriculture and business sectors, will be delivering the project.

The CVMHA is the key organizing partner and will be working with:

- The Committee: Kala Hooker, Kelly Vandenberghe, Shannon Veitch, Denise Dumas, Chris Luke, Bienka Rosch
- Tammy Bradford, Curator
- The Creston Valley Museum
- Creston Figure Skating Club
- Creston Curling Club
- RDCK and CDCC Staff

The CVMHA is running community engagement sessions to compile input from interested participants and to ensure the exhibit represents the community in its entirety.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Project Coordination Services from Your Wayfinders \$5000 not including time from Kala Hooker

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

**Project: 100 Years of Ice Sports**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society**

Registration # 89602 7752 BC0001  
Box 13, Yahk BC V0B 2P0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Urgent Repairs to Maintain Hall**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

The project will take place at the Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society community hall located at 8790 Railway Avenue in Yahk, BC.

Importance to the community:

Completing this work will directly benefit community members (over 400 people) who live within the Yahk Kingsgate community by enabling them to continue to safely use the community hall.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/21/2024      Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$4,999.00</b>			
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

**Project: Urgent Repairs to Maintain Hall**

**1. The project will provide:**

The readiness program funding would enable us to repair and maintain the community hall for the safe use of our residents. The potential impact of not addressing this issue could potentially have catastrophic structural and safety consequences impacting the ability for our residents to continue to use the hall. Specifically, the project is to repair as needed (fix / strengthen the foundation to stop the wall from sinking).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The YKRS Hall is the only facility in which the residents can meet, conduct business and provide recreational activities for residents young and old.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Completing this work will directly benefit community members (over 400 people) who live within the Yahk Kingsgate community by enabling them to continue to safely use the community hall.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is an addition attached to the main hall. We had a water issue last year that disturbed the soil. Since that time, we have seen the wall start to separate from the roof to the point where we can see daylight between the wall and the roof. Also, we have had a leak that we believe has been caused by this issue.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As the YKRS Board, we have the responsibility to the community at large. This includes ensuring that the community hall is maintained. We also have community members with relevant experience to help the Treasurer make good decisions re: which company/companies to hire.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Treasurer (Karen Kraan) would oversee. She, along with members of the community with construction experience would hire companies with the required expertise and experience to complete the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We have community members who are willing to do any prep work (clear out the addition if need be before work commences) and will do any work that they are allowed, such as clean up.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society**

Registration # S035527  
Box 22, Winlaw BC V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Rail Trail Signage Improvement Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan  
The project will take place along the entire length of the 50 km long Slocan Valley Rail Trail.

Importance to the community:

With data showing our trail is getting over 100,000 annual users, new signage will compliment Trail safety in a comfortable manner. We want regular and new users to know how to best enjoy the Trail. We have many out-of-area users who may be unfamiliar with names of creeks, road crossings and rules of the Trail. When you add in our existing on-trail amenities direction signs, we will a better position to connect them to local restaurants, accommodation, market gardens, grocery stores, artisans and more.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 7/15/2024      Project End: 11/22/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,900.00</b>	<b>\$5,900.00</b>	<b>\$5,900.00</b>

**Project: Slocan Valley Rail Trail Signage Improvement Project****1. The project will provide:**

The purpose of the project is to purchase new signage to upgrade and replace various existing Trail signage. The original Trail signage was based on highway standards of the day from 20 years ago, many of which have now be destroyed, damaged or removed. Our project will allow us to transition our signage to a smaller, more attractive size that better reflects the experience of being on our Trail. We will require over 75 new STOP and YIELD signs alone to meet all our crossings. As well, we will be upgrading (or adding) a multitude of other signs - including identifying road and creek crossings, directional signs, parking information, new information signs on our kiosks, speed limit signs (due to the increase presence of eBikes) and more. The signs will be aluminum with an anti-graffiti coating applied to them. Some vegetation work may need to be done for improved visibility. There are also associated installation costs, such as hardware, shipping etc. to consider. The signs will be installed by our volunteers. All of these are intended to help the user better enjoy our Trail and be able to navigate it safely.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain the Slocan Valley Rail Trail in partnership with Rec' Sites and Trails BC. The Slocan Valley Rail Trail is a 50 km long recreational corridor located in the lower Slocan Valley

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

With data showing our trail is getting over 100,000 annual users, new signage will compliment Trail safety in a comfortable manner. We want regular and new users to know how to best enjoy the Trail. We have many out-of-area users who may be unfamiliar with names of creeks, road crossings and rules of the Trail. When you add in our existing on-trail amenities direction signs, we will a better position to connect them to local restaurants, accommodation, market gardens, grocery stores, artisans and more.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

When CBBC installed the Fibre Optic signs two years ago, most of our signage posts were moved to the opposite side of the Trail. The existing signage was removed to achieve this. The posts are mostly in place, and some new ones have been added, but have had limited signage re-installed. Our Trail counter data confirms that we are seeing over 100,000 annual users on Trail. We are replacing old faded and damaged signs with new, mainly aluminum signs which will make the Trail more inviting to the eye as well as safer and easier to navigate for all users.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society has undertaken many Trail improvement projects over the past 20+ years. We are well known for being able to achieve our goals and are well connected in finding the resources needed to achieve them.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Board of the Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society will be organizing the purchase of the needed signage. Once purchased, they will be installed by volunteers

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We will be providing the anti-graffiti coating for the signs.

After purchase, volunteers will be installing the signs. it may take 100 to 200 hr hours to achieve this.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Appledale Daycare Society**

Registration # S-17843

6566 Berekoff road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **A 9-steps wood rolling ladder**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

At 6566 Berekoff road

Importance to the community:

The families attending will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,350.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,350.00</b>	<b>\$2,617.99</b>	<b>\$2,617.99</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The ladder will maximize and facilitate access to my storage space, by creating vertical functional storage .

**Project: A 9-steps wood rolling ladder**

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to create an quality daycare setting that is know to foster the well-being and holistic development of young children.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The families attending will benefit.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Make vertical storage accessible safely, more quickly and easily

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have very high ceiling, and much materials for crafting and toys for the children learning.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The manager will hire a carpenter to install the ladder to the wall

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer will order the ladder kit, hire a carpenter and reorganize our storage area.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

Registration # S-56150

PO 194, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Argenta Community Workshop

Project Title **Argenta Community Workshop**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

We have procured use of a room in the Argenta Press Building.

Importance to the community:

This project supports the existing community values of reusing and repairing in Argenta and the Lardeau Valley. The Lardeau Valley consists of communities that are located far from retailers, are often low income, and have a strong culture of independence and resourcefulness. This project will support those endeavors and build on the skills and knowledge base in the area. It will also environmentally benefit the community by reducing travel to retailers and filling of our landfills with items that might have been repaired. It has been identified as a priority by community requests and the success of the pilot zipper repair business, as well as the loss of a community member who informally filled some of this role. Creating a workshop space where we can learn and do together will build morale and the skills to put our values into practice.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/20/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$8,150.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,150.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$8,150.00</b>	<b>\$20,650.00</b>	<b>\$20,650.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The goal of the Argenta Community Workshop is to promote a culture of values and skills, and provide services, related to repairing, making and sharing the items we use.

We plan to do this by operating a facility in Argenta that is a repair cafe, a makerspace, a tool and small equipment lending library, and a space to run workshops in these realms - available to the public in the Lardeau Valley.

The facility will be staffed by one person, with additional resource people at times, initially open one day a week for drop-in use.

Additional services will include workshops for adults and youth, out-of-hours consultation, and developing resource materials.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

1.The purposes of Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS are:

- To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
- To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
- To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project supports the existing community values of reusing and repairing in Argenta and the Lardeau Valley. The Lardeau Valley consists of communities that are located far from retailers, are often low income, and have a strong culture of independence and resourcefulness. This project will support those endeavors and build on the skills and knowledge base in the area. It will also environmentally benefit the community by reducing travel to retailers and filling of our landfills with items that might have been repaired. It has been identified as a priority by community requests and the success of the pilot zipper repair business, as well as the loss of a community member who informally filled some of this role. Creating a workshop space where we can learn and do together will build morale and the skills to put our values into practice.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are under 400 full time residents living here. Correspondingly, demand for services is known to be low, which is one reason ACW will house a variety of activities in the same room.

A pilot project of fixing zippers and giving workshops on zipper repair yielded about one and a half hours a week of work throughout the year, serving about fifty people. This, as just one of many activities anticipated at the ACW implies a demand for repair services.

A community member who gave generously of his time in bicycle and other repairs died this past summer and left a gap (and tools) that we hope to fill (among other things) with this project.

There is a culture in this area of volunteer community involvement, and we have heard much enthusiasm for this project, and are holding people back from donating tools until we are ready to house them.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

One of LINKS' mandates is to provide sponsorship and support to community projects, such as this one, of broad community benefits. This project has environmental, economic, social benefits. We have heard interest in this type of project and associated workshops from community members. Therefore, LINKS is happy to sponsor the delivery of this project and has the capacity to do so. Sarah Ross is best suited to lead this project forward due to her existing

**Project: Argenta Community Workshop**

skills, interests, and community connections. She has the capacity to do so. LINKS has offered dozens of well attended and successfully implemented workshops in skills ranging from garden tool sharpening to chainsaw maintenance to chicken coop building. Having a dedicated community workshop space will be a continuation and improvement in delivery of these services through the use of dedicated space and tools, and by providing consistent and predictable hours.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

1.Sarah Ross is spearheading the project. Relevant experience includes:

Mentoring youth, lifestyle of fixing and creating, woodworking, bookkeeping and running a small business

2.Shannon Isaac is instrumental in getting the project going. Her credentials include running the Kaslo Youth Centre. Also she has provided a large contribution of tools from the estate of her good friend who provided repair services, and she would like to see them continue to be used by the community.

3. Lardeau Valley LINKS Society under the hands on assistance of Chelsey Jones is crucial in umbrella-ing and advising during this start-up and early phase.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Some events will have guest leaders volunteering - Anticipated value is based on 6/year @\$200/event.

Some events will have volunteer assistants in exchange for them or their children participating. Value is based on 12/year @\$30/event.

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Event leaders - \$1200

volunteers - \$360

Pre opening volunteers - \$3000

Donations of tools - \$3500

Donations of supplies -\$300

total in kind contributions valued at \$8360

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society**

Registration # 89602 7752 BC0001  
Box 13, Yahk BC V0B 2P0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fire Safety Compliance**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

The project will take place at the Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society community hall located at 8790 Railway Avenue in Yahk, BC.

Importance to the community:

Completing this work will directly benefit community members (over 400 people) who live within the Yahk Kingsgate community by enabling them to continue to safely use the community hall.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/21/2024      Project End: 8/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$4,999.00</b>			
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$7,425.00</b>	<b>\$7,425.00</b>

**Project: Fire Safety Compliance**

**1. The project will provide:**

A readiness program funding grant would enable us to repair and maintain the community hall for the safe use of our residents. Specifically, the project is to install new doors that are up to fire code and have the curtains for the stage that we plan to have treated to be fire resistant.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Yahk Kingsgate Community Hall is the only local facility in which the residents can meet, conduct business and provide recreational activities for residents young and old.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Completing this work will directly benefit community members (over 400 people) who live within the Yahk Kingsgate community by enabling them to continue to safely use the community hall.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

During fire safety month in late 2023, a team of inspectors including our local fire chief completed a full inspection of the community hall. They found point of concern including: the two front doors and the two back doors are not up to code. The stage curtains are also not up to code.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As the YKRS Board, we have the responsibility to the community at large. This includes ensuring that the community hall is maintained and safe (in compliance with the fire code). We also have community members with specific relevant experience to help the Treasurer make good decisions re: purchasing and installing the doors.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Treasurer (Karen Kraan) would oversee. However, she would work with our maintenance person who is familiar with this type of job to ensure that they are purchasing doors as required by the fire code. Then, a company would be used to install the doors. We would also hire a company to treat the curtains so that they are up to code.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We have volunteers who are willing to paint doors, frames, etc. after the work of installing the doors has been completed. These same volunteers are also willing to do clean up and assist as possible.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Quilts 4 Kids**

Registration #

625 WYNDEL ROAD, WYNDEL British Columbia V0B 2N1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Creston Quilts 4 Kids**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

We meet twice a month in the Carr Building at Creston's Museum. Most of our supplies are also kept there (very handy). Many of our members also sew the quilts at their home.

Importance to the community:

Donating so many quilts is very rewarding. The project keeps us seniors busy with our hands and minds, it is also very social. So, we all benefit, the children and the seniors. At times we are given fabric which is unsuitable for making children's quilts, we then donate it to Creston's Gleaners.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/1/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$700.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We will provide quilts to children ages new born to 18. Quilts will be sewn by our members and then delivered to Children's Hospitals, Ronald McDonald Homes, Regional Hospitals and Creston's Hospital.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We will be making comfort quilts for the many children who have extended stays in hospitals and care homes.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Donating so many quilts is very rewarding. The project keeps us seniors busy with our hands and minds, it is also very social. So, we all benefit, the children and the seniors. At times we are given fabric which is unsuitable for making children's quilts, we then donate it to Creston's Gleaners.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

When children spend time in hospitals away from their family and home, we think they need a comfort quilt. And, it's their's to keep forever!

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Quilts 4 Kids has been making quilts since 2007. We have use of the Carr Building for our sewing needs - cutting table, ironing boards & irons, cupboards to store our machines and the quilts. We seniors have lots of time on our hands, so it's wonderful to be doing something so rewarding. We have now delivered 3,332 quilts and have more in the cupboards ready to go!

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

All our members are seniors who live in the Creston Valley.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

At times we receive donations of fabric and patterns, which is greatly appreciated.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley**

Registration # S-0050999

Box 152, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Food Program- Share, Teach, Grow**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton

The project will take place in and around the communities of New Denver, Silverton and Area H. Lucerne School, in New Denver, is our main partner and much of our program takes place there. Our events make use of the halls in both Silverton and New Denver. Field trips to nearby farms and natural areas in Area H are also part of the program. Our society manages and maintains the Lucerne Garden and Greenhouse outdoor learning spaces in a partnership with the school.

Importance to the community:

Community gardens and events engage, inspire and empower us to contribute to the well-being of our community and ourselves. Our program and events offer unique opportunities to share and learn together while increasing local food security and rural self-reliance skills for all those involved from the daycare kids all summer to our elders who contribute.

Maimonides said "give a man a fish and feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime" opening up a world of possibilities for growth and sustenance. Our program brings this type of education into school.

Poverty and the cost of living in our area are at an all time high, making food growing, processing and knowledge sharing essential survival skills. Of the 106 students at Lucerne over 40 are considered vulnerable. These students are strongly drawn to garden-based learning and the produce from the garden and greenhouse.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$845.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$3,800.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$3,800.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,445.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,445.00	\$19,793.00	\$19,793.00

**1. The project will provide:**

We will offer events, services and educational programming that build community relationships, nourish people and teach and share local knowledge around food growing and processing skills. We will achieve this in the following ways:

We will hold events that connect people and community with their food, the land and each other: Our four main events of Harvest Festival and Harvest Dinner, Earth Day and Seedy Saturday have become highly anticipated annual events that we hope to continue this year.

We will offer an educational program to Lucerne School based on food literacy, ecosystems and growing skills using the garden and greenhouse as outdoor classrooms. Focus this year on companion planting and food tasting, Indigenous teachings, weeds and medicinal plants, soil building, farm tours and observation.

We assure ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Lucerne greenhouse and garden by two contractors and loyal volunteers. We keep growing areas to their fullest potential for education, enjoyment and to supply food to the local school and families.

Our program helps feed people locally and builds and empowers with knowledge of the full cycle of food and nature, from observation, planning and planting to food and plant preparation, composting, seed saving and celebration!

As we foster and connect our volunteers and guests with their community of all ages building multigenerational relationships combatting loneliness.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley seeks to cultivate the elements of a healthy community - food security, self-reliance, healthy people, healthy environment, and a thriving local economy - through education, relationship building and community service. We actively support initiatives that are inclusive of all and that foster a vibrant community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Community gardens and events engage, inspire and empower us to contribute to the well-being of our community and ourselves. Our program and events offer unique opportunities to share and learn together while increasing local food security and rural self-reliance skills for all those involved from the daycare kids all summer to our elders who contribute.

Maimonides said "give a man a fish and feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime" opening up a world of possibilities for growth and sustenance. Our program brings this type of education into school. Poverty and the cost of living in our area are at an all time high, making food growing, processing and knowledge sharing essential survival skills. Of the 106 students at Lucerne over 40 are considered vulnerable. These students are strongly drawn to garden-based learning and the produce from the garden and greenhouse.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

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Since building the school garden in 2008 and introducing our first Harvest Festival that year we been running food programming and events and have identified a strong need to gather and connect with community to celebrate and learn about local food. Our programs and events have become annual because we receive so much positive feedback from all ages and segments of our population and they are very well attended. Events gathering from 75-300 people. This program is an opportunity to foster basic life skills in our youth as well as nourishing children through seniors with food and relationships. With over one third of children living in poverty or vulnerable in our area, access to healthy food, and knowledge of how to grow, preserve, prepare and process food is essential. This program counters trends toward processed foods and sedentary activity and promotes health, nutrition and a sense of shared purpose.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The HCS has been successfully managing this program for more than 12 years and each year we develop more connections and expand our offerings within the community. Our reputation with organizations and funders both locally and regionally is good. We have been recognized on a provincial and national level for innovative programming. We have developed strong partnerships and are keen to expand upon these partnerships with local groups, Indigenous elders, farms, institutions and governments. Our facilitators are furthering their skills each year with professional development opportunities and have experience in farming, horticulture, early childhood and environmental education, food processing, event planning and program administration.

We have fostered a strong volunteer base that helps with many aspects of our programming. Collectively, we are guided by our mission statement. (See above)

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We have an experienced group of facilitators delivering our gardening and educational programs, organizing community events and running the tool library. Our contractors are capable, self-directed individuals with backgrounds in administration, farming, gardening, teaching and event facilitation. They have formed strong relationships with Lucerne School and SD10 as well as with Indigenous elders, Harvest Share, Wildsafe BC, our Villages and the RDCK. They take advantage of regular professional development opportunities and they are passionate about their work. Local musicians, photographers, sound technicians, cooks and farmers all pitch in to our events. Longstanding volunteers are a crucial part of this program.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer labour for this program includes:

8 hours/week- volunteer garden greenhouse maintenance.

Over 35 volunteers that help out with events for several hours each time.

Our website and Facebook page are also maintained by volunteers. Lucerne School offers their building, foods room and garden/greenhouse free of charge. We receive some food donations and seed and seedling donations.

In-Kind home office expenses for coordinators and bookkeeper.

Transportation costs are in-kind. The HCS Board of Directors oversees this project in-kind. Hours specifically for this project are had to measure but well over 200 hours are spent budgeting, meeting, communicating and promoting the food program.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Ymir Community Association**

Registration # S0003564  
Box 27, Ymir BC V0G 2K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Playground Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

The project will take place at the playground in downtown Ymir at 1st Ave and Fir Street.

Importance to the community:

It's important for the community to provide developmental opportunities for children in Ymir, as well as keeping them entertained in healthy outdoor activities! The main group that will benefit from the project will be children of Ymir, however the equipment that will be ordered will appeal to a wide age range to provide maximum benefit to the community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$4,999.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$5,826.00</b>	<b>\$5,826.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to purchase and install additional playground equipment at the playground downtown Ymir to make the playground more accessible and inclusive to community residents of all ages.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Ymir Community Association aims to support and improve community resources, initiatives and events within the Ymir area.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It's important for the community to provide developmental opportunities for children in Ymir, as well as keeping them entertained in healthy outdoor activities! The main group that will benefit from the project will be children of Ymir, however the equipment that will be ordered will appeal to a wide age range to provide maximum benefit to the community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is the opportunity for residents of Ymir to get additional exercise and for more activities to keep children in Ymir entertained and occupied. Issues that will be addressed include finding manpower for installation of the equipment. These issues and opportunities were identified through discussion at the most recent Ymir Community Association AGM.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is best suited to deliver the project as we are based in the community, and have the connections within the community to find people with the capacity to be able to do the installation. We also have the support of the community for this project as it was one of the key projects discussed as being a priority at the most recent Ymir Community Association AGM. We have the capacity to be able to deliver this project as a number of people were interested in forming a task group to deliver this project, and the skills needed are present within our community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Sophia Mountford (applying) will be the point of contact. Tammy Rushforth (YCA Treasurer) will order the equipment and track spending of the grant. Residents of Ymir will be responsible for installation of the equipment.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer labour

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo District Arts Council**

Registration #

PO Box 762, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Queen City Burlesque Expo

Project Title **Queen City Burlesque Expo**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo  
Salmo, Castlegar, Nelson

Importance to the community:

It has been brought to my attention several times that the Queen City Burlesque Expo helps to erase racism, to encourage people of all ages to feel confident in their bodies, and to make people from all walks of life feel safe. By creating a space where ALL people can express themselves, laugh, and celebrate the beautiful, the absurd, and the chaotic, people can get to come together and release their inhibitions. Audiences members and project participants often feel an exuberance not often felt anywhere else.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 3/20/2025      Project End: 3/24/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$2,500.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,600.00</b>	<b>\$12,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Queen City Burlesque Expo is a celebration of the Vaudeville & Burlesque Arts; With classic & neo performances by theatre actors, professional dancers, entertainers, and artists of all kinds, from various parts of the world, who gather together in the Kootenays to share in the joy of burlesque entertainment.

The Weekender also provides opportunities to expand our skills with one-on-one training, master classes, and by sharing space with award winning, celebrated artists in their field of expertise.

Mission Statement - QCBE Projects invigorate audiences, nurture healthy connections, and deliver extraordinary entertainment, lifelong learning, and shared experiences within communities across the East & West Kootenays.

Vision - To enrich, entertain, and inspire our communities, our guests, and our team through world-renowned and community-based programming in beloved gathering spaces.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Queen City Burlesque Expo - A Vaudeville Extravaganza!

Mission Statement - Queen City Burlesque Expo Projects invigorate audiences, nurture healthy connections, and deliver extraordinary entertainment, lifelong learning, and shared experiences within communities across the East & West Kootenays.

Vision - To enrich, entertain, and inspire our communities, our guests, and our team through world-renowned and community-based programming in beloved gathering spaces.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It has been brought to my attention several times that the Queen City Burlesque Expo helps to erase racism, to encourage people of all ages to feel confident in their bodies, and to make people from all walks of life feel safe. By creating a space where ALL people can express themselves, laugh, and celebrate the beautiful, the absurd, and the chaotic, people can get to come together and release their inhibitions. Audiences members and project participants often feel an exuberance not often felt anywhere else.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Burlesque is an exceptional way to explore various forms of artistic expression, by challenging the social norms of beauty standards and by prioritizing that all people be seen, from all walks of life. At QCBE we celebrate BIPOC, Queer, and disabled artists from all walks of life, of all ages, and of all shapes and sizes.

The opportunity to share in the sheer joy of radical self expression in such a creative fashion is hitting the world by storm and the Queen City Burlesque Expo is becoming a sought after event by both attendees and performers.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Queen City Burlesque Expo 2025 will be in its sixth season. In addition to this sixth weekender event, we have been invited to produce regular programming with Castle Theatre in Castlegar, Charles Bailey theatre in Trail, and Key City Theatre in Cranbrook, to name a few. Our team has hosted over 20 productions, received over a dozen grants, and curated multiple training programs for local artists to expand their skills. We have a proven track record for successful events that cater to and benefit both the East & West Kootenays.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The core team consists of:

Venessa Loubert, aka DÃ©jÃ Louve (Salmo)

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Jocelyn Stuart, aka Beava Las Vegas (Salmo)

Velvet Kavanagh, aka Sugar Jones (Ymir)

Keenan Harrison (Nelson)

Plus paid technicians, crew, and volunteers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We sometimes receive contributions in-kind for raffle prizes, performer gift bag donations, and gifts for sponsors and special guests.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar and District Community Services Society**

Registration #

1007 2nd st, Castlegar BC V1N 1Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Castlegar Integrated Services Collaborative

Project Title **Community Connect Day 2024**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

Hopefully at the Castlegar Complex again. We held it there last year, for the first event. It was successful in many aspects - accessible, common location that everyone knows, it could hold the capacity and the venue could provide the tech support for the microphones/music and a rentable kitchen.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because there continues to be an increase in the number of people living in "at risk" situations, whether that be inadequate access to healthy food (made worse by rising food prices), lack of affordable housing, or insufficient connection to supports.

This is made worse by the stigma associated with living in poverty or struggling with mental health issues or addictions, which can be a barrier to asking for help. The community (and in most places across the world) are still bouncing back from the pandemic - people are less connected and unsure of where to turn for support. By hosting a free event that is open to all citizens, it is hoped that some of that stigma will be reduced, and that vulnerable individuals and families will be able to access information and services that improve their quality of life, or prevent further negative outcomes.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 11/16/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$7,100.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,100.00</b>

Project: Community Connect Day 2024

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,100.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will coordinate and host an annual one day event called "Community Connect Day" in the City of Castlegar highlighting the wide range of services available for community members. This event was held for the first time in November of 2023 with the support of a ReDi grant. It was an amazing success - over 400 people including service agency members and community members in attendance. This event will include housing supports, food security initiatives, literacy programs, health supports (mental health, dental, vision, etc.) income supplements, employment assistance and more. The event will continue to be free to participants and will include a free lunch. Service providers will have an opportunity to share information about their organization (with a booth or display), and those attending will be able to access information in a "one-stop shopping" model. The event will take place again in the month of November, organized by a paid coordinator supported by volunteers. If sufficient funding is available the event will also again include entertainment and a children's play and craft area.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Castlegar Integrated Services Collaborative (the "Collaborative" ) provides an opportunity to connect organizations, businesses, institutions, elected officials, and other individuals with an interest and stake in serving and supporting Castlegar's vulnerable populations, in particular people living without homes. This Collaborative is intended to support the sharing of information, cooperation, and collaboration amongst members on agreed-to plans, actions, and advocacy with other stakeholders and decision makers

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because there continues to be an increase in the number of people living in "at risk" situations, whether that be inadequate access to healthy food (made worse by rising food prices), lack of affordable housing, or insufficient connection to supports. This is made worse by the stigma associated with living in poverty or struggling with mental health issues or addictions, which can be a barrier to asking for help. The community (and in most places across the world) are still bouncing back from the pandemic - people are less connected and unsure of where to turn for support. By hosting a free event that is open to all citizens, it is hoped that some of that stigma will be reduced, and that vulnerable individuals and families will be able to access information and services that improve their quality of life, or prevent further negative outcomes.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Although there are many social services and supports available in Castlegar, not all of them are well-known. This what we hope will be an annual event will allow participants to gather information in a friendly, nonthreatening atmosphere, and to access services (such as signing up for a

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library card) that they may not have accessed in the past. The information will benefit those already described as "vulnerable", and will also help support those at risk of becoming vulnerable by linking them up with the agencies and organizations that can provide them with services. The need for this opportunity has been identified through regular meetings of the Collaborative, which brings together organizations who would be involved in the event and those who would benefit.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The CISC is made up of representatives from multiple service providers, institutions, different levels of government, businesses, individuals and those with lived experience. The CISC can hire a coordinator and provide links to all the necessary contacts. Additional partners will be recruited as the project progresses.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project lead will be the Castlegar Integrated Services Collaborative (CISC), supported by its members, volunteers, and persons with lived experience, just like last year. The main organizations in the steering committee were CBAL, CDCSS, and IRIS. Local organizations and businesses will be approached to provide donations, coupons, giveaways, and door prizes again. A dedicated coordinator will be hired specifically for coordinating the event.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All the partners organizations (presenters) will be participating on a volunteer basis, so their services and whatever items they may be handing out are provided in-kind. We also anticipate part of the food to be donated from local providers, and the time to prepare that.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association**

Registration # S-0005550

Box 71, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crawford Bay's Asset Management Plan**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Crawford Bay Hall:16230 Wadds Road, Crawford Bay, BC. Crawford Bay Park: 15990 Highway 3A, Crawford Bay,BC  
Kootenay Bay Boat Launch: Pilot Bay Road, Kootenay Bay, BC

Importance to the community:

Our association receives a yearly financial services grant from the RDCK. As part of our due diligence in responsibly using those funds we need to have a credible plan as to how they are used in the ongoing maintenance and capital improvements of community owned facilities. The restoration of our community hall has been on the minds and in the hearts of local residents for approximately 15 years. Purchasing the land on which the hall sits was the first step, raising the funds to do the work is the present step. Along with doing the work comes properly managing a newly restored and valuable building. Valuable in financial terms as well as emotional ones. All residents, visitors, and businesses in our region will benefit from a properly managed and maintained community hall, community park and boat launch. Property owners will benefit by the well planned use of their tax dollars.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,600.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Crawford Bay's Asset Management Plan

\$22,500.00	\$45,490.00	\$45,490.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to prepare an Asset Management Plan (AMP) for the three facilities which our association owns or operates and manages. These being our Community hall, Community Park and the Kootenay Bay Boat Launch. This AMP will begin with Facility Condition Assessments (FCAs) to determine the state of our infrastructure (what do we own & what condition is it in?). The FCA reports will capture and document the existing condition of the buildings and site systems. The AMP will use current, proposed and future desired levels of service as well as life cycle management plans for each asset to determine the capital and maintenance costs required to achieve the proposed level of service.

This plan is needed for two reasons; it is sound management and it is a requirement of our funders (who must remain nameless due to confidentiality agreements) in order to receive the \$1.8 million toward the Hall renovation for which we presently qualify. An AMP will include: outlining our organization's goals & objectives for asset management (AM), determining what success looks like for our assets, our assets' lifecycles, a financial strategy and an improvement plan to evolve our AM program. We will achieve these goals by retaining and collaborating with Roth Integrated Asset Management Strategies (IAMS) LTD, specialists in AMP creation.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To develop and maintain hall, parks and recreational facilities for Crawford Bay, Kootenay Bay & Pilot Bay

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our association receives a yearly financial services grant from the RDCK. As part of our due diligence in responsibly using those funds we need to have a credible plan as to how they are used in the ongoing maintenance and capital improvements of community owned facilities. The restoration of our community hall has been on the minds and in the hearts of local residents for approximately 15 years. Purchasing the land on which the hall sits was the first step, raising the funds to do the work is the present step. Along with doing the work comes properly managing a newly restored and valuable building. Valuable in financial terms as well as emotional ones. All residents, visitors, and businesses in our region will benefit from a properly managed and maintained community hall, community park and boat launch. Property owners will benefit by the well planned use of their tax dollars.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The ongoing issue of properly maintaining and planning for capital improvement and replacement of our community facilities will be addressed. The requirement for asset management plans that has been stipulated in some of our funding agreements for restoration of the community hall will also be addressed. These issues have been identified through questions arising when our association studies maintenance and improvement work on our assets and through the afore mentioned funding agreements. We have been fundraising for four years to restore our 85 year old community hall. Between the architect, engineers, building inspector, community surveys, hazmat studies etc. we have determined what needs to be done. Approved funders have told us an asset management plan is essential to properly maintain the hall after restoration is complete and the value of this important asset increases. This type of planning is also needed for the community park and boat launch.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our association is the owner and steward of the Crawford Bay community hall and community park . It has a license to occupy agreement with the BC Ministry of Natural Resource Operations to maintain the Kootenay Bay Boat Launch. The association has, for decades, had the responsibility for management, maintenance and fiscal over-site of these facilities. This alone demonstrates our capacity to deliver the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The directors and volunteers of the Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association will collaborate with Roth Integrated Asset Management Strategies LTD. of Oakville Ontario to implement the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Taghum Community Society**

Registration #

5915 Taghum Hall Road, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Creative Spaces 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F

Creative Spaces 2024 will take place exclusively in Taghum Hall and on its grounds.

Importance to the community:

As previously mentioned, parents require safe, supervised activities for their children during the summer months, and their children benefit from activities that stimulate positive growth, group cooperation and skill development within disciplines that may provide life-long enjoyment, or even plant the seeds for a future vocation. While we expect that Creative Spaces will serve families from the Taghum/Blewett area, we know from past experience that children attend the camp from much further afield: Castlegar, the Slokan Valley, Nelson, and the North Shore, depending on where their parents work.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/9/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,750.00</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$300.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,700.00</b>	<b>\$21,200.00</b>	<b>\$21,200.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Creative Spaces provides children ages 7 - 12 with an intensive three weeks of day camp focusing on the Arts: music, drama, and visual arts. Camp coordinators are hired with the Canada Student Works program. Artist facilitators are granted honorariums for delivering half-day programs for a week long. Two snacks and a supervised lunch allows time for active outdoor activities. Before and after camp hours supervision is available for parents who must maintain a work schedule. Creative Spaces is a 'device free' zone that encourages the child's innate creativity. An extra educational assistant will be on hand to assist those children who are neuro-divergent.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The objects of the Society are to hold educational and recreational activities, and any other form of activities for the betterment of the community, as a non-profit society. The operation of the Society is carried out at 'Taghum Hall', an accessible and welcoming community space.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As previously mentioned, parents require safe, supervised activities for their children during the summer months, and their children benefit from activities that stimulate positive growth, group cooperation and skill development within disciplines that may provide life-long enjoyment, or even plant the seeds for a future vocation. While we expect that Creative Spaces will serve families from the Taghum/Blewett area, we know from past experience that children attend the camp from much further afield: Castlegar, the Slocan Valley, Nelson, and the North Shore, depending on where their parents work.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is a need for parents to find safe stimulating day time activities for children who are too old for day care. Also, there is a need of every child to engage in activities that foster creativity, cooperation and artistic expression. Demand for this program continues to be requested. This year, we anticipate three weeks, but we will be open to extending the camp, if the demand exists. The past years, children needing extra behavioural assistance needs have not been sufficiently met, and this has been difficult for the artist leaders. This year, a trained educational assistant will work along-side the team.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Taghum Hall is ideally suited to provide Creative Spaces for this its eighth year. The venue itself is bright and inviting and large enough to have more than one activity happening at a time and provide socially distancing (if necessary). The grounds allow for safe supervised play during snack breaks and lunch. A comfortable quiet space, the Kernaghan Room, is available for children who need a quiet time. Additionally, Taghum Hall has become recognized as a venue that supports and encourages the arts through regular community drop-in groups, workshop, concerts and theatre performances. The hall includes an indoor and outdoor performance area, and lighting, and sound equipment to support performances as needed. It is no surprise then, that we want to share these pursuits with children.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Creative Spaces will be developed by the Events Committee at Taghum Hall, who organize the initial tasks for scheduling, hiring coordinators, soliciting local artists, promotions and accepting registrations. Closer to camp time, the camp coordinators will assist with these tasks, parent liaison, snack/lunch prep, first aid, and assisting the artist facilitators. An educational assistant will work with the children and facilitators during the camp days.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**

Taghum Hall is run by dedicated volunteers. Coordination efforts will be conducted by these volunteers. When extra hands are needed, which invariably happens, these volunteers step up to fill-in the gaps.

Volunteer planning, recruitment, administration and supervision. Acquired art supplies through community member donations and residual inventory. Fresh food donations from local farmers, businesses and market vendors.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Creston Community Hall Society**

Registration # 866808553 RR 0001

1350 West Creston Road, Creston British Columbia V0B 1G7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Electrical Upgrade / Electrical Expansion**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C

West Creston Hall, 1350 West Creston Road, Creston, BC

Importance to the community:

To support our mandate of community connections.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/16/2024

Project End: 5/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
		<b>\$4,900.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$0.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Electrical Upgrade / Electrical Expansion**

To add additional electrical supply to inside and outside of hall to provide adequate electrical support for events.  
Hiring of certified electrical contractor as per quote attached.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide a place for people of West Creston to meet for social, recreational, educational and training purposes.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

To support our mandate of community connections.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is insufficient electrical supply to support the use of multiple items being plugged in at the same time. Currently, various breakers and GFI are inadequate for large events such as Corn Crickers Picnic, Candy Cane Lane, and community dinners.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

With 11 board members that live in the community we can provide constant monitoring of the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Board members overseeing certified electrical contractor.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer monitoring of project

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

Registration # NON REGISTERED / NON-PROFIT  
PO BOX 50, SLOCAN BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - SPIRIT OF SLOCAN

Project Title **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP CELEBRATION**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

On the grounds of the Village's Wellness Centre - there is a lot of space and parking and access to the Wellness Centre for a bathroom.

The Centre is located at 710 Harold Street, Slocan, BC.

Importance to the community:

This project is so important for everyone that lives in our village as well as the surrounding communities. As we live in such a rural area the access to large cities is almost an hour away. Having this event right in the Village - most families can just walk to our event and such a short drive for the smaller communities around Slocan Village - to be able to spend some quality time with neighbors to celebrate the season. The kids go crazy when they see Santa and they may not have that opportunity if we didn't have this event. It was our 10th annual event in 2023.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 11/23/2024      Project End: 1/4/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$900.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>

**Project: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP CELEBRATION****1. The project will provide:**

Volunteers of the Spirit of Slocan committee will liaison with the Village of Slocan office to organize the task of finding a Christmas tree within our community - to cut down and place at the grounds of the Village's Wellness Centre location. Committee volunteers will then invite members of our Village to help decorate the tree and the Wellness Centre grounds as well as the surrounding areas of the village with appropriate Christmas decorations. The Committee has involved small business owners and the Youth Centre to also help with the decorating of the Village. The committee will setup a properly lit and covered area for Santa and his helper for the day of the event. Two propane fire pits will be lit and maintained by a volunteer from the Fire Department - which the light and warmth from these firepits keep the event area warm and well lit. The Wellness Centre has donated their foyer space for the committee to setup a warm beverage area with cookies for the attendees. We also have a mailbox for Santa's letters which signage is placed at the local schools, the Community Centre and our Food Bank prior to the event. We will place signage at neighboring communities as well so anyone living in the Slocan Valley is aware and welcome to attend this joyous event.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Spirit of Slocan Group was formed 10 years ago to organize and implement various volunteer projects designed to improve the quality of life and spirit within the Village of Slocan.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is so important for everyone that lives in our village as well as the surrounding communities. As we live in such a rural area the access to large cities is almost an hour away. Having this event right in the Village - most families can just walk to our event and such a short drive for the smaller communities around Slocan Village - to be able to spend some quality time with neighbors to celebrate the season. The kids go crazy when they see Santa and they may not have that opportunity if we didn't have this event. It was our 10th annual event in 2023.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

To make sure the area is well lit we are in need of purchasing more hanging lights. We are presently using two propane firepits but the area around Santa could use some better lighting. The lit Christmas tree isn't quite enough.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have the Village - the space - the volunteers and the support of our Village office.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Village of Slocan office staff and the Spirit of Slocan Committee.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We are using two of the volunteers propane fire pits, we are using another volunteers' Santa chair. We use the volunteers ladders to decorate. The Legion lends use the coffee and tea urns. We usually can get hot beverage cups

**Project: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP CELEBRATION**

and one hot beverage from a local market as a gift. We cannot count on any donations of food or beverages - we are just hopeful!

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Valley Curling and Rink Association**

Registration # S-000-38837

1003 Glendale Avenue, PO Box 517, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Building and Ice Scraper Upgrade**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G, Village of Salmo  
Salmo Curling Rink 1003 Glendale Avenue Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Importance to the community:

The sport of curling provides a healthy life style. The community members of Salmo, Area G and surrounding communities will benefit from the opportunity to curl and attend community functions both during the curling season and off season.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/15/2024      Project End: 9/21/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$3,185.65</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,185.65</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,185.65</b>	<b>\$3,185.65</b>	<b>\$3,185.65</b>

**Project: Building and Ice Scraper Upgrade**

**1. The project will provide:**

Upgrade the rubber surface on the 2 ice area walk ways with new rubber surface. The new surface will provide safe and clean walking surface.

Upgrade the ice shaver blade, the new blade will provide an smooth and even finish to the ice surface to provide the ice surface for curling. The installation of the rubber runner will be completed by volunteers

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Salmo Valley Curling and Rink Association mandate is to provide affordable curling programs to the Salmo and area residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The sport of curling provides a healthy life style. The community members of Salmo, Area G and surrounding communities will benefit from the opportunity to curl and attend community functions both during the curling season and off season.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The current walk way runners are over 20 years old and are wearing out and difficult to keep clean. The current ice shaver blade not longer has a straight edge from years of shaving, ridges are being left on the ice surface.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Salmo Valley Curling and Rink Association provide the programs at the Salmo Curling Rink for the Salmo community and area.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Salmo Valley Curling and Rink Association President Ian McInnes

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In kind labor will be contributed to remove the old walkways runners and install new runners and install the ice shaver blade.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society**

Registration # S-57088

Box 210, 16380 Jacobson Road, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Junior Squad 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

This project will take place in Crawford Bay, at the Crawford Bay School and in the Crawford Bay park.

Importance to the community:

Children, Parents and Families will benefit from this project. Children get to improve social and leadership skills. It helps children gain confidence and develop life skills. It gives them a stronger sense of belonging and they get to explore new interests.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$3,500.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>

**Project: Junior Squad 2024****1. The project will provide:**

The project provides recreational activities and experiences for children ages 6 to 11 years old, who are not old enough to attend the East Shore Youth Network. SKLCSS, with the assistance of a parent advisory committee, and two Coordinators will continue to run the Junior Squad program 2 afternoons per week after school, for 2.5 hours each time. Start time is 2:45 pm, at the end of the school day, and it runs until 5:00 pm. Programming takes primarily place at the school. Last summer we ran a summer day camp for three days a week for three weeks which was very successful. We hope to do this again this summer.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (SKLCSS) is a non-profit organization operating on the East Shore of Kootenay Lake that focuses primarily on Seniors and Youth Programming but also acts as an umbrella agency that sponsors and administers community funded programs and projects that foster and promotes community and economic stability and growth.

Our primary programs are the East Shore Youth Network and Junior Squad which addresses the needs of local youth in the area by organizing events and workshops for youth that provide opportunities based on diverse youth input. Our East Shore Elder Care Program is focused on helping and supporting our local seniors so that they can age in place, remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to help seniors access programs and services.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Children, Parents and Families will benefit from this project. Children get to improve social and leadership skills. It helps children gain confidence and develop life skills. It gives them a stronger sense of belonging and they get to explore new interests.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This project is important to our community because we are very rural and remote community and our school population is low. These factors make it very hard for families to access recreational opportunities for their children. Currently there are not any consistent programs for elementary school aged children in our area. The Junior Squad program for younger children encourages them to engage more with their community and their peers. It gives us the ability to grow leadership opportunities among our youth and provide great mentoring opportunities between the East Shore Youth Network and the Junior Youth group. It provides an alternative to the increased screen time which many children engage in when there are few other opportunities. This program helps families that struggle with wanting to provide recreational opportunities to their children but lack the time and resources needed to travel to Creston or Nelson.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is best suited to deliver the project because we have been operating the Junior Squad project for one year and it has been very successful. We work with a parent advisory committee and two Youth Coordinators to implement the program. Our society has provided financial accountability and transparency for numerous grants and programs on the East Shore.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society, with the help of a parent advisory committee and two Youth Coordinators will implement the program. This program has been running for one year and we have the staff and support people in place to keep it going.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Parent Advisory Committee is a volunteer committee that meets every two months to provide feedback and suggestions for programming. We also have parent volunteers that will occasionally assist with special events. The Crawford Bay School provides the after school facility free of charge.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Society**

Registration # S0035104

PO BOX 99, ROBSON BC V0G 1X0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pass Creek Fall Fair**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar  
1095 Relkoff Road.

Importance to the community:

Brings community together for a weekend of education, entertainment and food. It showcases the multitude of talent, expertise and resources available in our region. Vendors benefit financially as well as create awareness around their products and services potentially expanding their customer base. Educational groups are given a platform to share information with the public and the connect with other similar organizations. Exhibitors (exhibit categories are listed in the fall fair booklet) are provided an opportunity to showcase their talents and to inspire others. Public benefits from time spent connecting with family, friends and community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/20/2024      Project End: 9/22/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$10,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$2,500.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

32nd Annual Pass Creek Fall Fair. Bring together for the benefit of the public a variety of community groups, local businesses, food vendors, individual artisans, musical entertainers, local farms, educational organizations, exhibitors and youth groups. At this event, they are able to 1. Share knowledge about services. 2. Provide expertise. 3. Showcase their talents. 4. Connect with others. This will be achieved by providing the venue, organizational structure, advertising and the volunteers necessary to run this event. By providing entertainment such as Global FMX Motor Cross, Lawnmower races, dirt diggers earth movers, kids games, musicians on stage and RC Racing draws the public to the event.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

to exhibit the produce of local agriculture and country living, to inform visitors and encourage youth to learn about agriculture, to display agriculture in a form which will be attractive, educational and entertaining to people of all ages.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Brings community together for a weekend of education, entertainment and food. It showcases the multitude of talent, expertise and resources available in our region. Vendors benefit financially as well as create awareness around their products and services potentially expanding their customer base. Educational groups are given a platform to share information with the public and the connect with other similar organizations. Exhibitors (exhibit categories are listed in the fall fair booklet) are provided an opportunity to showcase their talents and to inspire others. Public benefits from time spent connecting with family, friends and community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

As more and more of our families look to keep their food sources local and some require information on how to grow their own food and raise their own livestock, we provide an event that connects them to the resources available in our area.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our volunteers have years of combined experience hosting the fall fair. We are constantly reevaluating the fall fair to ensure quality and continuity of this important community event.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Ever-growing dedicated group of volunteers, many who have had years of experience with pass creek regional exhibition society.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

MTI- Free Bus Transportation for the weekend.  
Chris Popoff Dirty Diggers - Entertainment  
Interior Medical Transport - Ambulance on site for weekend  
Robson Fire Department - Set up and Tear Down of fall fair  
Castlegar Garden Club - Flowers for decoration

**Project: Pass Creek Fall Fair**

City of Castlegar - Barricades

Trowlex - Porta Potties

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Creston Community Hall Society**

Registration # 866808553 RR 0001

1350 West Creston Road, Creston British Columbia V0B 1G7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Veranda Upgrade**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C

West Creston Hall, 1350 West Creston Road, Creston, BC

Importance to the community:

Safe access / egress to the hall for the public. This will benefit all Valley residents.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$3,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Replace rotting wooden veranda, footings and improve access to exit door with cement.

**Project: Veranda Upgrade**

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide a place for people of West Creston to meet for social, recreational, educational and training purposes.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Safe access / egress to the hall for the public. This will benefit all Valley residents.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The current veranda is made of wood and is deteriorating causing unsafe access to entrances of the hall. This issue was identified by the painting contractor in the previous year.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Board members are West Creston residents and can be on site to monitor the contractor progress.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Board members and cement contractor.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay International Burlesque Festival**

Registration #

1011 8 Street, Nelson BC V1L 3B4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay International Burlesque Festival**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The project will take place on June 28 & 29 at The Capitol Theatre in Nelson, BC

Importance to the community:

The local burlesque community in Nelson has continued to grow over the past decade and has moved from the local pub to the Capitol Theatre stage as audiences have grown with each production. Our community contains an array of performers that are eager to showcase their talents and further educate themselves through workshops and clinics that the KBF has produced. Over the past four years the KBF has provided over 250 local artists a paid opportunity to present their talents and we have entertained over 3500 local audience members. We believe that artists, audience members and local businesses will all benefit from our festival by means of bringing paid work for performers, by bringing in international acts for our audience members and by collaborating with local businesses in a sponsorship capacity.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/15/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$19,250.00</b>	<b>\$19,250.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The 5th annual Kootenay Burlesque festival is happening from June 28 & 29 2024 in Nelson, BC. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate burlesque in all its various forms and to provide a paid opportunity for local and out of town performers a chance to have their talents showcased. Our festival also exposes rural artists to world-renowned performers to help build and foster relations abroad as well as providing educational events that help preserve, promote and advance burlesque as a theatrical art form. This year our headliner is Kitty Kin-Evil, she is an award winning indigenous performer from Ottawa, Ontario. She holds multiple burlesque titles and awards and is in the top 10 list of the most influential performers in Canada. Our festival also likes to shine a spotlight on our local performers, we have selected Marloe Blu from the Kootenay Basin as our feature performer for this year's festival

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The KBF is a community-oriented professional growth and educational organization for burlesque performers. The KBF showcases and encourages festival submissions from people of all genders, sizes, age and races. We conduct educational events to preserve, promote and advance burlesque as a theatrical art form as well as offer paid performance opportunities for local and out of town performing artists. We offer classes, workshops and other educational offerings that further professional skill and development and are committed to supporting personal transformation through creative artistic expression in the burlesque arts.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The local burlesque community in Nelson has continued to grow over the past decade and has moved from the local pub to the Capitol Theatre stage as audiences have grown with each production. Our community contains an array of performers that are eager to showcase their talents and further educate themselves through workshops and clinics that the KBF has produced. Over the past four years the KBF has provided over 250 local artists a paid opportunity to present their talents and we have entertained over 3500 local audience members. We believe that artists, audience members and local businesses will all benefit from our festival by means of bringing paid work for performers, by bringing in international acts for our audience members and by collaborating with local businesses in a sponsorship capacity.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The KBF helps to promote and provide local artists with an opportunity to showcase their talents as well as pay artists for their work. We also provide educational opportunities for local performers that would otherwise not exist and we further promote interest in burlesque in our area as well as aim to bring tourism to Nelson every summer for the festival. Our festival also exposes rural artists to internationally renowned performers to further build relationships outside of our local area. The KBF understands that not everyone has the means to afford to attend shows and educational classes so we are providing one free week end pass that includes the performance showcases and the full day of workshops & classes to a resident in the Columbia basin who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The production team behind the KBF has been producing shows since 2016 and has provided hundreds of local performing artists a paid opportunity to showcase their talents and have entertained thousands of audience members during that time. The KBF team produces three shows a year outside of the festival and each of them has sold out consistently for the past seven years including our most recent 2023 Christmas Cabaret and the Kootenay Burlesque Marathon that happened on Feb 10th 2024. We have the production experience and the support of our local performers as well as a loyal audience following to best deliver this project proposal.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**Project: Kootenay International Burlesque Festival**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project is being implemented by the Kootenay Burlesque Festival team and its associate members. Our Festival Coordinator is Sherry Perry, our Front of House Coordinator is Mark Walpole and our Performer Coordinator is Heather Krause.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The 2024 KBF already has the support of several local businesses, Finley's Bar & Grill has provided us with the use of their restaurant Sage free of charge as a space to host our headliner and performer meet and greet and so far the Cloudside Hotel, The Dancing Bear Inn and Alpine suites have offered us discounted room rates for festival performers and attendees. The 2023 KBF had the support of over 20 local business who all stepped up to support our festival in the way of sponsorship,discounted services and/or provided swag for our performer bags. We look forward to continuing to build more relationships between local businesses and our performing arts community as our festival continues to grow.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S-0058249

411 DeRosa Drive, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - New Denver Reading Centre

Project Title **Growing Our Community Library**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver

The work will mainly be at our location in New Denver (Knox Hall, 521 6th Avenue). We expect that some book purchases will be made locally. Major purchases (shelving and computers) will have to be purchased out of the area.

Importance to the community:

We are the major lending library within a 75 km area, providing traditional library services as well as Interlibrary Loans and access to technical and electronic services. Some local residents travel to Nakusp or Nelson to access libraries but others cannot because they do not drive or are housebound. We are within walking distance for many New Denver residents and have provided delivery of books to those who had limited mobility. We do not receive provincial funding and rely on community support and donations. Patrons of the library and our volunteers will benefit from the project - through an updated catalogue, computer access, shelving and a sense of accomplishment for our volunteers.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/30/2024      Project End: 6/1/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,350.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,950.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,950.00</b>	<b>\$4,950.00</b>	<b>\$4,950.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project has three main parts: to continue to add new volumes to our collection; to update the computer used by volunteers at the circulation and information desk areas by replacing a 10 year old laptop computer; to replace some of the old wooden shelves with more modern shelving in keeping with the major renovation completed recently.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

New Denver Reading Centre provides lending library services to residents of New Denver, Silverton and Area H North of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We are the major lending library within a 75 km area, providing traditional library services as well as Interlibrary Loans and access to technical and electronic services. Some local residents travel to Nakusp or Nelson to access libraries but others cannot because they do not drive or are housebound. We are within walking distance for many New Denver residents and have provided delivery of books to those who had limited mobility. We do not receive provincial funding and rely on community support and donations. Patrons of the library and our volunteers will benefit from the project - through an updated catalogue, computer access, shelving and a sense of accomplishment for our volunteers.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

A main issue to keep our collection of books current and of interest to our readers. The publishing world changes constantly and people are always looking for something new to read. The technical world also changes constantly. We need to communicate efficiently with the provincial library system for information and use of the Inter Library Loan system. New shelving will provide some flexibility in use of space within the library area.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Again, we are a lending library serving New Denver, Silverton and Area H North. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who assist people on site and also deliver books in several formats (standard print, large print, audio) to housebound residents.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project work will be completed by the group of 10 volunteers who staff the library for 15 hours each week and also provide time outside of library open hours.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Many hours of volunteer time.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **RISE Above Pain Society**

Registration # S0066615

203 518 Lake St, Nelson BC V1L 4C6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Chronic Pain Management Series**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

The Rise Above Pain Society board of directors meets in Nelson, however, the six week chronic pain management sessions take place in Nelson and surrounding areas. To date, sessions have occurred in New Denver, Salmo, Fruitvale, Silverton, and Nelson, with a 4-hour workshop having taken place in Castlegar. Tentative locations for 2024 include Nelson, Castlegar, and Salmo.

Importance to the community:

This project is unique in that a multi-disciplinary approach to chronic pain has been found to be the most effective way to manage the complex and often complicated nature of the disease. However, access to multi-disciplinary health services, and even basic health services for chronic pain can be very limited in rural and remote areas, for those on a fixed or low income, and those with mobilization and/or transportation challenges. By hosting an integrated series in the individuals' home community with an online component, accessibility is greatly mitigated, and the project is at no cost to participants. Mobility and physical accessibility are a priority consideration when choosing the venue for the series. By analyzing data from our past series we have found that when participants gain evidence-based knowledge, realistic strategies, applicable tools, and community resources and support, their experience with chronic pain as well as their quality of life improves.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	<b>\$850.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$850.00</b>		<b>\$800.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The project offers community members impacted by chronic pain an opportunity to attend a six-week workshop-style learning series about chronic pain self management. 60 to 90-minute weekly sessions will be held on an online platform over six consecutive weeks, with an option to attend an in-person session during week six in the host community. Each week, one or two health professionals from various backgrounds (e.g., physician, kinesiologist, pharmacist, art therapist, counsellor) will deliver chronic pain management information to participants. Sessions include but are not limited to: an introduction to the health focus and topic; a brief summary from the previous week's lesson, if required; an interactive lesson with lecture and practical components; a break; opportunities for participants to share discussion and ask questions. The board members collaboratively plan the series and discuss interest and tentative dates with local health practitioners, book the venue, market the series if required, and schedule practitioners for the individual sessions according to their availability. Local community members are booked to attend and participate in the series by request, at no cost.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Rise Above Pain Society is a community-based organization that hosts 6-week information series to help people in our regional district living with chronic pain. The professionally facilitated sessions support individuals and care givers in becoming more self-sufficient in managing their chronic pain and increasing their quality of life. An integrated approach to healing through education, empowerment, and ongoing support has proven to be an effective and enjoyable way for community members to sustainably manage a very complex chronic illness. Our vision is to ensure every person living in the region has access to tools, resources, and supports needed to reduce the impact of chronic pain; the means to learn preventative measures; and the power to be in charge of their own health. We equip participants with evidence-based knowledge, tools, resources, and practical applications that work to achieve this.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is unique in that a multi-disciplinary approach to chronic pain has been found to be the most effective way to manage the complex and often complicated nature of the disease. However, access to multi-disciplinary health services, and even basic health services for chronic pain can be very limited in rural and remote areas, for those on a fixed or low income, and those with mobilization and/or transportation challenges. By hosting an integrated series in the individuals' home community with an online component, accessibility is greatly mitigated, and the project is at no cost to participants. Mobility and physical accessibility are a priority consideration when choosing the venue for the series. By analyzing data from our past series we have found that when participants gain evidence-based knowledge, realistic strategies, applicable tools, and community resources and support, their experience with chronic pain as well as their quality of life improves.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Chronic pain currently affects 1 in 5 British Columbians. Chronic pain can be debilitating, prevents people from working, makes it difficult for them to care for their families and can be emotionally and mentally straining. By giving people knowledge about chronic pain and equipping them with tools that they can use in their everyday lives, such as myofascial ball rolling exercises and mental health therapy tools to manage negative thoughts and the emotions associated with living with chronic health conditions, that can be completed at home free of charge, the Rise Above Pain Society is helping people achieve social, emotional, occupational and physical wellness, enabling them to lead more productive and rewarding lives.

**Project: Chronic Pain Management Series**

The issue of chronic pain as a debilitating condition affecting many Canadians has been largely studied, identified and discussed by organizations including Pain BC and HealthLinkBC.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization has successfully offered and facilitated several chronic pain learning series in many communities across the regional district since 2017. We are returning after a hiatus during the COVID 19 pandemic. We have developed and achieved our realistic community-focused goals, as well as learned from our limitations and adapted and improved our program. An example of this is that we used to host 8-week series, and due to feedback regarding length we have consolidated the series to 6-weeks and received higher attendance for the duration of the series as well as very positive feedback. We have decided to offer the program online this year to increase accessibility. We aim to continue to involve community stakeholders (participants, other community members, health practitioners and services, and community-based organizations) in the development of our project and seek to continue to meet community identified health needs in the delivery of our project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Rise Above Pain Society board of directors as well as local health practitioners, including, but not limited to, physicians, yoga therapists, nutritionist, pharmacists, clinical counsellor, and kinesiologist. Often community members that experience chronic pain are involved in the implementation of the project as well, as their insight is useful in directing venue choice, specific health foci related to chronic pain that should be included, etc.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer service provided by the Rise Above Pain Society board of directors, many community members. Rise BC Wellness donates administration costs performed by their office/reception staff.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S-0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver B.C. V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Slocan Saturday Market

Project Title **Slocan Saturday Market**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

We are located at Expo Park in the Village of Slocan. We set up our vendors in the upper bench where there are large beautiful trees and lots of shade. Expo Park has a concession stand with a refrigerator, stove, storage space, and electricity. There is a men's and women's washroom maintained by the market. This beautiful park in Slocan has a covered stage for musicians. There is a gazebo where we set up the kids zone. This large park has everything we need to have a successful enterprise and it has lots of space for growth.

Importance to the community:

This project is extremely important to my community. Slocan Valley locals gain a space to buy local farmed goods, support artisans, enjoy local music, socialize, and shop in their own community. Local vendors, farmers, and food makers benefit from this market by having a place to come showcase their work and generate an income. Children have a space to be creative with one another, learn new things, socialize, and even set up their own booth. Local musicians have a space to share their talents and raise the vibrations. Businesses in the Village of Slocan benefit from the influx of visitors to our beautiful mountain town. Having a place available for the local economy to thrive benefits everyone in the surrounding area.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/5/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$6,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Slocan Saturday Market is a farmer and artisan market that meets every week in the summer months. This market gives the local community and opportunity to sell their farm goods, art work, herbal medicines, baked goods, and more. This year will be our eighth year in operation, it has been growing steadily every season. We have a total of 14 markets in the summer months of June, July, and August. Slocan Saturday market also has a Harvest Market in October and a Christmas Market in December. This market meets in the Village of Slocan and it helps the community collectively and financially. We seek funds to help keep vendor fees low, pay sound technician, pay local musicians, upkeep the grounds, and keep the kids zone running. With the help of the RDCK, we hope that our 2024 season of the Slocan Saturday Market will be successful and will continue to grow and improve.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Slocan Saturday Market is an essential service in the Village of Slocan. We gather every Saturday in the summer months to sell our farmed vegetables, art work, handmade items, fresh prepared food, and other local items. Slocan Market is a weekly gathering place that keeps the economy of the Slocan Valley flowing.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is extremely important to my community. Slocan Valley locals gain a space to buy local farmed goods, support artisans, enjoy local music, socialize, and shop in their own community. Local vendors, farmers, and food makers benefit from this market by having a place to come showcase their work and generate an income. Children have a space to be creative with one another, learn new things, socialize, and even set up their own booth. Local musicians have a space to share their talents and raise the vibrations. Businesses in the Village of Slocan benefit from the influx of visitors to our beautiful mountain town. Having a place available for the local economy to thrive benefits everyone in the surrounding area.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This market provides local artisans, farmers, and bakers a space to generate income while giving the opportunity to local residents and tourists to purchase local goods. We have a rich culture here in the Slocan Valley and this weekly market gives a space to showcase our talent. This is the only Saturday Market in our valley, it helps generate self sufficiency of the vendors in our region. There must continue to be a venue that supports monetary generation in this rural community. The fact that we are growing every year identifies the need for such a project as this.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Christina Knight has made this market grow over the six years that she has been market director. There are many small details that need to be dealt with for such a project to go on every summer. She has learned from past years all the many things that need to be done. There are many working part that need to happen for such a community event to happen weekly, and Christina is able to delegate the many jobs that need to happen.

Slocan Solutions has helped her in years past to be the society for this market, since Christina directs this market alone without her own society.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Christina Knight is the market director and has been for the past six years.

Gail Morris helps with organization and landscaping.



**Project: Slocan Saturday Market**

Stephen Baal is our sound technician. He sets up and takes down our sound equipment and makes sure all the musicians sound great.

We also have a kids zone director, last year we had a few people who would come out. They set up the crafts and help the children with their art work, and teach them new fun ways to express themselves artistically.

These are the main people involved in implementing this project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

There are many hours of volunteer work that go into this market. The market director goes above and beyond with her time and efforts. We have locals come to rake the grounds, help with equipment, plant flowers, clean and help with upkeep. We have a community here that is ready to help and is committed to the Slocan Saturday Market.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Taghum Community Society**

Registration # BC Society S0008400

5915 Taghum Hall Road, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fridge and Cooler - Kitchen Upgrade**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F

Taghum Hall is a community centre located in Taghum. It serves as the community hall for the Blewett area, as well as Bonnington and South Slokan. The hall is a 6 minute drive from Nelson, and many Nelsonites attend the functions there. There is a large hall, ample parking, and beautiful grounds at Taghum Hall, making it an attractive venue for many different activities.

Importance to the community:

The Taghum Hall kitchen is the only part of the building which was not renovated in 2014. The facility is in excellent shape, yet the kitchen is very old. When considering a renovation, the kitchen was assessed to be unsalvageable, and to be demolished. A new re-build is required. The new commercial-grade kitchen will serve the many people who use the hall now and far into the future.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/1/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$600.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Taghum Hall is upgrading its kitchen facility and requires a new fridge and cooler. The hall's kitchen is utilized by all community users and is in need of an upgrade. Currently the kitchen is using an inefficient second-hand fridge. For hall functions, a glass fridge and cooler (to see what is inside the fridge before opening it) would be ideal. These items would be part of the whole kitchen re-build which will occur in the autumn of 2024.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The objects of the Society are to hold educational meetings, recreational activities, and any other form of activities for the betterment of the community, as a non-profit society.  
The operation of the Society is to be carried on in the Taghum/Blewett area of British Columbia.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Taghum Hall kitchen is the only part of the building which was not renovated in 2014. The facility is in excellent shape, yet the kitchen is very old. When considering a renovation, the kitchen was assessed to be unsalvageable, and to be demolished. A new re-build is required. The new commercial-grade kitchen will serve the many people who use the hall now and far into the future.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Glass fridge and cooler is ideal for serving large groups. Items in the fridge are located BEFORE opening the door, and thus conserving energy. People being served can preview items to select what they want in advance of ordering. Currently, the hall's fridge is loud, inefficient, and old. When working in the kitchen, it has a loud hum and buzz, which is annoying for those preparing food. There is no cooler currently at the hall, but during various functions, easy selection of cool drinks for sale would be best displayed with a glass cooler.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Taghum Hall is the community hub in the Taghum/ Blewett/ Beasley/ Bonnington/ South Slocan areas. There are a variety of ongoing community programs for all ages; annual festivals and activities; and the hall is a rental venue for weddings, funerals, and educational offerings. The hall is supported by an active board and volunteers, who have taken on and successfully delivered, very ambitious projects in the past.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Taghum Community Society board will be overseeing the ordering of these kitchen items. These have been recommended by the architectural group and interior design company who are overseeing the Taghum Hall kitchen re-build.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers will oversee this project: ordering, receiving and installation.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

**Project: Fridge and Cooler - Kitchen Upgrade**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce**

Registration # 001277-7

PO Box 120, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **East Shore Business After Business**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

These events will take place in various business venues from Wynndel to Riondel, highlighting each business as we advertise for each event.

Importance to the community:

The project will benefit various stakeholders within the community, including:

**Entrepreneurs and Business Owners:** Entrepreneurs and business owners will benefit from access to valuable resources, networking opportunities, and educational workshops to support their business growth and development.

**Local Organizations and Chambers of Commerce:** Local organizations and our chamber of commerce will benefit from a more vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem, which can lead to increased membership, participation, and economic activity within the community.

**Students and Aspiring Entrepreneurs:** Students and aspiring entrepreneurs will benefit from exposure to real-world entrepreneurial experiences, mentorship opportunities, and resources to help them launch and grow their own ventures in the future.

Overall, Business after Business events play a vital role in strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem and driving economic growth and prosperity within our community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 11/18/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$800.00</b>		<b>\$100.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$100.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
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<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, our Eastshore community faces numerous challenges in sustaining and growing their ventures. The need for continuous learning, networking, and mentorship is crucial for our success. Recognizing this need, we propose the implementation of "Business after Business" events aimed at fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and community building among entrepreneurs.

**Objective:**

The primary objective of the "Business after Business" events is to provide a platform for businesses and organizations to connect, learn, and grow. These events will offer valuable insights, resources, and networking opportunities to support local businesses/organizations in overcoming challenges and seizing new opportunities in their respective industries.

**Event Format:**

The "Business after Business" events will be structured as informal networking sessions combined with educational workshops and keynote presentations. The events will feature experienced entrepreneurs, business people, industry experts, and thought leaders who will share their insights, experiences, and best practices with attendees.

We will hold a series of six networking sessions from Wynndel to Riondel at various business venues open to the general public as well. Facilitated networking sessions will provide attendees with the opportunity to connect with fellow entrepreneurs, potential collaborators and mentors. These sessions will encourage meaningful conversations and the exchange of ideas. Interactive workshops will cover a wide range of topics relevant to business and organizations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce is a diverse group of area businesses connected for the common goal of promotion and vitality of the economy of the East Shore of Kootenay Lake.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project will benefit various stakeholders within the community, including:

**Entrepreneurs and Business Owners:** Entrepreneurs and business owners will benefit from access to valuable resources, networking opportunities, and educational workshops to support their business growth and development.

**Local Organizations and Chambers of Commerce:** Local organizations and our chamber of commerce will benefit from a more vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem, which can lead to increased membership, participation, and economic activity within the community.

**Project: East Shore Business After Business**

Students and Aspiring Entrepreneurs: Students and aspiring entrepreneurs will benefit from exposure to real-world entrepreneurial experiences, mentorship opportunities, and resources to help them launch and grow their own ventures in the future.

Overall, Business after Business events play a vital role in strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem and driving economic growth and prosperity within our community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Networking: Entrepreneurs often struggle to find opportunities to network with peers, mentors, and potential collaborators. The events will provide a structured environment for networking, enabling entrepreneurs to build valuable relationships and expand their professional contacts.

Knowledge Exchange: Keeping up with the latest trends, best practices, and industry insights can be challenging for entrepreneurs. The events will offer educational workshops and keynote presentations.

Mentorship: Access to experienced mentors and advisors can significantly impact an entrepreneur's success. The events will provide opportunities for new businesses to connect with seasoned professionals who can offer guidance, advice, and support.

Overcoming Challenges: Entrepreneurship is inherently challenging, and entrepreneurs often face obstacles such as funding constraints, market competition, and operational issues. The events will address these challenges through workshops, discussions, and presentations focused on practical strategies for overcoming obstacles and achieving success.

These issues and opportunities were identified through surveys, and consultations with Eastshore businesses/entrepreneurs.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Existing Network and Relationships: We have extensive networks and established relationships within the local business community. This network provides access to a diverse range of businesses, entrepreneurs, professionals, and stakeholders who can contribute as speakers, mentors, or attendees for the events.

Expertise in Event Planning and Management: We have dedicated administrator with expertise in event planning and management. They possess the organizational capacity to coordinate logistics, secure venues, manage registrations, handle marketing and promotion, and ensure the smooth execution of the events.

Advocacy and Representation: our Chambers of Commerce serves as an advocate for the business community, representing their interests and promoting economic development initiatives. By delivering Business after Business events, our chambers can address the needs and priorities of local businesses, foster collaboration, and support entrepreneurship within the community.

Our Chamber of Commerce has the capacity, expertise, resources, and network necessary to effectively deliver a Business after Business project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our Administrator will organize and advertise these events in coordination with the Directors of The Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In addition to cash contributions, the Chamber of Commerce can offer various non-monetary contributions to support the Business After Business events. These contributions may include:

Venue Access: The Chamber of Commerce has partnerships with local venues, allowing the event to take place at a reduced or no cost.

Marketing and Promotion: Leverage the chamber's communication channels, such as newsletters, website, and social media platforms, to promote the event to its members and the broader community. This can help increase attendance and raise awareness about the event.

Networking Opportunities: Utilize the chamber's existing network to connect event organizers with potential speakers, or partners who can contribute to the success of the event.

Expertise and Resources: Tap into the chamber's expertise and resources in areas such as business development, economic research, and policy advocacy to enhance the content and impact of the event.

Member Engagement: Engage chamber members in the planning and execution of the event, fostering a sense of community involvement and ownership among local businesses.

Post-Event Follow-Up: Leverage the chamber's post-event communication channels to follow up with attendees, share event highlights, and gather feedback for future improvements.

By leveraging these non-monetary contributions, the Chamber of Commerce can significantly enhance the success and impact of the Business After Business events, furthering its mission to support entrepreneurship and economic development within the community.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Nelson Electric Tramway Society**

Registration # 1261755132RR0001

PO Box 602, Nelson BC V1L 5R4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Rebuilding Electric Lift for Overhead Repairs**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Lift rebuilding will take place in our Car Barn at 1801 Lakeside Drive, Nelson.

Importance to the community:

Operation of Streetcar 23 has become an important aspect of the Tourism Industry in Nelson and surrounding areas. Currently, any damage or breaks in our overhead wire requires an immediate shutdown of streetcar operation until a contractor can be called in to remedy the situation.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/28/2024      Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$10,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**Project: Rebuilding Electric Lift for Overhead Repairs**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to rebuild a battery powered Lift so that the Society can undertake a proper inspection and repair of our overhead wire (600 volts DC) that powers our 118 year old Streetcar 23 and allow us to trim tree branches that are encroaching on our right-of-way. The Lift will also facilitate repairs to the siding under the eaves of our Streetcar Barn as well as painting our 20 ft. high walls and adding insulation into the attic.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nelson Electric Tramway Society (NETS) was established in 1988 as a 100% volunteer organization to promote the acquisition, restoration, exhibition and operation of Nelson's Historic Streetcar #23. To promote Civic, Provincial and National awareness of and appreciation for Nelson's unique Street Railway Heritage. NETS maintains a 600 square meter Car barn and performs all mechanical and electrical repairs to our streetcars. We also maintain 2 kilometers of track and electrical overhead wire infrastructure. NETS adheres to the Federal Railway Act which is governed through Technical Safety BC. NETS has established a Transportation Museum which includes many artifacts. We are developing programs to engage youth with the history of the Nelson Electric Tramway and its contribution to the establishment of Nelson.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Operation of Streetcar 23 has become an important aspect of the Tourism Industry in Nelson and surrounding areas. Currently, any damage or breaks in our overhead wire requires an immediate shutdown of streetcar operation until a contractor can be called in to remedy the situation.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our overhead power wire has been in service for over 30 years and is showing signs of wear, especially in the curves. Ground-based inspection does not adequately address the potential problem / failure. We have the wire and fittings on hand but have no means to effect the repairs.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

NETS has qualified personnel who are willing to respond in real time to an overhead wire problem if we have a Lift to elevate them up to the problem.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Qualified volunteers of the Nelson Electric Tramway Society (NETS) will be undertaking the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In kind contribution of approx 300 hrs @ \$15.00/hr

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**

Registration # S-46628  
Box 56, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton  
We cover the areas from Edgewood, Fauquier, Burton, Arrow Park, Nakusp, rural Nakusp, New Denver, and Silverton.

Importance to the community:

Our programs are important as we strive to end the cruel cycle of pet overpopulation and its resultant suffering. As the only non-profit domestic animal rescue organization in our area, we feel a responsibility to work to keep the pet population in check and thus reduce the problems (disease and nuisance issues) resulting from roaming feral animals. The communities and the animals will all benefit from our work.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$2,500.00</b>				<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$1,500.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We rescue abandoned, lost, abused, and unwanted pets and livestock, provide them with the necessary veterinary care and subsequent foster care until they are adopted. We also provide a Spay/Neuter program for low income pet owners, a Special Circumstances loan program for animal emergencies, and we maintain a Lost and Found pet registry. In addition, our Community Outreach service program provides information and support (emotional and financial) for animal issues that do not fall within our other programs. Our goal is to continue to promote education and awareness of responsible animal care and to reduce the number of unwanted and feral domestic animals in our communities.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to rescue, aid, and care for abused, neglected, abandoned or homeless domestic animals in the communities we serve. We provide them with veterinary care, food, foster care, and other necessary supplies until they are adopted into forever homes. We maintain a Spay/Neuter program for low income pet owners who might otherwise be unable to spay or neuter their animals. We also provide a Special Circumstances Loan program for animal emergencies, a Lost and Found registry, and a Community Outreach service program.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our programs are important as we strive to end the cruel cycle of pet overpopulation and its resultant suffering. As the only non-profit domestic animal rescue organization in our area, we feel a responsibility to work to keep the pet population in check and thus reduce the problems (disease and nuisance issues) resulting from roaming feral animals. The communities and the animals will all benefit from our work.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We address the issue of pet overpopulation by providing our Spay/Neuter program to those who could not otherwise afford to spay or neuter their pets. Our Spay/Neuter program numbers reached a record high in 2023. We have seen a considerable surge in requests from people struggling financially with the expenses associated with providing responsible animal care, and we are assisting more people with basic needs such as pet food, and also with accessing veterinary advice and evaluations.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are best suited for this work as we are the only non-profit domestic animal rescue organization in our area. We have been operating continuously since 2003 and have strong community support. We are run by hard-working, dedicated volunteers, and we receive professional guidance from the Nakusp Veterinary Clinic and our local Certified Dog Trainer.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The P.A.L.S. Board of Directors oversees the work with volunteers. We also have the full support and guidance of the Nakusp Veterinary Clinic, and also benefit from the expertise of our local Certified Dog Trainer.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All work is done by volunteers. The Nakusp Veterinary Clinic supports and participates in our work by providing discounted services and professional guidance. Our local pet supply store has a "consignment corner" where gently used donated pet supplies are sold for P.A.L.S. Our local Certified Dog Trainer assists with dog behaviour and other

**Project: P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program**

dog issues. Selkirk Realty generously sponsors our "Pet of the Week" adoptable pet ads in both the Arrow Lakes News and Valley Voice newspapers. Several businesses and individuals donate their recyclable cans, bottles and plastics. Supporters have also donated items that we sell at yard sales or online.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Edgewood Community Park Society**

Registration # S0033843

244 Kilarney Cresnet, Edgewood British Columbia V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Continuing to improve the kitchen facilities at the Ball Park and to begin improvements to what the community refers to as the Community Fair Building. This building is used by local residents for boat and trailer storage and is a source of revenue for th**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

In both the concession and the Fair Building in the Ball Park.

Importance to the community:

Edgewood does not have much for community facilities and the buildings at the Ball Park need to be retained. Although the facilities are not used a great deal we hope with improvements this could change and as demographics of our small community changes we need to be thinking about future uses.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 9/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
				<b>\$10,330.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,330.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$10,330.00</b>	<b>\$10,330.00</b>	<b>\$10,330.00</b>

**Project: Continuing to improve the kitchen facilities at the Ball Park and to begin improvements to what the community refers to as the Community Fair Building. This building is used by local residents for boat and trailer storage and is a source of revenue for th**

**1. The project will provide:**

This project carries on the much needed work that the Society began with the ReDi grant from 2023. We see an opportunity to rent out both the Park concession and the Fair Building but still there still needs to be improvements to both. We hope to install new counter tops in the concession area. The Fair Building , being an old wooden structure needs to have tin applied all around the bottom of the building. This will both prevent the wood for breaking down and will reduce the fire risk. We have already cleaned all the brush and trees form the building as per our fire smart plan.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain the Edgewood Community Ball Park under a lease agreement with BC Land and Forestry.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Edgewood does not have much for community facilities and the buildings at the Ball Park need to be retained. Although the facilities are not used a great deal we hope with improvements this could change and as demographics of our small community changes we need to be thinking about future uses.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

These facilities have been left with little maintenance for many years. The Fair Building was constructed in 1952 and held the Edgewood Community Fair for many years but as the population of Edgewood shrank the fair was discontinued. This large wooden structure was turned into storage but very little rent was collected. We have begun to change the opportunity for locals to rent the building in a more equitable manner, and to charge a more reasonable rent. This information has been known by the Society for several years.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the management structure for the Ball Park. We are aware of the needs and are able to access local trades people to assist with the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Community Parks Board members will again oversee the project. We also have a Board Member who serves on the IRC board as well so that group has input. IRC often uses the park and the concession building for community event and our organization is looking to rent the facilities more often to increase revenue for ongoing expenses.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer Board supervision and financial management of the grant.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

**Project: Continuing to improve the kitchen facilities at the Ball Park and to begin improvements to what the community refers to as the Community Fair Building. This building is used by local residents for boat and trailer storage and is a source of revenue for th**



Organization **Ymir Arts and Museum Society**

Registration # S-0021577  
PO Box 53, Ymir BC V0G 2K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Ymir School House Emergency Reception Centre Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G  
The Ymir School House 7306 3rd St. Ymir BC

Importance to the community:  
The Ymir School House is maintained by volunteers to be available as an asset to the community

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 12/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$9,440.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,440.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$9,440.00</b>	<b>\$47,200.00</b>	<b>\$47,200.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Ymir School House Emergency Reception Centre Upgrades**

The Ymir School House is having an HVAC system installed in the aim of having the building able to function as an emergency response centre.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote the arts and culture through the West Kootenays

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Ymir School House is maintained by volunteers to be available as an asset to the community

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Due to climate change the CBT has been identifying buildings that could be used in the communities to address situational emergencies and assist in the areas preparation for these occurrences

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Ymir Arts and Museum Society has been successfully maintaining and restoring the school house for decades

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Ymir Arts and Museum Society. CGM Plumbing and Heating

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Ymir Arts and Museum Society is overseeing the project and providing all required support and coordinating on a volunteer basis

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society**

Registration # S-57088

Box 210, 16380 Jacobson Road, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Emergency Ride Home for Seniors**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

The project will be based in Crawford Bay and will reach to Creston and Nelson.

Importance to the community:

Seniors will benefit from this project because some people hesitate to go by ambulance to hospital since they are worried that they will not be able to get home.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/1/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,600.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Emergency Ride Home for Seniors**

The Emergency Ride Home project is intended to help seniors who have been taken to hospital by ambulance and do not have a way to return home. Seniors can often be stranded at hospitals if they are transported by ambulance but are not admitted at Emergency. Unless they have a strong support network, some seniors have no way to return to their homes on the East Shore. This project would provide transportation to people who do not have the means to get themselves home. SKLCSS now has a new vehicle which is available for Seniors and Youth transportation. We will establish drivers who are willing to pick up seniors in a situation where they are stranded at a hospital.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (SKLCSS) is a non-profit organization operating on the East Shore of Kootenay Lake that focuses primarily on Seniors and Youth Programming but also acts as an umbrella agency that sponsors and administers community funded programs and projects that foster and promote community and economic stability and growth.

Our primary programs are the East Shore Youth Network and Junior Squad which addresses the needs of local youth in the area by organizing events and workshops for youth that provide opportunities based on diverse youth input. Our East Shore Elder Care Program is focused on helping and supporting our local seniors so that they can age in place, remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to help seniors access programs and services.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Seniors will benefit from this project because some people hesitate to go by ambulance to hospital since they are worried that they will not be able to get home.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

One of the main issues that will be addressed is social isolation. Many seniors live alone and do not have a strong social network. This service will provide some emergency support to people who have to be taken to Emergency and do not have a plan in place for a ride home. This need was identified by the East Shore Better at Home Coordinator who is aware of situations like this. We spoke with East Shore Paramedics who also had stories of stranded individuals.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

SKLCSS ensures responsible public transparency in the distribution of funds. We monitor and ensure that grant reporting is completed and proper project closure occurs. We have an ongoing Seniors social program with two Coordinators. Our organization is well known in the community and among the senior population. Our connections with BetteratHome also allows us to be able to be very aware of seniors needs in regards to transportation.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

SKLCSS will implement the program with support from the BetteratHome Coordinator.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Izu-shi Friendship Society**

Registration # S0046208

310 Ward Street, Nelson BC V1L 5S4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Valuing Cottonwood Falls Park**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Throughout Cottonwood Falls Park in Nelson: Lots 9 -14, Block 101, Plan 9500, including Carbonate Street Right of Way and Falls Street Right of Way.

Importance to the community:

As Nelson's population grows and as more tourists discover our community, it will become increasingly important to have beautiful, interesting, accessible parks. Cottonwood Falls Park is a highly valued small treasure. Citizens and visitors will benefit from:

- learning the stories of the Syilx and Metis people, which will help us appreciate the diverse origins of our community and support truth and reconciliation,
- experiencing the physical beauty and the peaceful reflection offered by the garden and park in all seasons,
- recognizing the valuable benefits of this natural creek and its water flow in the midst of the city,
- participating in cultural activities reflecting the global friendship with our sister city in Japan, and
- knowing that everyone can access the park regardless of their physical ability.

We hope the contributions made by Friendship Society volunteers for 37 years will be inspiring for other groups in our community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/15/2024      Project End: 6/15/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$650.00</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$17,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$18,300.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$18,300.00	\$18,300.00	\$18,300.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Valuing Cottonwood Falls Park supports the Friendship Society's volunteer work in making Cottonwood Falls Park a valued destination for all local citizens and visitors.

1) Signage

Two new display signs recognizing the Syilx and Metis communities will be developed by our project team in co-operation with Indigenous and Metis representatives. Grant funding will provide for a part-time researcher to provide background information on all signs using QR codes.

2) Friendship Garden

The project will allow our volunteers to plant and maintain garden beds, add topsoil and mulch, purchase garden tools, install appropriate irrigation, and improve and develop gravel pathways.

3) Cottonwood Creek

Invasive plants along the creek identified by KinSeed Ecologies in 2023 will be removed. A 2024 consultant's report will guide us in developing and installing a system for using valuable creek water for irrigation.

4) Cultural Activities

Cultural activities offered at our seasonal events will provide citizens and visitors opportunities to learn skills and gain awareness of our sister city's culture. A laptop/projector and screen will allow leaders and participants to view relevant cultural slides and videos.

5) West Side Pathway

The Society will assist the city in constructing and paving a wheelchair and mobility impairment accessible pathway to ensure safe access to the west side artifacts site and waterfall viewpoint. A supplier has been approached.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the Friendship Society (est. 1987) are:

- a) to deepen friendship and mutual understanding through educational, cultural, and economic exchanges with Izu-shi, Shizuoka, Japan;
- b) to raise awareness of our sister city relationship through the Cottonwood Falls Friendship Garden and community activities in Nelson and area;
- c) to promote world peace and prosperous global relationships through cooperation and goodwill between the sister cities of Nelson, British Columbia, Canada and Izu-shi, Shizuoka, Japan.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As Nelson's population grows and as more tourists discover our community, it will become increasingly important to have beautiful, interesting, accessible parks. Cottonwood Falls Park is a highly valued small treasure. Citizens and visitors will benefit from:

- learning the stories of the Syilx and Metis people, which will help us appreciate the diverse origins of our community and support truth and reconciliation,
- experiencing the physical beauty and the peaceful reflection offered by the garden and park in all seasons,
- recognizing the valuable benefits of this natural creek and its water flow in the midst of the city,
- participating in cultural activities reflecting the global friendship with our sister city in Japan, and
- knowing that everyone can access the park regardless of their physical ability.

We hope the contributions made by Friendship Society volunteers for 37 years will be inspiring for other groups in our community.

**Project: Valuing Cottonwood Falls Park**

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

As requested by the city and in accordance with the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement, we will be inviting the Syilx and Metis communities to participate in our Display Signage Project. The grant will cover design and production costs.

Ongoing garden care is required in beds and pathways. Improved irrigation will result in more efficient use of water and ease the burden on our volunteers.

To ensure the viability of the natural corridor of the creek, it's important to recognize native plants and remove invasive ones. Recent drought conditions require us to develop alternative irrigation sources.

Increasing interest in cultural activities such as lantern making have encouraged us to continue offering these workshops at our events. Showing real-life images on a screen will enhance the experience.

Following recommendations by a city commissioned disability consultant, our volunteers completed the base for an accessible west side pathway. The next step is applying all-season surfacing.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This project continues the work of the Friendship Society in the park, begun in 2003. The current leadership group has been responsible for:

- a) Friendship Gate 2017
- b) Garden Pathway Renewal 2018
- c) West Side Viewpoint, Gardens, Pathways 2019
- d) Waterfall Viewpoint, 1896 Hydro-Electric Artifacts Site 2020
- e) Viewpoint Safety Railings, Garden Renewal, Stone Wall 2021
- f) Volunteering in Cottonwood Falls Park 2022
- g) Enhancing Cottonwood Falls Park 2023
- h) Fortis BC Community Giving Award 2019-2024
- i) Sister City Exchange Visits 2017, 2019, 2024

The Society works closely with the City of Nelson and enjoys good relationships with contractors and suppliers. We have been financially supported by the Columbia Basin Trust, the Osprey Foundation, Fortis BC, the City of Nelson, and our members. In 2021, the Friendship Society received a City of Nelson Sustainability Leadership Award. In 2024, we received a Japanese-Canadian Legacies Society grant for new cultural initiatives.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The President, Vice-Presidents for Garden and Cultural Projects, Chairs of the Garden Committee, and Board Members will implement the project. The Friendship Society will engage local suppliers and contractors, work closely with the City of Nelson Administration and Public Works Department, and carry out the physical work with the help of Society members.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Nelson Izu-shi Friendship Society: Volunteer labour for liaison with Indigenous communities and QR code researcher, installation of signage: garden, pathway, and irrigation work; liaison with invasive species and irrigation consultants;

**Project: Valuing Cottonwood Falls Park**

organization, promotion, and delivery of cultural activities; and co-ordination of access pathway construction.  
(Estimated value \$8000)

City of Nelson: Crew and equipment for assistance with installation of irrigation system, pathway improvements, and completion of west side access pathway. (Estimated value \$4000)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Arrow Lakes Search and Rescue Society**

Registration # S-38119

PO Box 702, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **SAR Responder Uniforms**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan

ALSAR responds to call outs for emergency assistance in Area K and Area H, including Trout Lake, Arrow and Slocan Valleys, and Monashee Pass. The ALSAR base for operations is located in Nakusp.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because it will increase broad public safety and decrease response time by volunteer responders. It will also increase responder safety during responses. And, it will ensure that ALSAR operates at the provincial standard for search and rescue operations. Maintaining provincial standards ensures ALSAR's longevity, and therefore the safety of residents in the Arrow and Slocan Lakes valleys.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/18/2024      Project End: 2/28/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$9,259.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,259.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$9,259.00</b>	<b>\$11,259.00</b>	<b>\$11,259.00</b>

**Project: SAR Responder Uniforms****1. The project will provide:**

These funds will be used to purchase necessary uniforms for all active Arrow Lakes Search and Rescue members, with ALSAR identification printed on it. Uniforms will include shirts and pants. These uniforms will increase responder safety, efficiency, and team cohesion. The uniforms will also promote best practices in a wilderness environment and foster community awareness with the team logo's presence.

ALSAR volunteer responders dedicate many hours into training and into active calls. These trainings and calls typically take place in a wilderness setting where the elements and weather conditions can be unpredictable, and harmful to responders. SAR responders need uniforms that will prevent and protect from harm by weather conditions, including hypothermia and heat stress.

Appropriate uniforms provided to SAR members will be utilized during training and active calls to keep responders safe from the elements with sweat and moisture wicking technology, so to prevent overheating in the summer, and hypothermia by rapid heat loss in the winter.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote the safe engagement with the outdoors, and provide emergency response services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to our community because it will increase broad public safety and decrease response time by volunteer responders. It will also increase responder safety during responses. And, it will ensure that ALSAR operates at the provincial standard for search and rescue operations. Maintaining provincial standards ensures ALSAR's longevity, and therefore the safety of residents in the Arrow and Slokan Lakes valleys.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Currently, ALSAR does not have uniforms to issue to volunteer responders for call outs and practice. Uniforms create integral team cohesion, clarifying roles within operations, and the type of clothing we will purchase will play an integral role in responder safety.

Wearing clothing such as merino wool, polyester or nylon ensures that responders stay dry in hot and cold climates in the wilderness, during call outs.

Clothing that is durable, appropriate, clearly identifiable, and long-lasting will keep volunteer responders safe.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As a public safety agency, ALSAR works to ensure residents can access search and rescue services 24/7, 365 days a year. In our previous project of purchasing a drone for search responses, the project was implemented and has been successful in its objective.

ALSAR is the only volunteer search and rescue organization in the Arrow and Slokan valleys, and increasing responder safety, creating efficiency and decreasing response time are all relevant to our operations success.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

ALSAR is composed of a diverse representation of the community. Members have a variety of skills that pertain to search and rescue activities. And, every team member is trained and equipped to provide search and rescue and first aid services in all types of terrain and in all seasons.

ALSAR society directors/ volunteer responders will complete the ordering and a printing contractor will complete the printing on the uniforms. Each active responder will receive a t shirt and pants to use during call outs.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**Project: SAR Responder Uniforms**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Each ALSAR volunteer responder commits an estimated 200 hours of volunteer time per year. ALSAR currently has 33 active members, so a total of 6,600 hours per year is being dedicated to ALSAR operations.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society**

Registration # S0072104

PO BOX 818, Kaslo British Columbia V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project takes place at St. Andrew's Heritage Hall on 4th Avenue, a downtown location. The clinic strives to be as inclusive as possible and we have wheelchair access.

Importance to the community:

All residents of Kaslo and Area D, of all ages and income levels are welcome and can benefit from our clinic. Bi-weekly acupuncture treatment helps build healthier, more resilient community by reducing preventable ailments through consistent treatment. Acupuncture is an ancient, well-researched complementary practice that improves health and wellness. Both practitioners are well trained and experienced. They provide gentle and caring treatment based on listening with compassion to clients' needs.

There has been consistent interest during the first 4 years of operation and frequently we have to turn away prospective clients because we reach capacity of our clinic. At this point, with appropriate personnel and funding, the clinic could expand the hours of service and increase to a weekly clinic.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/20/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$9,922.00</b>	<b>\$9,922.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$19,844.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic

\$19,844.00	\$34,704.00	\$34,704.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The project is designed to help build a healthier, more resilient community by providing regular, consistent acupuncture treatments to all residents of Kaslo and Area D. The project provides barrier-free, bi-weekly access to acupuncture treatments for low income, and otherwise less able, residents of Kaslo and Area D. Barrier-free means that no person is turned away because of inability to pay. Acupuncture and related Traditional Chinese Medicine treatments are available by donation (\$20-\$40) or MSP supplementary payments, in a central, accessible location in Kaslo.

Community acupuncture is provided in a group setting, in 5 reclining chairs, where healing may be enhanced by being in a community setting.

Acupuncture is a successful treatment for addiction, mental health, pain, trauma, recovery, mental illness, and many other ailments. This clinic serves to enhance and improve the health and well-being of the community by providing treatment for preventable and imminent health situations, allowing patients to be proactive about their health solutions. Early intervention is a key to healthier outcomes.

The project, January 2020 to present, has demonstrated the need and popularity of this complementary medical modality. An average of 5 patients per hour are treated, totalling approximately 390 treatments administered per year.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

KCAS was formed to provide a community resource through barrier-free treatment and prevention within the framework of Traditional Chinese Medicine (including acupuncture) and related practices.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All residents of Kaslo and Area D, of all ages and income levels are welcome and can benefit from our clinic. Bi-weekly acupuncture treatment helps build healthier, more resilient community by reducing preventable ailments through consistent treatment. Acupuncture is an ancient, well-researched complementary practice that improves health and wellness. Both practitioners are well trained and experienced. They provide gentle and caring treatment based on listening with compassion to clients' needs.

There has been consistent interest during the first 4 years of operation and frequently we have to turn away prospective clients because we reach capacity of our clinic. At this point, with appropriate personnel and funding, the clinic could expand the hours of service and increase to a weekly clinic.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our community deals with addiction, chronic pain and mental health issues. Income levels are below the provincial mean. To address these issues, and improve health and well-being outcomes, our acupuncturists suggested the community acupuncture model. Patients self-identify and are counselled and treated as confidentially as possible within the calm, quiet group setting.

The opportunity to access regular complementary/alternative medicine by donation has been welcomed by the community. Acupuncture has a wide scope of treatment, from acute and chronic pain, to addiction, digestive issues, trauma, mental health, women's health and fertility, as well as immune system health.

One barrier we have identified regarding access is transportation. As the public bus does not operate on Fridays to/from the Lardeau Valley, Lardeau Valley residents require private transportation to attend our clinic. We plan to provide gas vouchers at \$20 / return trip.

**Project: Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic**

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic (KCAS) is the only community acupuncture clinic north of Nelson. In the community format at least 15 people can be treated daily. Our practitioners, volunteers and administrative assistants provide the necessary supports to administer the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society is governed by a Board of Directors: Laura Douglas, Victoria Mcallister, Dawn Precious, Nicole Brown and Sarah Evans. Acupuncturists Elise Arnaudin, Registered Acupuncturist, and Leni Neumeier, TCM.P, Diploma of Doctorate in Traditional Chinese Medicine, provide treatment. A volunteer and clinic administrative assistant set up and take down equipment, and care for reception. We also have a KCAS administrative assistant, who tends to background operations.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours: 26 annual clinics, 105.25 hours total, totaling approximately \$2105

9 Board Meetings with 5 board members for 1.5 hrs each, 71 hours total, totaling approximately \$1420

1 AGM with 7 board members for 1.5 hrs, 10.5 hours total, totaling approximately \$210

Total... \$3735

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Selkirk Concert Society**

Registration # S-0061702

114 Union St., Nelson, BC BC - British Columbia V1L 4A2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Selkirk Pro-Musica 2024-25 Concert Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, City of Nelson

Concerts will be presented in one of 2 venues in the City of Nelson. Most concerts are held at St. Saviour's Anglican Pro-Cathedral, 710 Ward St. Nelson. Concerts requiring sound amplification will be held at Shambhala Hall, 700 Tenth St. Nelson. The local musicians and audience members come from Nelson and the surrounding communities.

Importance to the community:

There is no other group presenting small chamber music concerts for the Nelson area. The success of the past 11 season demonstrates strong supporting interest.

Nelson identifies itself as an arts community. It needs groups such as ours to plan and present concerts. Those who benefit are the listening audience, of all ages, and also the musicians who benefit from the opportunity to perform and earn additional income. As well the local schools benefit from our Youth Engagement project which uses the same musicians to provide area schools with free concerts and workshops. The Health Arts Society uses these musicians to provide the local residential care facilities with concerts.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$3,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Selkirk Pro-Musica 2024-25 Concert Series

\$6,000.00	\$27,200.00	\$27,200.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

A series of 6 concerts will be presented in Nelson between Sept. 2024 and May 2025. These will be evening chamber music concerts including classical, jazz, and world music genres. To encourage concert attendance ticket prices are kept affordable through fundraising. Advertising includes posters, newspaper articles, radio interviews and social media. As there are no paid staff the SCS Board provide all administration and project coordination.

Musicians include local professionals (3 groups) and touring artists (3 groups) to provide diversity and variety.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES OF SELKIRK CONCERT SOCIETY

1) To enrich the cultural life of Nelson by presenting performances of small ensembles in an intimate venue featuring local professional musicians, supplemented with touring musicians, which encompasses a variety of musical genres and instrumental/vocal combinations.

2) To expand performance opportunities for professional musicians in the Nelson area, thus encouraging these artists to continue to contribute to the musical life of our community both as performers and teachers.

3) To encourage continued interest in music by bringing these concerts to students in the school system, thus building audiences for the future.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

There is no other group presenting small chamber music concerts for the Nelson area. The success of the past 11 season demonstrates strong supporting interest.

Nelson identifies itself as an arts community. It needs groups such as ours to plan and present concerts. Those who benefit are the listening audience, of all ages, and also the musicians who benefit from the opportunity to perform and earn additional income. As well the local schools benefit from our Youth Engagement project which uses the same musicians to provide area schools with free concerts and workshops. The Health Arts Society uses these musicians to provide the local residential care facilities with concerts.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

- This project enriches the cultural life and identity of the community.
- It enhances the cultural well being of area residents.
- Local professional musicians have increased opportunities to perform locally and increased employment. They are supplemented by touring musicians who provide diversity.
- There is limited opportunity to hear live performances of this quality and diversity in a small rural community.
- Affordable ticket prices encourage attendance.

The SCS Board are local musicians and music teachers and who know the local needs and issues. The success of the seasons presented to date and positive feedback from the audience and musicians are proof of the benefit of this approach.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**



**Project: Selkirk Pro-Musica 2024-25 Concert Series**

We have been in operation since 2012. The Society is well known now and respected for it's work. The SCS Board has many experienced members who know the jobs involved in planning and presenting the concert series. The Letters of Support attached confirm this.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

- The administration and project coordination for the concert series is provided by the Board of Directors, all Nelson residents and volunteers (planning the season, negotiating with musicians, bookkeeping, front of house services, billeting, ticket sales. poster design and distribution, etc)
- Otter Books provides ticketing.
- Local news outlets provide advertising.
- Musicians plan the program for their concert, rehearse the music and present the show.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

There are no paid staff and the SCS Board provide all the administration and project coordination. Otter Books does the ticket sales at no cost to SCS.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Black Productions**

Registration #

683 Whitmore rd, Nelson BC V1L 6H7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Legally Blonde: The Musical**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

At the Capitol Theatre in Nelson BC

Importance to the community:

It's important because we rarely see locally developed large scale musical theatre. All participants in the show (cast/crew) will benefit from the community building experience of creating a show. Audiences will benefit from having the opportunity to experience locally produced live musical theatre in their community.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/23/2024

Project End: 5/26/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$499.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$66,200.00</b>	<b>\$66,200.00</b>

**Project: Legally Blonde: The Musical**

**1. The project will provide:**

Black Productions is pleased to present its 12th annual show, Legally Blonde, in Nelson BC. This is a full Broadway musical that will be cast with local performers and supported by local arts technicians and crew. Since 2013 Black Productions has been the only consistent source of semi professional theatre in our community, seeing over 2000 audience members annually and worked with over 250 artists and arts workers since its inception. Audiences come from across the interior to attend these sold out productions as our reputation has grown for providing high quality, engaging theatre. Past shows include Addams Family, Mamma Mia, Grease, Rock of Ages, Cabaret, Chicago and more.

The project provides the only semi professional productions in the region, engaging local artists and arts workers who are desperate to do this work at home, instead of travelling large distances to find performance opportunities.

The project provides the opportunity for basin residents to travel a short distance to experience this calibre of theatre within their region. Usually you have to travel to Vancouver or Calgary for these experiences.

The project increases the cultural vibrancy of the region, providing opportunities for theatre artists that are incredibly hard to come by.

All of these points will be achieved by successfully producing live musical theatre in Nelson.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Black Productions is dedicated to bringing high-quality, entertaining productions to Nelson and surrounding areas. With a passion for storytelling and a commitment to fostering local talent, Black Productions strives to create engaging theatrical experiences.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It's important because we rarely see locally developed large scale musical theatre. All participants in the show (cast/crew) will benefit from the community building experience of creating a show. Audiences will benefit from having the opportunity to experience locally produced live musical theatre in their community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Theatre artists and arts workers have essentially zero opportunities to perform locally in high quality musicals (ID'd through the review of the theatre brochures for all the regional theatres)

Local audiences rarely have the opportunity to witness regionally developed large scale musical theatre (ID'd as above)

Black Productions upholds Nelson's reputation as an amazing small arts town through the production of these shows (ID'd through feedback in person and online)

Theatre artists and workers rarely have opportunities for paid work in this area (ID'd through community awareness)

These shows bring massive amounts of our community together, uniting them at a time when there is great division in the world. The shows provide an escape where people can sit back, relax and enjoy themselves.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Black Productions has been presenting large scale musicals in Nelson annually since 2013. We have extensive knowledge around production management, with a focus on artist safety, and managed to navigate the pandemic successfully, producing two online events during that time. We're a trusted entity in the community and have managed to maintain strong relationships through our existence as an organization.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Production Manager - Sydney Black

Director - Darren Fuss

**Project: Legally Blonde: The Musical**

Musical Director - Malaika HOrswill

Choreographer - Mackenzie Hope

Stage Manager - Kyla Hurst

30 Actors

25 Crew

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Hall Printing - Printing Support

Nelson Star - Ad Support

Nelson Home Building Centre - Set Supply Support

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Lions Club**

Registration # S-0031775

PO Box 905, Creston British Columbia V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Lions West Creston Returnables Initiative**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C

The West Creston Hall Society initiated this by contacting our Club and asking if we would be interested and providing an outlet in the community. Apparently, many residents cannot or can't be bothered to bring their recycle and returnable items to either of the current sites because of distance or time schedules. Instead they simply put these items out with the weekly trash pick up.

Importance to the community:

This project will help our environment by keeping as much reusable and recyclable material as possible out of our landfill. It also enables the Lions Club to generate funds that go back into our community to service needs that require assistance.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
		<b>\$1,930.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,930.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,930.00</b>	<b>\$1,930.00</b>	<b>\$1,930.00</b>

**Project: Lions West Creston Returnables Initiative****1. The project will provide:**

We have been asked by residents of the west Creston area as well as the West Creston Hall Society to initiate a program to collect returnables in order to keep them from ending up in our landfill. We have been told that many residents simply put their returnable items out with their regular garbage pick up. The Hall Society has agreed to set aside an area on their grounds where the Lions Club can erect a small shelter to house and contain the dropped off bottles, cans and other returnable items.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We are a non profit service club under the umbrella of Lions Clubs International. Our Club has been in operation since 1939 with our primary objective being to support the 8 pillars of Lionism. These are; Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, Pediatric Cancer, Youth, Hearing. Our Club currently has two main avenues for generating funds to meet these goals. The first is our mobile food trailer which our members use at various community and private events. Secondly, we currently maintain sites at the local RDCK operated Recycling Stations in the Creston Valley. With the assistance of the RDCK we are able to collect "returnables" which our members sort, count and deliver to the local Bottle Depot. In the year 2023 our members handled over 360K pieces of returnable and/or recyclable items which could have ended up in our landfill. All funds that we generate from the public must be returned to the public other than our costs of operations. The Club operates on funds received from Member Dues and other operations that do not involve the public at large. The majority funds we accrue from food operations and returnables goes back to assist with needs in our community. (Food Bank, Ministerial Hampers, Hospital Equipment, Literacy) We also annually support Pediatric Cancer & Diabetes Research through Lions International as well victims of the devastating wildfires our province experienced. The Lions also supported a fund to assist the Scotch Creek Fire Dept. purchase new equipment after their facility was lost last year due to wildfire. The returnables project has enabled our Club to generate far more funds than ever previously (about \$30K in 2023) We are hoping that we can continue in this manner and are planning to create a "Legacy" fund so we can take on large projects as needed in the community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will help our environment by keeping as much reusable and recyclable material as possible out of our landfill. It also enables the Lions Club to generate funds that go back into our community to service needs that require assistance.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The only concern we have is residents using the site as a drop off for trash and non qualifying items. To mitigate this as much as possible we have offered to give an orientation for users to advise what items are permissible and how to presort their returnables. We will also have signage onsite to indicate what items go where and what is not returnable. Our current rate of "ineligible" items is about 10% which is annoying but manageable. If we can maintain that ratio with this project we will be satisfied.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have the experience because of the existing sites we operate and our members are trained in identifying what items meet the regulations. If the new site adds 5K pieces of material to our current workload it would be a surprise. Currently we handle an average of about 27K.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We will be working directly with the West Creston Hall Society and RDCK Area C Director to ensure this goes smoothly. One of our Lions Members lives in the West Creston community and will monitor the site and look after timely removal of the items collected. The actual construction of the shelter will be completed by Lions members

**Project: Lions West Creston Returnables Initiative**

with experience. It will be placed in an area designated by the Hall Society. In the event the program does not endure the shelter will either be removed by the Lions or donated to the Hall Society.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Lions Club members will do the onsite construction of the shelter including framing, roof, paint etc. Club members will also provide set up and signage installation for the receptacle bins and maintain the supplies needed to effectively operate the site.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Skating Club**

Registration # S-0022693

PO Box 165, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Multi-Sport Skating and Training**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston  
Creston & District Community Complex, Creston BC

Importance to the community:

The Multi-Sport Skating and Training program benefits the community in that it:

- is the community's only learn-to-skate and powerskate training program.
- provides opportunities for members to develop physical skills and increase confidence.
- offers opportunities to increase physical activity and improve physical fitness.
- offers its members opportunities to improve social interaction skills, performance skills, and volunteerism.
- fills a crucial need for winter recreational and athletic activities.
- provides parents with affordable athletic opportunities for their children
- provides opportunities for participants in all ice sports to develop their skating skills.

Support through the RDCK ReDi grant enables CVSC to keep registration fees affordable for all residents, to help ensure maximum accessibility.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 8/15/2024      Project End: 3/22/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,500.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>



**Project: Multi-Sport Skating and Training**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$44,500.00</b>	<b>\$44,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Creston Valley Skating Club (CVSC) provides skating lessons and training for a range of ice sports:

- CanSkate learn-to-skate class: fundamental skating skills needed for all ice sports, from recreational skating to hockey and ringette, speed skating, and figure skating.
- PreCanSkate : specifically for very young children.
- StarSkate: figure skating lessons with opportunities to test and compete.
- Academy: help skaters make the transition from CanSkate to StarSkate.
- PowerSkate and PrePowerSkate: develop speed, power, and agility for hockey players.
- Off-ice training and fitness classes for figure and power skaters.

All lessons are delivered by coaches certified by SkateCanada, assisted by the Club's older members who volunteer as Program Assistants.

All skaters have an opportunity to participate in a Skills Challenge - a combination of a competition and ice show which enables the skaters to demonstrate their progress for family and friends.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Creston Valley Skating Club encourages and supports the interest and development of its members in all aspects of skating, from learn-to-skate to figure skating and advanced power skating.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Multi-Sport Skating and Training program benefits the community in that it:

- is the community's only learn-to-skate and powerskate training program.
- provides opportunities for members to develop physical skills and increase confidence.
- offers opportunities to increase physical activity and improve physical fitness.
- offers its members opportunities to improve social interaction skills, performance skills, and volunteerism.
- fills a crucial need for winter recreational and athletic activities.
- provides parents with affordable athletic opportunities for their children
- provides opportunities for participants in all ice sports to develop their skating skills.

Support through the RDCK ReDi grant enables CVSC to keep registration fees affordable for all residents, to help ensure maximum accessibility.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Recreational skating, hockey, speed skating, or figure skating, are a major part of winter-sport offerings in the Creston Valley. Training and lessons are needed at all levels, as evidenced by:

- Numerous inquiries passed on to CVSC by Community Complex staff about skating lessons;
- Similar inquiries on CVSC and other community-conversation social media pages;
- Demand from Creston Valley Minor Hockey for PowerSkating and similar skating-skills development;
- Maximum-capacity enrolment in CVSC Beginner CanSkate classes;
- Inquiries from Female Development hockey coordinators for skating-skills training and support;
- Steadily increasing participation in CVSC programs over the past five year

**Project: Multi-Sport Skating and Training**

These opportunities must also be affordable. Most inquiries include questions about costs, payment in instalments, and availability of support through programs such as KidSport, clearly indicating the need to keep registration fees as low as possible to ensure all can participate. Support through the RDCK ReDi program makes that possible.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Creston Valley Skating Club is the only local provider of skating lessons, and provides those lessons for all levels, from beginning children to advanced figure skaters to adults at all levels. Many Club members rely on this initial skating instruction to support a future in Minor Hockey or other ice sports.

CVSC is a member of SkateCanada and delivers the premier learn-to-skate, power skating, and figure skating programs developed by SkateCanada, with the support of the Kootenay Region and BC Sections of SkateCanada that offer opportunities to our athletes beyond the community. Our coaches are NCCP-certified, and our head coach, Kerri Roberts, has a masters degree in coaching and is qualified to take skaters to national and international levels of competition.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Creston Valley Skating Club will deliver these programs. Most of our directors and program assistants are former or current skaters, some with extensive coaching experience of their own:

- Directors: Fairlite Rogers, Katie Reves, Fouzia Qazi, Stephanie Bohn, Tammy Bradford
- Coaches: Kerri Roberts, Tammy Bradford
- Program Assistants: Leigh Walker (PowerSkate), Katie Reves (CanSkate), senior skaters

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer support as program assistants, Club leadership, fundraising

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Registration # 113285

Po Box 100, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crawford Bay School Hot Lunch Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Crawford Bay Elementary and Secondary School, British Columbia. The school has a commercial kitchen with all the necessary equipment to provide a lunch program.

Importance to the community:

It is important for all students growing up in our community that they receive adequate and nutritious food. Our hot lunch program benefits students, staff and community members (who are also invited to come for lunch).

With inflation and rising grocery costs it is more important than ever that we continue to provide hot healthy food to students at an affordable price, including at no cost if parents are really struggling. We are concerned about next years financial challenge for local families and for organizing the meals with limited budget and volunteers. According to the annual Canada Food Price Report released in December, food prices are expected to continue to rise by up to 25% in 2024, with vegetable prices seeing the biggest hikes.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/3/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$6,500.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$33,900.00</b>	<b>\$33,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The CBESS hot lunch program has been serving students, staff, and community healthy, nutritious hot lunches since 2004. We provide a salad bar filled with fresh fruit and vegetables, and a homemade hot entrée Monday to Thursday. The food provided meets Canada Food Guide requirements. The PAC contracts two chefs who job share to prepare lunches and oversee and coordinate volunteer helpers. With the increase in grocery costs in the last year or so it has become increasingly challenging to provide hot lunches at a reasonable cost to parents, and around 30% of children who eat hot lunches have parents who have requested full or partial subsidies. This grant would help with our efforts to subsidize plate costs and keep the program going. Providing students with access to food has clear academic benefits. Behavioral, emotional, and mental health problems are more prevalent among children and adolescents struggling with hunger. Providing a lunch option for community adult members brings involvement and participation to CBESS.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) strives to represent the diversity within our community and contribute to the benefit of all students by: providing opportunities to educate and inform parents about the Crawford Bay Elementary Secondary School; involving parents in volunteer activities and openly discussing parents concerns for the school. The hot lunch program is a branch of PAC. PAC is a non profit organization and not associated legally with the CBESS. PAC has a society #113285 along with their own bank account.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It is important for all students growing up in our community that they receive adequate and nutritious food. Our hot lunch program benefits students, staff and community members (who are also invited to come for lunch). With inflation and rising grocery costs it is more important than ever that we continue to provide hot healthy food to students at an affordable price, including at no cost if parents are really struggling. We are concerned about next years financial challenge for local families and for organizing the meals with limited budget and volunteers. According to the annual Canada Food Price Report released in December, food prices are expected to continue to rise by up to 25% in 2024, with vegetable prices seeing the biggest hikes.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The hot lunch chefs, teachers and PAC (Parent and Advisory Council) have identified that many families in our community are struggling with food insecurity and access to healthy food, and this affects their children's overall health and ability to learn. Our program is struggling to cover its costs without substantially raising the price parents have to pay. Recent efforts to reduce the operational costs include adjustments to menu, reduction of staff hours, finding new vendors and price negotiating. We are making substantial efforts to fundraise to make up for these rising costs so we can keep the program going. It's a really big deal for the kids and families in Area A

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are already equipped and successfully delivering quality food to students in our commercial kitchen with qualified and hardworking chefs. The number of kids participating in our program has increased and we would like to continue this trend.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The continuation of the program will be implemented by two hot lunch chefs/program managers, PAC (Parent and Advisory Council) along with parents and community volunteers. The chefs have experience and knowledge

**Project: Crawford Bay School Hot Lunch Program**

in food preparation, nutrition and food service along with volunteer coordination. We rely heavily on volunteers however, the school closures and restrictions in the past two years have reduced the number of volunteers. In our lunch program for every paid hour there is one and half hours volunteered.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

For every paid, hour the program needs 1.5 volunteer hours to run. Luckily we have many committed hot lunch volunteers who believe in the importance of the program and show up to help prep, serve and clean up. The chefs also volunteer a minimum of 14 hours per month on budgeting, volunteer coordination, meal planning and grant writing. The PAC doesn't take any grant funds for our admin costs and all accounting/ overseeing is done by volunteers.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Crawford Bay Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Registration # 113285

Po Box 100, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **CBES Play Equipment Additions**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

The equipment, once purchased, will be stored at Crawford Bay School and used in the playground and in the gym.

Importance to the community:

All students at Crawford Bay School, both elementary and secondary will benefit from these fun and educational additions to their recess and gym time. It's important that we provide many opportunities for ourkids to learn new physical and social skills and take part in accessible team games.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/25/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,500.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,918.00</b>	<b>\$3,918.00</b>

**Project: CBES Play Equipment Additions**

**1. The project will provide:**

We are seeking to purchase some exciting new play equipment for use during recess and gym time. The two items we are concentrating on are: a large ball pit that will contain and withstand fast paced ball games for up to 15 students at a time. The other is 9 Square Castle Square, a versatile piece of equipment that could be used by all ages, both inside and outside. The purchase of these items will add a great deal of play value to recess and give students of all grades many new ways to play team games together and improve their coordination, physical literacy and team work. Staff will support kids to use these play items during recess and sometimes during gym time as well.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Crawford Bay School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) strives to represent the diversity within our school community and contribute to the benefit of all students.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All students at Crawford Bay School, both elementary and secondary will benefit from these fun and educational additions to their recess and gym time. It's important that we provide many opportunities for our kids to learn new physical and social skills and take part in accessible team games.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Staff and parents jointly identified some issues kids are facing during recess. Namely that kids often appear bored with the static play equipment installed over ten years ago, and this contributes to the social isolation of some kids, and sometimes unsafe and disruptive behavior staff have observed in other kids during recess. Staff and parents feel that adding some more structured play equipment that is portable and encourages different kinds of group play would greatly improve the social and physical experience of students and lead to better recess and gym outcomes.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Parent Advisory Council fundraises for additions to the school that we believe will benefit our kids. We have a history of successful fundraising for many elements that directly impact the school's ability to offer a good quality of education, including play equipment.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

School Principle and teachers and other support staff will be responsible for caring for the equipment, teaching kids how to use it, and supervising them while they play.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

PAC contributes by research, grant writing and providing fund administration without any fees. Staff will volunteer time to learn about ways to incorporate equipment into recess.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver BC V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Valhalla Community Choir**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan  
Choir practice takes place in New Denver and the concerts are put on in Silverton at the Memorial Hall. The choir requires a conductor, a pianist and sometimes minor support staff such as, instrumental musicians, lighting and sound people. These people work as volunteers.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because of the joy it brings every Christmas time and the opportunities it presents for people to improve their singing and benefit the social and cultural life of the community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$1,300.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$1,800.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,700.00</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The Valhalla Community Choir has been active for over 35 years. It's usually has 20 to 30 singers and is open to everyone who loves to sing. The members come from Hills, Rosebery, New Denver Silverton and Slocan Village as well as the surrounding rural areas. Two concerts are put on each December are well attended with 100 people in the audience for each concert. Beginning last year a core of nine singers has rehearsed weekly all year in preparation for the December concert to ensure that there is strong support for the main choir. The main choir body gets together in September and practices weekly as a group, as well as weekly sectional practices. Choir members pay a fee of about \$40/singer, but no one is turned away if they cannot afford the fee. The only source of income, other than grants, is a voluntary donation from the public at the entrance to the concerts. The choir's expenses are practice space rental, music scores, performance hall rental, insurance, accompanist honorarium and incidentals..

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote a shared vision that enhances the cultural, social, economic and environmental development of Slocan communities:- by organizing and bringing together stakeholder groups for collaboration, coordination and cooperating on goals; - by finding and organizing resources for groups including services, funding, personnel;- by supporting groups by organizing workshops, seminars, and training programs

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to our community because of the joy it brings every Christmas time and the opportunities it presents for people to improve their singing and benefit the social and cultural life of the community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The choir is open to everyone and gives people an opportunity to express themselves through their voice, for the enjoyment of the community. It contributes to the social and cultural richness of the communities in the north Slocan valley. It has been identified by the continued community support through concert attendance through all these years.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Slocan Solutions Society is dedicated to helping groups like the choir in obtaining funding. The Valhalla Community Choir has been singing for 35 plus years and has been successful every year. This choir is the only choir in the north Slocan valley.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Slocan Solutions Society administers the funds. The choir is directed by Francie Oldham. The choir consists of 20 plus singers. There are associated volunteers who assist with lighting, sound and presentation. Volunteer musicians are often invite to assist in the presentation of two concerts in Silverton Memorial Hall.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Organization, choosing music, supplying ipads, sectional rehearsal space, travel, brochure design, preparing advertising, computer time, supporting musicians.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

**Project: Valhalla Community Choir**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Bee Awareness Society**

Registration # S0065268

4654 Slocan River Rd, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Bee Awareness Education Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, Village of Slocan

Our project takes place at WE Graham Community School in Slocan, Whole School, Winlaw, City of Nelson at Hume Elementary and Wildflower Elementary, Lucerne Elementary/Secondary in New Denver and Redfish Elementary near Harrop-Proctor. We also may receive requests from new schools through the year. We attend garden and community festivals and fall fairs, sharing our project with the community at large. We have presented and displayed our observation bee hive at the Kootenay Coop in Nelson and Taghum Community Hall during the celebration of Earth Day and the Day of the Honeybee.

Importance to the community:

To educate the community of the importance of all our pollinators and the part they play in sustaining 35% of our food supply by their pollination. To impress upon everyone the importance of keeping our environment clean and healthy so that our pollinators will survive. All humankind, plants, animals, and insects will benefit from a healthy environment and the bounty of the food we eat. This is the most important aspect of our project.

We are presently finding ways to communicate to our community alongside the children in our schools about the importance of refraining from the use of herbicides and pesticides which are very harmful to our honeybees and other pollinators. The schools that house our hives embraces our project, by designing a curriculum, creating art projects, crafts and gardens to enhance our learning program.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,000.00</b>			<b>\$10,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

**1. The project will provide:**

We will build and install our glass observation bee hives into the schools. The glass observation bee hive is our "Live Learning Tool".

We teach the basics of pollination, why it is important, risk to all pollinators and what the students/community can do to reduce the risk to pollinators in their own back yards.

We install responsible stewardship to the school children at an early age so that this generation can make a difference now and in the future.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Bee Awareness Society is in our 10th year of operation. We continue to build and install glass observation bee hives into schools.

Our instructors teach the basics of pollination, why it is important, risk to all pollinators and what students/community can do to reduce risk to pollinators in their own back yard,

We teach the life cycle of the honeybee and how the honey bees work together in their own community. We instill responsible stewardship in the school children which will result in a sustainable healthy environment for humanity, plants, animals and insects.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

To educate the community of the importance of all our pollinators and the part they play in sustaining 35% of our food supply by their pollination. To impress upon everyone the importance of keeping our environment clean and healthy so that our pollinators will survive. All humankind, plants, animals, and insects will benefit from a healthy environment and the bounty of the food we eat. This is the most important aspect of our project.

We are presently finding ways to communicate to our community alongside the children in our schools about the importance of refraining from the use of herbicides and pesticides which are very harmful to our honeybees and other pollinators. The schools that house our hives embraces our project, by designing a curriculum, creating art projects, crafts and gardens to enhance our learning program.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Teaching the children the importance of looking after our environment. Keeping the environment clean and healthy by using natural products and means to control or remove unwanted plants and pests in our gardens and community spaces. To refrain from using herbicides and pesticides in our yards, gardens and community spaces, as they are very harmful to honey bees and other pollinators.

Sharing the benefit of planting herbs, flowers, crops, trees to attract bees and other pollinators. We emphasize the importance of the honey bee/pollinators as they are responsible for pollinating 35% of our food supply. Our project is connecting the children to nature using "Hands on Learning". We obtain this knowledge and facts from our own observation of the bees in our observation hives, science research, resource books and online materials. We attend workshops and education days presented by the BC Honey Producers Assoc.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is comprised of seasoned beekeepers. Together we have +100 years of experience. We have knowledgeable and experienced educators presenting our Education Program. Our Society are members of the West Kootenay Beekeepers and the BC Honey Producers Assoc. We attend their meetings, AGM and workshops.

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We are learning and enriching ourselves with continual education and sharing our knowledge with the children, their families and our community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Keith Stetsko, President, designs, builds and installs the hives into the schools. Keith has 60 years of beekeeping experience. Linda Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, Accounting, Grant Writing and helping with install and maintenance of the hives for the past 9 years. Laena Brown, Education Program Development and Learning. Laena oversees and teaches our Education Program. She has 9 years beekeeping experience. Brianna Walker, assists in teaching of our Education Program.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Keith Stetsko - Labor to build, install and maintain hives (Worth \$600.00 per hive)  
Linda Martin - Labor for accounting and grant writing (\$50.00 per hour)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society**

Registration # S-57088

Box 182, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kids Theatre Summer Camp**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Either the Crawford Bay Hall or Gray Creek Hall, depending on availability.

Importance to the community:

Any child in Area A interested in acting, or any other aspect of theatre, would currently have to travel to Nelson to participate in this kind of activity. It is important that we in Area A can offer cultural and social opportunities to our kids during the summer when there is little else offered for them. The 16 kids that would experience the program will benefit in terms of confidence, introduction to the arts, and the feeling of something to work towards

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/5/2024 Project End: 8/9/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,400.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,400.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,400.00</b>	<b>\$2,645.00</b>	<b>\$2,645.00</b>

**Project: Kids Theatre Summer Camp**

**1. The project will provide:**

This kid's theatre summer camp project will be a week-long experience for east shore kids between 8-12 years old that will run 4 hours a day and culminate in a theatrical presentation to an invited audience. Kids will learn the basics of acting and improvisation and work together and have a huge amount of fun making some theatre. Led by an experienced theatre facilitator and an assistant.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

SKLCSS exists to seed social and economic growth on the East Shore

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Any child in Area A interested in acting, or any other aspect of theatre, would currently have to travel to Nelson to participate in this kind of activity. It is important that we in Area A can offer cultural and social opportunities to our kids during the summer when there is little else offered for them. The 16 kids that would experience the program will benefit in terms of confidence, introduction to the arts, and the feeling of something to work towards

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This will provide a unique opportunity for kids in Area A to get together during the summer months and have a cultural and social learning experience that might just begin a life-long love of theatre and the arts. There is no existing opportunities of this kind in the area.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

SKLCSS has delivered many successful programs for children and youth on the East Shore, such as the Youth Council, Junior Squad and the East Shore Alliance Supporting the Early Years. We have a paid administrator to oversee grants and projects

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Ellie Reynolds is a local theatre professional who has taught theatre to kids at the College of the Rockies as well having her own career as a solo theatre artist. She will coordinate and facilitate the program along with an assistant.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Facilitator will volunteer hours to advertise, register and plan the program.

Save On Foods will offer free fruit as snacks for kids during the program

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Symphony of the Kootenays Association**

Registration # S11503 / BN 125118349

PO Box 512 Stn Main, Cranbrook BC V1C 4J1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Symphony of the Kootneays at the Capitol Theatre**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson  
The Capitol Theatre in Nelson.

Importance to the community:

Cultural - These events will be highlights of Nelson's cultural calendar - rarely does the Capitol Theatre get to be used to its full extent - hosting so many musicians at once on stage. Additionally, the Association will use these concerts to gauge the community's interest in future concerts, potentially making these events an annual occurrence.

Social - The SOTKA has plans to provide discounted or free tickets to marginalized communities, including youth, seniors, low-income individuals, and people with disabilities.

Economic - The SOTKA pays its artistic director, its musicians, and its soloists professional wages, allowing them to pursue their art while residing in a rural location. Additionally, the two events provide concertgoers an opportunity for a "night out," which will provide spin-off benefits to local restaurants.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/6/2024      Project End: 4/27/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) will present two concerts at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson. The October concert will feature two soloists living in the West Kootenay - Natasha Hall on Violin and Martine denBok on Viola. The April concert will feature a West Kootenay-born soloist visiting from San Francisco, Amy Zanrosso on Piano. The symphony also includes between 40 and 45 musicians, a quarter of which live in the West Kootenay, along with its artistic director and conductor, Jeff Faragher.

This project is meant to leverage the expense of gathering of the musicians and rehearsal time put in for the SOTK's normal concert weekends and bring the symphony to Nelson for the least possible expense. By "piggybacking" these concerts, the residents of Nelson and surrounding communities can enjoy these rare performances without travelling outside of the West Kootenays.

Supported by the volunteer board of directors primarily based in Cranbrook, a Nelson-based "booster club" will provide the necessary logistics to bring the symphony to the West Kootenay, including project coordination, travel, marketing, and hospitality.

The October concert will feature the soloists performing Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola, and Orchestra, along with Dvorak's New World Symphony.

The April concert will feature Brahms' 1st Piano Concerto, along with Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) Association's mandate is to provide high quality live concerts of orchestral music to audiences in the East, Central and West Kootenays. SOTK endeavors to employ, as available, Kootenay musicians in order to help make it possible for them to live and work in the smaller communities in the region. SOTK works with community arts organizations, schools and other practitioners to collaborate and provide innovative programming for the communities we serve.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Cultural - These events will be highlights of Nelson's cultural calendar - rarely does the Capitol Theatre get to be used to its full extent - hosting so many musicians at once on stage. Additionally, the Association will use these concerts to gauge the community's interest in future concerts, potentially making these events an annual occurrence.

Social - The SOTKA has plans to provide discounted or free tickets to marginalized communities, including youth, seniors, low-income individuals, and people with disabilities.

Economic - The SOTKA pays its artistic director, its musicians, and its soloists professional wages, allowing them to pursue their art while residing in a rural location. Additionally, the two events provide concertgoers an opportunity for a "night out," which will provide spin-off benefits to local restaurants.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Funding this initiative allows the City of Nelson and surrounding Areas the opportunity to support two major cultural events while providing only a fraction of the overall cost of the concerts. Leveraging the funding and planning of the Association's regular schedule, the greater Nelson area can enjoy two presentations rarely seen in a population centre of this size.

The SOTK has identified the desire for the symphony to perform in Nelson through word of mouth and discussions with the administration of the Capitol Theatre. The symphony only performs four times a year, and when Nelson and area residents hear that it is not performing locally, they question why we are not able to perform here more often.

**Project: Symphony of the Kootenays at the Capitol Theatre**

Finally, as discussed below, there will be a component of this project supporting marginalized communities - encouraging attendance to those who would not normally be able to afford this kind of presentation.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Symphony of the Kootenays has a track record of close to 50 years of producing high-quality concerts in the East Kootenays, along with many "run-out" concerts to Creston, Trail, Nelson, and most recently, Invermere. The primary proponents of the project are familiar with the staff and administration at the Capitol Theatre, having performed in and presented many shows there. The Association is in a stable financial position and has expertise on the board regarding logistics and marketing.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Rob Fahie - Treasurer and principal bassist of the SOTKA. Rob has a long track record of presenting performances with the Selkirk Concert Society. He is also an accountant, adept at project management and budgeting.

Jeff Faragher - Artistic director and conductor of the SOTKA. Jeff has been the conductor of the symphony for 10 years and has toured throughout Canada as a professional cellist. He also holds an MBA from the University of Alberta.

Ellen Bailey - General manager of the SOTKA - Ellen has been the GM for the symphony for four years.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Ursa Project Society**

Registration # S0077445

1623 Hall St, Nelson BC V1L 5T8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Nelson Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Private properties within the City of Nelson municipal boundaries.

Importance to the community:

Fruit and nut trees are the second leading cause of human-bear conflict in BC. In Nelson in 2022, 88% of the 17 bear deaths were attributed to food-conditioning from fruit and/or garbage. Feeding on unmanaged/unpicked fruit trees is one of the reasons that bears stick around in urban areas. This leads to increased risk of human-wildlife conflict, human-habituation and a decrease in public safety, and an escalation of bears accessing other non-natural foods and human generated garbage. Windfall fruit and unpicked trees also contribute to an increase in urban rodent infestations.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$12,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00

**Project: Nelson Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to offer incentive to homeowners in the form of a subsidy of up to \$500 per property, to have untended/unwanted fruit and/or nut trees removed from their property in order to support human-wildlife coexistence. Removing unmaintained/unpicked fruit/nut trees would reduce wildlife attractants and bear deaths resulting from food-conditioning and human habituation. Interested City of Nelson homeowners will be able to contact The Ursa Project Society to apply to participate in the program. After verification of residence and tree variety accompanied by photo documentation, approval would be given and the homeowner would then arrange to have the fruit/nut tree removed at their expense by a company of their choosing. Once the homeowner submits their paid invoice to The Ursa Project Society, they will become eligible to receive a maximum of \$500.00 reimbursement towards the cost of the tree removal.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our organization focuses on fostering harmony between humans and bears by actively promoting responsible and ethical coexistence, achieved through advocacy, education and outreach. We believe that through increased awareness and collaborative efforts within our community, we can work towards achieving a significant reduction in the number of bears killed each year due to conflict. Our objective is to cultivate a greater sense of tolerance and respect for their right to safe and peaceful existence, as an important species in our habitat. The Ursa Project delivers education through verbal communication and printed information at farmers markets, door to door outreach, social media/website, and to the municipality via delegation presentations. We partnered with our local WildsafeBC community coordinator to produce and place trail closure signage when a grizzly bear family was residing in the city last fall, and we offer free "Pick Me" signs to Nelson residents that wish to share their fruit, nuts or produce with other residents. We log all bear sightings and conflict reports that we receive throughout the year and this year we will be implementing "Bear In Area" signs, with information for residents on how to do their part to manage their household attractants and reduce human-wildlife conflict.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Fruit and nut trees are the second leading cause of human-bear conflict in BC. In Nelson in 2022, 88% of the 17 bear deaths were attributed to food-conditioning from fruit and/or garbage. Feeding on unmanaged/unpicked fruit trees is one of the reasons that bears stick around in urban areas. This leads to increased risk of human-wildlife conflict, human-habituation and a decrease in public safety, and an escalation of bears accessing other non-natural foods and human generated garbage. Windfall fruit and unpicked trees also contribute to an increase in urban rodent infestations.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The project would enable people to have unwanted/problem fruit/nut trees removed from their property, who may not be able to afford the cost of the removal otherwise. These people would likely include low income households, seniors on fixed incomes, and/or people with disabilities that are unable to tend/pick their fruit/nut tree or remove the tree themselves.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

To the best of our knowledge there are no organizations in the area that are offering the same or similar program. Fruit tree removal subsidy programs such as the one that we are proposing have seen great success in other communities and provinces such as Sparwood, Fernie and Canmore. We are confident that we are able to deliver such a project as it involves only administrative duties. This project does not require physical labour, nor does it require us to hire contractors.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: Nelson Fruit Tree Removal Incentive Program**

The Ursa Project Board of Directors. Through our door to door campaigning throughout the City of Nelson and the logging of human-bear conflict reports and sightings, we have first hand knowledge of the vast amounts of unmaintained fruit trees both on private and public properties within the City of Nelson.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours by The Ursa Project Board of Directors to administer the program.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Seniors Centre Society**

Registration # S0077654

717 Vernon Street, Nelson BC V1L 4G3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Defibrillator for Nelson Seniors Centre**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, City of Nelson  
At the Nelson Seniors Centre 717 Vernon Street, Nelson BC.

Importance to the community:

The seniors attending our facility will benefit from being assured that in case of cardiac arrest immediate action can be taken. AEDs are located in many public buildings in our community, the library, the hockey rink etc. The senior centre should be no different. If anything, the likelihood of a cardiac arrest is more likely to happen to our members.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 11/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,800.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$2,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>

**Project: Defibrillator for Nelson Seniors Centre**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will involve purchasing a Zoll AED plus automatic defibrillator, mount it in the senior centre and train key members on how to use it.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide a safe location and environment for Nelson and region seniors to hold social activities and gatherings.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The seniors attending our facility will benefit from being assured that in case of cardiac arrest immediate action can be taken. AEDs are located in many public buildings in our community, the library, the hockey rink etc. The senior centre should be no different. If anything, the likelihood of a cardiac arrest is more likely to happen to our members.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our member population (200 members +) ages range from 50 years to 95 years old. Many of our members have heart issues, high blood pressure and various chronic illnesses. Should they collapse at our centre we would like to keep them alive until the ambulance arrives.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization already has first aide kits, sanitizer stations, places for an ailing senior to lie down but only missing an AED. Local first aid instructors will be on site for training sessions on how to use the AED. We expect to train 10-20% of our membership.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The board members including activity team leaders. There are many members that are retired nurses, doctors, lab technologists, care aides, paramedics.....that are familiar with using AEDs. We will train these members to be aware and able to use the AED in case of emergency.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Snowmobile Association**

Registration # S0054497

Box 3366, Castlegar BC V1N 3N8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Parking Lot Improvements/Expansion**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The CSA has 3 different parking lots in Pass Creek that need work- 2 on the Goose Creek side and another on the Norns side.

Importance to the community:

The CSA has always strived to provide the best experience they can to all users and one of our biggest issues now is the quality of our parking lots. People arrive and leave from our parking lots and that is the start and end of their experience....needless to say, driving and walking in muddy areas does not leave a good impression. All users of our parking lot areas will appreciate the improvements.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/16/2024      Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$20,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$17,500.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$17,500.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$55,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<b>\$75,137.24</b>	<b>\$75,137.24</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to expand the existing parking lots, properly grade to help drainage, compact and topcoat with road crush. This will definitely improve the parking lots by allowing water to drain rather than pool-which creates a very muddy area. It will also help keep level and smooth for snowplowing, helping reduce damage to the vehicle.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Castlegar Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization that has been providing outdoor enthusiasts access to our local area. Through local funding, volunteers, community support, memberships and fundraising, the CSA has continued to grow for over 30 years. The CSA grooms and maintains multiple trails and warm-up cabins, plows parking lots and brushes roads during the off-season for the enjoyment of both locals and out of town visitors.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The CSA has always strived to provide the best experience they can to all users and one of our biggest issues now is the quality of our parking lots. People arrive and leave from our parking lots and that is the start and end of their experience....needless to say, driving and walking in muddy areas does not leave a good impression. All users of our parking lot areas will appreciate the improvements.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The parking lots have never been properly graded, compacted or surfaced with gravel. They are quite rough, don't drain properly and become quite muddy and rutted throughout the season. These issues make it hard to plow during the winter, creates a mess for the people using the parking lots and is hard on vehicles. We are also hoping to increase the size of the parking lots to help accommodate the increased usage.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The CSA has had a very good track record with all the projects that they have initiated and been involved with. We have had incredible community support through local government, businesses, volunteers and both members and visitors to our area. Once again, we will be relying on all of their combined efforts to complete this project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will include volunteers from the CSA to help with organizing and project management, local contractors for supplying equipment and trucking and local businesses for materials.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Project management will be done by CSA volunteers

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Ainsworth Recreation Association**

Registration #

PO Box 1341, Ainsworth Hot Springs BC V0G 1A0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Replacement of worn/broken infrastructure**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D  
3540 hwy 31, Ainsworth Hot Springs, Area D

Importance to the community:

Built in 1891 as a Government Building and Jail, the Hall survived both major Ainsworth fires making it the oldest building in the oldest Community on Kootenay Lake. The building was abandoned in 1914 and sold to the Community in 1949, at which point it became the Community Hall. 75 years later it is still a major asset to the community as its used for community events and meetings.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/21/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$4,485.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,485.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,485.00</b>	<b>\$4,485.00</b>	<b>\$4,485.00</b>

**Project: Replacement of worn/broken infrastructure**

**1. The project will provide:**

Environmental and Safety upgrades.

Replace broken bathroom sink with vanity, replace broken toilet seat, replace worn stove and add hood fan, repair drywall, replace kitchen sink.

This will clean up deficiencies in the Hall, which will allow us to safely use the bathroom and kitchen. The kitchen upgrades will allow the community to resume having potlucks and our yearly Christmas diner.

Will also allow for opportunity to allow other functions in the hall such as weddings, celebrations of life, birthdays, tea and coffee meetings and rentals.

We are a small community of about 30 residents with very limited human and financial resources. We believe this will help us to create more usage of the building by becoming a viable option for all residents of North Kootenay Lake. We need to hire a contractor to do the work.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To operate and maintain the Community Hall for the benefit of the Community of Ainsworth Hot Springs

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Built in 1891 as a Government Building and Jail, the Hall survived both major Ainsworth fires making it the oldest building in the oldest Community on Kootenay Lake. The building was abandoned in 1914 and sold to the Community in 1949, at which point it became the Community Hall. 75 years later it is still a major asset to the community as its used for community events and meetings.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues addressed would be of human safety and comfort. Once addressed, this would allow us the opportunity to hold events in the Hall that the Community and general public can safely partake in.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the caretakers and managers of the Hall and we have the capacity.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Board Members of the Ainsworth Recreation Association and members of the community

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **NAKUSP MIXED SLOW PITCH SOCIETY**

Registration # S0020553

583 Kangaroo Trail, Nakusp B.C. V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Nakusp Ball Field Electrical and LED Field Light Upgrade**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

This project will take place at the Nakusp ball field, at 200 8th Ave NW, Nakusp, BC.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community as it will improve the conditions at the Nakusp ball field and will ensure that the electrical system and field lights will continue to work.

Additionally, this upgrade will improve the conditions at the annual Nakusp Slow Pitch Tournament, which will lead to further positive contributions to the local economy.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 4/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$20,000.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$20,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>

**Project: Nakusp Ball Field Electrical and LED Field Light Upgrade****1. The project will provide:**

The purpose of this project is to upgrade and revitalize the electrical system at the Nakusp ball field. Specifically, this project will involve upgrading both the electrical service for the field and upgrading the field lights to be LED. These funds will go towards the \$40,000 quote provided by the contractor for this project. This will be achieved by having the contractor selected for this project complete the required work necessary to upgrade the electrical system and field lights.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nakusp Mixed Slow Pitch Society is dedicated to fostering a community of leisurely-paced sports enthusiasts, promoting camaraderie, sportsmanship, and relaxation through the game of slow pitch softball.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to our community as it will improve the conditions at the Nakusp ball field and will ensure that the electrical system and field lights will continue to work. Additionally, this upgrade will improve the conditions at the annual Nakusp Slow Pitch Tournament, which will lead to further positive contributions to the local economy.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The opportunity for this project was addressed when it was noted that the current light fixtures were not performing as needed for the purposes of the ball field. It was also noted that the lights were not energy efficient.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As the Nakusp Mixed Slow Pitch Society, it is our expectation to provide the best experience for our members and visitors. This upgrade will allow us to provide a better experience to all who use the ball field. We do have the capacity to deliver this project; the Nakusp Mixed Slow Pitch Society has been in operation since 1985, and we have skilled trades persons involved in the organization as volunteers to oversee the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Nakusp Mixed Slow Pitch Society and the Village of Nakusp will be involved in implementing this project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Project supervision by Damin Devlin. 40 hours.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**

Registration # 118933191RR0001

02 Stanley Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 1N4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Digital Learning at the Library**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson

This project will take place at the library. The library has loaner devices for those without, it has public Wi-Fi, and it has resources for people with disabilities through the National Network for Equitable Library Services (NNELS). The space is accessible, and it is equipped with technology that supports in-person and virtual participation in experiential learning activities and presentations. Library staff members involved in the pilot are information management, intercultural communication and literacy experts. The library also has cutting-edge video production and recording equipment in the Tech Hub available for public use for free.

Importance to the community:

All community members in our area will have access to these programs and we will promote them widely. The library has long provided our community with equitable access to technology, through public Wi-Fi, public computers, and loaner devices. Increasingly, community members also rely on the library to close gaps in education around technology use. With an aging workforce and an increase in immigration in our area, seniors and newcomers are key communities we hope to serve. The library is a key fixture of support for newcomers and seniors and encourages a sense of belonging in our community through tech programs. It's important also to note that many responses to our 2023 patron satisfaction survey indicated the desire to participate in tech training programs at the library. Increasing digital literacy in our community will have measurable economic and social benefits.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$11,021.36</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$15,021.36</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$15,021.36	\$24,027.14	\$24,027.14

**1. The project will provide:**

The Digital Learning at the Library project will pilot programs for adults and seniors that directly support their learning needs related to technology. 1. Beginner technology classes on topics such as email tools, saving to the cloud, securing passwords, detecting spam, safely navigating online purchases, etc. will provide participants equitable access to the digital world and economy. 2. Drop-in hours for support with computers, smartphones and iPads will connect community members to social, community building and civic engagement resources online. 3. Workshops in the library's Tech Hub will encourage creative and social innovation. With these programs, and upgrades that make it easier for people to complete job applications and general administrative tasks, the library will pilot providing holistic support for digital learning in our community. The current wait time for technology support at the library is three to four weeks. Adding additional programs will reduce the wait time for individual support by providing more small group learning opportunities. Over 300 Canadian libraries offer technology training classes to nearly 16,000 people per month! This training gives community members access to essential health and social services, and they touch on key indicators of the social determinants of health: literacy, employability, social inclusion and non-discrimination. Because this is a pilot project, its intent is to reach a broad audience and solicit feedback.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Friends are applying for the grant on behalf of the Nelson Public Library. The Friends mandate is to raise funds and advocate for the Library. The Library's mission is to spark curiosity, support inclusion and make learning possible for everyone. Its vision is a connected community inspired by innovation and imagination. The core values of the Library are: universal and equitable access, excellent service, diversity, equity and inclusion, sustainability, and meaningful relationships. There are many ways that this project supports these values. Crucially, this project will provide anyone and everyone in our community equitable access to technology and education. As community members learn new tech skills, a whole new array of information, services, resources, employment opportunities, community connections, creative ideas and innovations become available to them.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All community members in our area will have access to these programs and we will promote them widely. The library has long provided our community with equitable access to technology, through public Wi-Fi, public computers, and loaner devices. Increasingly, community members also rely on the library to close gaps in education around technology use. With an aging workforce and an increase in immigration in our area, seniors and newcomers are key communities we hope to serve. The library is a key fixture of support for newcomers and seniors and encourages a sense of belonging in our community through tech programs. It's important also to note that many responses to our 2023 patron satisfaction survey indicated the desire to participate in tech training programs at the library. Increasing digital literacy in our community will have measurable economic and social benefits.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

National data identifies older adults, seniors, newcomers to Canada, people with disabilities, people living in rural areas and at-risk youth as being key demographics with gaps in digital learning education. There is sense of being left behind among older adults and seniors in particular that discourages them from participating in the digital economy. Newcomers and people with disabilities are overlooked by digital tools meant to reach the masses rather than to accommodate diverse needs. In terms of local input, we learned through our 2023 library patron survey and through

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participation rates in existing programs, that the community wants and needs more digital learning programs for adults.

(Our Teen Services Coordinator is working with community partners to address unique needs of at-risk youth in programs that are external to this pilot project.)

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The library is best suited to meet the broad digital learning needs of our community because of its physical resources, staff knowledge and community connections. We currently partner closely with community organizations providing literacy services on several successful programs. However, literacy is just one component of digital learning. This project addresses digital learning beyond the scope of urgent literacy needs by providing the community access to information and tools, access to community resources, programs and equipment that promote innovation and creativity, resources to support job readiness etc. With this project, the library will meet the digital needs of our community more broadly. Finally, we will be able to offer space and professional capacity to carry out more work in this much needed area, which we hope will lead to a long-term digital strategy on which to base future operational developments as required.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Library staff members will be responsible for facilitating beginner technology classes and drop-in device support programs. In collaboration with CBAL and Learning in Retirement, these staff members already address our community's digital learning needs on a much smaller scale, through occasional collaborative sessions. Adding more capacity (hours) to support digital learning will make it possible to provide the additional programs described above. Local online marketing and podcast professionals will support workshops and individualized support for community members using the recording studio, media center and digitization station at the library. Library management will construct tracking mechanisms and program evaluation processes.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Digital strategy development, including 15 consultations with community partners regarding community needs, program assessment and research \$2400 (60 hours). Marketing/promotions materials & printing \$600 (\$300 materials, \$300 time).

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch**

Registration # S35251

P.O. Box 1001 Creston BC, V0B 1G0, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wildlife Connectivity with Wildsight Creston**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

The water monitoring work will take place on the Goat River and Summit Creek. The nature walks will take place throughout the valley: in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area, the Creston Community Forest, Stagleap Provincial Park and Kapapa Trail. The turtle basking logs and fencing projects will occur in the Creston Wildlife Management Area. The barbed wire fence removal will take place in the CVWMA near Duck Lake. Elk corridors are being identified in the Creston Valley. The watershed trailer event will take place at community events like the farmers' market and the fall fair.

Importance to the community:

The water sampling will engage volunteers in getting to know their local water resources, as well as collecting baseline data. This benefits all community members that fish, swim, recreate and drink from our local watershed. The data will also be useful to government and water managers in the Creston Valley.

Enhancing Western Painted Turtle habitat in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area helps to preserve natural species diversity in the Creston Valley.

Preserving wildlife corridors by removing fallen down barbed wire fencing and identifying elk corridors benefits the whole community by safeguarding biodiversity and resiliency in the local environment. Ungulates are an important food source for many families in the valley. Maintaining their corridors ensures healthy ungulate populations.

The watershed teaching trailer events will engage the community in watershed health. It will give community members greater literacy on how to preserve water quality and quantity in the valley.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$3,000.00</b>		

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Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$17,961.00</b>	<b>\$17,961.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Wildsight Creston Valley Branch (WCVB) will bring activities on watershed connections to the local community. WCVB will do water monitoring in the Creston Valley using Water Rangers kits, and the Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network (CABIN) protocol. This project will collect basic water quality data, biomonitoring indicators, and engage community members in citizen science. This year, WCVB will partner with the Creston Valley Rod and Gun (CVRG) to train additional volunteers to monitor Summit Creek.

WCVB will host nature walks from June to October. The nature walks will take place at different trails around the Creston Valley. Community members will get acquainted with these natural spaces, so they can return to them again on their own time.

WCVB will also be improving turtle fencing at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management area with the help of volunteers. This work will help improve habitat for the turtles, reduce road mortality and engage the public.

WCVB will engage the community on wildlife corridors by hosting barbed wire fencing removal work bees and outreach at the farmers market. WCVB is also mapping elk migration corridors working with local first nations and the CVRG.

WCVB will use a mobile watershed teaching trailer for public engagement at 1-2 community events. This interactive trailer helps communities engage with watershed health, and promotes stewardship of our water.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Wildsight Creston Valley Branch (WCVB) is engaged in creating healthy, sustainable communities that protect our environment, wildlife and water. WCVB holds events about local ecology. Our most popular events are: a photography show called Local Colours, a Winter Film Festival, and the Creston Valley Bird Festival. WCVB advocates for protecting biodiversity in the Creston Valley. Using a science-based approach, WCVB develops projects that enhance landscape connection. We also do community-based water monitoring in the Creston Valley to engage the community in healthy watershed management. WCVB prioritizes conservation projects that enable community involvement in the Creston Valley.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The water sampling will engage volunteers in getting to know their local water resources, as well as collecting baseline data. This benefits all community members that fish, swim, recreate and drink from our local watershed. The data will also be useful to government and water managers in the Creston Valley.

Enhancing Western Painted Turtle habitat in the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area helps to preserve natural species diversity in the Creston Valley.

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Preserving wildlife corridors by removing fallen down barbed wire fencing and identifying elk corridors benefits the whole community by safeguarding biodiversity and resiliency in the local environment. Ungulates are an important food source for many families in the valley. Maintaining their corridors ensures healthy ungulate populations.

The watershed teaching trailer events will engage the community in watershed health. It will give community members greater literacy on how to preserve water quality and quantity in the valley.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

WCVB is working collaboratively with community partners on environmental issues. Watershed health can be affected by agriculture, development, and climate change. The Fish and Wildlife Compensation Project and the Kootenay Conservation Program have identified water monitoring in the Creston Valley to be an opportunity. The CVWMA, CVRG and Lower Kootenay Band are interested in restoration work in Summit Creek for Kokanee.

Western painted turtles are blue listed in BC because they are vulnerable to human activities. The Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area has identified the need to fix fencing to reduce risk of mortality on the road.

Improving and maintaining wildlife corridors is a priority in the Creston Valley as identified by the Kootenay Conservation Program, and the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative. Anthropogenic change in the Creston Valley is putting these wildlife corridors at risk.

WCVB outreach events will help people connect with our local ecosystems.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

WCVB runs many public engagement activities in the Valley. WCVB has put on events such as: a speakers' series (1990-2021), Winter Film Festival (2015-2024), Local Colours Photography Show (2011-2020, 2022, 2024). The Creston Valley Bird Festival (2012-2023) also runs through the Wildsight Creston Valley Branch. WCVB has the capacity to organize volunteers and manage environmental projects. Since 2020, WCVB has done community nature walks, Family Place nature walks and Water Rangers monitoring, turtle fencing work bees and barbed wire fencing removal work bees with success.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project Director-Coordinator of Wildsight Creston Valley Melissa Flint will be implementing this program. She has a background in organic farming, conservation biology, permaculture and environmental education. As a project manager in the Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network (CABIN) protocol. She has experience organizing projects and volunteers in her work as a Wildsight Educator and Know & Grow Community Greenhouse Coordinator. She also has experience leading walks and field trips through her work with Wildsight Education. She has been implementing projects for Wildsight Creston Valley Branch for 4 years.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Treasurer Bookkeeping Work: \$25/hours @ 6hrs/month for 12 months		1800
Water Monitoring Volunteers: \$25/hours@ 30h *6 people	4500	
Water Monitoring Advisor: \$25/hours@ 10h *1 person	250	
Turtle habitat enhancement Volunteers: \$25/hours@ 2h *10 people		500

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Barbed Wire Volunteers: \$25/hours@ 2h *10 people	500	
Volunteers for water trailer \$25/hours @ 6h *4 people		600
Volunteers for farmers market \$25/hours @ 6h *4 people		600
Volunteers for Elk Cooridors Mapping \$25/hours @ 10h *2 people		500
Total	9250	

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Mushroom Festival**

Registration # n/a

137 Wardner Street, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Mushroom Festival**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo

The Festival is held in Kaslo, BC, with walking forays into the surrounding forest trails. Venues for social, market and educational sessions include the Legion, Langham Hall, the Seniors Centre, Vimy Park and local church halls. The dinner social will be held in a local restaurant.

Importance to the community:

Kaslo benefits from the influx of weekend visitors, which our surveys tell us rent hotel rooms and campsites, and purchase meals locally. We rent several venues throughout town for the Festival and hire local restaurants, caterers and brewers to provide the food and drink. We connect with local restaurants who offer mushroom specials. Local growers, artists and crafters benefit from the market opportunity, and visitors and locals enjoy these offerings. Our attendees love the sense of community that the Festival brings for people who come together to learn about a topic they find intriguing. Festival-goers come away armed with knowledge that will make their forest and fungi explorations safer and more responsible. In the Post-Covid world, it's been an honour to "curate" the sense of connectivity we've seen evolve between people who want to be stewards learning to access and care for the resources in this beautiful place.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/25/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$4,999.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Kootenay Mushroom Festival

\$4,999.00	\$12,499.00	\$12,499.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The format is a weekend festival in Kaslo, including forays, educational and creative sessions featuring topics like toxicity, ID, basket-weaving, dying fabrics with mushrooms, growing, processing, and cooking mushrooms, and medicinal mushrooms. Kootenay experts lead forays into the woods and learning sessions for 100-120 people at local venues. We plan an evening mushroom-themed dinner social, ideally with live music and an art show component. We will repeat our successful and bustling mushroom-themed market, which complements the last seasonal Kaslo farmer's market. We hope to have the "Chanterelles" children's choir back. Many visiting attendees stay in Kaslo overnight and enjoy its services. The Festival is growing into a truly local celebration. We strive to instill in our many visiting attendees that they are here to learn and engage, and must tread lightly and not over-collect. Attendees overwhelmingly tell us we have created a warm, social atmosphere of connection over this common interest and that they love the learning. As volunteers, we want to continue those goals of bringing people together and providing valuable, scientific information. This year we hope to do so with a more precise approach, by hiring temporary coordinators for the Festival and Market. The Festival is a labour of love for a few people, but we need help.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Kootenay Mushroom Festival has been held in Kaslo, BC, for the past two years. Our mandate is the creation of access to learning in a fun and social format, from locals who have spent years studying mushrooms. Its purpose is educating the public about the safe, respectful, and enjoyable identification and collection of edible mushrooms. We deliver a ticketed weekend festival and free market in Kaslo annually in October. Our operating budget is funded completely from ticket sales, and last year it was close to \$12,000.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Kaslo benefits from the influx of weekend visitors, which our surveys tell us rent hotel rooms and campsites, and purchase meals locally. We rent several venues throughout town for the Festival and hire local restaurants, caterers and brewers to provide the food and drink. We connect with local restaurants who offer mushroom specials. Local growers, artists and crafters benefit from the market opportunity, and visitors and locals enjoy these offerings. Our attendees love the sense of community that the Festival brings for people who come together to learn about a topic they find intriguing. Festival-goers come away armed with knowledge that will make their forest and fungi explorations safer and more responsible. In the Post-Covid world, it's been an honour to "curate" the sense of connectivity we've seen evolve between people who want to be stewards learning to access and care for the resources in this beautiful place.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our biggest issues have been budgeting and labour. We've come out ahead each year, reinvested profit and paid all of our expenses. Last year, when we tried to grow, we came out just on budget. We have no extra budget to properly compensate participating artists. The Festival is funded by ticket sales to pay/comp our presenters, artists, music and food providers, and pay expenses like insurance and venue rental. But our free labour supports the Festival in remaining low-cost. The small group of volunteers who started it find ourselves short of reliable help, making the job of coordinating the Festival feel reactive to issues that arise and full of long days. We want to continue the beautiful thing we started, but without a consistent lead person, we're struggling to maintain the momentum. We want to have someone whose job it is to create a more thorough, thought-out plan.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

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We have successfully run two mushroom festivals on budget with the same core group of volunteers. Some of our volunteers have strong connections in the "mushroom community" to draw on for booking speakers, and for assessing the value of resources and topics. Our volunteers are Kootenay-based, with a few in Kaslo who have intimate knowledge of the community and the surrounding area (valuable for planning foray sites and venues). We have volunteers with arts community contacts who help us access talent for the displays and market. We have learned a lot from our "near-misses" (oops - we need a liquor license, better get that) and our planning processes, and we've kept detailed records. Each year we add to our planning road map, from how to set up the Eventbrite page to providing vegan meals. We've done this with only our volunteer time and our ticket sales as funding.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

A core group of volunteers runs the festival. We were brought together by Robin Mercy, who operates a mushroom growing facility in Kaslo and teaches mushroom identification courses for Selkirk College. Consistent committee members are Robin plus Caroline McChesney, Sydney Smith-Brinkman, Niesz Koziol, Leanne Reitan, and Monique Gottlieb. Several others have contributed. Speakers and foray leaders include Tyson Ehlers, a published local expert, and Robert Macrae, a former Selkirk science professor specializing in mushroom identification, as well as other professional local mushroom growers and teachers. The volunteers include people with event planning, legal, graphic arts, media and marketing experience.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers on the committee donate their time, some supplies, and provide their own transportation and accommodation costs while in Kaslo. We sometimes receive donations like coffee or pastries but cannot count on these. Additional Festival Day volunteers have received complimentary entrance to some events in exchange for volunteering.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Argenta Community Association**

Registration # S0019094

1024 Argenta Rd, GD, Argenta BC V0G 1B0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Hall & Pavilion Kitchen Improvements**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project will take place at the Argenta hall and pavilion kitchens.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community (Argenta, Johnsons Landing and Lardeau Valley area and even Kaslo) because we host weekly, bi-monthly and annual events that accommodate up to 200+ participants. Our kitchen use is integral to public and private events. We host a variety of events such as birthday parties, weddings, faire's and markets that require fully functioning kitchens.

We have community members that offer a weekly Pop Up Caf   for community to drop in, eat a warm meal, play games and socialize. Kitchens have historically been the place where people gather and share their stories. The weekly Pop Up Caf   and on-going community events are invaluable to our community and encourage socialization as much as possible. Isolation is a major contributor to our mental health, our community benefits greatly from the public/private use of the hall and grounds.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$7,515.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,515.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Hall & Pavilion Kitchen Improvements**

<b>\$7,515.00</b>	<b>\$7,785.00</b>	<b>\$7,785.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The project idea is to improve one's experience of using the Hall and Pavilion kitchens. This involves several tasks:  
 To install stainless steel locking cabinets in the pavilion kitchen  
 To install a vented hood above the BBQ for the pavilion kitchen.  
 To install a storage shelf & a lock on existing cabinet for the hall kitchen.  
 To purchase basic cookware & appliances and supplies for both kitchens.  
 The goal of the project is to improve overall ease of usage for both kitchens.  
 This will be achieved by purchasing the necessary cabinets, materials, cookware, and appliances and to hire local labour to install the necessary cabinets, hood vent, and storage shelf.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the society is to: acquire and own the parcel of Crown Land on which to build, develop and manage a community hall, pavilion and grounds. The community hall, pavilion and grounds is used for cultural, recreational, educational, emergency and other community activities; to finance all buildings/structures and grounds and its subsequent maintenance through donations and grants as they become available; to promote community improvement and well-being.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to the community (Argenta, Johnsons Landing and Lardeau Valley area and even Kaslo) because we host weekly, bi-monthly and annual events that accommodate up to 200+ participants. Our kitchen use is integral to public and private events. We host a variety of events such as birthday parties, weddings, faire's and markets that require fully functioning kitchens.  
 We have community members that offer a weekly Pop Up Caf   for community to drop in, eat a warm meal, play games and socialize. Kitchens have historically been the place where people gather and share their stories. The weekly Pop Up Caf   and on-going community events are invaluable to our community and encourage socialization as much as possible. Isolation is a major contributor to our mental health, our community benefits greatly from the public/private use of the hall and grounds.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Over the last year we have seen an increase in Hall & Pavilion rentals. All rentals requested use of the kitchen, however we lack basic cookware and appliances, which means users need to bring their own large pots, mixing bowls, tongs etc. We are hoping to address the following issue; lacking basic cookware and appliances for hall & pavilion kitchen use.

This issue has been brought up through word of mouth by renters who have expressed disappointment in the extra energy it takes to transport food, cookware and appliances needed to use the kitchens. We sent out an email to community members who are regular hall renters, asking for feedback about their experience using the hall & pavilion kitchens and what suggestions they would make for improvements. We received several responses with clear suggestions, and direction for hall & pavilion kitchen improvements.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Argenta Community Association is solely responsible for implementing all projects relating to the Argenta Hall, Pavilion and Grounds.  
 Our organization has successfully implemented the following projects over the last couple of years: built the Argenta pavilion, renovated and upgraded hall kitchen, installed a playground and soccer field, replaced outdoor buildings,

**Project: Hall & Pavilion Kitchen Improvements**

improved storage space, improved water & air quality for the hall, I believe this demonstrates our commitment and capacity to successfully deliver small and large scale projects.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Shannon Isaac, ACA board member will be responsible for project oversight administration, purchasing materials, appliances, and cookware required for the project. Shannon has 10 years experience administering successful small and large-scale projects.

Hans Winter will install the stove hood vent in the pavilion kitchen. Hans was the primary contractor for building the Pavilion.

Marco Pfreundner will install the stainless-steel cabinets for the pavilion kitchen, and build storage shelves and install a lock on cabinet for the hall kitchen. Marco is a local contractor and the primary contractor used for the pavilion kitchen.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Any additional administrative tasks beyond the allotted 15hrs will be volunteer.

Volunteer Labour Assistant 40hrs x \$25/hr = 1000.00, this person will be on site with Hans and Marco to assist with installing cabinets, storage and range hood.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **KITCHENER HALL FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY**

Registration # 43677

104 LEADVILLE RD, KITCHENER BC V0B 1W1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

KITCHEN HALL

Importance to the community:

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS KITCHEN. WE CAN RENT THE SPACE OUT WHEN NOT IN USE FOR ANY COMMUNITY MEMBER OR GROUP. MEALS CAN BE PREPARED IN A FOOD SAFE AREA.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/13/2024 Project End: 8/13/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$4,999.99</b>			
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.99</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.99</b>	<b>\$4,999.99</b>	<b>\$4,999.99</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: KITCHEN EQUIPMENT**

PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF COMMERCIAL KITCHEN.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We, as a Society, Are committed to providing both Fire Protection and a safe, inclusive, welcoming, supportive environment to embrace our diversity while supporting each other. We strive to provide a safe environment for gatherings, children's play and community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS KITCHEN. WE CAN RENT THE SPACE OUT WHEN NOT IN USE FOR ANY COMMUNITY MEMBER OR GROUP. MEALS CAN BE PREPARED IN A FOOD SAFE AREA.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

WARMING STATION, MEETING PLACE AND SAFE AREA FOR COMMUNITY TO GATHER WHEN IN AN EMERGENCY AND NON EMERGENCY SITUATION.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

WE HAVE THE ONLY BUILDING AVAILABLE TO HOLD 100 PEOPLE. WE ARE THE ONLY PUBLICALLY ACCESSIBLE BUILDING IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

VARIOUS COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLERS. THESE WILL BE PROFESSIONALS COMPLETING THE INSTALLATION

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**

Registration # 862502432RR0001

PO Box 46, Invermere BC V0A 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wild Voices for Kids in RDCK**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

This project will take place in schools and off-campus field study sites across the RDCK.

Importance to the community:

Wild Voices for Kids is important to our community as it offers localized environmental learning experiences to RDCK students, allowing them to better understand their relationship with the natural world outside their doorstep. Teachers benefit from WildVoices by supplementing their classroom inquiry with curriculum-linked, topical programs. Our Community Educators benefit by sharing their knowledge and passion with local students and receiving honoraria for their time in delivery. Through participation in WildVoices presentations and field studies, students benefit by connecting to our local ecosystem, and a responsibility to steward their natural surroundings.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$400.00</b>				<b>\$300.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>\$2,050.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$6,750.00</b>	<b>\$32,103.00</b>	<b>\$32,103.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Wild Voices for Kids supports school-based environmental education in the Columbia Basin by connecting 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. ReDi funding would be used to cover honoraria for Community Educators delivering presentations, bussing expenses for student travel to field-based studies, and program coordination costs for Wild Voices presentations delivered to students in RDCK.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network's (CBEEN) mission is to encourage environmental sustainability and stewardship in the Canadian Columbia Basin by supporting environmental educators. CBEEN accomplishes this mission through three key focus areas:

1. Building capacity through professional development, information sharing, and networking opportunities for educators.
2. Facilitating collaboration amongst schools, community groups, and environmental education professionals.
3. Coordinating and promoting environmental education programs, events, and resources. CBEEN has successfully been delivering the Wild Voices for Kids program since 2008.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Wild Voices for Kids is important to our community as it offers localized environmental learning experiences to RDCK students, allowing them to better understand their relationship with the natural world outside their doorstep. Teachers benefit from WildVoices by supplementing their classroom inquiry with curriculum-linked, topical programs. Our Community Educators benefit by sharing their knowledge and passion with local students and receiving honoraria for their time in delivery. Through participation in WildVoices presentations and field studies, students benefit by connecting to our local ecosystem, and a responsibility to steward their natural surroundings.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Wild Voices for Kids (WVFK) program was developed in 1997 in response to an identified challenge. A survey conducted by Parks Canada and Rocky Mountain School District 6 revealed two major barriers to students' outdoor and environmental learning in the public system: access to specialist educators and funds for bussing to field sites. To address these needs, WVFK was established that very same year. Since assuming WVFK in 2008, and expanding the program to the other school districts in the Columbia Basin (school districts 5, 8, 10, 19 and 20), as well to all private schools in the Basin, CBEEN has continued to offer complimentary and subsidized hands-on environmental educational programs for all students, as well as bussing to off-campus field study sites.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

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CBEEN was established in response to an identified need for a professional network that could build capacity among environmental educators in the Columbia Basin region. Oneway CBEEN accomplishes this goal is through the coordination and promotion of environmental education programs, such as the Wild Voices for Kids (WVFK) program. CBEEN has been delivering the WVFK program since 2008. The Community Educators delivering presentations for the WVFK's program include BC certified teachers, wildlife biologists, geologists, naturalists, foresters, habitat restoration technicians, and other professionals.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

In addition to working with local schools and the school districts, the Wild Voices for Kids program also involves community educators that deliver the presentations.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-kind sources include: (the following is for the entire Basin. ~36% of the Wild Voices project takes place in RDCK)

- \$5,000 for the time of the volunteers on the Wild Voices Advisory Committee (2 meetings/yr x 8 ppl @ 7.5 hrs (4 hrs prep + 2.5 hr meeting + 1 hr follow up) x \$31.25) + (8 ppl x 5hrs of ongoing email consultations/yr x \$31.25)
- \$30,000 volunteer time from community educators through program development time, and time driving to and from program deliver sites(30 programs submitted/yr x 20 hrs of time to create program x\$25/hr) + (600 hrs of program prep/travel/follow up in the year x\$25/hr)
- \$5,000 bussing expenses from school district 6 for SD6 students to attend Wild Voices field studies (~ 20 bus trips @ \$250/trip)
- \$15,000 for school district liaison time (1 liaison per each of the 6school districts, x 1 week of time @ \$500/day)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE**

Registration # 119219814RR0001  
3400 Lake City Way, Burnaby British Columbia V5A 4Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Maintaining the Stocks of HELP Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar

This project will benefit clients who borrow equipment in Castlegar (the Hub), Nelson, Kaslo, and Trail. The system works on a hub-and-spoke model; repair and maintenance is performed in Castlegar, while equipment is transported by van to and from the outlying offices depending on need.

Advantages of hub-and-spoke are:

1. A shared pool of equipment allows for allocating equipment as demands change; and
2. A high-temperature washer in Castlegar guarantees infection control for returned equipment.

Alongside a request to the RDCK, this project will potentially impact every municipality, electoral area, and First Nations community in the West Kootenays.

Importance to the community:

There are four main groups of clients who access the HELP service:

1. Seniors who have been temporarily disabled (usually post-surgery) and require short-term loans while they recover;
2. Clients of all ages who are permanently disabled and already fully reliant on a mobility device but are undergoing corrective surgery that requires a short-term loan of additional equipment;
3. Seniors who have become permanently disabled and borrow from the HELP office in the period before they purchase their own mobility device. For some, the process of adopting a full-time device can be difficult; a loan can ease them in;
4. Palliative patients spending their final days at home cared for by loved ones. HELP not only supports these patients, but also their family members and caregivers as they struggle to help their father, mother, or grandparent spend that time in comfort and safety, and with dignity.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$840.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I



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		<b>\$625.00</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$4,375.00</b>		<b>\$5,200.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,880.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$11,880.00</b>	<b>\$11,880.00</b>	<b>\$11,880.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will support Kootenay seniors by purchasing approximately 124 articles of replacement medical equipment to stock the HELP offices of the RDCK. Each year, as much as 10% of equipment stocks leave the system as it reaches the end of its service life.

At the same time that RDCK equipment stocks are being naturally depleted, the demand for HELP medical equipment loans steadily ticks upward alongside the growth in the RDCK senior demographic. Between 2016 and 2021, the number of seniors in the RDCK increased by more than 2500. In addition, a larger proportion of seniors in rural BC communities use the HELP service to access medical equipment compared to seniors in urban population centres. In Greater Victoria for example, 1.94% of the population accessed HELP last year. In the RDCK, that number jumps to 2.57%.

A fresh injection of equipment into the HELP system through the RDCK ReDi, and proportional requests through the RDKB (\$8120), will ensure that volunteers can continue providing thousands of mobility, toileting, bedroom, and bathing equipment to Kootenay seniors in need.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The mission of the Canadian Red Cross is to help people and communities in Canada and around the world in times of need and support them in strengthening their resilience. CRC operates in two areas: Emergencies and Community Health. Emergency responses ranges from remediating the impacts of natural disasters that affect whole communities to individual disasters such as house fires. Community Health services differ across the country responding to local needs and gaps. Through these two fields of work, the Red Cross supports Canadians when help is needed most.

For RDCK residents recovering in their homes following injury, illness, or surgery, the RDCK Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) program provides no cost, by-donation only, short-term medical equipment loans allowing community members to safely recover, to participate in community life, and get back to their lives. Upon referral from a healthcare professional, the equipment is loaned to the recipient for up to six months.

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Especially important is that the HELP offices of the RDCK are local, and strategically situated in towns to provide the easiest access for the largest number of people. This network allows seniors to borrow the equipment from a facility that is close to home. Without this convenience, some may decide to go without the equipment they need to guarantee their safety as they recover in their homes.

While the largest group of clients are over 65 years and recovering from hip or knee replacement surgeries, RDCK HELP volunteers loan medical equipment to community members young and old. The remaining clients are those who have been ill, in car accidents, or are recuperating from disease-related surgeries. Even for the young and healthy who will recover quickly, purchasing a wheelchair for a one-month recovery period is not only inefficient, but often unaffordable. By facilitating community sharing of specialized medical equipment distributed from offices primarily managed by local volunteers, HELP operations are lean, efficient, cost-effective, and accessible.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

There are four main groups of clients who access the HELP service:

1. Seniors who have been temporarily disabled (usually post-surgery) and require short-term loans while they recover;
2. Clients of all ages who are permanently disabled and already fully reliant on a mobility device but are undergoing corrective surgery that requires a short-term loan of additional equipment;
3. Seniors who have become permanently disabled and borrow from the HELP office in the period before they purchase their own mobility device. For some, the process of adopting a full-time device can be difficult; a loan can ease them in;
4. Palliative patients spending their final days at home cared for by loved ones. HELP not only supports these patients, but also their family members and caregivers as they struggle to help their father, mother, or grandparent spend that time in comfort and safety, and with dignity.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

HELP primarily loans equipment to seniors who do not have extended healthcare insurance and live on a tight fixed income. Accessing HELP equipment is more involved than renting equipment from a company. All HELP clients must be referred from a healthcare professional so it first requires communication with the healthcare system and then communicating with the HELP team. Because of this, most HELP clients are seniors on fixed incomes who would have to pay for a rental out-of-pocket.

There are many BC seniors who live in poverty or straddle a fine line between paying bills and buying food. Many are property-rich but live on very strict incomes.

At up to \$350 a month to rent a wheelchair, raised toilet, shower bench, and a two-wheeled walker following a hip replacement surgery, HELP may be the only option for RDCK seniors that doesn't hurt them financially.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Last year, the three programs of the BC HELP service loaned more than 197,000 articles of medical equipment to more than 100,000 British Columbians from HELP offices and hospital locations across the province. BC HELP is the largest no-cost, by-donation only, medical equipment loan service anywhere in the world. HELP is uniquely positioned to deliver this essential service. The competence and determination of HELP leadership, staff, and volunteers have ensured the program has continued even through the darkest times.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

While there is a single employee based out of the Castlegar HELP office, volunteers alone open and close HELP offices in Castlegar, Nelson, and Kaslo. In 22/23, 24 local volunteers spent 2644 hours giving back to the RDCK

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community through the HELP service. If paid at minimum wage, their time and energy equals a donation of more than \$44,000.

Given that the largest group of RDCK HELP volunteers is seniors, many of whom were once HELP clients themselves, this level of volunteerism is especially admirable.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Hands down, the most significant contribution to the RDCK HELP program is from local volunteers who contributed work worth more than \$44,000 by:

1. Opening and closing each of the outlying HELP offices
2. Providing front desk customer service, maintain records, and enter data into the database
3. Working directly with clients and health care professionals to fulfill equipment requests
4. Accepting donations - receipting, reconciliation, and banking
5. Assisting with the disinfection and repair of returned equipment in Castlegar.

Key partners also include the health care professionals who refer clients to HELP services. Referrals make certain that clients get exactly the equipment they need, prescribed by a specialist. Because all HELP loans require a referral from a health care professional, and every physical therapist in the RDCK knows the program well, anyone in need of equipment will be directed to the HELP program.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **North Slokan Trails Society**

Registration # S-56448

P.O. Box 213, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Butter Me Up Trailhead Connectors and Trail Completion**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Our project will take place on Ranch Ridge above Rosebery in the North Slokan.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because we presently have only a handful of sanctioned trails and they are spread out. We need to create connections to encourage people to stay and ride our local trails, rather than driving to other communities to ride.

Our existing inclusive-adaptive trail Spine finishes at the Butter trailhead. The connector will link into Butter Me Up without interrupting the flow and without using the FSR making for a safer and more positive experience.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 10/4/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$3,500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$2,500.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$66,100.00</b>	<b>\$66,100.00</b>

**Project: Butter Me Up Trailhead Connectors and Trail Completion****1. The project will provide:**

Our project is to build two sections of adaptive trail to connect each end of our brand new Butter Me Up (BMU) trail to an existing trailhead. The bottom of BMU needs a 1.2km connector to link into the Telegraph Trailhead and the top of BMU needs a .5km connector to link into the existing Butter trailhead. This will keep riders off the FSR and create a safe, fun and inclusive route. The end result will be for riders to be able to leave their vehicles in the lower trailhead and ride the connector out to Butter Me Up, then connect into the Butter trailhead and ride down, all on trails.

We will then install kiosks at both trailheads with maps showing the new trails. The Telegraph trailhead will have a new inclusive-adaptive outhouse and a picnic table. The pavilion viewpoint site will have a new inclusive-adaptive outhouse, two picnic tables and a kiosk with new trail maps.

We will be working with WildSafe BC to develop new signage to keep trail users aware of wildlife in the vicinity and to encourage responsible trail use. Newly developed inclusive-adaptive mountain bike signage will also be incorporated.

Our contractor will be going back over BMU, make any necessary adjustments and repairs to the trail surface to ensure a safe and sustainable trail.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote the year-round self-propelled recreational use of trails in the North Slokan through advocacy, education and by providing historical, interpretive and youth programmes.

To provide trail-related infrastructure for human powered community recreation through projects, trail maintenance, reclamation and new trail construction.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because we presently have only a handful of sanctioned trails and they are spread out. We need to create connections to encourage people to stay and ride our local trails, rather than driving to other communities to ride.

Our existing inclusive-adaptive trail Spine finishes at the Butter trailhead. The connector will link into Butter Me Up without interrupting the flow and without using the FSR making for a safer and more positive experience.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Currently, accessing each end of the trail necessitates riding on an FSR; we would like to take the opportunity to connect our trails so there is flow and safety, especially for adaptive trail users.

During the planning for our new trails on Ranch Ridge, we circulated a survey amongst local bikers and discovered that better signage is needed! So we will be making sure our trails are all well-signed and easy-to-follow. We will install signage to help reduce conflict between humans and wildlife.

With the development of trails lower on Ranch Ridge, we realised one trailhead hub with facilities is not enough, especially as it is at the top of the network - we needed to create another hub lower down.

Our Butter Me Up trail was built last summer/autumn and there are still a few finishing touches to be made and tweaks after the winter has settled the trail.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

In 2017 we built the first adaptive trail in the region and we have been steady promoters of inclusivity in mountain biking since. We have a great relationship with Kootenay Adaptive Sport and we have adaptive riders in our membership. Our membership increases each year and we have a solid, proactive board.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers from the North Slokan Trails Society will be organising the project, installing the kiosks, picnic tables and outhouses. Highland Creek Contracting will be doing the trail building and any adjustments

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No
9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes
11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**  
The NSTS project manager will be donating at least 30 hours to the project. A volunteer crew will install the kiosks, signage and picnic tables.
12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse Association**

Registration #

P.O Box 3362, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3N8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Equipment and Line painting project**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The line painting project will take place at the CDCC in the spring of 2025. Equipment will be ordered in the late spring of 2024 in order to begin using it within the 2024 season.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit the youth in the community that play Lacrosse. The program is growing and more equipment is needed to support the program. This is important to the community as it supports youth to engage in a team sport.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/20/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,450.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,450.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,450.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

**Project: Equipment and Line painting project**

**1. The project will provide:**

Equipment for the program needs to be purchased to support the growth of the program. 1 set of Goalie equipment, Jersey's for our U7, U9 and U11 divisions, Lacrosse balls, large practice cones, targets. If funding is granted these items will be ordered in the late spring of 2024 in order to utilize them during the 2024 season. Practices within the WKMLA area are being held in multiple locations and more players are on the floor than in years past. This equipment will help to support program expansion.

The arena floor also requires Lacrosse lines to be painted in order for youth to play games. If funding is granted this will be completed at the Castlegar Complex in the spring of 2025.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote and develop the sport of Lacrosse and support youth to engage in Canada's national sport.

1.To foster and promote the game of lacrosse, subject to the rules and regulations of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association.

2.To organize and administer youth teams, officials, coaches and equipment for its members; and

3.To promote and encourage good sportsmanship among its members and representatives and to aid and assist in the betterment of lacrosse.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will benefit the youth in the community that play Lacrosse. The program is growing and more equipment is needed to support the program. This is important to the community as it supports youth to engage in a team sport.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The CDCC has informed the WKMLA that the WKMLA will need to pay for line painting, which needs to be completed and touched up most seasons. By receiving funding for line painting, it will allow youth in all divisions to play games and adhere to Lacrosse Canada game specifications, which will prepare youth to play against other organizations. Coaching staff and Division Directors have shared that equipment needs have grown as our numbers continue to increase each season. More equipment is needed for practices, jersey's for games, and an additional set of goalie gear is required.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse is the only minor Lacrosse organization in the West Kootenay's. We have been growing our program over the past few years and wish to have Castlegar as the major hub of Lacrosse for the region. We have the capacity to complete these projects in a timely manner.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Coach Coordinator will be involved in ordering equipment such as jerseys, goalie gear, lacrosse balls, cones & targets, as well as the line painting as they are knowledgeable in the line requirements that Lacrosse Canada sets. The greater Board of Directors will follow the general progress of the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer's and youth will be fundraising, as well as donating time to measure out the lines to adhere to Lacrosse Canada standards.



**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Blueberry Creek Community School Council**

Registration # 886243831RP0001  
200 Centre Ave, Castlegar BC V1N 3B9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The play structure will be installed in the 3-5-year-old play space at the Blueberry Creek Community School site. This play area is used Mon-Friday year-round 8am-5.30pm by the early learning programs.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to BCCS and our community because we want to provide the best possible care and play opportunities for the children attending the childcare and early learning programs. We know that high quality play and recreational opportunities are essential components in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of young children. As well as the 54 children in the licensed 3-5 preschool and childcare spaces this area is utilized by local families and children in summer evenings and weekends when the childcare programs are not operational.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/10/2024      Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$537.71</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,500.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,800.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,837.71</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,837.71</b>	<b>\$23,652.86</b>	<b>\$23,652.86</b>

**Project: New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs**

**1. The project will provide:**

BCCS plan to purchase and install a new play structure in the 3-5 IHA licensed play area. BCCS have sourced a high-quality structure that will provide increased play and gross motor opportunities for the children attending the BCCS preschool and the 2 childcare programs for 3-5-year-olds. The project will replace older, smaller, temporary plastic play structures, with the much-needed high quality, permanent play structure. The new structure includes 8 different Play Events including: Inclined Tube Bridge, Ship's Wheel, Bongos, Double Slide, Single Drum, Rain Wheel, Tic-Tac-Toe Panel, Finger Maze Panel.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Blueberry Creek Community School Council seeks to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities as a means of building and celebrating community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to BCCS and our community because we want to provide the best possible care and play opportunities for the children attending the childcare and early learning programs. We know that high quality play and recreational opportunities are essential components in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of young children. As well as the 54 children in the licensed 3-5 preschool and childcare spaces this area is utilized by local families and children in summer evenings and weekends when the childcare programs are not operational.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In Sept 2023 in response to the increased demand for quality childcare in our community, BCCS amended our Childcare license to increase our 3-5 childcare spaces from twenty to thirty-six. Three groups now use this licensed play area (at different times), and the staff identified the need for a larger play structure with more play items to facilitate more gross motor opportunities and collaborative free play.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

BCCS are most suited to deliver this project as the society owns the facility and are committed to maximizing the potential and capacity of the space for the community by investing in permanent capital projects that promote sustainability, such as this one.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will take place with the continued help of volunteers from Urban Systems, Nelson office as part of the Urban System Foundation.

This amazing group of urban development professionals have committed to work with BCCS staff and volunteers again to install the play structure and help with additional landscaping and shade structures etc. that may be required.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Through the Urban System Foundation, the Urban System Nelson Team have committed 10 staff for 8 hours of installation, as well as support for site and landscape development. Kalesnikoff have also offered to supply more

**Project: New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs**

woodchips (again) if we choose to use this option as a base for the structure, we are still working on that decision with the Urban systems team.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **W.E. Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

PO Box 10 1001 Harold Street, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Seniors' Lunch**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Slocan

Primarily this project will take place at the Slocan Legion but we would like to offer events in New Denver & Slocan Park.

Importance to the community:

The primary beneficiaries of this program are the seniors of Slocan Valley, especially those near the Village of Slocan. They obviously enjoy the lunches, and word spreads rapidly when a new series of lunches is announced. Attendance sometimes exceeds fifty people. Those who find cooking difficult at home often end up being able to take a few servings home with them. People have a chance to ask around and make sure their peers are doing alright, and to share information about services and events that matter to that community.

WEGCSS staff and volunteers, both adults and youths, also benefit. Providing good food and a chance to gather with the seniors is fun and deeply satisfying. All the kitchen staff and volunteers get a chance to sharpen big batch cooking and serving skills. Volunteers often use WEGCSS staff as job references after a period of volunteering.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/12/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$300.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$1,677.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,977.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,977.00</b>	<b>\$12,977.00</b>	<b>\$12,977.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Slocan Seniors' Lunch is a long-standing, monthly hot lunch and social for seniors in the Slocan Valley. It is offered in partnership with the Slocan Legion, with other community funders in the Valley and sometimes with funders further afield. WEGCSS provides the staff and volunteer team, shopping, cooking, donates a portion of the ingredients used, and handles service delivery and administrative accountability. The Legion provides funding and a comfortable, familiar, accessible venue.

These lunches provide seniors with an opportunity to connect with each other, relax and enjoy a free prepared meal served by volunteers, which usually include youth from the school.

For some this hot meal (and often optional leftovers to take home) is a part of food security. For everyone, it is an easy monthly opportunity to remain socially connected.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slocan Valley.

Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

In creative and ongoing partnerships with regional services and organizations, we provide inclusive and accessible opportunities in support of a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community. We strive to remain responsive to the current needs of Slocan Valley residents and to enhance the quality of life for all.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The primary beneficiaries of this program are the seniors of Slocan Valley, especially those near the Village of Slocan. They obviously enjoy the lunches, and word spreads rapidly when a new series of lunches is announced. Attendance sometimes exceeds fifty people. Those who find cooking difficult at home often end up being able to take a few servings home with them. People have a chance to ask around and make sure their peers are doing alright, and to share information about services and events that matter to that community.

WEGCSS staff and volunteers, both adults and youths, also benefit. Providing good food and a chance to gather with the seniors is fun and deeply satisfying. All the kitchen staff and volunteers get a chance to sharpen big batch cooking and serving skills. Volunteers often use WEGCSS staff as job references after a period of volunteering.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

At the end of our last series of lunches, we asked the attending seniors what they valued most about these lunches. They expressed appreciation for the great food and emphasized that they really depend on the program as a regular chance to meet and stay in touch with each other. WEGCSS gets requests for the program to resume frequently.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

For over 26 years, the W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) has been dedicated to delivering exceptional projects and programs. Our commitment to community consultation ensures that the Seniors lunch program meets the needs of the Valley's seniors.

With a highly skilled operational staff, extensive experience in working with seniors through the lunch program, and an unwavering desire to assist the most vulnerable members of our communities, WEGCSS is the perfect fit to host this program.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

WEGCSS will be involved in implementing the project and will work closely with the Slocan Legion who will provide the venue for most of the events as well as partial funding to support the program.

**Project: Slocan Valley Seniors' Lunch**

All of the WEGCSS staff, volunteers, plus the Legion proprietors are very familiar with the Seniors' Lunch program and have offered it on budget and successfully for over a decade.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We would like to thank you for your continued support to our organization.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Valley Community Services Society**

Registration # 892372285RR0001  
915 Pine Street, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Healthy Families Program**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston

The project will take place at Family Place Neighbourhood House, located at 617 11th Avenue South (Families) and at 915 Pine Street (seniors).

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because it has the potential to decrease the negative impacts of not having adequate food/nutrition. This impacts the healthy development of young children and supports the well-being of seniors. Families living in poverty and those with low income will benefit from farmers market coupons which gives access to free local food. Families also will benefit from learning ways to prepare and store food that is locally available to reduce the cost of obtaining food. Supporting families results in better outcomes for children. Supporting seniors results in increased health and well-being.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$4,999.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$16,497.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$16,497.00</b>	<b>\$18,497.00</b>	<b>\$18,497.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

This project delivers nutritional education and support for families with young children in Creston and surrounding communities. The project includes providing Farmer's market coupons to low income families and seniors and providing families with education regarding the preparation of affordable, nutritious meals. Facilitators provide hands on group sessions where families learn how to prepare meals and preserve local produce to reduce the cost of eating healthy meals year round.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Valley Community Services promotes community well-being through the provision of social supports and services.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to our community because it has the potential to decrease the negative impacts of not having adequate food/nutrition. This impacts the healthy development of young children and supports the well-being of seniors. Families living in poverty and those with low income will benefit from farmers market coupons which gives access to free local food. Families also will benefit from learning ways to prepare and store food that is locally available to reduce the cost of obtaining food. Supporting families results in better outcomes for children. Supporting seniors results in increased health and well-being.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Rising costs of food are resulting in families and seniors having less food to eat, less nutritional food and less access to food. This is especially true for low income people. These issues have been identified through participant feedback specifically in our early childhood and seniors programs where an increasing number of people are struggling to pay for food and other basic necessities.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organisation provides 35 social programs for our community. We have been providing programming since inception in 1996. Our staff are well trained and we focus on providing quality programming. Our Better at Home seniors program supports approximately 60 seniors to maintain their independence while living at home. Our Early Childhood programs are well attended and served 152 adults and 174 children last year. We aim to support families wherever possible to increase positive outcomes for children. Our organisation seeks to improve service delivery and ensure responsiveness to community needs by obtaining funding when none exists.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Pregnancy Outreach Program Coordinator and staff will provide education and support families to obtain and prepare nutritious food. Program staff will administer the distribution of coupons. The Executive Director will obtain coupons for our agency. The program manager will support staff who deliver the program and ensure program goals are met.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**Project: Healthy Families Program**

We have applied for coupons for 60 participants this year from the provincial Farmers Market Coupon program. Each participant will receive \$25/week to spend at the Farmers Market. This provides free food to participants and sales for the market.

The Farmer's Market Coupon Program requires a significant amount of administration aside from coupon distribution. This will be provided by the organisation in kind. In addition, the value of the coupons, will provide each person with \$432 to spend at the market for a total of \$25,920 being provided to the community and the market (assuming we receive the number of coupons requested). This is the total amount of free food made available to families and seniors through this program.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Burton Community Association**

Registration # S001957

125 Burton Main Rd, Burton BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community BBQ**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

This purchase will happen at the Burton Community Hall grounds, with the BBQ being stored within the Burton Community Association's Concession Stand.

Importance to the community:

This purchase is highly beneficial to our community because having a BBQ available allows for several outdoor events and celebrations to happen. One of the greatest memories, for community members who were here during the May Day's celebrations on May Long Weekend, were the fully operating concession stand with a grill for burgers and hot dogs. Our community as a whole will benefit from this project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
			<b>\$3,437.16</b>	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,437.16</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,437.16</b>	<b>\$3,437.16</b>	<b>\$3,437.16</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Burton Community Association would like to purchase a large propane barbeque for all community events. Currently, our community doesn't have a large, outdoor barbeque for outside gatherings or events, this will bring great value to a few of our celebrations - New Years Eve, July First Celebrations, a future May Days celebration, and ideally many more events put on through private organizations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our Vision -

BCA, as the governing body, works on behalf of the Burton community at large. The Burton Community Centre and Commonly owned Grounds are non-profit operated properties that offer long-term collaborative space at an affordable rate to other non-profit organizations, sharing resources and amenities between them, creating practical sustainability which supports social well being, and inclusion in the community.

Our Values -

Inclusive - Community Focused - Cooperative - Practical - Integrity - Sustainability - Diversity - Confidentiality

Our Mission -

Working Collaboratively with our community towards a healthier environment, connecting people and preserving the community for future generations to come.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This purchase is highly beneficial to our community because having a BBQ available allows for several outdoor events and celebrations to happen. One of the greatest memories, for community members who were here during the May Day's celebrations on May Long Weekend, were the fully operating concession stand with a grill for burgers and hot dogs. Our community as a whole will benefit from this project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This genuinely will add to our community as a whole, the opportunities with the new barbeque are almost endless. There currently are no issues, unless product stock or supply chain challenges arise in the future.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Burton Community Association is best suited to deliver this project because our mission is to create a healthier environment, connecting people and preserving the community for future generations to come. In part, we will also be connecting people with food, and everyone loves food!

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The board members of the Burton Community Association will be involved in the purchase of the BBQ, including the pick up and delivery, plus any set up of the BBQ.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Baseball Association**

Registration #

PO Box 886, Nelson BC V1L 6A5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Roofs on the Lions Park Baseball Dugouts**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Project will take place at our Lions Park baseball diamond (Figure 1).

Importance to the community:

The Project is important because it will provide our baseball community with better dugouts at our Lions Park diamond. Our baseball community includes players, parents, and visitors from Nelson and other nearby West Kootenay towns (Trail, Castlegar, Beaver Valley, Salmo, Kaslo, and Slovan Valley).

During our Spring season, we have 10 teams (~120 players), ages 5-10 yrs, that practice and play games at Lions Park. This translate to a significant number or parents and visitors during our 10 week Spring season.

The Project will benefit the City of Nelson by improving the appearance of Lions Park and the Nelson Baseball Association by providing us with a long-life asset consistent with our dugouts at Queen Elizabeth Park.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 7/15/2024      Project End: 7/19/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,199.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slovan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: New Roofs on the Lions Park Baseball Dugouts**

<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$5,258.60</b>	<b>\$5,258.60</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Project will replace the roofs on the two dugouts at our Lions Park baseball diamond in Nelson (Figure 1). The old roofs are damaged and were not originally installed with drip edges resulting in rotting fascia.

The new metal roof will be installed with 26 gauge Tough Rib panels from Westman Steel with iceguard, synthetic underlay, and drip edges. This is the same high-quality materials used on our two dugouts and three buildings at Queen Elizabeth Park field and our new equipment building at Lions Park (constructed in the summer of 2023). These metal roofs are no maintenance, long-life assets.

The Project will be achieved by hiring Edge Roofing Ltd. who are a well-known and experienced roofing contractor in the Nelson area (cost estimate attached).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The mandate of the Nelson Baseball Association is to provide a safe, fun, developmental environment for players, coaches, and parents. Development includes learning baseball skills, games rules and strategy, and important life skills such as fair play and good sportsmanship.

We have offered youth baseball programs in Nelson since 1965. Our programs are offered in seven age divisions (i.e., T-Ball (5-6 yrs), Rookie (7-8 yrs), Minors (9-10 yrs), Girls (7-10 yrs), Majors (11-12 yrs), 15U, and 18U). Our 2024 Operational Budget is attached.

The goal of our capital projects program is to continue to upgrade our Lions Park and Queen Elizabeth Park baseball fields to ensure a modern and safe setting for players, parents, grandparents, and visitors.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Project is important because it will provide our baseball community with better dugouts at our Lions Park diamond. Our baseball community includes players, parents, and visitors from Nelson and other nearby West Kootenay towns (Trail, Castlegar, Beaver Valley, Salmo, Kaslo, and Slocan Valley).

During our Spring season, we have 10 teams (~120 players), ages 5-10 yrs, that practice and play games at Lions Park. This translate to a significant number of parents and visitors during our 10 week Spring season.

The Project will benefit the City of Nelson by improving the appearance of Lions Park and the Nelson Baseball Association by providing us with a long-life asset consistent with our dugouts at Queen Elizabeth Park.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are no issues with the Project, it's a simple task.

The Project will provide the opportunity to: (1) upgrade our sports infrastructure (two dugouts) at Lions Park to a higher standard; and (2) use materials, colors, etc. that provide consistent branding at both our baseball fields in Nelson.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

**Project: New Roofs on the Lions Park Baseball Dugouts**

We are confident in our ability to deliver the Project because we are an experienced club. In the last four years, we have supervised the installation five metal roofs at our Queen Elizabeth Park field and one at our new Lions Park equipment building last summer.

Since 2018, the Nelson Baseball Association has raised over \$550,000 and completed capital projects at our two baseball fields in Nelson. We have been awarded grants from federal, provincial, and regional agencies and other well-respected groups such as the Toronto Blue Jays and the Columbia Basin Trust. The community has supported our capital projects with over \$120,000 in cash and in-kind donations. Our capital projects are high quality and have been delivered on time and within budget.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Charles Jansen - Supervisor, City of Nelson Parks

Jim Sevigny - Field Manager, Nelson Baseball Association

Dan Gaudreau - President, Edge Roofing Ltd.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Nelson Baseball Association will be purchasing new 2x6" fascia, plywood and stain (~\$600), and volunteer time for supervision, staining and installation (40 hrs).

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Tarrys and District Community Hall Society**

Registration # S-0050911

P.O. Box 3000, Castlegar BC V1N 3L8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **To support cultural, recreational, social, health and wellness events at the Tarrys Community Hall by helping to offset rental and activity costs.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I  
Tarrys and District Community Hall.

Importance to the community:

To build relationships amongst the diversity of new younger residents in the area - to build a stronger community!

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**Project: To support cultural, recreational, social, health and wellness events at the Tarrys Community Hall by helping to offset rental and activity costs.**

**1. The project will provide:**

Financially support community projects initiated by volunteers in the Tarrys Hall catchment area.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide and maintain a community hall facility to be used for activities and programs which benefit the general public.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

To build relationships amongst the diversity of new younger residents in the area - to build a stronger community!

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues addressed: Lack of community events at the hall.

Opportunities: New residents voicing lack of community events and expressing desire to initiate various activities to build a stronger community base through personal interactions with neighbors.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Centrally located, fully functional venue (with commercial kitchen) and large area and field surrounding the hall for outdoor activities.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Board of Directors and volunteers in the community.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Residents who are willing to donate their time and skill in leading various activities - eg: yoga instructors, cooks

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo and Area Youth Council**

Registration # S0035283

PO Box 476, 2 - 404 Front St, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Pride Celebration**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo

The first event, Pride Crosswalk Paint party will take place at the rainbow crosswalk located between the Bluebelle and the Kaslo Pharmacy.

The second event, community celebration will take place at Legacy Park.

Importance to the community:

In community the sense of belonging sits at the root of our well being. I think it is important to acknowledge the 2SLGBTIQ+ community, an invisible minority, as this gesture can lend to their sense of belonging to community. There are very few images or reflections that society provides for queer community to feel included and considered as part of the community. We believe the community as a whole will benefit from taking the opportunity to show their support toward inclusivity and diversity.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 6/10/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$2,869.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,869.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,869.00</b>	<b>\$3,369.00</b>	<b>\$3,369.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We will invite the whole community of Kaslo and Area D to join us in celebrating cultural diversity and inclusivity for the 2SLGBTIQ+ community.

We will host 2 community events. The first event will be painting the community pride crosswalk, and the second event will be a public Village of Kaslo proclamation toward the 2SLGBTIQ+ community, to raise the pride flag, and to host some fun activities for the community to engage with.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the Kaslo and Area Youth Council is to provide programs, activities and events for youth (ages 12-18) living in Kaslo and surrounding area, from Ainsworth to Howser BC. The priorities of the Kaslo and Area Youth Council are as follows:

1. To establish and maintain a youth specific space in Kaslo and Area D for youth between the ages of 12 - 18yrs.
2. To provide weekly drop in programs i.e. Self Identified Girls Drop In, Friday Night Drop In, Dungeons and Dragons Adventure Club
3. To ensure staff and volunteers adhere to harm reduction approach and inclusive practices of care for youth living in Kaslo and Area D.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

In community the sense of belonging sits at the root of our well being. I think it is important to acknowledge the 2SLGBTIQ+ community, an invisible minority, as this gesture can lend to their sense of belonging to community. There are very few images or reflections that society provides for queer community to feel included and considered as part of the community. We believe the community as a whole will benefit from taking the opportunity to show their support toward inclusivity and diversity.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This will be an opportunity to express allyship and to support the 2SLGBTIQ+ community in Kaslo and surrounding area.

The 2SLGBTIQ+ community continues to experience discrimination based on their gender & sexual orientation. This is an opportunity for the queer community to witness and experience the support of their community, and to provide a safe space to socialize and foster positive queer culture and community. The need for visibility is one of the primary issues facing the 2SLGBTIQ+ community.

These issues have been identified by youth & adults who identify as 2SLGBTIQ+ living in Kaslo and the surrounding area.

For years youth approached me, Shannon Isaac Kaslo and Area Youth Council Manager, to attend Kootenay Pride from 2014 to 2018. In 2019, a local youth approached me to express their idea of painting a rainbow crosswalk with the hopes of acknowledging and conveying acceptance and support toward the 2SLGBTIQ+ community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is best suited to deliver the project because it has been supporting queer youth and community over the last 11 years. It was the first organization to gather youth volunteers to paint the crosswalk, and to develop and deliver a community celebration for the queer community.

We have committed staff and volunteers who will ensure the project goals and tasks are completed.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Shannon Isaac will oversee the project goals and tasks, Miranda Halliday youth assistant will help with coordination and tasks.

**Project: Kaslo Pride Celebration**

We will also invite volunteers to help paint the rainbow crosswalk, and set up and take down for the community celebration.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer work for the Pride Crosswalk 15ppl x 3hrs x \$20/hr = \$900  
Volunteer work for Set Up and Clean up at Community Celebration 4ppl x 3hrs x \$20/hr = \$240.00  
Pride paraphernalia & supplies for community celebration (flags, stickers, shoe laces) = \$200.00  
Pin Making Machines

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild Society**

Registration # S-43659

PO Box 777, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Create Community Art Gallery**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The project will take place in the existing Forestry building/ Art Gallery located at 503 - 1st St NW in downtown Nakusp

Importance to the community:

This project is important for the completion of the art gallery renovations. The art gallery space is important to Nakusp because there is currently no exhibit space for our local and emerging artists. This project will also address the limited space available at present for other cultural events such as music and workshops. Our local High School art students will also benefit from the project by being able to exhibit their art annually in our gallery. The Library and their patrons will benefit from this project in that we will provide space for their growing literary readings. The Museum /Archives will work in conjunction with us for heritage related events.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$28,000.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$28,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$28,000.00</b>	<b>\$221,990.00</b>	<b>\$221,990.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to purchase and install flooring in the future art gallery. This includes the ground floor and second story. At present the ground floor is rough concrete and the second story is pieced together plywood from the 1940's. Since the building was originally used as a fire-fighting warehouse, the original flooring is inadequate for the building's change of use ie: occupancy permit requirements. A commercial grade vinyl plank flooring will be purchased and installed.

The project also includes interior and exterior lighting fixtures for the main gallery and exterior of building.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide the optimum exhibition space for the visual arts in the West Kootenays and beyond, for the established and emerging artists, showcasing the highest quality works for those areas. The ALFA Guild is a non-profit association comprised of area artists and community members of the Arrow Lakes District.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important for the completion of the art gallery renovations. The art gallery space is important to Nakusp because there is currently no exhibit space for our local and emerging artists. This project will also address the limited space available at present for other cultural events such as music and workshops. Our local High School art students will also benefit from the project by being able to exhibit their art annually in our gallery. The Library and their patrons will benefit from this project in that we will provide space for their growing literary readings. The Museum /Archives will work in conjunction with us for heritage related events.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

A concrete floor is very cold in winter, and would negatively impact our member gallery sitter, as well as the general public attending exhibits and evening events. Those with mobility issues (walkers, canes, etc) require a smooth surface to minimize tripping hazard.

Our second floor space will be used for workshops offered to the general public. The existing floor is a patchwork of rough plywood. By choosing a commercial grade vinyl flooring throughout, the flooring will stand up to the wear and tear of foot traffic for the life of the gallery.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The ALFA Guild has signed a 10 year lease with the Province of BC, with two 5 year renewal options. This lease is rent free, only requiring an annual lease fee for the first five years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be undertaken by the ALFA Guild, specifically the Executive Directors. The project will be overseen by the Project Manager and the actual work will be performed by qualified Trades.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**Project: Create Community Art Gallery**

ALFA Guild members and community members have been contributing in-kind volunteer labor; the insulation and vapor barrier of the entire building was completed by volunteers. Painting of exterior and interior wood trim was also 100% in-kind volunteerism.

Our Project Manager has contributed not only overseeing the entire project and trades, but also built new stairs, manufactured new handrails and installed all interior doors as in-kind.

The Provincial Government of BC (Ministry of Citizen Services) is providing the building rent free for 10 years, valued at \$300,000 based on \$2500 per month.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Salmo Skateboard Coalition**

Registration #

P0 box 968, Salmo B.C. V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Salmo Indoor Skate bowl admission subsidy**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

The project will take place in Salmo at the Salmo indoor skate bowl facility.

Importance to the community:

The project is important to our community because the socioeconomic average in the Salmo Valley is low income. Salmo has a large youth population and many young adults finding them selves staying in the community after high school due to the impact of the housing crisis as well pandemic related issues. It is important to community wellness for people of all incomes to have equal opportunity when it comes to access to health enhancing activities. The indoor skate bowl is an asset to the community for tourism purposes being as it is one of a kind and is the longest running indoor facility of its kind in bc and likely nationally. It is also a local symbol of volunteerism in the effort to construct originally as well as run it. The Community will benefit from the facility being open and accessible.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/31/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**Project: Salmo Indoor Skate bowl admission subsidy****1. The project will provide:**

Our project is to create accessibility to the Salmo Indoor Skate bowl facility through subsidizing the entrance fee to all children and youth as well as adults experiencing financial barriers. We feel that by providing ease of accessibility to the facility it will benefit our community directly. The effects of our project will be felt socially and seen by providing access to alternate fitness options, creative expression through movement and enhanced creativity, supporting individuals improved mental health through fitness, creative expression and a grounding sense of belonging in community. The Salmo skateboard coalition will be will provide free admissions to the skate bowl facility to all children/youth and free or subsidized admission to adults experiencing barriers to access because of financial limitations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To create access to skateboarding in the Salmo valley, run the Salmo Indoor Skate bowl.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project is important to our community because the socioeconomic average in the Salmo Valley is low income. Salmo has a large youth population and many young adults finding them selves staying in the community after high school due to the impact of the housing crisis as well pandemic related issues. It is important to community wellness for people of all incomes to have equal opportunity when it comes to access to health enhancing activities. The indoor skate bowl is an asset to the community for tourism purposes being as it is one of a kind and is the longest running indoor facility of its kind in bc and likely nationally. It is also a local symbol of volunteerism in the effort to construct originally as well as run it. The Community will benefit from the facility being open and accessible.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Inflation is a big issue that we are seeing and feeling the burden of all around these days. Salmo Valley residents are being impacted by the higher cost of living. We feel that by subsidizing the user fee for children, youth and adults with financial limitations, we are able to provide low barrier access to a great alternate fitness option, community as well as help to support equity in our region.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The purpose of our organization is to promote and support skateboarding in our community. We are an organized group of dedicated volunteers that have been involved with and running the facility since 2006.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Salmo skateboard coalition will be implementing the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Administration and volunteer coordinator and facilitation.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Pet Adoption and Welfare Society**

Registration # 124-891352569 RR0001  
2805 Lower Wynndel Road, Creston BC V0B 1G8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Spay/Neuter & Vaccination Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

The program is organized by PAWS. The actual procedure and vaccination are contracted through the Creston Veterinary Hospital, with whom PAWS has had a long-term relationship.

For the animals that are adopted out prior to the Spay or Neuter, the \$45 voucher is honored at various BC Veterinary Hospital. This provides PAWS with the necessary proof of sterilization by which we can measure the efficacy of the program.

Importance to the community:

The issue of feral cats/colonies is a large, ongoing, and challenging issue in all contribute the areas we serve. A shortage of vet services and a lack of a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program to control the feral feline population all to the number of unwanted litters.

Financial hardship and the housing situation where renters can't find a place that allows pets, contribute to the high volume of surrendered or abandoned cats. The biggest risks to the health of all cats is the Feline Leukemia Virus (FLV) and the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) a contagious, communicable and potentially deadly diseases. Testing, vaccinating and euthanizing ill feral cats are essential in keeping all community cats as healthy as possible.

Thus, both the community and stray animals are positively affected by the program.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$11,846.00</b>	<b>\$940.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$11,554.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$25,240.00</b>

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$25,240.00	\$25,240.00	\$25,240.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The goal of the PAWS Spay/Neuter & Vaccination (S/N & V) project is to reduce the overpopulation of cats and dogs in our area. PAWS spays and neuters all age-appropriate pets before adoption. Those too young for sterilization go to their new home with a \$45 spay/neuter voucher to help offset the cost of the procedure, which has been met with an overwhelmingly positive response. Every cat and dog coming into our care is vaccinated as per veterinary guidelines.

Part of our Constitution mandate is to find safe, loving, forever homes for abused, abandoned, stray, and unwanted animals. This project supports our efforts to control pet overpopulation by S/N & V animals before they leave our shelter. We ensure that all pets in our care are vaccinated as soon as possible, to protect them from illness and disease.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

PAWS is a non-profit, volunteer-run, no-kill animal shelter that serves the Creston Valley. We are dedicated to finding loving homes for abandoned, rescued, surrendered, and abused pets in the Valley. We educate the public through community outreach. We provide veterinary care, rehabilitation, socialization, and spaying or neutering as required. Community outreach is achieved through education, re-homing assistance, and reuniting lost pets.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The issue of feral cats/colonies is a large, ongoing, and challenging issue in all contribute the areas we serve. A shortage of vet services and a lack of a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program to control the feral feline population all to the number of unwanted litters.

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Thus, both the community and stray animals are positively affected by the program.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

PAWS is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization whose funding comes only from donations, fundraising, and grants. Animals coming into our care almost always need to be S/N&V, which creates a great financial burden for an organization reliant on donations, fundraising, and grants. It means selling a lot of pies, hot dogs, and dog cookies, but the cost of the program has now far exceeded what it's possible to even come close to by fundraising.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

PAWS serves just over 9,000 square miles, from Rykerts in the south, west to Salmo, north to Riondel, and east to Yahk. We're the only animal welfare organization in the area.

**Project: Spay/Neuter & Vaccination Program**

In 2023 PAWS rescued, fostered, provided veterinary care and rehabilitation to over 194 cats and dogs. We pooled our resources and helped Meant 2B Loved with their TNR in Creston. By increasing the foster homes we were able to care for over 50 cats (not including litters) from May to Sept. As soon as a cat would leave our facility, a foster brought in a cat that's been waiting, often with their litter.

Thus, our intake numbers can easily quadruple during kitten season (fast approaching!).

We are fortunate to have a retired vet and some vet techs and trained nurses volunteering their time and home to help triage and care for our more needy cats.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The executive and board of directors of PAWS are responsible for implementing the program from the time of intake to adoption. The board approves adopters of shelter animals and conducts governance activities for the organization, among numerous other duties.

The Creston Veterinary Hospital plays a key role as they perform the procedure/vaccination. PAWS volunteers support the program by processing paperwork, arranging appointments, and transporting the pet to and from the clinic. If the pet is underage, the office volunteers make sure that adopters have the spay/neuter voucher and are aware of the timeline in which the surgery must be completed.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

As a volunteer-run organization, countless people hours are devoted to sheltering cats and dogs that come into our care. This care produces a myriad of volunteer activities, including organization governance, office administration, caring for the animals themselves (receiving, feeding, cleaning, administering meds/treatments, socialization, transport to/from vet, etc.), and maintaining and upgrading the shelter itself. As these activities are integral to the entire adoption process (which in turn leads to the S/N&V of shelter animals), the program can't succeed without volunteer support.

NEW for 2024, PAWS is actively working with the Town of Creston, Creston Veterinary Hospital, SNAP, SPCA, and Meant 2 Loved (Feral Rescue organization - Cindy Jowsey is their Creston and area Volunteer) to create an TNR program for the Town of Creston. We also hope that this collaboration will help identify and target problem areas, establish open communication and pooled resources to help tackle feline overpopulation.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**

Registration # 12995 5286 RR0001  
Box 100, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Nakusp and Area Food Bank and Breakfast Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

The Nakusp Food Bank-205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp. Open Thursday and Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm, closed between 12 and 1pm.

Holiday Hampers - Nakusp Sports Complex

Breakfast Programs - Nakusp Secondary School, 619B 4th Street NW at the Home Economic Room. Available every school day from 8am-9am.

Nakusp Elementary School, 619A 4th Street NW at the Breakfast Room, Available every school day from 8am-9am

Burton Elementary School, 219 Burton School Road, Burton BC. Available every school day from 8am-9am

Project administration - Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) at 205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp

Importance to the community:

Food Bank storefronts remain one of the fundamental services of Food Banks Canada in their effort to help people in need. Nakusp Food Bank helps provide recipients with essential food items to augment existing food supplies in their home when times are tough and hard decisions need to be made.

Participating in fresh food recovery to access surplus food that is fresh and healthy while simultaneously reducing food waste.

Conduit to refer clients to community programs to help educate individuals/parent/children on nutrition, helping to relieve food insecurity issues.

Breakfast Program - Nutrition/health education for children/youth, increase awareness of healthy eating habits.

Opportunities for students to learn/practice skills i.e. positive socialization and food preparation.

Involvement/education of the community/parents/school staff.

Improve attendance/reduce absenteeism resulting in successful learning.

Project will provide services to our most vulnerable residents of Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood, Summit Lake, and children attending NES/BES/NSS.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 5/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$41,708.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver

**Project: Nakusp and Area Food Bank and Breakfast Program**

\$1,000.00				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$47,708.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$47,708.00</b>	<b>\$96,183.00</b>	<b>\$96,183.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Food Bank collects nutritious food and works at the community level to distribute to those facing difficulties purchasing enough food to avoid hunger. The project will purchase food, receive donations, implement food recovery initiatives, and distribute nutritious food. The Breakfast Program provides nutrition to undernourished children at the local schools. Food is purchased including gluten free options and is delivered to the schools on a regular basis. Volunteers monitor the Breakfast Program at the Elementary Schools, and the grade twelve students and the Foods teacher oversee the high school program. The Loop Program is a food recovery initiative which collects and distributes food from the local grocery store which would otherwise go to waste. The project has expanded to food recovery from local producers and farmers. The Program requires a part time employee to execute the project deliverables and coordinate the volunteers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) is a non-profit charity providing community based social services solutions for 50 years. Our Vision: "Advocating for vibrant, thriving and supportive communities." Our Mission: "Working together with our communities to provide innovative services and solutions." We successfully deliver over 20 diverse programs and services, i.e. Employment services, Women and Children's counseling, Home Support, Better at Home, Medical Bus, Food Bank and more. ASLCS is a financially solid and capable organization and holds many government contracts with a multitude of funding models. Successful simultaneous management of these contracts demonstrates that we have the capability to financially manage and support all services. ASLCS has a varied portfolio of assets, internal controls to maintain cash, savings, and an undrawn line of credit. Our operating budget is \$1,191,544.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Food Bank storefronts remain one of the fundamental services of Food Banks Canada in their effort to help people in need. Nakusp Food Bank helps provide recipients with essential food items to augment existing food supplies in their home when times are tough and hard decisions need to be made.

Participating in fresh food recovery to access surplus food that is fresh and healthy while simultaneously reducing food waste.

Conduit to refer clients to community programs to help educate individuals/parent/children on nutrition, helping to relieve food insecurity issues.

Breakfast Program - Nutrition/health education for children/youth, increase awareness of healthy eating habits.

Opportunities for students to learn/practice skills i.e. positive socialization and food preparation.

Involvement/education of the community/parents/school staff.

Improve attendance/reduce absenteeism resulting in successful learning.

Project will provide services to our most vulnerable residents of Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood, Summit Lake, and children attending NES/BES/NSS.



**Project: Nakusp and Area Food Bank and Breakfast Program****4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues - low income families/individuals living in poverty/experiencing health issues/seniors on fixed income struggling to make ends meet with the high costs of rents/groceries. Rural and remote area where children are often on the bus for over an hour before arriving to school (Edgewood/Nakusp including ferry rides, 76km/one way). Children are hungry again when they arrive at school after the long commute.

Opportunities - supplementing groceries for our most vulnerable to help them in their struggle to put enough food on the table. Partnerships with summer market/community gardens/local farmers to provide seasonal healthy/nutritious/fresh fruits/vegetables.

Providing nutritious food for children to ensure academic success, educating children/youth re benefits of good nutrition.

Providing education to individuals/families with recipes/tips for cooking nutritious/budget-friendly meals.

Identified via results/analysis of recorded stats, numbers of families/individuals served, number of times services are accessed. Feedback from schools/service providers confirms continued and growing need.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

ASLCS has demonstrated capacity to manage and support a variety of social-based programs. We have specialized with 35+ years of experience and we have operating the Food Bank for over 40 years. We consistently receive good feedback from community members and clients that use these services. At Christmas time we provide about 175 hampers to help those in need and it is a good feeling to be able to give to the community. The Food Bank and Breakfast Program have dedicated volunteers which is essential to delivery of the programs. Our agency works well together and we continuously evaluate our programs with the goal of improving delivery of needed services to our most vulnerable. ASLCS is a respected agency in our community, and residents and businesses continually amaze us with their generous and ongoing support especially considering the current economic climate.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

ASLCS - administration, finance, supervision of the project

Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator - coordinate the Food Bank activities, purchase food, deliver food the Breakfast Programs, implement The Loop Program, staff the Food Bank, communications and support.

ASLCS volunteers - helping with the Food Bank, Holiday Hampers, Breakfast Program, The Loop, Nakusp and Burton Elementary School and Nakusp Secondary School staff and principals to implement the Breakfast Program.

SaveOn Grocery Store - The Loop Food Recovery Initiative.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Donations of groceries, toys, clothing and toiletries comes from the community is valued at \$7000. Volunteer contribution to the Breakfast Program is 375 hours, Holiday Hampers is 130 hours. Total 505 volunteer hours valued at \$10,100.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan and Area Trails Society**

Registration #

Box 332, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Trail Maintenance Ottawa Hill Area**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place in the area known as Ottawa Hill. It is up Springer Creek Road just to the East of Slocan City.

Importance to the community:

Access to our trails and backcountry is being threatened with changes to the forestry industry and we as a community realize the importance to preserving the usage of this area. Locals and visitors will benefit from this project as they will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoor recreation close to home.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$4,950.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,950.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,950.00</b>	<b>\$5,025.00</b>	<b>\$5,025.00</b>

**Project: Trail Maintenance Ottawa Hill Area****1. The project will provide:**

Slocan and Area Trail Society (SATS) has received authorization from Recreation Sites and Trails BC to do basic trail maintenance within an area known as Ottawa Hill, Slocan, BC. This area consists of old mining and resource roads/trails that have overgrown brush threatening the usage of these trails. These motorized and non-motorized trails are used by locals and visitors for non-commercial recreation purposes and are an essential part of our community and the history of the Slocan region.

SATS has been maintaining this area for almost a year and we need to do more brushing along approx. 8 km of road. We are asking for financial support to purchase a wood chipper to help us achieve our goal. With your support, we will be able to purchase the necessary equipment to mulch brush that will be removed from the sides these trails and to cover the fuel costs associated with this. Our intention is to donate the wood chips to our local community garden and/or other local groups that need it.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- Provide a sustainable network of recreational trails for a diverse range of users
- Help preserve public access to public land
- Respect and recognition for First Nations' and wildlife interest
- Partnership and Collaboration with other user groups and members of the public (ie. land owners, tenure holders, licensee holders)
- Preserve the culture heritage of the area
- Secure recreation opportunities for all trail users
- Provide educational opportunities for the public
- Empower youth to work on the trail building and related community service projects

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Access to our trails and backcountry is being threatened with changes to the forestry industry and we as a community realize the importance to preserving the usage of this area. Locals and visitors will benefit from this project as they will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoor recreation close to home.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

At this time, we do not anticipate any issues regarding this project. We do have an ATV available to us to tow the wood chipper up to the site.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our society is the first and only trail group of it's kind in Slocan. We recognize the need to preserve and maintain both motorized and non-motorized trails in our area. This project has a lot of community support with different trail users. We have the capacity to complete this project as it is small and simple.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We have a wonderful group of volunteers helping us with this project along with the SATS Board members. We anticipate the project will take 4-8 days of work, depending on volunteer numbers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The work crew will be all volunteers. This project is expected to take 4-8 days depending on crew size (4-6 people).

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **East Kootenay Foundation for Health**

Registration # 118878677RR0001  
13 24th Ave N, Cranbrook BC V1C 3H9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Creston Valley Hospital Healing Garden - Phase 1**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

There is existing space at the front of the Creston Valley Hospital for a healing garden. As part of the planning phase, we will further determine if there are any other possibilities or places within the facility to expand the garden or make micro green spaces.

Importance to the community:

Everyone will require health care at some point in their lives. Healing gardens recognize that supporting patients and their families require more than treatment, they require care.

Adding a healing garden to the Creston Valley will create a much needed space for patients and their loved ones to feel cared for.

It will be a space where people can breathe, relax, feel connected to nature, and at peace. Everyone at the hospital, including health care staff, will benefit from it.

The garden will also provide volunteer opportunities for new and different community members to stay connected and supportive of community health in Creston.

A key component of the feasibility study and design plan completed in phase one will be engaging the community and discovering what local organizations and resources are available in Creston to additionally benefit from the project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$4,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

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			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
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<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We are planning a healing garden for the front of the hospital at the Creston Valley Hospital. This project has been chosen following the success of the Columbia Gardens Healing Garden recently built in Invermere.

The project has three phases:

1. Feasibility and Design [2024-2025]
2. Fundraising Campaign [2025-2026]
3. Installation [2026-2027]

We are requesting support for the first phase to have a consultant work closely with EKFH, Interior Health, Yaqaan Nukiy, and Creston Valley community members to complete a feasibility study and design plan for the space and garden.

This plan will outline a design for the garden that includes:

- Safety & accessible
- Native and sustainable plant inclusion
- Environmentally friendly design
- Cost of installation, integration with existing IH irrigation systems, and upkeep
- Community partnerships and volunteer coordination for installation and ongoing maintenance

Having a plan in place will allow us to find community support and develop a fundraising campaign to see the Healing Garden complete in 2026/2027.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

East Kootenay Foundation for Health provides funding to the East Kootenay Interior Health region. This serves a catchment area of over 85,000 British Columbians and includes:

- East Kootenay Regional Hospital
- Creston Valley Hospital
- Invermere and District Hospital
- Golden and District Hospital
- Elk Valley Hospital.

We also provide funding for:

- Kimberley Health Centre
- Elkford Health Centre

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- Sparwood Health Centre
- Columbia House
- Dr FW Green Home
- Durand Manor
- Kimberley Special Care Home

and community health care programs throughout the East Kootenay Region.

EKFH relies on donations and gifts to provide vital, leading-edge medical equipment, and patient comforts to the East Kootenay Region. Donations can support a specific community facility; medical area of the donor's choice or can be designated unrestricted to help areas of greatest need. Donating to EKFH helps ensure that we are able to provide up to date medical care for you, your family and friends, and your community. Through the donations, EKFH strives to make sure the East Kootenay region is equipped with state-of-the-art technology for care and patient comfort. Well-equipped facilities help attract and keep highly-skilled medical personnel to live in East Kootenay and provide excellent medical service to East Kootenay residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Everyone will require health care at some point in their lives. Healing gardens recognize that supporting patients and their families require more than treatment, they require care.

Adding a healing garden to the Creston Valley will create a much needed space for patients and their loved ones to feel cared for.

It will be a space where people can breathe, relax, feel connected to nature, and at peace. Everyone at the hospital, including health care staff, will benefit from it.

The garden will also provide volunteer opportunities for new and different community members to stay connected and supportive of community health in Creston.

A key component of the feasibility study and design plan completed in phase one will be engaging the community and discovering what local organizations and resources are available in Creston to additionally benefit from the project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Healthcare staff have identified a lack of outdoor, safe, healing spaces for patients and families at the Creston Valley Hospital. Several studies show associations between experiencing nature and better healing, a reduction in the use of medication, shorter hospital stays, and diminished mental strain among family members and health care staff. Gardens also provide opportunities for exercise and movement outdoor, as well as access to nature and positive distractions.

The construction of a healing garden will give patients, their families, and loved ones a space to for care and healing that is outside of their hospital room.

This space will be accessible and supported by volunteers to encourage connection among the community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

EKFH has worked with Interior Health to funded and bring many successful projects and improvements to health care facilities in the region.

The Columbia House Healing Garden in Invermere, which inspired this project, was coordinated by the Columbia House Enhancement Society. EKFH supported fundraising efforts during the project, and has been interested in seeing similar projects start across the region. Creston is well positioned to be the next healing garden, but requires leadership from EKFH to see the project through to completion and long term success.

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Taking this planning step in the process will allow EKFH to build new community partnerships and confirm if a healing garden addition is possible in Creston Valley, as well as a potential for the other East Kootenay Health Region sites.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

East Kootenay Foundation for Health will coordinate the planning and fundraising for the project. EKFH has been working across the East Kootenay health region for decades to bring leading-edge medical equipment, and patient comforts to health care facilities.

We lack the resources and staff time to develop the garden plan on our own. A hired consultant can bring the community engagement, planning, and development experience to work with the Creston community to develop the garden plan.

IH staff will provide expertise to ensure the garden is meaningful, accessible, and safe for all Creston patients, visitors, and staff.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Most in-kind contributions will be requested once we are in the fundraising and development phase of the project. During planning and engagement, we may ask for communications support from local media and sharing within different Creston Valley Community Organizations but do not anticipate any major in-kind contributions.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Living Lakes Canada Society**

Registration # 727136327RR0001

#202A, 330 Baker Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4H5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Building on opportunities for Cottonwood Creek stewardship and restoration**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, City of Nelson

This project will take place in the Cottonwood Creek watershed, from the headwaters at Cottonwood Lake Regional Park in RDCK Area E, to the mouth at Kootenay Lake in the City of Nelson. Cottonwood Creek flows through many rural neighbourhoods between the lake and the city limits. Cottonwood Falls Park is a focal point for community events and visitors. The creek then flows through the Railtown neighbourhood, past the Nelson Visitor Centre and enters Kootenay Lake at the Nelson Waterfront Pathway. This project takes place on the territories of the Ktunaxa, Sinixt and Syilx Nations.

Importance to the community:

Accessible, thriving ecosystems are a valuable asset to our community. The strong response to our community engagement campaign implemented in Spring 2024 illustrated how valued Cottonwood Creek is by residents of the area. 28 people attended an in-person meeting to learn more about impacts to the watershed and discuss their concerns, values and visions for restoration. A further 22 individuals expressed interest in the project and will be invited to provide input virtually.

Community volunteers will benefit from education, mentorship and field experience gained while working with our staff to collect water quality and biomonitoring data. Sharing the outcomes of this project with youth and the broader public provides an opportunity to improve freshwater literacy using a locally relevant case study.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$13,100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$20,100.00</b>

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$20,100.00</b>	<b>\$71,500.00</b>	<b>\$71,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Our long-term goal is to restore Cottonwood Creek to a healthy, functioning habitat and community asset. Development and industrial activity have significantly impacted this ecosystem. Restoring this creek is a complex undertaking due to the number of stakeholders and interest groups involved, as well as the existing cumulative impacts on watershed health. Work completed in 2023-2024 with the support of the ReDi Grants yielded valuable information about the state of the watershed, the importance of this watershed to the community and the information gaps which must be addressed before restoration can proceed.

This project will build on the existing work, by continuing to address persisting data and knowledge gaps which will inform subsequent watershed restoration and management planning. An Aquatic Habitat Inventory survey will be carried out, to identify specific potential locations for restoration efforts. Water quality monitoring will be continued and expanded, to identify specific factors or causes which may contribute to water quality issues. Collecting this additional information will allow restoration opportunities to be identified and prioritized. Information sharing and relationship building with the relevant individuals within municipal, regional, First Nations and provincial governments will continue, as any restoration activities on this creek will require a collaborative and coordinated approach. Youth and other community members will be engaged through educational and volunteer opportunities throughout the process.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Living Lakes Canada (LLC) facilitates collaboration in education, monitoring, restoration and policy development initiatives for the long-term protection of lakes, rivers, wetlands and watersheds in Canada. Our mandate is to help people across Canada understand, adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change on water quality and quantity, biodiversity and healthy human communities through grassroots water stewardship activities. Living Lakes Canada bridges the gap between science and action to foster and normalize citizen-based water stewardship.

LLC serves to address the climate crisis as it relates to all people across Canada. Our work encompasses water protection, restoration, and health. We build capacity through community-based water monitoring to help address climate impacts. We promote and facilitate cross-sector collaboration and research to increase water literacy and support progressive decision-making for improved water stewardship. Our successful leadership and stewardship templates have supported the creation of many other grassroots water stewardship groups. LLC has received multiple water stewardship awards and has been recognized by the federal government as a "best practices" example in community-based ecological monitoring in Canada.

Our internal support functions assist our core programs and are currently managing an annual budget of \$4,181,617 including projects across Canada.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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concerns, values and visions for restoration. A further 22 individuals expressed interest in the project and will be invited to provide input virtually.

Community volunteers will benefit from education, mentorship and field experience gained while working with our staff to collect water quality and biomonitoring data. Sharing the outcomes of this project with youth and the broader public provides an opportunity to improve freshwater literacy using a locally relevant case study.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This project addresses the need for improved understanding and stewardship of Cottonwood Creek. The effectiveness of previous site-specific restoration efforts have been limited, due to larger systemic issues which need to be addressed. A holistic approach must be taken to managing this creek, taking into account all existing documentation and involving all interested parties.

The 2023 State of the Watershed report identifies information gaps which must be addressed before a watershed management plan or restoration activities can be initiated. Among other things, the 2023 report recommends that the water quality monitoring program be continued, that CABIN biomonitoring be repeated, and that an instream bio-inventory and aquatic habitat assessment be conducted following the provincial Fish Habitat Assessment Procedure.

This project also leverages opportunities to include recommendations for the improved management of the creek in the upcoming City of Nelson Official Community Plan Update.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Living Lakes Canada is best suited to lead this project due to our extensive experience, expertise, and proven track record in water conservation and community engagement. LLC is dedicated to the protection and conservation of freshwater resources and promoting community-based water stewardship.

Our team is composed of 29 qualified employees who bring a wealth of experience facilitating water monitoring and stewardship projects. Additionally, we are connected to a network of industry leaders and professionals who are committed to supporting and advising on our stewardship initiatives.

LLC's strong commitment to community engagement, collaboration, and transparency positions us as an ideal leader for this project. Our expertise in facilitating multi-sector community engagement processes aligns with the project's methodology, which emphasizes collaboration and local priorities.

The project's partners provide critical support for this project, providing local connections, volunteer capacity and bringing the perspectives of different stakeholders to the initiative.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be led by Living Lakes Canada, with support from the Nelson and District Rod and Gun Club and Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society (while currently on hiatus). The fish habitat assessment will be contracted to a team of qualified environmental professionals including fisheries biologists. Water quality and biomonitoring will continue to be led by field technicians at Living Lakes, with support from community volunteers. Community and stakeholder engagement will be led by Living Lakes. The project will be shared with local youth as a case study of community-led watershed stewardship by our partners at Wildsight.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Living Lakes Canada will receive support from community volunteers to support the water quality monitoring. Members of the Nelson and District Rod and Gun Club will provide in-kind contributions to the project. This will include the use of their hall near Cottonwood Creek for community meetings, and volunteers to support project activities. Local consultants provide in-kind advice on the project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Edgewood Community Internet Society**

Registration #

322 A Monashee Avenue, P.O. Box 152, Edgewood British Columbia V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Edgewood Community Internet Society - Community Cookbook**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The compilation of the done is been done at The edge. The cookbook will be printed by Friesen Press, it will be available online and copies will be for sale at The Edge's office by September 2024.

Importance to the community:

The project is important to all the members of the community that have taken the time to submit their recipes to us. Overall, the community members will benefit, this will helps with monthly expense which keeps the office opens. The Edge helps all members of our community access federal and provincial government websites, e-health records, employment sites and work related interviews, inquiries for other local clubs that do not have their contact listed, basis office printing, receiving and sending faxing and creating, sending and access emails. Including all other office requirements as needed.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
				<b>\$13,649.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$13,649.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$13,649.00</b>	<b>\$14,932.00</b>	<b>\$14,932.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This is a compilation of recipes from local resident and visitors to our area that have generously submitted their favorite recipes. Resident in our region grows most of their own vegetables during the summer; they use what is available locally and have produce some of the most delicious and easy to prepared recipes. They willing contributed some of their recipes.

Other recipe resources we used in the cookbook are adaptations from other printed cookbooks and Internet websites. This cookbook has been long in the making and after many editions, we have finally revamp this cookbook and ready to get it published.

This project will also help with the society's expenses and helps us to continue helping and supporting our communities members. This is a not for profit project.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Edgewood Community Internet Society Mandate

To continue to provide the citizens of Edgewood and the Inonoaklin Valley (our community) with equal and inclusive opportunity for access to computer technology, offering training and support to all interested residents of our community who require technological assistance with their education, entrepreneurial and job skills training, information, social, cultural and artistic needs, and to develop community and regional networks. Completing all contract deliverables' and reports before the funders' deadline.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project is important to all the members of the community that have taken the time to submit their recipes to us. Overall, the community members will benefit, this will helps with monthly expense which keeps the office opens. The Edge helps all members of our community access federal and provincial government websites, e-health records, employment sites and work related interviews, inquiries for other local clubs that do not have their contact listed, basis office printing, receiving and sending faxing and creating, sending and access emails. Including all other office requirements as needed.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The opportunities are our local members having their recipes published receiving and giving a special part of themselves is an integral part of this cookbook. The contributor's identity for their recipe is given beside their contribution. The society's is pleased to have spearheaded this project and the enthusiasm it has received from members of the community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The publishing a cookbook has been an idea of the former chair for at least 15 years. Many of our community members are great cooks, the compilation of recipes had been well received by community members. The society has had many youth interns that have worked on a version of the cookbook. The society is well suited because we have had the human resources, technical and equipment to get it started and able to revamp it as needed. The Edge has helped local authors connected with the publish their books. So, trying to publish one of our own is something of achievement to the society.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The society's board of directors, office staff are all involved in the project. Members of the community have been asked for submission of their receipts by phone calls and on the Edgewood community Facebook page. The office staff have been working on this project over the last years to get it into fruition.

- 8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours \$11,500.00

Staff wage cost \$6720.00

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**

Registration # 118933191RR0001

602 Stanley Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 1N4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Nelson Public Library

Project Title **Library Delivery Service in Area E**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

We intend to connect with local businesses interested in hosting the delivery service once funding is secured. In a library survey for Area E residents we asked where would be a convenient place for folks to pull over and drop off/pick up library materials. Residents indicated that Kokanee Park Marina or the Balfour Superette may be good choices, for example. We are open to recirculating the survey to find the best location that works for Area E residents if more residents would like their input included and will work closely with the local business partner.

Importance to the community:

The library is a place and resource for everyone who wants to use it. As life gets less affordable, access to library services is more essential. The opportunity to fill a home with new books each week without the need to make trips into town will hopefully offset costs for families, seniors and folks who don't go into Nelson often.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/17/2024      Project End: 6/23/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$3,921.49</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,921.49</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,921.49</b>	<b>\$3,921.49</b>	<b>\$3,921.49</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The Library Delivery Service project will support a weekly delivery of library materials to and from a local business in Area E. This will save Area E residents a trip into town, and instead support activity locally. Anyone with a library card can put an item (a book, a puzzle, etc.) on hold through our website or by phone. As part of the Delivery Service project, a librarian will pack up items for Area E residents weekly and ship them to a local business where they can pick them up instead of coming into town. There will also be a bin for folks to drop off items they want returned to the library.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Friends are applying for the grant on behalf of the Nelson Public Library. The Friends mandate is to raise funds and advocate for the Library. The Library's mission is to spark curiosity, support inclusion and make learning possible for everyone. Its vision is a connected community inspired by innovation and imagination. The core values of the Library are: universal and equitable access, excellent service, diversity, equity and inclusion, sustainability, and meaningful relationships. There are many ways that this project supports these values. Crucially, this project will make library services more easily accessible to Area E families by providing delivery of library books, puzzles and other items to a more convenient location. They'll also be able to drop library materials off at a local business so they can avoid another trip into town!

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The library is a place and resource for everyone who wants to use it. As life gets less affordable, access to library services is more essential. The opportunity to fill a home with new books each week without the need to make trips into town will hopefully offset costs for families, seniors and folks who don't go into Nelson often.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

It's a hassle and expensive to get into town and find parking near the Nelson Public Library. But with a card, you can place a hold on books, puzzles, DVDs, and other items that you'd like and a librarian will pull them from the shelves for you. With this delivery service, we'll put your ordered items in a bin and send them to a local business for you. This is an opportunity to support busy, budget-minded families looking for books and entertainment, folks who do not drive, and those who simply avoid driving into town whenever possible. The library provides a similar service in the Slokan valley that is quite popular.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The library has an ever-expanding collection of books for children of all ages, a vibrant selection of books and graphic novels for young adults, and many book club sets and best sellers for adults. We can also order books from other libraries for people if what they want is not available at the Nelson library specifically. The breadth of materials we can deliver make us uniquely suited to deliver this project to Area E residents. With funding, have the capacity to support this project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Library staff members will be responsible for preparing materials for Area E residents and putting them in the bin. They will also track usage to identify whether the service can be improved. Staff members are easily accessible by email or phone if residents have questions. We will hire a delivery service (currently we work with Ace and Alopex) to facilitate the drop-off and pick-up of items. The local business partner will provide a space for a bookshelf or counter and pile the newly ordered items for residents to pick up.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

\$1200 - 30 hours for program development and assessment (developing partnership and agreement with a local business, surveying residents, ensuring efficacy of program, value assessment)

\$300 - marketing and promotions materials

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Youth Action Network**

Registration #

310 Ward Street - Suite 101, Nelson British Columbia V1L 5S4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Youth Mural Project 2024**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Youth Mural Project will take place in Nelson BC. Meetings regarding the preparation and planning of our youth mural project will occur at the Nelson and District Youth Centre, located at 608 Lake Street. The location site of the mural will be Rosemont Elementary School, located at 1605 Crease Avenue. Rosemont Elementary School, and by extension the entire Rosemont suburb, is a mindful community which uses caring, commitment to learning, creativity, common sense and calm to embrace challenges and change. This site location will foster mutual respect and responsibility, and an appreciation and care for this special neighborhood.

Importance to the community:

Community murals are a mode of expression for artists in every graphic style imaginable. Murals have recently become community centrepieces that bring people together to celebrate the heritage and history of their hometowns. Our proposed youth mural project will create a vibrant neighborhood that community members will want to visit, live in, and take care of. Murals often remind us to slow down and admire our surroundings, and create important conversations and expand thoughts on community issues.

Our project will be beneficial to the extended community of Nelson to explore and celebrate the talent and passion of local artists. Participating youth will have the opportunity to develop confidence, express themselves, and encouragement to engage in community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The Youth Mural Project 2024 is an opportunity for young local artists to learn the skills involved in the creation of a large art mural to be enjoyed and celebrated by the extended Nelson community. The youth will come together to choose one local professional artist to assume the role of supportive mentor throughout the entire process of preparation and creation. With the collaboration of the Nelson and District Arts Council, the group of local youth will meet bi-weekly to discuss artists, as well as overall design and layout which will ultimately result in the design and creation of a unique art mural. This project will provide local youth the opportunity to gain skills and knowledge in leadership and teamwork, with the additional opportunity to expand on their creative and art skills.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nelson Youth Action Network is a CBT grant-funded program that supports activities and diverse opportunities based on local youth priorities to engage youth to connect more and with our community. The NYAN also collaborates with organizations that work and interact with youth. An oversight committee formed by youth, council members, and local youth workers supports youth priorities and directs NYAN and programming.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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Our project will be beneficial to the extended community of Nelson to explore and celebrate the talent and passion of local artists. Participating youth will have the opportunity to develop confidence, express themselves, and encouragement to engage in community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Often times graffiti is a controversial subject, illegal art that is a visual form of communication with unauthorized individuals marking a public space. Our community has identified this as an issue. Sidney Black, Executive Director of the Nelson & District Art Council as well as the Nelson International Mural Festival Founder in collaboration with Joscelyn Koehle, the Nelson Youth Action Network Coordinator, are excited to present an opportunity for local youth to learn new artistic skills while providing valuable experiences to engage with their community. Our proposed project of a youth mural will act as a deterrent for future graffiti while simultaneously creating a safe, welcoming, and healthy addition to a local neighborhood.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Nelson Youth Action Network supports activities and diverse opportunities based on local youth priorities to engage youth to connect more and with our community. The NYAN also collaborates with organizations that work and interact with youth. An oversight committee formed by youth, council members, and local youth workers supports youth priorities and directs NYAN and programming. The NYAN started at the Nelson and District Youth Centre in 2017. Since 2017 NYAN has been providing several experiences for youth, which include providing young artists with the experience to create a mural for the annual Muralfest. We are well-suited and excited to deliver this project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Joscelyn Koehle will be extensively involved in overseeing this unique project in her role of Coordinator of the Nelson Youth Action Network. For the past 12 years Joscelyn has worked with children of all ages in homes, schools and outdoor settings always reflecting on leadership skills, communication, relationship building, and independent decision-making. Various youth artists from the Nelson area with interest in participating in this large group project will be working alongside an artist who will act as mentor for our participating youth to offer support, technical knowledge, and skills to create a memorable and timeless asset to our community.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-kind contributions include extended use of the multi-purpose meeting room at the Nelson & District Youth Centre for youth to host all preparation and planning meetings, as well as mural planning meetings with the assigned artist.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Valley Threads Guild**

Registration # S0016735

7112 Perry's Back Road, Winlaw BC V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place at the old school house at 7112 Perry's Road, Winlaw adjacent to the Slocan Valley Rail Trail.

Importance to the community:

The project would enable SVTG to continue and to expand its current operations.

The Slocan Valley Threads Guild is a fibre related organization, going strong since 1981. The Guild currently has the most members it has ever had, over 125 paid up current members and the demographic is getting younger, which ensures the longevity of the Guild.

The Guild hosts workshops, classes, member days and Gab and Jab Workshops and classes cost between \$2 and \$10, accessible to all.

The Guild hosts a library of over 750 books.

The building rents out for a minimal fee (\$25 for a day) to individuals for fibre related classes. We rent out an equipment inventory worth thousands of dollars.

The building is used by the Rail Trail society and rented to wildcrafting groups.

The annual Yard and Yardage event is attended by 100's of people from all over the RDCK.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 11/26/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$15,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

**Project: Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement**

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Guild is housed in an old school building between Winlaw and Slocan. The Guild has been in operation for 42 years.

The building needs a new interior floor, taking out the old marmoleum, removing the plywood underneath and replacing it. The marmoleum, which has lasted as long as the Guild has had the building, is worn. Because it is very thick, the worn spots in the marmoleum create an uneven floor surface. Only patching the marmoleum is estimated to cost \$2,300. However, the plywood underneath the marmoleum is also separating, causing the floor to buckle in other spots. The joists and floor supports are in good shape as far as the contractors could ascertain at this point.

If the floor project is not funded, the floor will continue to deteriorate. It is currently a hazard for walking and placement of sewing and quilting tables, due to the uneven surface.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

SVTG fosters fibre arts craft and community in the Slocan Valley since 1981. The Guild has a diverse and growing collection of literature and equipment related to fibre arts, available for use by Guild members. The Guild works to sponsor and support fibre arts events, classes, workshops and exhibitions in the Valley, and maintain the Guild building as a fibre arts activity centre. The Guild continues to grow in membership and resources, and welcome new members regularly.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project would enable SVTG to continue and to expand its current operations.

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The building is used by the Rail Trail society and rented to wildcrafting groups.

The annual Yard and Yardage event is attended by 100's of people from all over the RDCK.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The rest of the building is in very good shape. The Guild has upgraded the heating system, the exterior siding, the roofing, insulation, window coverings to keep heat in or out depending on the season. The well and septic system appear to be in good shape at the present moment. There are also two sheds for storage on the property - a new

**Project: Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement**

one constructed in 2022 and a retrofitted shed, finished in 2023. If the floor project is not funded, the floor will continue to deteriorate and will require constant maintenance work, some of which will not be possible without removing the marmoleum. The issue was identified by the members attending workings at the Guild.

Guild membership stands at 127, more members than in previous years. Our membership is getting younger, and the building needs to stay intact to ensure that the upcoming generations continue to use the Guild.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Guild has owned and operated this building since 1981. The board is active, engaged and works well together. The Guild welcomes new members and through new marketing endeavors, including webpage, Facebook and Instagram, has succeeded in reaching a younger membership. The Board is confident that with a sturdy building, the organization will continue for another 42 years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

A team of four board members, Joanne Feenstra, Brenda Elder, Sharon Block, and Julie Davies have collaborated on this project. Local contractors have been asked for quotes; materials will be sourced from local hardware stores. Joanne provides the bookkeeper and paperwork expertise, Brenda provides the building's historical information and Sharon and Julie will provide backup. Mike Naylor, a local tradesperson who has construction experience and works in the construction industry, will provide three on site visits to ensure quality control.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Guild will provide the labour to remove cupboards, tables, and equipment from the inside of the building and replace it after construction. This work will take approximately 80-100 hours of labour.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Burton Community Association**

Registration # S001957

Box 185, Burton British Columbia V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Friends of the Burton Walkway

Project Title **Mulch and Gravel for Burton Walkway**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The project will take place in Burton.

Importance to the community:

The Burton Walkway is an important asset to our community. This Walkway represents a safe, accessible trail that is used by people of all abilities. The Walkway is used by residents and visitors all year long.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/8/2024 Project End: 5/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
			<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Mulch and Gravel for Burton Walkway**

The project will upgrade the entrance of the walkway located at the Burton Historical Campground Park by landscaping the entrance with mulch, gravel and plant material. These actions and activities are integral to the ongoing maintenance of the Burton Walkway. The mulch and gravel will be delivered by local contractors and volunteers will be responsible for the spreading the mulch and gravel.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Friends of the Burton Walkway is a volunteer group responsible for maintaining and improving the Burton Walkway and adjacent area. This local path is a 1km trail situated along the Arrow Lake waterfront between the Burton Historical Campground Park and the Burton Historical Cemetery. Friends of the Burton Walkway report directly to the Burton Community Association as the Walkway is a community asset.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Burton Walkway is an important asset to our community. This Walkway represents a safe, accessible trail that is used by people of all abilities. The Walkway is used by residents and visitors all year long.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

During the 2024 annual Walkway clean-up, volunteers identified that the mulch and gravel at this entrance had deteriorated and needed to be replaced. In the summer of 2024, heavy rainfall had drained over a small section of the entrance and washed away some of the gravel. A fresh layer of gravel will help to resurface the Walkway and improve the path surface for users. The mulch will be beneficial to plant material and trees at entrance area by keeping weeds down and conserving moisture.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This project fits with the mandate of the Friends of the Burton Walkway to maintain and improve the pathway. This pathway was originally established by the Burton Seniors in 2005, the Walkway continues to be maintained by community volunteers.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our volunteer working group will be responsible for implementing the project such as ordering the materials, planning a volunteer work bee, and recruiting volunteers to help. Friends of the Burton Walkway have developed a large group of community volunteers who are dedicated to helping with annual clean up and special projects.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers will be responsible for the project labour, including the donation of equipment if required.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Lakes Historical Society**

Registration # 106723273 RR0001  
PO Box 819, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Update & Future-proof Archives Hardware**

Project will be located in: Village of Nakusp  
Arrow Lakes Historical Society Archives, 92 6th Ave NW

Importance to the community:

Our mandate is to preserve our community's history and make it available to the public. These purchases will allow us to do that in an efficient manner, and help us continue to collect that history and provide access to it in years to come.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/25/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$4,540.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,540.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,540.00</b>	<b>\$4,660.00</b>	<b>\$4,660.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Update & Future-proof Archives Hardware**

Replacing the working computers will improve our efficiency, safeguard our data, and reduce frustration. Replacing our aging uninterruptible power supplies and adding new ones will help protect our investment in new computers and the data on them, as well as protecting other machines that are currently unprotected.

Future-proofing involves purchasing hardware that is currently still available, but may become hard to find in years to come. Historical records are often donated on older tech, and we want to make sure we are still able to access it, for example on SD card or CD, and ensure our ability to transfer and save the information in a current format that is easily accessed as hardware and software evolve.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To collect, preserve and provide ready access to archival materials which illustrate the history, growth and development of the Arrow Lakes area from Edgewood and south on the Lower Arrow Lake, to Arrowhead and the Northeast Arm on Upper Arrow Lake, also including the Trout Lake and Lardeau areas.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our mandate is to preserve our community's history and make it available to the public. These purchases will allow us to do that in an efficient manner, and help us continue to collect that history and provide access to it in years to come.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The office computers currently in use are old and slow, making work inefficient and frustrating. There is also concern that one of them could stop working at any time.

Purchasing what is becoming legacy hardware will reduce the amount of local history that is lost to us because it is preserved in an out-of-date format that we are unable access.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

This project directly impacts our ability to carry out our mandate. It is well within our capacity.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The staff and volunteers of the Society.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

none

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Valley Public Library**

Registration # 131897142 RR0001

PO Box 458, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Enhancing Literary Engagement: Outdoor Folding Chairs for Our Library Reading Garden**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G, Village of Salmo

In the back reading garden of the Salmo Valley Public Library, located at 104 4th St, Salmo

Importance to the community:

This project is vital to our community as it promotes literacy, fosters connections, and supports wellness. Offering a comfortable outdoor space for reading encourages individuals of all ages to engage with literature, fostering a love for learning. Additionally, the reading garden becomes a hub for social interactions, strengthening community bonds and fostering a sense of belonging among residents. Spending time outdoors has known health benefits, contributing to improved mental well-being. By providing this tranquil retreat, the project supports the community's overall wellness goals.

Furthermore, outdoor seating expands the library's offerings, demonstrating its commitment to innovation in meeting community needs. This project benefits a diverse range of individuals, including families, seniors, students, and community groups, providing them with a welcoming environment for recreational, educational, and social activities. Overall, the project enriches the lives of community members by providing a space for reading, learning, and connection indoors and out.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/17/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan	Town of Creston		
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

**Project: Enhancing Literary Engagement: Outdoor Folding Chairs for Our Library Reading Garden**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$1,500.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The project outlined in the grant proposal is the acquisition of outdoor/indoor folding chairs for the library reading garden. The project's primary goal is to enhance library patrons' reading and programming experience by providing comfortable seating in our tranquil outdoor setting. This will be achieved by placing the folding chairs throughout the garden while open and during programming. The chairs' folding feature will facilitate easy storage during inclement weather or off-season periods, ensuring longevity and usability. Furthermore, the versatility of the chairs will enable their use for various indoor and outdoor library events and gatherings, thereby promoting community engagement and enrichment.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Salmo Valley Public Library is a vibrant, dynamic and engaging community-gathering place providing Salmo Valley residents with information, education, technology, and support for lifelong learning.

- To provide a broad range of reading and related resources, technology, support, and programs for information, pleasure, and lifelong learning;
- To maintain a welcoming and inclusive community gathering place that is accessible and convenient for all who enter;
- To collaborate with local, regional and provincial organizations to enhance the delivery of library services and the well-being of Salmo Valley residents

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is vital to our community as it promotes literacy, fosters connections, and supports wellness. Offering a comfortable outdoor space for reading encourages individuals of all ages to engage with literature, fostering a love for learning. Additionally, the reading garden becomes a hub for social interactions, strengthening community bonds and fostering a sense of belonging among residents. Spending time outdoors has known health benefits, contributing to improved mental well-being. By providing this tranquil retreat, the project supports the community's overall wellness goals.

Furthermore, outdoor seating expands the library's offerings, demonstrating its commitment to innovation in meeting community needs. This project benefits a diverse range of individuals, including families, seniors, students, and community groups, providing them with a welcoming environment for recreational, educational, and social activities. Overall, the project enriches the lives of community members by providing a space for reading, learning, and connection indoors and out.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

**Lack of Comfortable Outdoor Seating:** The library's reading garden lacks adequate seating options that are easily storable and usable as extra indoor seating when needed. This project identifies the need for extra seating to enhance the overall experience for visitors.

**Underutilization of Outdoor Space:** The reading garden is an opportunity to create a vibrant outdoor space for literary activities and community gatherings. The project aims to attract patrons to utilize the garden for reading and other events by providing comfortable seating, maximizing the space's potential.

**Project: Enhancing Literary Engagement: Outdoor Folding Chairs for Our Library Reading Garden**

Promoting Literacy and Community Engagement: The project will promote literacy and foster community connections by offering an inviting outdoor environment for reading and programming. Furthermore, the project aims to leverage the reading garden as a platform for educational and social activities.

These issues and opportunities were identified through feedback from library patrons and observations of current usage patterns.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

SVPL is uniquely positioned to deliver this project due to our library services and community engagement experience. With a dedicated team of library staff and volunteers, we have the necessary skills and expertise to manage all aspects of the project, from procurement and installation to programming and evaluation. Our strong relationships within the community also allow us to effectively promote the reading garden and its offerings, ensuring maximum participation and impact. In the past, we have successfully demonstrated our capacity to deliver high-quality projects that meet the needs of our patrons. Furthermore, our commitment to innovation drives us to continually seek opportunities to enhance our services and facilities, making us well-suited to undertake this project and deliver meaningful outcomes for our community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

SVPL staff

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Staff wages

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative**

Registration # S0077239

7025 Beggs Road, Nelson BC V1L 6S5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Branching Out for Watershed Understanding**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson

Specific sites for presentations are still to be determined dependent on space and scheduling. Preliminarily: Kaslo-Langham, Crawford Bay, Harrop-Proctor, and Nelson/Taghum Hall

Importance to the community:

This project is important to communities in the RDCK because they require the tools and knowledge provided by cutting-edge science to participate in land use decisions that affect them. The Central Kootenays have more domestic surface water sources than many other areas of the Province. Millions of dollars of real estate and infrastructure lie at the mouth of creeks, streams and brooks. The threat of drought, wildfire and landslides is expected to increase with climate change. Kootenay Lake and River residents have high property assessments yet the average RDCK individual income in 2020 (after tax) was the lowest in the Columbia Basin. Funds to repair water system damage and to conduct risk assessments are limited. These workshops will deliver easily digestible information to residents and ratepayers to increase their knowledge and participation in decision making. This will assist community members in responding to requests for input.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/1/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,500.00</b>			<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,700.00</b>



**Project: Branching Out for Watershed Understanding**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$10,700.00	\$13,400.00	\$13,400.00

**1. The project will provide:**

"Branching Out," wants to inform residents dependent on surface water for both drinking and agriculture on the latest science and thinking around watershed defense, resilience and quality. In a series of four workshops/presentations we will support our mutual interests by staying current and active in our need to protect local resources. These discussions will be recorded and considered in looking for subjects of ongoing and urgent issues. Collaborative practices require that we as an organization listen and weave into our project the real concerns of our evolving communities. This will take place at 4 distinct and diverse locations situated in the RDCK to maximize community input and participation.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To support, connect and share resources with communities along Kootenay Lake to the confluence at the Columbia River, as they create and enact long-term, cohesive and kincentric plans to protect, restore and utilize their community watersheds.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to communities in the RDCK because they require the tools and knowledge provided by cutting-edge science to participate in land use decisions that affect them. The Central Kootenays have more domestic surface water sources than many other areas of the Province. Millions of dollars of real estate and infrastructure lie at the mouth of creeks, streams and brooks. The threat of drought, wildfire and landslides is expected to increase with climate change. Kootenay Lake and River residents have high property assessments yet the average RDCK individual income in 2020 (after tax) was the lowest in the Columbia Basin. Funds to repair water system damage and to conduct risk assessments are limited. These workshops will deliver easily digestible information to residents and ratepayers to increase their knowledge and participation in decision making. This will assist community members in responding to requests for input.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In exploring the larger landscape; inclusive of existing housing developments, we are attempting to get an on the ground assessment of the public's understanding of both what a watershed is and how it is impacted by human activities on the landscape. The issues were identified through the WKWC's own experiences over the past 3 years. Public commentary and the real exhaustion accompanied with tears and searching for other ways to address the losses motivates this project for public education and outreach. Taking direction from the RDCK's own collected stories in the Watershed Governance Initiative we are engaging the new science of attribution to effectively address community concerns.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The WKWC is unique in that its geographic focus is delivering information and education to the communities on Kootenay Lake and Kootenay River to the confluence of the Columbia River. We have and will continue to forge relationships with local groups working on land-use education and recently contributed to the Nelson Museum: Archives and Gallery Show "Elevate."

Our organization is relatively new, participating in the Healthy Watersheds Initiative (HWI) prior to our incorporation. Through that project some of our board members were involved in taking part in project development for Community in Nature as part of the HWI. Since incorporation in the fall of 2022, we have sponsored Dr. Younes Alila

**Project: Branching Out for Watershed Understanding**

PhD UBC at a public information session at the North Shore Hall, had community information tables in front of the Kootenay Country Store Co-operative, and held a successful Organizational Launch on a snowy December Day.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

In parallel with our work the Board of WKWC and our speakers/organizations: The UBC Hydrology Lab of Dr. Younes Alila, Wildfire and Water Presentation led by Fire Ecologist Robert Gray BSc and a Forest Ecologist to be determined.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The WKWC is a working Board and will be hands on for both the planning and development stages of the project. In addition, Board members will report on the meetings, provide transportation and conduct the final project accounting to Redi Grant.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Shoreacres Neighbourhood Community Association**

Registration # S-0059950

2625 Shoreacres Road, Castlegar BC V1N 4P8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Bulletin Board Repair and Renewal**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I  
Shoreacres, BC.

Importance to the community:

The bulletin board is commonly used by the community for communication for events, businesses, personal requests and opportunities, etc.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$600.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Community Bulletin Board Repair and Renewal**

Aid in the repair and revitalization of the community bulletin board at the entrance to Shoreacres through purchase of materials needed.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the society are:(a) The SNCA exists in Shoreacres,B.C. for the residents of Shoreacres,B.C.(b) To support the long-term health and vitality of the residents and community of Shoreacres: socially, physically, and environmentally.(c) To undertake activities as determined by the membership.(d) To acquire, by long term lease or purchase, suitable land with or without building(s) to be used for cultural,recreational, educational and other community activities

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The bulletin board is commonly used by the community for communication for events, businesses, personal requests and opportunities, etc.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The community bulletin board was recently damaged and is not usable.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

SaNCA manages the bulletin boards.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The BOD of SaNCA will lead this project and provide volunteer labour, in association with others who may be engaged to support.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer Labour for all or some of the project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society**

Registration # BC SOCIETIES #: S0064739; CHARITABLE #: 800102675 RR0001

PO Box 763, CRESTON BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C

The project will take place out of the Discovery Centre located within the CVWMA (West Creston). The surrounding wetland and trails are an ideal outdoor classroom. Special programs and events will also take place at other locations within the CVWMA (i.e. Duck Lake, Summit Creek).

The 17,000 acre wetland that is the CVWMA was set aside in 1968 as a Wildlife Management Area (it was the first Wildlife Management Area in the province of BC). It's recognized as a wetland of international importance (Ramsar Site), and is nationally recognized as an Important Bird Area and Important Amphibian and Reptile Area.

Importance to the community:

The CVWMA is an international destination and a large economic driver in our region. From 2018-2023, over 23,000 visitors came through the Discovery Centre and programs were delivered to over 18,000 people.

We partner with local businesses and organizations to offer programs and events that promote and facilitate people of all ages connecting to nature and our local landscape. Examples of these partnerships include: Creston Public Library, Creston Museum, Grizzly Bear Out of School Care, Wildsight Creston, Friends of Kootenay Lake Society, Creston Valley Bird Festival, WildSafeBC, Kootenay Trout Hatchery and others.

School programs are supported by school districts 5, 6, 8, 10 and 20. Visitor and other program participants come from across the Columbia Basin, BC, Canada and beyond.

Support is gathered through free Memberships. We currently have 1,400 members from within our community and beyond that support the work to deliver educational programs and connect people to nature.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver

**Project: Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)**

		<b>\$3,750.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$14,500.00</b>	<b>\$181,638.00</b>	<b>\$181,638.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Since 2018, the Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society (KCDCS) has offered Wetland Education and Awareness Programs (WEAP) that deliver engaging, informative and fun environmental education programs and events that focus on the importance of wetlands, the purpose of the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) and its connection to the greater goals of land conservation within the province.

The WEAP includes the delivery of: BC curriculum matched school programs (K-12, matching to the science curriculum - an example would be our Grade 2 program which focuses on local water sources, water conservation and water cycle which are part of the science curriculum for that age); guided canoe and walking excursions; interpretive presentations; kids summer nature camps; group events; and virtual and self-guided programs.

KCDCS also operates a Discovery Centre where visitors can view and interact with a variety of displays, taxidermy, hands-on activities, a video microscopes with curated samples and much more. This allows visitors to learn about the wetland and wildlife of the area. The Centre is open seasonally from May to October. The majority of onsite program and events take place during this time frame. From November to April, when the Centre is closed, we offer some special events onsite and we travel to local schools to deliver programs in the classroom.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society is to promote and provide environmental education and awareness programs and activities in the Kootenay-Columbia region.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The CVWMA is an international destination and a large economic driver in our region. From 2018-2023, over 23,000 visitors came through the Discovery Centre and programs were delivered to over 18,000 people.

We partner with local businesses and organizations to offer programs and events that promote and facilitate people of all ages connecting to nature and our local landscape. Examples of these partnerships include: Creston Public Library, Creston Museum, Grizzly Bear Out of School Care, Wildsight Creston, Friends of Kootenay Lake Society, Creston Valley Bird Festival, WildSafeBC, Kootenay Trout Hatchery and others.

School programs are supported by school districts 5, 6, 8, 10 and 20. Visitor and other program participants come from across the Columbia Basin, BC, Canada and beyond.

Support is gathered through free Memberships. We currently have 1,400 members from within our community and beyond that support the work to deliver educational programs and connect people to nature.

**Project: Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)****4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is a need within our region for environmental education programs and events. Since the 1970's, environmental education programs have been successfully delivered at the CVWMA, earning a long-standing reputation for high quality, well-attended programs and events. KCDCS is proud to continue that tradition for the last 6 years to great success. And we look forward to continuing to do so into the future.

From 2018 to present, KCDCS has hosted over 23,000 visitors in our Discovery Centre, delivered school programs to over 8,500 students, hosted 414 kids in our summer nature camps, paddled 4,700 people on guided canoe tours and delivered special events to over 5,000 people.

We want to continue to deliver and grow high quality environmental education programs for students, adults, families, and seniors so that we can continue to cultivate an understanding and appreciation for the natural world and promote respect and stewardship for wild spaces.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

In 2012, the CVWMA announced that financial support for the existing Centre and programs would cease. The Centre closed permanently in 2017. The importance of having interpretive programs in Creston was widely recognized and therefore an "Interpretive Centre Committee" was struck that included broad government/stakeholder representation. Several meetings and public open houses were held. As a result, KCDCS was formed and tasked with investigating opportunities to continue to deliver the interpretive programs, independent of government and CVWMA funding.

In 2018, KCDCS signed a memorandum of understanding with CVWMA to take over program delivery. KCDCS built a temporary facility to use while a plan to build a new Centre is underway. From 2018-2023, program participation and visitor numbers were on par with CVWMA deliverables. KCDCS retained the CVWMA's Education Coordinator (now KCDCS's Senior Manager), bringing over a decade of knowledge and expertise related to running a Centre and related programming.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The KCDCS Operations Committee as well as the Senior Manager will plan, organize and oversee the daily operations of the WEAP under the general supervision of the KCDCS Board and in ongoing consultation with the CVWMA. The CVWMA and KCDCS have a memorandum of understanding in place that determines the working relationship between the two organizations (they work closely together to ensure a high quality visitor experience). Seasonal staff are hired to help deliver programming.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KCDCS works closely with the CVWMA to ensure that the public receives a safe and valuable experience on site (i.e. working together to ensure trails are upkept and maintained, communicating relevant public safety information (bear sightings flooded trails etc.)).

Relationships with local and regional organizations and the Yaqan Nukiy people are continually developed and cultivated so that we can work together to promote education and conservation initiatives.

**Project: Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP)**

We work with local volunteers to do some stewardship related projects such as nesting box surveys, butterflies surveys and invasive species removal.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Nelson Nordic Ski Club**

Registration # S-0018000

P.O. Box 486 Nelson, 4638 Highway 6, Nelson - C British Columbia V1L 5R3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Phase Two: Completion of the New Apex Groomer and Electric Snow Machine Building**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

Nelson Nordic Ski Club is located 10 km south of Nelson on Hwy 6. The mechanical building addition we are working on is directly across from Whitewater Ski Resort Road, just below the parking lot.

Importance to the community:

Nelson Nordic provides an affordable outdoor recreation service to Nelson and the surrounding communities. With it's 1200 members and 5,000 day pass visitors both local and from afar increasing tourism and economic growth in the area the club provides a valuable outdoor recreation opportunity with programs for 4 to 80+ year olds. The club also serves the under-represented population groups in the area. Last year we had 207 visits from a variety of groups to ski and snowshoe for free, including free rentals from Gericks and instruction from members at the club. With support from RDCK the club grooms to Cottonwood Lake along the railtrail, providing an active transport corridor for locals to ski to the club from Nelson. This trail also provides a dog friendly area, hugely popular. Keeping our grooming machines safe and in top shape is critical to providing these daily groomed trails for our users.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/20/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$14,929.08</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$46,429.08</b>

**Project: Phase Two: Completion of the New Apex Groomer and Electric Snow Machine Building**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$46,429.08	\$53,429.08	\$53,429.08

**1. The project will provide:**

Phase one of this project, initiated in the fall of 2023 and concluding presently, involved securing funding from various sources including a Capitol BC Gaming grant of \$48,030, a \$2000 donation from Nelson Home Hardware, and additional funds from NNSC, totalling \$109,769.94. This phase aimed to house and secure a second grooming machine and our new electric snow-machine due to significant security risks at the club, compounded by the deteriorating state of the old shed which lacked security, heating, and wiring.

Phase two of this project aims to complete the project. This includes insulating, wiring, and cladding the interior of the new addition. Having power in the shop will facilitate drying and routine maintenance of the machines, promoting their longevity. The Husky Groomer, estimated at \$250,000 for replacement, and the Electric Snowmobile, valued at \$25,000 and requiring a power source for charging, underscore the necessity of these upgrades. Vandalism and theft, along with an increase in off-season activity at the facilities, have prompted this action, particularly following unfortunate incidents of theft, fuel pilferage, equipment damage, and trail vandalism the club experienced last summer.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The NNSC shall provide healthy, family-oriented, quality, community-responsive cross country ski facilities, trails and programs that can be enjoyed by skiers of all ages and levels regardless of their abilities. The Club shall be especially responsive to environmental considerations.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Nelson Nordic provides an affordable outdoor recreation service to Nelson and the surrounding communities. With it's 1200 members and 5,000 day pass visitors both local and from afar increasing tourism and economic growth in the area the club provides a valuable outdoor recreation opportunity with programs for 4 to 80+ year olds. The club also serves the under-represented population groups in the area. Last year we had 207 visits from a variety of groups to ski and snowshoe for free, including free rentals from Gericks and instruction from members at the club. With support from RDCK the club grooms to Cottonwood Lake along the railtrail, providing an active transport corridor for locals to ski to the club from Nelson. This trail also provides a dog friendly area, hugely popular. Keeping our grooming machines safe and in top shape is critical to providing these daily groomed trails for our users.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues of vandalism and security breaches pose significant safety risks and financial burdens at the club, particularly targeting our buildings and the fuel tank of our groomer. Implementing security measures such as security cameras and heavy-duty iron bar protection, will mitigate much of this vandalism, particularly at critical areas like our mechanical shop and new addition where our grooming machines and snowmobiles, collectively valued at \$525,000, are housed. To fully address these challenges, we require further enhancements to the addition: insulation, electrical wiring, and iron bars. These upgrades are crucial for ensuring the security and longevity of the machines. Additionally, the purchase of our new electric snowmobile, funded through grants, necessitates the provision of electrical outlets for charging within the new building. Ensuring a well-insulated and secure building with electrical capabilities is essential for maintaining these machines' performance, as snow-covered equipment requires heating to remove snow to prevent damage.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

**Project: Phase Two: Completion of the New Apex Groomer and Electric Snow Machine Building**

Nelson Nordic is well-equipped to lead this project with our extensive experience in managing club facilities and addressing security concerns. Supported by dedicated volunteers, staff, and paid contractors we have the expertise and commitment to execute the project effectively. Having secured funding from grants and donations, including completing phase one, we clearly have the capability to finance and initiate necessary improvements promptly. We have a track record of coordinating complex projects within budget and on schedule, and with access to skilled professionals we will ensure efficient execution of phase two of this project. Additionally, we maintain a strong network of community partners and stakeholders who support our initiatives and are willing to lend assistance when needed. This collaborative approach enhances our capacity to deliver projects efficiently and effectively. Nelson Nordic's experience, funding success, and collaborative approach make us the ideal candidate to ensure the security and sustainability of our club facilities.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The general manager with approval from the Board of Directors will oversee the work to be done. A contractor will be installing the insulation and electrical as well as the iron clad bars for the main doors. DHC has done security work for the club in the past and will install the new security cameras for the new addition. We will require two cameras to cover the whole area (only one is quoted on the quote sheet from DHC). Home Hardware is contributing \$2000 and discount on materials for the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Home Hardware has agreed to provide discounts for materials required for the project such as to insulate and add electrical to the new addition.

The project is viable without the funding but may take much longer to complete and will go to a Phase Three approach.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Yaqaan Nuki Peoples Heritage Society**

Registration # S0053710

3560 Hwy 21 S, Creston BC V0B 1G2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **kqa·čkič, "All walk" Reconciliation Story Trail Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C

Dikes located on Kootenay River Road on the way to the old ferry landing. A few kilometers from the town of Creston.

Importance to the community:

This project is dear to the coordinators heart because it is the last on that his late uncle, elder Robert Louie approved before passing away. It fulfills a need of Reconciliation by reminding everyone that it is all of our job to walk this path together. We want to offer the hand of friendship to everyone who comes to our territory to hear our creation story and experience the beauty we have since time immemorial. This project was also inspired by observing one of few elders walk the dangerous highway everyday to keep active and be outside. This trail would provide a safer space for this instead of on the highway near speeding vehicles.

It is important to preserve the oral traditions of the LKB. these videos have been recorded by members who have passed on. It will educate our younger generation to preserve these voices.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
		<b>\$30,500.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$30,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: kqa·Çkič, "All walk" Reconciliation Story Trail Project**

<b>\$30,500.00</b>	<b>\$80,500.00</b>	<b>\$80,500.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Creston Valley has been the home of the Yaqa Nuki People since time immemorial. In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the kqa·Çkič, Story trail promotes the history of the Yaqa Nuki people and the shared history of the Creston settlers. The trail will have markers at different locations with historical information presented in QR codes. This information will be from videos of past and present elders of the Lower Kootenay Band as well as residents of Creston. They will be telling the history of both Indigenous and settlers to promote reconciliation and a pathway moving forward together. The proposed trail will be located on top of the historic dikes of the Creston Valley. This first iteration covers approximately 1.2km of the dike located on the Lower Kootenay Band diking district on Kootenay River Road. The name promotes the belief that reconciliation is a path for us to "all walk."

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To Promote, Educate, Gather, and Record Yaqa Nuki Culture, Traditions, Languages, Legends and History.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is dear to the coordinators heart because it is the last on that his late uncle, elder Robert Louie approved before passing away. It fulfills a need of Reconciliation by reminding everyone that it is all of our job to walk this path together. We want to offer the hand of friendship to everyone who comes to our territory to hear our creation story and experience the beauty we have since time immemorial. This project was also inspired by observing one of few elders walk the dangerous highway everyday to keep active and be outside. This trail would provide a safer space for this instead of on the highway near speeding vehicles.

It is important to preserve the oral traditions of the LKB. these videos have been recorded by members who have passed on. It will educate our younger generation to preserve these voices.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Reconciliation is priority for the Yaqa Nuki Peoples Heritage Society. We want to create opportunities for us all to walk together to achieve Reconciliation. The history of the dikes in Creston extends back to Bailie Grohman and is an integral part of the areas history. These dikes are maintained through different diking districts. The area for the proposed trail is located on Lower Kootenay Band land. We want to update our diking district by creating a safe walking or cycling residents of the valley to appreciate creation in the geography around them. Cost of upgrading the dikes as well as environmental assessments will be the largest issues. We are currently working with lands management for the Lower Kootenay Band.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Yaqa Nuki Peoples Heritage Society has an extensive collection of Lower Kootenay Band history. We have recorded oral stories that have not been seen before and want to digitize these for the displays. Our project coordinator is a member of the Lower Kootenay band and has a bachelors degree in Indigenous Studies with a minor in history. Many of these recorded stories are from family members of the coordinator.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Yaqa Nuki Peoples Heritage Society  
 Lower Kootenay Band  
 Creston Museum

**Project: kqa·Çkiþ, "All walk" Reconciliation Story Trail Project  
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- 8. Minors will be working on this project: No**
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
- 12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Sandon Historical Society**

Registration # S0014387

P.O. Box 52, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Signage, brochures and improvements**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place at the Museum in the historic ghost town of Sandon.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because although Sandon has only a tiny group of residents, it is a site of historic importance and has had a huge influence on the surrounding communities. The Sandon Museum welcomes thousands of visitors every season and we must be easy to find and to communicate with.

Visitors drawn to Sandon support the economies of the surrounding villages by staying in accommodation, eating and shopping. West Kootenay residents will also have more pride in a public facility that is smart, in good repair and professional.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$600.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

**Project: Signage, brochures and improvements****1. The project will provide:**

We have collaborated with the North Slokan Trails Society in a historic signage tour on the old rail trails in Sandon. The next step is to produce a leaflet with a map and further historic information on sites of interest. We would like to purchase supplies and make some light repairs and improvements and add some better signage. Lastly we would like to make some upgrades to our literature and website, including printing a leaflet of the Museum and hiring someone to create a more user-friendly and informative website.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To educate the public at large as to the unique position of Sandon in the history of the Kootenay region of BC, of BC as a whole, of adjacent areas to the south and of Western Canadian development.

To acquire, manage and dispose of assets to enhance the heritage values of Sandon.

To do all things needful to achieve the purposes of the Society including, but not limited to the preservation, restoration and replication of historic structures in Sandon.

To accept, hold and disburse funds received for the purposes of the Society.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because although Sandon has only a tiny group of residents, it is a site of historic importance and has had a huge influence on the surrounding communities. The Sandon Museum welcomes thousands of visitors every season and we must be easy to find and to communicate with.

Visitors drawn to Sandon support the economies of the surrounding villages by staying in accommodation, eating and shopping. West Kootenay residents will also have more pride in a public facility that is smart, in good repair and professional.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Sandon Museum is an important resource for families and historians and curious visitors wishing to connect with the past and we would like to update our image and be able to communicate better the public services we provide.

We have had feedback that visitors to Sandon can't easily find the Museum so we do need to improve our signage.

The Public areas of the Museum are looking rather shabby so we will be smartening and tidying and refreshing with new paint.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We own the only Museum in Sandon and we are a progressive, hard-working board with excellent recent experience of managing projects. Our members are very supportive and we have many volunteers when needed.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our board of directors will be working as a team to approve the design work. A project manager will be overseeing the painting and repairs. Several members of our board have experience with construction and decoration and we also have a professional sign-writer on the board.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

SHS project management of approximately 15 hours



**Project: Signage, brochures and improvements**

Volunteer painting, cleaning and making light repairs, approximately 35 hours

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Goat Mountain Kids Society**

Registration # 89038 1262

P.O. Box 220, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **GMKS Sunshade and Program Supplies**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton

This project will take place: (1) in the outdoor play area of GMKC, outside of the Lucerne Elementary Secondary School; (2) inside of Lucerne Elementary Secondary School for the ASP.

Importance to the community:

GMKC Sunshade: All children currently enrolled at the GMKC, and all future enrolled children, will benefit dramatically from the sun shade, as this will permit increased duration and safer outdoor time for several months of the year throughout the spring and summer. The staff at GMKC will also benefit from enhancing programming opportunities and reducing sun exposure risk to staff and children. The residents most benefited are those in New Denver, Silverton and RDCK Area H.

ASP: All kids ages 5-12 years of age are eligible for the After School Program, whether enrolled at Lucerne School or not. Thus, any parent/guardian and associated child(ren) 5-12 years of age who wish to participate in the program will benefit from the enhanced supplies and organizational capacities.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$5,225.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$3,500.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,225.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: GMKS Sunshade and Program Supplies**

<b>\$11,225.00</b>	<b>\$35,924.56</b>	<b>\$35,924.56</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The GMKS continues to support their daycare program at the Goat Mountain Kids Centre (GMKC), and the completion of the first year of the After School Child Care Program (ASP). GMKS is currently fundraising for a new sunshade structure at the GMKC outdoor play area. At present, the area is far too hot in the summer for the outdoor space to be utilized by children and staff, and the current shade structures attempted are insufficient in heavy winds and are currently damaged. We have been quoted \$50,000 for a proper shade structure that can withstand the elements. Concurrently, GMKS continues to support the ASP, which is in need of additional supplies for the Program Coordinator (e.g., laptop, cell phone) and for the program operations (e.g., climbing shoes for smaller feet, other supplies). The services/activities to be completed with funding from this grant are:

1. The purchase and installation of the sunshade structure for GMKC
2. The purchase of additional supplies for the ASP

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Goat Mountain Kids Centre provides quality childcare and early learning with a philosophy of nurturing the whole child. Our mission, philosophy, values, and mandate aim to guide us in taking care of children's needs and guiding them to take care of themselves, each other, the community, and the environment. Goat Mountain Kids Society mandate revolves around creating healthy relationships among educators, families, children, the community, and the natural world to set the foundation for personal, social, and environmental health and well-being. Developmentally appropriate activities and challenges aim to stimulate children's natural curiosity, reasoning, and problem-solving skills at our childcare centre, and this philosophy will also apply to our After School Program. Children have many opportunities and resources to explore learning through literacy, dramatic play, science, music, singing, art, puppetry, and dance. Overall health, joy of movement, and development of fine and large motor skills are fostered. Children are guided through indigenous programming and explorations of other cultures and languages, diversity, and uniqueness is celebrated focusing on community integration.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

GMKC Sunshade: All children currently enrolled at the GMKC, and all future enrolled children, will benefit dramatically from the sun shade, as this will permit increased duration and safer outdoor time for several months of the year throughout the spring and summer. The staff at GMKC will also benefit from enhancing programming opportunities and reducing sun exposure risk to staff and children. The residents most benefited are those in New Denver, Silverton and RDCK Area H.

ASP: All kids ages 5-12 years of age are eligible for the After School Program, whether enrolled at Lucerne School or not. Thus, any parent/guardian and associated child(ren) 5-12 years of age who wish to participate in the program will benefit from the enhanced supplies and organizational capacities.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues/Opportunities GMKC: The play space has been deemed too hot to utilize in the summer, with water quickly evaporating when poured on the concrete in attempts to cool the area (2021 to present). We have had architects and specialists (Park N Play Design) assess the area to suggest and design the shade structure required to achieve our goals (i.e., sufficiently cover the area and withstand wind).

Issues/Opportunities ASP: As the program continues to grow, the need for a laptop and a cell phone for administrative work has become clear for planning, tracking enrollment and advertisement needs. The need for additional supplies, especially as enrollment increases, is also evident. For example, the current climbing shoes at the

**Project: GMKS Sunshade and Program Supplies**

Lucerne school do not fit small feet for children under ~10 years of age, and bouldering has become a key component of the program. A small speaker, table cloths, etc would also be helpful.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

GMKC Sunshade: Our organization is best suited for this project because we already are the organization running the daycare and in charge of the outdoor play space to ensure it is safe for staff and children, and aligning with licenzing requirements. We are already well underway in our fundraising efforts, having acquired many grants already with additional fundraising events coming up.

ASP: We are also the organization currently providing the ASP, demonstrating the capacity and suitability to continue delivering this program and to enhance it with additional supplies.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

GMKC Sunshade: The sunshade quote and consultation was done with Park N Play Design, and the building of the sunshade will be completed by SD10 staff. The SD10 Manager of Operations and SD10 Superintendent have been consulted and given approval for this project on SD10 grounds. Board members will oversee the purchasing of materials and discussions with those hired to construct.

ASP: The individuals involved in implementing this project include the Program Coordinator and the GMKS Board of Directors, and has involvement of all enrolled children via their participation.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The volunteer board of ~5-6 members continue to volunteer an average of ~100 hours a month collectively for the ongoing operations of these programs, and will continue contributing time and energy to both the sunshade efforts and the ASP.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Hidden Garden Gallery**

Registration #

112 Slocan Avenue, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1s0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The Hidden Garden Gallery**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver

The Hidden Garden Gallery's dedicated rental space, located at 112 Slocan Ave, New Denver, BC.

Importance to the community:

This project provides the community with 10 weeks of popular social, artistic and cultural activities. The accrued revenue from the many tourists and community members help artists, musicians and the gallery sustain their community endeavours. Unlike most galleries, The Hidden Garden Gallery does not take any commission from artists' sales. The first show involves the school aged children showing their artwork which engages young people and young families and brings them into our gallery. We also have fundraiser shows (this year will be Patrizia's memorial show the last week) which raise funds for a scholarship program for our community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/18/2024      Project End: 9/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$1,080.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,080.00</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Hidden Garden Gallery project provides 10 local/regional artists a chance to showcase their artwork and connect with the community, without any commission charged on their sales. We have a spacious venue and the artist is able to show their work for 6 days each. Exposure to diverse artistic work is enhanced by a reception evening, where gallery visitors are entertained by a musician, singer, or musical group. Entertainers are given a stipend for their performance during the reception evening. Close exposure to the artist and musician entices many members of the community and visitors to attend, Artists apply to a selection committee, and if accepted are assigned a week. All ten weeks are already booked. Artists select their entertainment from a wide array of musical options. We are looking for a grant in order to fund the musician, it gives exposure to both the artist and musician as well as brings the community together and adds to the art culture of our village and surrounding areas.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Helping Artists Grow. Our mission is to create and maintain a space where artists and the community can come together and to foster creativity and inspiration.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project provides the community with 10 weeks of popular social, artistic and cultural activities. The accrued revenue from the many tourists and community members help artists, musicians and the gallery sustain their community endeavours. Unlike most galleries, The Hidden Garden Gallery does not take any commission from artists' sales. The first show involves the school aged children showing their artwork which engages young people and young families and brings them into our gallery. We also have fundraiser shows (this year will be Patrizia's memoriam show the last week) which raise funds for a scholarship program for our community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Local and regional artists access the gallery's spacious, bright venue, which is conducive to favorably displaying artwork of all sizes and types. Open barn doors encourage people to come in when strolling by. Visitors and residents alike appreciate the cultural richness of artists and musicians that surrounds us in this region. Artists are present for their shows and the gallery provides volunteer sitters to give the artists breaks, as needed. We post signs on the highway and throughout town to grab attention of tourists and local people. We host either a Lucerne School or Distance Education show (each alternate years) in order to reach out to the youth and encourage younger ages to attend the showings. We want all to know they are welcome.

It's not necessary that artists have an established reputation. Newcomers are warmly welcomed. Each artist is supported by a volunteer board member.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Maintaining the Hidden Garden Gallery for 23 years consecutive years speaks to the volunteer working board's ability to deliver social, artistic, and cultural opportunities, that are appreciated by tourists and locals alike. We have the proven commitment, skill and passion to continue doing so. We maintain 9 dedicated volunteers on the board and do have other casual volunteers to help when needed. We have a secure venue that is well maintained and well known to be the Hidden Garden Gallery.

Volunteers sit all art shows: We have volunteer sitters who will be responsible for the gallery and engage with public if the artist is unable to do so.

Board volunteer hours to mentor artists, set up and take down shows: 100 hours

Preparing, distributing and removing publicity: 35 hours

Board committee time to review applicants: 30 hours

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: The Hidden Garden Gallery**

All 9 members of the hidden gallery board (HGG) Board fulfill active roles ensuring every aspect of implementation is addressed. We are fortunate to be supported by many community volunteers, who help with siting showings and assisting in many small ways with pre and post-showing tasks.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The board members donate their voluntary labour (set up the night of the show and hosting the event) and donated goods (bringing appetizers and refreshments).

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Italian-Canadian Society**

Registration # Incorporation Number: S0013480 Business Number: 80286 4918 BC0001  
PO Box 239, Nelson BC V1L 5P9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Lakeside Park Bocce Courts**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson  
Lakeside Park

Importance to the community:

Bocce is an integral part of the Italian community, being a very social activity that is accessible to all. The community at large will benefit from having the courts redeveloped; the courts belong to the City of Nelson, and not to the NICS as many think. The Nelson Special Olympics Bocce team will benefit greatly having two regulation courts to practice and play on. The Nelson Seniors Centre and Learning in Retirement group will be utilizing the courts as part of their program. The NICS will assist them with volunteer instructors to teach them how to play bocce.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$17,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$32,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$32,500.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

Redevelopment of bocce courts at Lakeside Park

The project will replace two of the three bocce courts that were removed to make room for the new basketball courts. This will provide community access to bocce courts for leisure activities. It will also give the Nelson Special Olympics bocce team regulation size bocce courts to practice and play on. Member of the Nelson Italian-Canadian Society will again be able to host their annual bocce tournament that brought in players from Italian societies in Cranbrook, Trail and Kelowna.

The project will be realized with the redevelopment of the courts, involving site preparation, providing electrical & water service to the site, construction of perimeters around the the courts, installation of lighting and benches around the outside of the court area and a 6' chain link fence.

The work will be completed by a combination of workers from the City of Nelson, contractors, NICS and Nelson Special Olympics Bocce Team volunteers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nelson Italian-Canadian Society promotes many initiatives, especially those related to the Nelson Italian-Canadian community. Other initiatives include the strengthening of relations with other ethnic groups, the cooperation and assistance in the management of community, social, cultural & educational projects.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Bocce is an integral part of the Italian community, being a very social activity that is accessible to all.

The community at large will benefit from having the courts redeveloped; the courts belong to the City of Nelson, and not to the NICS as many think. The Nelson Special Olympics Bocce team will benefit greatly having two regulation courts to practice and play on. The Nelson Seniors Centre and Learning in Retirement group will be utilizing the courts as part of their program. The NICS will assist them with volunteer instructors to teach them how to play bocce.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues for this project is that the courts have to be redeveloped from scratch. The three courts that the NICS built in 1987 were removed to make room for the basketball courts. The redevelopment project has been scaled back to two courts instead of the original three.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The NICS is best suited to deliver the project as our organization built and paid for the original bocce courts in 1987. The NICS collaborated with the Nelson Hoops Association and agreed to have the original courts relocated to make room for the basketball courts. This was done with the provision that the redevelopment costs would be covered by the Nelson Hoops Association and the City of Nelson. The NICS would provide the funding and volunteers to construct the perimeters around the two courts that are to be redeveloped.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Nelson Italian-Canadian Society, Nelson Special Olympics Bocce team and the City of Nelson and a contractor

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**Project: Lakeside Park Bocce Courts**

The NICS and Nelson Special Olympics Bocce Team organizers will be providing human resources to the project. These individuals will be doing a number of tasks associated with the construction of the new court perimeters and basic landscaping.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **LV Rogers Secondary School**

Registration #

1004 Cottonwood St, Nelson BC V1L 3W2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **LV Rogers Fitness Room Upgrade**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

This will take place in the dedicated fitness room LV Rogers has that is attached to the gymnasium in a mezzanine.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because increasing strength and fitness leads to a healthy body (and mind). Fitness is on the rise in today's teen sector (thanks to Instagram influencers?) and they are all asking to use our fitness room. It is not a safe space with broken equipment. By upgrading several machines, we could once again take our PE classes up and open the gym at lunch and after school to students and teens. This would also take the pressure off the NDCC fitness centre that is running past capacity during peak hours after school. I'm sure the Nelson community would appreciate this!

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/28/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$9,800.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$9,800.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$9,800.00</b>	<b>\$9,800.00</b>	<b>\$9,800.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We would like to update aging and failing fitness equipment with new machines. This project will provide fitness opportunities for students, staff and community teams. This will be achieved by buying a few key multi station fitness machines that can replace broken, poorly functioning machines.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To increase access to fitness opportunities for youth and community users.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because increasing strength and fitness leads to a healthy body (and mind). Fitness is on the rise in today's teen sector (thanks to Instagram influencers?) and they are all asking to use our fitness room. It is not a safe space with broken equipment. By upgrading several machines, we could once again take our PE classes up and open the gym at lunch and after school to students and teens. This would also take the pressure off the NDCC fitness centre that is running past capacity during peak hours after school. I'm sure the Nelson community would appreciate this!

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Currently we are using fitness machines that were purchased used in the 1990s. We have tried repairing several of them (treadmill, lat pull down, tricep pull down etc) but they keep breaking. They are past the end of their useful life and are dangerous. We can no longer take classes or teams into the fitness room in the state it's in and we are the biggest school in the district. By replacing many of these machines we can create opportunities for school PE classes, school teams and community teams/ groups to work on fitness in a safe way.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are best suited because we are the "flagship" high school in the district and we can't even offer basic fitness opportunities to youth. We have many trained staff who would love to teach and supervise kids in the fitness room. We also have several high performing sports teams that go off campus to do weights training at the moment. We have community groups like Nelson Hoops (Basketball) and the Nelson Volleyball Club that use our gymnasium for training and have asked about weights training too. We have the space, we just need some equipment.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

PE staff and school administration will be involved in selecting and purchasing fitness equipment.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Recreation Nakusp Society**

Registration # S0072801

2203 Allshouse Road, Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Jackie James Park Restoration**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp  
In the Village of Nakusp, as part of the community's athletic complex.

Importance to the community:

The importance of our project and the accompanying societal benefits will be evident over the long term. This community project will provide significant quality of life improvements. Active and healthy lifestyles are essential strategies to combat the alarming and ongoing issue of obesity in our society. "Health Canada has reported that in 2017, 64% of Canadians over the age of 18 are overweight or obese, and about 30% of children aged 5-17 are overweight or obese. In children, obesity has substantially increased between 1978 and 2017, with obesity rates in children increasing from 23% to 30%." Citizens of Nakusp and Area will benefit from additional recreation and socialization opportunities for youth and adults, and potential economic benefits through increased capacity to host tournaments and attract visitors to the community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 6/27/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp <b>\$10,000.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$46,125.00</b>	<b>\$46,125.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This will be the final phase of the Jackie James Park Restoration, which began in 2020. We have undertaken a complete renovation of an existing memorial ball diamond in Nakusp that was decommissioned, due to unsafe playing conditions and overall deterioration of the field. Our project intent is to recreate a dedicated ball diamond for youth minor ball, with shared use by adult slo-pitch. This final phase of the project will consist of completing the irrigation system and tie-in, the outfield restoration, the infield restoration, and construction of the new dugout structures.

Previous work included removal and replacement of the outfield fence, the backstop, and baseline fencing. Trenching for the irrigation system design and pipe installation of main and lateral lines has been completed. The old unsafe dugouts were removed, and new concrete pads were poured. Significant work has been completed on the subgrade of both the infield and outfield. Topsoil has been installed on the outfield.

Other than the contracted ball diamond fencing, community volunteers and local construction and forestry companies have provided all project labour and equipment. Along with incredible support from our volunteers, we received generous donations of concrete for the fencing foundations and dugout pads, sand for the irrigation trenches, significant donations of earth moving equipment. The necessary commitments to complete the project are secured.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To enrich the quality of life in Nakusp & Area by supporting the development of enjoyable and positive leisure and active living opportunities for all residents. Our primary focus is developing community recreation projects that will provide direct benefits for recreation, leisure, and sport for the citizens of Nakusp and Area.

We will also work with allied youth and adult sport and community organizations to build leadership and capacity in our community recreation sector.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The importance of our project and the accompanying societal benefits will be evident over the long term. This community project will provide significant quality of life improvements. Active and healthy lifestyles are essential strategies to combat the alarming and ongoing issue of obesity in our society. "Health Canada has reported that in 2017, 64% of Canadians over the age of 18 are overweight or obese, and about 30% of children aged 5-17 are overweight or obese. In children, obesity has substantially increased between 1978 and 2017, with obesity rates in children increasing from 23% to 30%." Citizens of Nakusp and Area will benefit from additional recreation and socialization opportunities for youth and adults, and potential economic benefits through increased capacity to host tournaments and attract visitors to the community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Nakusp has three ball fields that form part of the community's athletic complex. Each of the three ball diamonds are named in memory of respected community members who unfortunately lost their lives in tragic accidents. The disrepair that Jackie James Park fell into has and continues to be an emotive and strong concern among volunteers and community members who engaged in the original construction of the ball diamond fields and as well by our community sport organizations. This level of concern is what has created both the opportunity and impetus for this project and is directly related to the level of commitment and community support for the project.

The community opportunity is to recreate a facility that will promote the growth and development of minor ball, along with increasing capacity for adult slo-pitch.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

One of the key strengths throughout our project is that the Recreation Nakusp Society has developed a coalition of volunteers from the community's youth and adult sport organizations along with generous in-kind support from our business community. The project work completed to date has proven our capability to draw in the necessary volunteer labour and in-kind donations to secure the project's completion and success.

We have received ongoing and significant in-kind commitments throughout the project for the provision of equipment and labour from construction contractors and local businesses. As previously detailed, our volunteer Board composition along with our community volunteers provide the necessary skill sets and most importantly, the ongoing commitment and dedication to deliver the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

As in the past phases, Terry Welsh will provide the volunteer project management. The Recreation Nakusp Society Board will continue to provide the necessary oversight and administration of the project. Our Board and Volunteers have diverse and necessary skill sets well suited to ensure our project's completion and ongoing success.

We have generous community contributions for installation of the water service tie-in, local contractors donating electrical work, landscaping, and seeding of the outfield, and infield restoration. All other project labour and equipment will be supplied through donations from local construction and forestry companies and our dedicated community volunteers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Along with the substantial in-kind contributions and donation of materials received in the first phases of the project and even with the project delay due to the pandemic in 2022, we have secured ongoing commitments from local contractors for the supply of earthmoving equipment, donations of drainage sand, reduced cost for building materials for the dugouts, the water service installation, and volunteer commitments of labour for the remaining landscape and dugout construction.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Friends of Pulpit Rock Society**

Registration # S0054144

815 Sproat Drive, Nelson BC V1L 7B6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Completion Sproule Creek Trail Upgrade**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F

Sproule Creek - at Taghum near Nelson.

Trailhead is at the end of Sproule Creek Road.

Importance to the community:

The project will provide substantial opportunities for outdoor recreation and exercise in the forest. This pristine nature trail is in close proximity to many residential areas (Nelson and smaller nearby communities). An upgraded trail will help obviate the need to drive long distances to find wonderful forest trails to walk and enjoy. Most trails in the forests of Nelson and Area are steep and require significant fitness, experience, strength and endurance. Sproule Creek Trail is so safe and is easy enough that most people of average ability are able to walk it. This upgraded trail provides an additional location for tourists visiting the area.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	<b>\$4,999.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>



**Project: Completion Sproule Creek Trail Upgrade****1. The project will provide:**

Sproule Creek Trail is a pristine trail along the Sproule Creek, it is close to Nelson, fairly long (8.4 km out and back) and without much elevation gain. This allows people who cannot do strenuous hiking the opportunity to hike in the outdoors. The condition of trail surfaces, boardwalks and bridges has severely deteriorated over many years to the extent that walking on some sections placed the walker at risk for injury. In 2023 financial and material support were obtained from the Kootenay Boundary Regional District Area F and Recreation Sites and Trails BC, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (the agency which has jurisdiction over the trail). A professional trails consultant produced a detailed and comprehensive report on the trail conditions and provided detailed recommendations regarding remediation. A trails constructor professional over a period of some months in 2023 upgraded the trail. The trail surface needs some further work to complete the project. Signage markers needs to be installed. The aim, in summary, is to repair the condition of a beautiful trail (one of a kind for this area), in order to allow the residents of Nelson and Area, and the West Kootenays to go for a 2-3 hour walk along a creek in the forest.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Friends of Pulpit Rock Society is volunteer-driven / volunteer-run society and relies on community support and volunteers to take care of the trails. Types of projects include the development of new trails, maintenance of trails and the upgrading of damaged trails. The trails that we consider falling under our ambit are those close to the City of Nelson. The Society depends on donations and grants and it has no operating budget otherwise. We employ a trails contractor to do the majority of the work. Volunteers do some work.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project will provide substantial opportunities for outdoor recreation and exercise in the forest. This pristine nature trail is in close proximity to many residential areas (Nelson and smaller nearby communities). An upgraded trail will help obviate the need to drive long distances to find wonderful forest trails to walk and enjoy. Most trails in the forests of Nelson and Area are steep and require significant fitness, experience, strength and endurance. Sproule Creek Trail is so safe and is easy enough that most people of average ability are able to walk it. This upgraded trail provides an additional location for tourists visiting the area.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Trail conditions will be optimized to allow relatively easy, safe and pleasant walking and hiking for many, including the young and the elderly, and for those who are not fit and strong enough to walk or hike most trails in the area. The trail deficiencies were identified by one of the directors of the Friends of Pulpit Rock Society and professionally described by the Trails Consultant and the Trails Contractor.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Friends of Pulpit Rock Society is the sole organization which assumes trails management in the the Nelson area and the Sproule Creek trail in particular

1. The Pulpit Rock Trail: Friends of Pulpit Rock Society have delivered a major remediation project of this highly used trail. It was completed over the past few years. This trail has been maintained by the Friends of Pulpit Rock for a great number of years.
2. The Lyons Bluff trail was developed and completed over the past couple of years. This was a major project which connected the Pulpit Rock Trail to the Lyon's Bluff trail to establish a loop hike. Very successful project.
3. A recent trail diversion / bypass was required after a dangerous rockfall on the Pulpit Rock Trail. This work was done professionally within a few days.
4. The Sproule Creek upgrade - first phase. Very successful project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**Project: Completion Sproule Creek Trail Upgrade**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

1. The Directors of the Friends of Pulpit Rock Society. All have extensive knowledge and experience regarding trail conditions and trails management.
2. Trails Consultant (not employed as yet): Moraine Recreation Consulting offers a broad range of services in the recreation field for everything from interpretive sign design and installation to campground and trail assessment and design.
3. The trail construction contractor (not employed as yet): He has extensive knowledge and experience regarding trail construction and remediation.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Administration and Supervision will be provided by Friends of Pulpit Rock Society volunteer directors. This has an estimated value of \$350.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier CARE Society**

Registration # S0078283

PO BOX 116, Fauquier British Columbia V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Storage Solutions: Enriching Community Connectivity**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The project will take place in the Town of Fauquier, serving as a centralized hub for fundraising activities and community resource sharing initiatives.

Importance to the community:

This project is vital for bolstering community cohesion and accessibility to resources. By addressing storage constraints and enhancing fundraising capabilities, the initiative directly benefits residents in Fauquier, and the surrounding communities, of all ages, promoting active participation in community activities and fostering a sense of belonging and community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

**Project: Storage Solutions: Enriching Community Connectivity**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project aims to expand our community shared resource library accessibility by acquiring a storage container to efficiently store fundraising cans and equipment. This initiative will enhance our capacity to collect and manage funds through bottle drives while also providing a centralized location for storing items used by our group and available for public lending. By investing in a storage container, we aim to streamline our operations, increase fundraising efficiency, and improve community access to shared resources.

The storage container will serve as a versatile solution for storing fundraising cans, sports equipment, art supplies, and other items utilized by our organization. Additionally, it will enable us to extend our services to the broader community by offering a more centralized equipment lending program, fostering inclusivity and participation in various activities.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Vision:

A vibrant, engaged community where people feel invested for generations to come

Mission:

To be an organization that brings together the Town of Fauquier and the Arrow Lakes community at large to create a vibrant community where children, youth, adults and seniors are engaged in artistic, athletic, social and outdoor pursuits.

Motto:

It takes a village

Values:

- Diversity
- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Creativity
- Inclusion

Goals:

We would like our residents to become their best possible selves by being exposed to a variety of extra-curricular and community building events.

- Frequent fundraising activities and grant applications to maintain working budget
- Collaborate with other community organizations and individuals
- Find local "experts" to support our programs
- Regular programs for children and youth in the arts, athletics, social and outdoor pursuits that vary between seasons
- Regular events for the entire community to come together and celebrate

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is vital for bolstering community cohesion and accessibility to resources. By addressing storage constraints and enhancing fundraising capabilities, the initiative directly benefits residents in Fauquier, and the surrounding communities, of all ages, promoting active participation in community activities and fostering a sense of belonging and community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The project addresses challenges related to insufficient storage space, hindering our ability to effectively manage fundraising efforts and community resources.

**Project: Storage Solutions: Enriching Community Connectivity**

Identified through stakeholder consultations and organizational assessments, these issues represent opportunities for enhancing operational efficiency and expanding community engagement.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Fauquier CARE Society's proven track record in community engagement and resource management positions us as the ideal organization to lead this project. With extensive experience from our members in executing similar initiatives, we are well-prepared to deliver tangible outcomes and maximize community impact.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier CARE Society will spearhead project implementation, leveraging the expertise of our dedicated team, volunteers, and community partners. With a strong foundation in community development and resource management, we are well-equipped to execute this initiative.

We plan on partnering with a local organization to store the storage container in an accessible and convenient location for everyone.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Free labour from Fauquier CARE Society board and community volunteers to order, pickup and deliver, setup, and prepare the container.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Disc Golf Society**

Registration # S0070725

1613 WARD ST, NELSON BC V1L 1V7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Slocan

The course is located on Blewett Road, next to Bonnington Falls, on lands owned by Teck Metals and BC Hydro, with whom the Nelson Disc Golf Society (NDGS) have negotiated long-term licenses of occupation. It's located roughly 20 minutes from Nelson, Castlegar and Winlaw.

Importance to the community:

The proposed enhancements at Highwater will transform it into a more accessible and inclusive facility, purposefully designed for families and equipped to host community gatherings and world-class tournaments. Nearby businesses and the local economy will benefit from increased traffic, because recreation is the heart of liveable West Kootenay communities which attract talented people to our region and power economic development and cultural diversity.

Highwater Disc Golf Course, a free public recreational facility, is the most played disc golf course in the RDCK being 20 minutes away from Nelson, Castlegar, and Winlaw.

The inclusion of an 18 x 24-foot Picnic Shelter and a vault toilet in the enhancement of the course helps cater to a variety of needs beyond the primary activity of disc golf offering more accessibility to public space protected and cared for.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/14/2024      Project End: 5/14/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$5,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$5,000.00</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$5,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

**Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space**

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$236,400.00</b>	<b>\$236,400.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The primary goal of this project is to increase accessibility and usage of the Highwater Disc Golf Course. We propose the installation of an 18 x 24-foot picnic shelter and a vault toilet to promote inclusivity by providing families with the means to enjoy the public space for extended periods.

The project will improve accessibility for new players by introducing an easier alternate course layout. The addition of 18 new pads and 18 new baskets will immediately enhance the satisfaction of players seeking a quicker or simpler round of disc golf.

The project will include landscaping to improve accessibility for individuals with reduced mobility. This will be achieved by smoothing rough areas in the fairways. Additionally, we aim to increase the climate change resilience of the course by protecting and establishing trees for shade and beauty. Our plan includes planting native conifer trees to provide more shade on the course and selectively pruning existing shade trees to protect against wildfires.

The picnic shelter will enhance the public access experience at the disc golf course by providing a space for socialization, protection from the elements and a venue for community events.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Encourage new people try disc golf, and strive to develop a disc golf community that is open to all people.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The proposed enhancements at Highwater will transform it into a more accessible and inclusive facility, purposefully designed for families and equipped to host community gatherings and world-class tournaments. Nearby businesses and the local economy will benefit from increased traffic, because recreation is the heart of liveable West Kootenay communities which attract talented people to our region and power economic development and cultural diversity.

Highwater Disc Golf Course, a free public recreational facility, is the most played disc golf course in the RDCK being 20 minutes away from Nelson, Castlegar, and Winlaw.

The inclusion of an 18 x 24-foot Picnic Shelter and a vault toilet in the enhancement of the course helps cater to a variety of needs beyond the primary activity of disc golf offering more accessibility to public space protected and cared for.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

By enhancing the Highwater Disc Golf Course, we create an environment that embraces players of varying expertise. Novices can feel comfortable learning the game, while seasoned players can continue to hone their skills, thus fostering a sense of inclusivity and encouraging more people to participate.

The addition of a picnic shelter and a vault toilet transforms the course into a versatile venue and will provide accessibility for individuals of all ages and abilities. Local events, such as birthday parties, staff gatherings, and

**Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space**

fundraisers, can now be hosted amidst the natural beauty of the course creating lasting memories in this communal space.

The Highwater Disc Golf Course aims to become one of Canada's premier disc golf destinations. Its scenic location, thoughtful amenities, and commitment to inclusivity position it as a standout course, drawing enthusiasts from across the country and benefiting the tourism industry with the potential to host internationally recognized tournaments.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Building on the momentum from our 2020 installation of the 9-hole family course in Nelson and the 2021 installation of Highwater, the first complete 18-hole course in this region, our network of directors, volunteers, contractors, and sponsors is enthusiastically moving forward to complete the enhancement. NDGS has earned recognition for its successful collaboration with Teck Metals and BC Hydro, ensuring the use and stewardship of this excellent site for disc golf in the heart of the Nelson-Castlegar corridor.

Remarkably, no other non-profit organization is currently working to develop free disc golf courses in this region. NDGS is actively working to engage local governments in the development of regional disc golf courses, and at present, it stands as the primary driving force behind this commendable effort. In 2021, NDGS secured a CBT grant under the community development program, achieving success in both the execution and reporting phases of the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Nelson Disc Golf Society has established a Highwater Enhancement Committee, comprising NDGS directors, members, and volunteers. This committee will oversee and execute all aspects of the project, providing regular monthly reports to the Board of Directors. The Committee comprises a diverse and talented group with backgrounds spanning environmental consulting, communications, real estate and education.

Our directors have worked on past community recreation projects including the Lillooet disc golf course, the Art Gibbon disc golf course, and establishing the Highwater disc golf course in 2021. The NDGS maintains good standing and financial accountability as a registered society in BC.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

- Donated professional project management fees 200 hours x \$55/hour = \$11 000
- Donated construction labor fees 32 hours x \$50/hour = \$1600
- Donated landscaping labor fees 200 hours x \$30/hour = \$6000
- Donated professional arborist fees \$1200/day x 2 days = \$2400
- Donated meeting rental space 14 months x \$120/month = \$1680
- Total estimated in-kind value= \$22 680

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Salmo Ski Club**

Registration #

434 Ski Hill Road, PO Box 204, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Upgrade Tbar Lift and Safety Signage for Hill**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G, Village of Salmo  
Salmo Ski Hill 434 Ski Hill Road Salmo BC

Importance to the community:

To provide the skiers and snowboards a safe life and ski hill. The citizens of the Salmo Valley, Ymir, Area G, Castlegar, Fruitvale, Trail, RDCK and RDKB

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/15/2024 Project End: 1/25/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$3,600.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Upgrade Tbar Lift and Safety Signage for Hill**

Upgrade the existing wooden tees on the Tbar Lift from to tees comprised of metal and plastic. The new tees will provide a safe ride on the lift. The wooden tees are aging from the elements and splintering. Upgrade the sheave liners on the Tbar housing units The sheave upgrade will prolong the life of the internal parts of the Tbar housing. Installation of Safety Signage for the terrain park area and ski runs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Salmo Ski Club's mandate is to provide a safe ski / snowboard area to the Salmo Valley and surrounding areas and communities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

To provide the skiers and snowboards a safe life and ski hill. The citizens of the Salmo Valley, Ymir, Area G, Castlegar, Fruitvale, Trail, RDCK and RDKB

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The existing wooden tees are aging and breaking. Metal tees with plastic are safer and with stand the weather elements. The sheaves are showing wear. The industry standard signs are required for the terrain park and ski runs as per insurance requirements.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Salmo Ski Club operates the Salmo Ski Hill and is instrumental the ski / snowboard programs at the Salmo Ski Hill.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Salmo Ski Club

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In Kind - Labor from volunteer members of the Salmo Ski Club

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **(The) Rossland Gold Fever Follies**

Registration # S-0045981

PO Box 1584, Rossland BC V0G 1Y0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

- Mainstage performances will take place in the Rossland Miners Union Hall in Rossland, BC
- Special traveling performances given for free take place at the various care facilities. (We have at least five facilities who look forward to our traveling version of our summer season's show: Castlevue Care Centre, Castle Wood Village, Poplar Ridge Pavilion, Columbia View Lodge, and RoseWood.)
- Other special appearances by the cast will take place wherever they are requested, what we can fit in, and COVID-permitting-libraries, farmers markets, summer camps for youth, Canada Day celebrations, etc.

Importance to the community:

- LOCAL RDCK/RDKB YOUTH who aspire to be actors/singers/dancers: Provides mentorship by recruiting triple-threat performers (actors/singers/dancers) from leading performing arts schools in BC to work onstage with our local youth.
- Our GENERAL PUBLIC: Provides quality live theatre at an affordable price. Few rural communities put on live theatre shows weekly throughout the summer, never mind two shows daily and 80+ shows over the course of the summer.
- Our SENIORS and SHUT-INS: benefit immensely because we take a version of our show to them for FREE.
- This project is important to Rossland and surrounding area as it draws tourists to the area during the summer, thus benefitting our LOCAL BUSINESSES of Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary. Lingering concerns about COVID, plus possible wildfires and heat domes will continue to complicate tourism this summer. We hope to draw visitors back.
- TEACHES some of the rich HISTORY of our area in an entertaining way.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$1,817.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$3,417.00</b>

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,417.00</b>	<b>\$115,442.00</b>	<b>\$115,442.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

- A musical theatre show based on the Kootenays' 1890s gold rush days; performs 2 shows a day, 5 days a week throughout the summer.
- Mentors youth keen to pursue a performing arts career.
- Youth will work under the direction of Lucas Myers, a Nelson-based professional actor for June, & perform in a musical theatre production throughout the summer.
- COVID permitting, the cast will travel to local care and senior facilities including Castlview Care Centre and Castle Wood Village to perform a FREE modified show.
- Cast will perform at community events for free, and are available for summer camp activities, time permitting.
- We have hired as actors 2 youth from the RDCK area; one (a graduate of Selkirk College's Nelson campus for Contemporary Music and Technology) will also be writing much of the musical score, and work as the Musical Director.
- Funds help cover script, musical scores, program printing, advertising/marketing, website updates, costuming, cast accommodations for three months, performance-space related costs, gas allowances for cast to travel to free venues performances, etc.
- Our attendance numbers have not yet returned to pre-pandemic times: we need your help to survive another year so that we can continue our mentorship of young performers and our outreach program to care facility residents!

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- a) to organize and present an annual summer musical theatre production during July and August based on Rossland's early history surrounding the gold rush days.
- b) to provide summer employment as cast members to students and youth interested in pursuing the performing arts.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

- LOCAL RDCK/RDKB YOUTH who aspire to be actors/singers/dancers: Provides mentorship by recruiting triple-threat performers (actors/singers/dancers) from leading performing arts schools in BC to work onstage with our local youth.
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- TEACHES some of the rich HISTORY of our area in an entertaining way.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We provide an opportunity for youth keen in pursuing a career in the performing arts to gain practical work experience in their chosen field-an opportunity that is rare in rural communities such as ours. Local youth who fit this

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description are always given special consideration. They'll gain experience as triple-threat performers (acting, singing, dancing) and "behind the scenes- stagecraft skills (the creating of props and sets, and designing lights and sound cues). The youth also have the opportunity to gain experience in front-of-house business, including handling of money, advertising and marketing. At the end of the season, the actors are given the opportunity to put on a special evening of entertainment that showcases their own particular talents. They will be responsible for all aspects of putting on the show, (material to showcase, advertising, ticket sales, and legal/ financial details). Board members are available to offer guidance and assistance.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Follies is entering its 38th season. The simple fact that we are still in existence, despite ever-increasing costs to produce (and COVID!), is proof that we have the capacity to successfully deliver this project. We've been mentoring youth from the Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-Nelson area for years, and a number of them have gone on to pursue very successful careers in the performing arts: (Ex: Lucas Myers - Nelson: professional actor; Odessa Johnson-Shuquaya - Nelson: professional actor based in Vancouver; Carmen Moreira - South Slokan: professional dancer with her own dance company SQx; Leeanne McLim - Genelle: professional actor; now teaches drama. Jeffrey Hill - Fruitvale: pursued opera; Paige Culley, Erik Mortimer, both of Rossland-work as international dancer; musician/actor respectively.) Performing in an 80-show run is an amazing work-experience opportunity for all our young performers. We've also been successfully giving performances at local Care Facilities for years. We "survived- 2021-2023.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The small group of volunteers who make up the Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society will be involved in implementing the project. Each of them comes with his/her own skill sets. (ex. Set and prop building; costuming; lighting; sound; FOH duties, additional coaching in character work, etc.) We will also hire Lucas Myers, a Nelson-based professional actor to work with our youth for the month of June as the rehearsal director.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our small group of 7 volunteers who make up the Gold Fever Follies Society easily put in over 1500 hours of volunteer work. These include various fundraising events (typically the hosting of variety shows, comedy nights, monthly concessions, the collecting of refundables, etc.), supervision and training of our young actors, advertising, marketing, costume sewing, prop and set building, hanging of lights, script editing....The list could go on and on.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO. Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fauquier Community Club Microwave and supplies**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

At the Fauquier Community Hall.

Importance to the community:

The Fauquier Community Club and residents renting or attending events at the hall.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$419.99</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$419.99</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$419.99</b>	<b>\$419.99</b>	<b>\$419.99</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We need to replace the old microwave in the hall as it is not working correctly and is not energy efficient.

**Project: Fauquier Community Club Microwave and supplies**

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Fauquier Community Club and residents renting or attending events at the hall.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

When large groups are using the kitchen the microwave is always used. The concerns were identified during a recent event.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a motivated board, keeping the interests of our community as a priority. Fauquier Community Club provides the facility for the residents use.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier Community Club board.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Personal time, travel time and gas to purchase item.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Rhythm Dragons Association**

Registration # S-47745

Box 1 Front Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4B7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **KRD Dock Facility Build Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, City of Nelson

As mentioned above, this dock will be part of the Hall Street waterfront rebuild as described in the "Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan"

Importance to the community:

Dragon boat paddling is the fastest growing sport in the world and is environmentally conscious, supporting community recreation, and an outlet for wellness and connection. We began as cancer survivors and continue to hold the door open for friends and supporters of all cancers and for anyone that may benefit from comradery and exercise on our beautiful lake.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 7/20/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$825.00</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$5,625.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The dock will replace the existing Float Plane wharf and is being completed in consultation with the City of Nelson Director of Operations. KRD has a draft copy of a Memorandum of Understanding for this project. KRD will use one side of the dock for its dragon boat moorage and will leave the other side for float plane access. The dock will provide a permanent home for KRD and provide good accessibility for our primarily senior membership.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To raise awareness of all cancers and promote the sport of Dragon Boating for the enrichment of self, KRD and the community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Dragon boat paddling is the fastest growing sport in the world and is environmentally conscious, supporting community recreation, and an outlet for wellness and connection. We began as cancer survivors and continue to hold the door open for friends and supporters of all cancers and for anyone that may benefit from comradery and exercise on our beautiful lake.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Since KRD's inception in 2004 the dragon boat has been moored during the summer months at a variety of locations - both private and public. In the past, when given notice that we have to move, it becomes a scramble to find a spot for a 48' boat. Though extremely grateful for the generosity of past moorages, having a permanent location will benefit the clubs established 20 year presence in the Nelson and District community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KRD has 20 years of using a variety of dock facilities that ensure the safety and accessibility for the paddlers. There are a number of long-term members in the club who are still active and supportive of this particular project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

KRD executive have varying rolls in the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time and effort of directors and members.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Native Plant Society**

Registration # Society Number: S0060568 Business Number: 83640 6843 BC0001  
Box 3554, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3W3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pollination Pathway Workshop Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar  
The Pollination Pathway Workshop Series will take place at numerous sites within the RDCK and RDKB. Locations were determined based on documented flora and fauna at each site.

The locations in the RDCK are:  
Syringa Provincial Park (Area J)  
The Whole School in Winlaw (Area H)  
Marsden Face West of Nelson (Area F)  
Millennium Park (City of Castlegar)  
Balfour or Kokanee Creek Provincial Park (Area E)

The locations in the RDKB are:  
Record Ridge (Rosland, Area B)  
Pend d'Oreille river (Area A)  
Trail

KNPS will inspire conversations across the Kootenays by posting online through social media and the KNPS website.

Importance to the community:

KNPS receives regular messages from community members who want to get involved in native plant gardening or volunteering. Our programming already supports homeowners and land managers in establishing and maintaining native plant habitat across the West Kootenay region from Rosland to Johnson's Landing. We estimate at least 371 people connected with our programs in 2023 by attending one of our many workshops, public presentations, outreach booths, interpretive activities, and volunteer field days. On Facebook in 2023, we reached 37,539 accounts, 3,146 people visited our page, and our followers grew by 159 to more than 1,700. There is an astounding level of interest in plant-pollinator conservation from members of our community and we expect to continue to see high participation numbers at each of our events in 2024/25. Residents will be trained to contribute to native plant/pollinator conservation locally, which will benefit the entire food web of the West Kootenay.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,229.01</b>	<b>\$2,229.01</b>		<b>\$2,229.01</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood

Project: Pollination Pathway Workshop Series

		Rural Nakusp		
<b>\$2,229.02</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$2,229.02</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,145.07</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$11,145.07</b>	<b>\$47,097.35</b>	<b>\$47,097.35</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Pollination Pathway Workshop Series includes nine immersive workshops and events that offer a deep dive into the world of local plants and pollinators. Workshops include lab and field-based training in species identification, monitoring, restoration, seed propagation, and native gardening and will be held at various locations across the West Kootenays. The goal of the project is to engage residents in hands-on, land-based learning so they may contribute to establishing a Pollination Pathway across the West Kootenay. A Pollination Pathway is a corridor of connected plant-pollinator communities that supports healthy pollination networks, species migration, and adaptation to climate change. Workshops will be led and hosted by experts with KNPS, the West Kootenay Botanical Society, the Native Bee Society of BC and KinSeed Ecologies.

Participants will receive:

- Educational resources, pamphlets, manuals
- Connections to specialists and knowledge keepers
- Greater knowledge of local ecosystem functions and values
- Skills in local plant and pollinator identification
- Skills in ecological restoration and native plant gardening

The project aligns with our mission of fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of native plants and helps to ensure their preservation for future generations. For example, the monarch butterfly was listed as endangered in December 2023, and this project helps to increase milkweed populations and connectivity between plant communities. Monarchs were detected at a KNPS research site in 2022.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The mission of the Kootenay Native Plant Society (KNPS) is to celebrate and promote the appreciation and conservation of BC native flora and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy. We seek to foster an understanding and appreciation of our native plants and to preserve their diversity for future generations. The society is entering year four of a five year project called the Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative (PPCAI). The PPCAI enhances plant pollinator networks and connectivity in the BC West Kootenay region. The PPCAI combines community science, research, ecological restoration, meadow-making, outreach and education. This collaborative approach ensures plant and pollinator species native to the West Kootenay region of BC meet adaptation and migration requirements in response to climate driven ecological changes.

**Project: Pollination Pathway Workshop Series**

Operating budget, 2023/24: \$267,000

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

KNPS receives regular messages from community members who want to get involved in native plant gardening or volunteering. Our programming already supports homeowners and land managers in establishing and maintaining native plant habitat across the West Kootenay region from Rossland to Johnson's Landing. We estimate at least 371 people connected with our programs in 2023 by attending one of our many workshops, public presentations, outreach booths, interpretive activities, and volunteer field days. On Facebook in 2023, we reached 37,539 accounts, 3,146 people visited our page, and our followers grew by 159 to more than 1,700. There is an astounding level of interest in plant-pollinator conservation from members of our community and we expect to continue to see high participation numbers at each of our events in 2024/25. Residents will be trained to contribute to native plant/pollinator conservation locally, which will benefit the entire food web of the West Kootenay.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This project addresses two issues and opportunities for native plants and pollinators: climate change adaptation and habitat connectivity.

Native plants are limited in their ability to adapt to climate change and migrate to areas of higher habitat suitability, and a lack of connectivity between plant communities due to landscape fragmentation further limits migration and genetic mixing for both plants and their pollinators. This means local ecosystems are at extreme risk for biodiversity loss as species that are slow or unable to adapt succumb to environmental changes. Herein lies an opportunity for assisted migration and increasing habitat connectivity. Residents of the West Kootenay have a key role to play in this initiative through native plant gardening, volunteering, and advocacy. This project will equip residents with knowledge and skills to identify plant and pollinator species, build and maintain native plant gardens to increase connectivity, and contribute to citizen science monitoring and research.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KNPS has been leading native plant research, restoration, education, and advocacy in the West Kootenays for more than twelve years, connecting with thousands of people in this time. KNPS has worked on public and private lands to protect and enhance approximately 40 ha of native plant and pollinator habitat, with plans now in development for up to 700 ha. PPCAI is a broad and expanding partnership with support from 22 organizations including all levels of government, non-profit organizations, businesses, schools, and First Nations. In 2023, more than 4,000 plants and 250,000 seeds of 38 species were distributed at 13 sites. We have an extremely strong team of staff and contractors including specialists in ethnobotany, restoration ecology, entomology, and geographic information systems and an active team of board members and volunteers. There is no organization better suited to deliver this project than KNPS in this region.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be managed and facilitated by KNPS with staff support from our Co-Founder and Program Manager Valerie Huff, Administrative Manager Nicole McCallum, our Restoration Assistant, and our incoming Outreach Assistant. The KNPS Board Outreach Committee will also support program logistics, planning, and facilitation. Subject matter experts including Bonnie Zand with the BC Native Bee Society, Iraleigh Anderson with Anderson Consulting, Dr. Bren Beckwith with Kinseed Ecologies, renowned entomologist Janice Arndt, and Dr. Jamie Fenneman will be contracted to deliver the workshops.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Curriculum Development: \$2,400  
Equipment Cost: \$1,200  
Manuals: \$500 (if students want to purchase, then \$25 each.)  
Board of Directors support: \$1,500  
Volunteer labour: \$2,500

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Empire of Dirt Residency Association**

Registration # S0070653

3426 Goat Mountain FSR, Creston British Columbia V0B 1G8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Community Engagement Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

Our primary location for the workshops is outdoors at Empire of Dirt Residency (3426 Goat Mountain FSR). Our secondary location is at Artspace - Tilted Brick Gallery, 112 Northwest Blvd Creston.

Importance to the community:

Since this Project is far reaching in its multidisciplinary intention, it will, by extension, have an appeal to a broad range of individuals' interests and therefore engage with many community members. Some of the workshops are purposefully designed to have participants expand the scope of their practices.

As past EoD programs have shown, there is a surprising number of practitioners interested in such workshops and presentations from a very broad geographic area. There is therefore an opportunity to augment tourism interest through the arts and contribute to local economic vitality. Creston's arts and culture sector continues to add enormous value to the cultural, aesthetic and economic vitality to the community with the offering of these workshops.

Lastly, the residency hosts over 50 artists between April and November each year. These artists from across western Canada support the local business economy (retail, supplies, food and entertainment to name a few).

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/18/2024      Project End: 10/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,800.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,100.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: 2024 Community Engagement Series

\$4,100.00	\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The 2024 Community Engagement Series invites various artists from British Columbia and Alberta to work and engage with the Creston Valley community.

The Empire of Dirt Residency annually invites professional practicing artists from western Canada to create work and implement projects that include and perhaps inspire the art community in the Creston Valley. The project aims to broaden cultural and social perspectives and seeks to engage the community in conversation and art appreciation. This project will add value to the cultural vitality of the Creston community by offering workshops, artist talks and open studio visits. The open studios is new to the summer programming and will allow our Creston valley community to access the visiting artists in a more intimate setting which will allow for a more meaningful interaction.

The workshops and artist talks will take place either in Creston at ArtSpace or at the Residency which is located 15 minutes south of Creston. These workshops and artist talks are seeking funding through ReDi and through Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (Basin Trust). The community will be exposed to the workshop offerings through social media, event posters throughout the town of Creston and two local websites.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Empire of Dirt Residency aims to provide Artist residents with space and a place to practice their disciplines unencumbered by the distractions of everyday life in a rustic rural setting amidst the Kootenay mountains. The Residency supports self-directed study and encourages multidisciplinary and contemporary art practices. It is open to artists of all stages; emerging, mid-career and established, and provides a time for reflection, presentation and/or production.

Empire of Dirt Residency fosters a nurturing environment to contemporary artists, with a strong commitment to those artists that have been historically underserved to freely explore their practices, to expand them in unexpected ways, and to connect whenever possible with the local community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Since this Project is far reaching in its multidisciplinary intention, it will, by extension, have an appeal to a broad range of individuals' interests and therefore engage with many community members. Some of the workshops are purposefully designed to have participants expand the scope of their practices.

As past EoD programs have shown, there is a surprising number of practitioners interested in such workshops and presentations from a very broad geographic area. There is therefore an opportunity to augment tourism interest through the arts and contribute to local economic vitality. Creston's arts and culture sector continues to add enormous value to the cultural, aesthetic and economic vitality to the community with the offering of these workshops.

Lastly, the residency hosts over 50 artists between April and November each year. These artists from across western Canada support the local business economy (retail, supplies, food and entertainment to name a few).

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

These workshops will extend to both the artist community and the broader public. Each workshop is designed to either (1) offer an opportunity to broaden the scope of practice for local artists, and/or (2) engage the greater community of the Creston Valley. This is seen as an opportunity to have professional artists visit the valley and share their practice with locals. These workshops also increase the exposure to a diverse set of artistic practices, and will elevate individuals perspectives. The Creston Valley's art community is small and has a limited number of

**Project: 2024 Community Engagement Series**

professional artists that offer workshops. This summer's series offers local artists an opportunity to meet with other artists and exchange ideas and practices.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Empire of Dirt Residency strives to connect the local community with new artwork and practices. The Residency has access to artists through a network of professional artists in the Basin, around BC and Alberta, and welcomes the opportunity to further engage the community with art disciplines.

Since 2019, EoD has offered workshops to the Creston Valley. Each year we support between three and five workshops from visiting professional artists from areas outside of the Basin. Presenting opportunities for the valley to access the work and practices of these professional artists.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Empire of Dirt Board of directors will form a committee to welcome a number of artists to come to the valley and stay and work at the residency. This committee includes Heather Stagg, Neil Ostafichuk, Marnie Temple and James Wallis.

The visiting artists include: Grace Boyd, David Foy and Jennifer Saleik, Jenie Gao, Alex Kwong (TBC), Josephine Lee, John Ross, Ryan Smithson, Kari Woo.

ArtSpace will be an integral partner to the workshop series by hosting one or two of the workshops.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Visiting artists stay at Empire of Dirt Residency at no cost. 9 artists for one week at \$500 equals \$4500.

Open studios and/or artist talks are offered at no charge.

Workshop space rental is offered as an in-kind donation.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Yahk Allied Horse Club**

Registration # 74563 8619 BC0001

PO Box 221, Yahk BC V0B 2P0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The Fundamental Set Up for Equestrian Facility Phase #1 by Yahk Allied Horse Club**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

We are setting up our location in the community of Yahk. We have confirmed that folks will come from all regions of the Kootenays & beyond, to use our facilities. We have support from local residents, offering their help to secure a property, as well as Government agencies researching available public lands. We have a prioritized list of properties in play and will have a location nailed down by end of this year, or sooner. The funds we are asking for are for equipment and supplies that can be easily stored, and moved to the location when we finalize it.

Importance to the community:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to & including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians, equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$500.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$27,000.00</b>

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00

**1. The project will provide:**

We are setting up a unique equine facility to serve the Yahk area, the general Kootenay communities & beyond. Our board of directors are passionate, bona fide, equestrians pursuing various disciplines. It's widely known, the Kootenay winters stop most equestrian activities. Our LONG TERM goal is to create an equestrian facility including an INDOOR RIDING ARENA. Our SHORT TERM goal is to start by setting up an outdoor facility, including fencing, footing, and equipment for maintenance.

Our journey began last year & we have a healthy membership of new and renewed members.

We have supported ourselves so far with our memberships and fundraising, like bottle drives, donations, sponsorship, and hosting events like gymkhanas, trail rides, tack sales, print on demand merchandise, such as t-shirts, hats and mugs. This year, we have monthly events planned including several clinics & demonstrations. We have the support of the local and surrounding communities and we are working in alliance with other clubs to achieve our goals.

There is no PUBLIC indoor equestrian facility within a days drive from the Kootenays. We plan to change that.

Creating this year round PUBLIC facility will nurture a healthy lifestyle physically & mentally, as well as supporting the local communities commerce, and thereby creating a multilevel positive impact.

Let's get off the electronics and back to real living.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

PURPOSE OF YAHK ALLIED HORSE CLUB

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(a) to provide membership within a fun, friendly, educational, and supportive atmosphere to all equine enthusiasts no matter their age, level, ability, or discipline.

(b) to develop the art of good horsemanship and encourage the kindly and educated handling and care of the horse.

(c) to stimulate interest in and assist in the organization of horse shows, events, rides, and fundraisers.

(d) to promote all group activities of horse minded people.

(e) to aid in building a better youth in the Yahk area both physically and mentally.

(f) to purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire and hold lands or buildings or any interest therein FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A FACILITY for the riding, training, showing or exhibiting of horses and related events and to equip the same with the usual and necessary adjuncts.

(g) to receive, acquire, and hold gifts, donations, legacies, and devices

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to& including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians,

**Project: The Fundamental Set Up for Equestrian Facility Phase #1 by Yahk Allied Horse Club**

equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Fact: There is a lack of accessibility to year-round/PUBLIC equestrian facilities. There is a documented increase in equestrian interest. Through years of being active riders, we have been a part of the traditional ebb and flow of pursuing equestrian activities. We ride hard in the training season, May-October, and then we sit during the down season, November-April. This interruption in the activity is hard on the riders & the horses, physically and mentally. We've done research by reading articles published by Horse Council BC, & other reliable sources, that indicate Equestrianism is on a steep rise, & we've done many public events that support these claims. An example: Yahk Christmas Craft Sale. Our table was visited by many, including an astonishing number of NON HORSEY people, interested in being a part of this wonderful world of equines. We hope to guide people to horses in a safe & educated way.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our experience and networking are a huge plus. We have a large and varied 'Circle of Friends'. We have a good relationship of working together, with fellow clubs, such as Creston Valley Horse Club, East Kootenay Equestrian Association (who use Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds), Horse Association of Central Kootenay. We don't know of another entity with this goal of a facility featuring a PUBLIC indoor arena geared towards equestrian activities. We had a very successful season last year, our 1st year, which helped confirm we were going in the right direction, & we understand the process is going to take time. We are in it for the long haul.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We have a strong 5 member board, with support from the membership & local community of horse and non-horse folk who all agree this is a worthwhile cause. Most of the labor involved will be done by the many volunteers ready to get started. We have volunteers with skills, and equipment, to put together this outdoor facility as soon as the funding is in place.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Labor from volunteers  
equipment rental from local residents  
administrative duties done by the board of directors  
in kind contributions from local businesses

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Elementary School PAC**

Registration #

Drawer 220, Salmo BC VOG 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Student Resource upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

Salmo Elementary School

Importance to the community:

All children of elementary school age, 4 yrs to 12 yrs old, now and in the future, will benefit from these upgrades. It is important to parents to offer our children as many opportunities for learning as possible. As a rural school it is up to the parents and community to fill in the gaps left by budget cuts and oversights of the District.

Teachers will benefit by having resources needed to teach the children with current and up to date equipment and information.

The spaces at the elementary school is also used by community organizations for events and offerings. Organizations such as CBAL (Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy) and Selkirk College teaching program for example

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$4,999.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Student Resource upgrades**

<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$7,499.00</b>	<b>\$7,499.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

To upgrade the library space and offerings - we will purchase new books that are relevant and representative of today's culture, climate and family structure. Some will be decodable for students with dyslexia. We also need some seating and shelving to create an inviting atmosphere that encourages use of the space.

To refurbish and upgrade the volleyball equipment including the poles and nets. To purchase badminton nets. We will teach teamwork, problem solving and physical fitness through sport. We will feel pride in school equipment and have more confidence hosting other schools. Storage will allow for students and staff to store and care for equipment better allowing for longer use.

To purchase serving dishes for the hot lunch program. Currently there are not enough plates and no bowls for serving the children the weekly food or the families at our community events. We also require some more utensils and cooking gadgets. Our food programs creates a family/community atmosphere for the children while providing a nutritious meal for all. This ensures inclusivity and food equality.

Each project goal will be achieved based on acquiring the physical items that will allow for participation and learning.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to support all areas of student learning at Salmo Elementary school as well as assist parents and caregivers in navigating the education system. We offer advocacy and resource referrals, meal programs, parent education, community/family events, literacy events, sports and recreation programming and more.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All children of elementary school age, 4 yrs to 12 yrs old, now and in the future, will benefit from these upgrades. It is important to parents to offer our children as many opportunities for learning as possible. As a rural school it is up to the parents and community to fill in the gaps left by budget cuts and oversights of the District.

Teachers will benefit by having resources needed to teach the children with current and up to date equipment and information.

The spaces at the elementary school is also used by community organizations for events and offerings. Organizations such as CBAL (Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy) and Selkirk College teaching program for example

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We will address a lack of resources available to the children.

The library offerings are outdated and the space is not inviting children and classes in to utilize it's resources.

The volleyball set up is decades old, while still functional, it is not attractive and does not represent our school in a positive way. Storage is lacking so what we do have is hard to take care of.

The kitchen is not equipped to support our food program and we are buying disposable containers at the point.

Teachers, students and parents have identified the areas needing to be addressed.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Parents are best suited as we know what our children need and want. We have been working closely with school staff to ensure items are relevant and necessary. School staff will support the projects once items arrive at the school

**Project: Student Resource upgrades**

by making use of them in their curriculum and daily programming. Parents and school staff have many talents and abilities that will be put to use to fulfill this project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Parents and school staff

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

Registration # S-56150

PO 194, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **LINKS Newsletter 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The LINKS office in Meadow Creek, online, and community message boards in the Lardeau Valley.

Importance to the community:

Living as remotely as we do, it is easy to become isolated. This project is important because it keeps us informed and connected to each other and to outside opportunities that may be of interest or benefit. The communication and connections made through the newsletter are community building and directly impact the social, economic and environmental interest of Lardeau Valley residents, businesses, and organizations. Outside organizations that service the Lardeau Valley also benefit from gaining insight to what is happening in our communities. This was identified as a priority by the direct feedback and request from community members.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/23/2024      Project End: 5/22/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$5,130.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,130.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,130.00</b>	<b>\$7,280.00</b>	<b>\$7,280.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The newsletter is a weekly email and limited print publication distributed to a 360+ and growing readership and posted on local message boards during high season. The newsletter provides a summary of upcoming local events, community updates, alerts, job postings, survey links, communications from our Area D director and any other information that might be of interest to North Kootenay Lake/Lardeau Valley residents. The newsletter is a community asset, and community members are encouraged and frequently do submit content to share on the newsletter. The newsletter is an important way for residents to stay connected and access information about our area, especially for those not on social media. Along with writing the weekly newsletter, this project will integrate the weekly newsletter platform with our community website, to efficiently update the community calendar and news page on the website.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose(s) of Lardeau Valley LINKS Society are:

To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.

To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.

To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.

To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.

To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Living as remotely as we do, it is easy to become isolated. This project is important because it keeps us informed and connected to each other and to outside opportunities that may be of interest or benefit. The communication and connections made through the newsletter are community building and directly impact the social, economic and environmental interest of Lardeau Valley residents, businesses, and organizations. Outside organizations that service the Lardeau Valley also benefit from gaining insight to what is happening in our communities. This was identified as a priority by the direct feedback and request from community members.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Lardeau Valley is comprised of distinct communities, but there is a need for a central communication hub for residents, organizations and businesses. The LINKS newsletter is one of the primary tools LINKS uses to meet this need of connection, and is a primary way we engage with the community{ies} on a weekly basis. Many residents do not have access to social media, and many important notices don't make it onto local poster boards or community social media pages. The newsletter gathers pertinent information from multiple sources in one place for all community members. We have had countless community members express directly to LINKS that they find the newsletter critical to staying informed of area news.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

LINKS is a general services community organization located within the Lardeau Valley that serves all communities specific to the region for economic, social and environmental interests. Thus, we are positioned to deliver un-biased and accessible content to all residents. LINKS ED is on contract full time with LINKS, is skilled in communications and writing, and has the capacity to deliver this project. We recently updated our website and implemented a specific communication and social media strategy. The newsletter readership has been steadily increasing, as has traffic to our website and new social media pages. This demonstrates our success in delivering the newsletter to date.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**



**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

This project will be led by the Lardeau Valley LINKS ED, Chelsey Jones. Chelsey is the main Newsletter writer. Beth Callon, administrative assistant at LINKS, will also write the newsletter once monthly. Contributions to the newsletter, web content and design come from community members, local organizations, and local government. Web design company Big Brown Eyes, who designed the current community website, will integrate the newsletter with the website.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer oversight by LINKS board of directors. Contributions by community members, businesses and organizations.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

13429 Hwy 31, PO Box 108, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Jewett Parent Advisory Council

Project Title **Jewett Elementary School Hot Lunch Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

At Jewett Elementary School. The meals might be prepared off site in the Lardeau Valley and delivered to the school.

Importance to the community:

Jewett Elementary School is a foundation of our community. Supporting a food program at the school is a direct way the community can contribute to and support the staff and students. Students, staff and parents of Jewett Elementary school will benefit from the project.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/23/2024      Project End: 6/24/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$8,880.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,880.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,880.00</b>	<b>\$10,780.00</b>	<b>\$10,780.00</b>

**Project: Jewett Elementary School Hot Lunch Program**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will provide hot lunch to the students and staff of Jewett Elementary school once a week during school months. It will also support the breakfast club snack program to students and provide food to the end of year celebration. The meals are provided by the local restaurant, local cooks and parent cooks in the school. A schedule will be created each month and menu will be shared each with parents.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the Jewett PAC will be:

1. To promote the education and welfare of students in the school.
2. To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
3. To advise the school board, principal, and staff on any matter relating to the school.
4. To promote the interests of public education and, in particular, the interests of Jewett Elementary School.
5. To provide leadership in the school community.
6. To contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood.
7. To provide parent education and professional development, and a forum for discussion of educational issues.
8. To assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the principal and staff about their child's progress or other concerns.
9. To assist the principal and staff in ensuring the highest safety standards are maintained in the school and neighbourhood.
10. To organize and support activities for students and parents.
11. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by the membership.
12. To advise and participate in the activities of SD8 DPAC and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Jewett Elementary School is a foundation of our community. Supporting a food program at the school is a direct way the community can contribute to and support the staff and students. Students, staff and parents of Jewett Elementary school will benefit from the project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Children come to school from a variety of different home situations, and are expected to act, learn, and do to their fullest potential. However sometimes, they cannot perform well for the simple reason of not having enough good food to eat, or do not have time in the morning before school to eat. By providing one healthy meal daily (Breakfast) and an extra one on hot lunch day, Jewett PAC mediates the barriers that these children face. The hot lunch exposes the children to different culinary experiences and opportunities. It will support children in having a balanced diet and learning about different food options. It will help parents by providing a meal to the children that they do not have to buy and prepare. These opportunities were identified through feedback regarding the program from parents, children and staff.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Jewett PAC has been delivering a hot lunch program for many years successfully. We continue to have PAC members motivated to carry this program forward, including cooks and organizers.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Meadow Creek Bakery, Bar and Grill, local cooks, and Jewett parents are involved in implementing the project. Everyone involved has experience delivering the hot lunch program in previous years, and new parents will be trained by veteran parents.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

For the last three years, parent volunteers, in partnership with CBT, have made this program viable through hours of dedicated preparation. Also the school's flexibility and openness to support community programs like this is a huge contribution.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **SQx Danza**

Registration # 813604683RR0001

983 Kelly Drive, Castlegar BC V1N 4P5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Tidal Wave - Year 2**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Si

AUDIENCE: We need to better our service for teenagers in schools. As youth get older, they feel less comfortable dancing in front of their peers. Therefore, while Tidal Wave is envisioned for all youth (it has better considerations for teenagers) with less movement for participants, but not less engagement to better meet the needs of older youth-because we using TikTok.

Schools in the areas above

Schools in the areas above

Blewett

JVH

Mount Sentinel

Brent Kennedy

Yaqaan Nukiy

LVR

Wildflower-Creston

Wildflower

South Nelson

Redfish

Rosemont

Salmo

Hume

Trafalger

Canyon-Lister

Erickson

ARES

Crawford Bay

Nakusp

Lucerne

Twin Rivers

Kinnaird

WE Graham

Importance to the community:

WE'RE WORKING WITH A NEW PARTNER IN SLOCAN TO HELP US BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS: W.E. Graham Community Service Society is helping us

INCLUSION: By connecting social inclusion with a new urgent wider world framework (ecology, environmental sustainability, and climate change), we're maintaining the relevancy of our work, but also reaching our audiences through a new lens. A new exciting Arts Based Community Development strategy and performance will help us better reach teenagers!

**Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2**

BALANCING THEME WITH CARBON COSTS OF TOURING: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments while also being sensitive to artists' mental health. We'll balancing both physical & digital formats for Tidal Wave, where environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 4/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$47,850.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$47,850.00</b>	<b>\$165,292.00</b>	<b>\$165,292.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

TIDAL WAVE: Is a new dance program aiming to raise awareness about the oscillation between environmental sustainability and climate change with social inclusion.

HYPRID: The program will investigate balancing physical & digital presentations to maintain our environmental sustainability accomplishments established during COVID-but not compromising engagement in vulnerable youth.

From 2020-2022, we:

- Reduced our carbon footprint by 407,018kg
- Saved 475kg of disposable personal protective equipment through the digital presentation of our work
- Reduced our workplace related CO2 by 338,000kg by working remotely
- Reduced our GHG emissions by 442K by wearing uniforms and costumes made of sustainable and organic materials

**Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2**

NEW CHALLENGE: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to continue to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments as we incorporate more physical work. In "Tidal Wave," environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

Tidal Wave's new format and theme, will help us develop sustainable growth in our organization for a post-pandemic era. Whilst participants are meaningfully impacted by:

- Cool digital tools and a professional performance to engage with art and culture and ecology
- Thought-provoking discussions and engagement exercises to reflect on environmental sustainability and advocacy
- Opportunity to explore the uneven distribution of the climate change burden and how it correlates to social inclusion

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Mission: To use contemporary dance to promote kinship, collaboration, and teamwork.

Mandate:

Mandate & About:

- We further the development of dance and public engagement through performance and outreach programming.
- We provide flexible touring series for arts venues, public schools, and conservatories to bring performances and interactive programming to both large & small communities.
- We use dance to make the world a better place

DEFINING VULNERABLE: We engage with people who have been systemically underserved in Canada's history as well as those that currently experience hegemonic inequities (physical, economic, or social). In using the term "vulnerable," we are not blaming or disempowering vulnerable populations. Instead, we recognize the systemic barriers that prevent people from fully participating in society. We also note that a person's proximity to hegemonic characteristics (e.g. white, urban, cis, heterosexual, wealthy, able-bodied, and thin) affects the degree of their vulnerability.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

WE'RE WORKING WITH A NEW PARTNER IN SLOCAN TO HELP US BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS: W.E.

Graham Community Service Society is helping us

INCLUSION: By connecting social inclusion with a new urgent wider world framework (ecology, environmental sustainability, and climate change), we're maintaining the relevancy of our work, but also reaching our audiences through a new lens. A new exciting Arts Based Community Development strategy and performance will help us better reach teenagers!

BALANCING THEME WITH CARBON COSTS OF TOURING: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments while also being sensitive to artists' mental health. We'll balancing both physical & digital formats for Tidal Wave, where environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We thought deeply on what we want to explore next &...

- What urgent themes haven't we addressed yet?
- What gaps are there in our service? -How can we better our service to vulnerable Basin communities through dance?
- How do we deepen our commitment to inclusion?
- How can we make process-based learning simpler?

Based on the answers to the above, we devised a framework for Tidal Wave

**Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2**

Youth Presenters will work with other SQx presenters to DESIGN, DELIVER, & EVALUATE TIDAL WAVE

**CONTEXT:**

-Develop a 3-day arts-based community development process to engage vulnerable youth with:

1. Dance performance by professional dancers
2. TikTok video development with participants
3. Discussions

-Investigate different ecological frameworks like 1) How do climate related disasters more adversely affect vulnerable populations? Consequently, how do climate related disasters support or oppose inclusion? OR 2) How does water access affect inclusion?

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

At SQx, our vision is that all humans have a responsibility to protect the earth. Therefore exploring the environment is a "natural" progression for us, and it's part of our social and community responsibility to use dance and our services to reflect on wider world issues affecting communities.

COVID MADE US STRONGER: We adopted a digital presentation style very quickly for projects like AIP, which helped us be more environmentally sustainable (see attached). Now environmental sustainability impacts all our decision-making. COVID helped us to positively reevaluate our dissemination strategies.

**AIP ACHIEVEMENTS**

- 100% of educators felt AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, & racism
- 92% of participants reported they could demonstrate inclusion
- 80% of educators felt AIP increased their students ability to ask for help & seek justice from adults & their peers
- 82% of participants had a positive experience in being physically active through dance

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

YOUTH DESIGN, PRESENT, & EVALUATE IMPACT.

\*\*\*HIRING PREFERENCES: We have hiring preferences because it's critical to the identity of our organization, and it is how we work towards continuously improving SQx and our programming and performances to ensure our work considers the experiences of diverse audiences and participants. Our goal by ensuring diverse presenters are at the forefront of creation is to give voice and visibility to vulnerable populations. Each artist brings special knowledge and experiences that influence the social inclusivity outcome of our works.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:****12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Halcyon Assisted Living Society**

Registration # 855433140RP0001  
PO Box 910, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Dr Brouse Lodge Gardens**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver  
The project will take place at the Dr Brouse Lodge, 824 Kildaire Street, New Denver.

Importance to the community:

A communal garden at Dr Brouse Lodge offers a range of benefits to the residents and the community as a whole. Here's how:  
 Enhance physical health - promoting physical activity and contributing to improved health, increased mobility and enhanced overall fitness  
 Mental and Emotional Well Being - reducing stress, providing a sense of accomplishment  
 Social Interaction/Community Building - space for socialization, reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation, fostering a sense of community and belonging.  
 Inter-generational Connection - space for inter-generational activities, allowing seniors share their experiences and wisdom.  
 Economic benefits - with the high cost of groceries the garden can offer cost savings  
 The Dr Brouse Lodge Garden addresses physical/mental, and emotional well-being, fosters social connections, provides cognitive stimulation and offers a sense of purpose. The benefits extend to residents and their families, creating a positive and enriching environment. Additionally the broader community can benefit from the inter generational connections.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 10/11/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$2,905.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$2,905.00</b>

			<b>REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,905.00</b>	<b>\$2,905.00</b>	<b>\$2,905.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will consist of the creation of an accessible garden for the residents of Dr Brouse Lodge. The garden will be comprised of 4 elevated garden beds with approximate dimensions of 50"x36"x32". The beds will include trellises to maximize vertical growing. The beds will be accessible for seniors who may have difficulty bending over or stooping to work in a traditional garden and provide them with a way to garden from a comfortable standing position. The design and height of the beds will allow for wheelchair accessibility. The site of the garden is central to all apartments and provides an even surface allowing seniors with limited mobility to access the garden beds. The garden will primarily be utilized for growing vegetables and herbs, providing opportunity for our tenants to consume freshly grown produce to help them to stay healthy. The project will include the provision of soil, seeds and plantings, water hose/wand/can, garden tools and garden gloves.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Halcyon Assisted Living Society (HALS) is a not-for-profit organization managing three assisted living and independent living facilities, Halcyon House in Nakusp, Dr Brouse Lodge in New Denver and Moberly Manor in Revelstoke. Vision: All local residents requiring Assisted Living level housing and services will be able to obtain this support as close as possible to their home community. Mission: The Society will ensure that Assisted Living housing and support services are provided in an accountable, effect and responsive manner by responsible administration. Dr. Brouse Lodge is an independent living affordable housing complex in New Denver that consists of ten (10) suites. The suites are one-bedroom, self-contained and cater to the 55+ population. The tenants do their own cooking and there is a laundry onsite that is available for their use. Residents can gather in the common area to visit, play games, or use the community kitchen. Halcyon Assisted Living Society has been managing Dr. Brouse Lodge for the past ten (10) years. HALS is a financially solid and capable organizations managing several contracts with a variety of funding models. Successful management of these contracts demonstrates that we have capability to financially manage and support all facilities and services.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

A communal garden at Dr Brouse Lodge offers a range of benefits to the residents and the community as a whole. Here's how:

Enhance physical health - promoting physical activity and contributing to improved health, increased mobility and enhanced overall fitness

Mental and Emotional Well Being - reducing stress, providing a sense of accomplishment

Social Interaction/Community Building - space for socialization, reducing feelings of loneliness and isolation, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Inter-generational Connection - space for inter-generational activities, allowing seniors share their experiences and wisdom.

Economic benefits - with the high cost of groceries the garden can offer cost savings

The Dr Brouse Lodge Garden addresses physical/mental, and emotional well-being, fosters social connections, provides cognitive stimulation and offers a sense of purpose. The benefits extend to residents and their families, creating a positive and enriching environment. Additionally the broader community can benefit from the inter generational connections.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

When seniors have access to a communal garden space, various issues can be addressed, and numerous opportunities can arise. Here are some of the issues which will be addressed:

Physical health improvement, social interaction, mental health benefits, nutritional enhancement, skill sharing and learning and connection to their community. Gardening is a therapeutic and sensory-rich activity and the communal garden space can serve as a calming and rejuvenating environment, promoting relaxation and mental well being.

Engaging in gardening can provide seniors with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

The garden provides opportunities for learning, sharing, and a communal space for social gatherings. The garden also provides the opportunity to have a regular and accessible supply of fresh vegetables and savings on groceries during this economically difficult time.

Benefits and opportunities have been identified by the tenants themselves, the site supervisor, caregivers and family and friends of the tenants.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

HALS has demonstrated capacity to manage assisted living and low income housing and has a good understanding and the experience to provide programming which enhances the well being of seniors. We have a raised bed garden at Halcyon House which is enjoyed by our tenants, their families and volunteers. This project is small and easily managed financially by our experienced finance department and we have demonstrated experience in completing large projects successfully. HALS has experience recruiting volunteers to help with programs and we have a broad volunteer base with dedicated workers who have volunteered their expertise and time for many years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project Administration - Halcyon Assisted Living Society at 205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp

Coordination - Dr Brouse Lodge Site Manager

Construction and assembly of garden beds - ASLCS Community Works

Planting - tenants of Dr Brouse Lodge and volunteer friends and family

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Coordination, scheduling, project management (including financial) conducted by HALS staff. 25 hours at \$28/hr = \$700

Volunteers - priceless

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **KASLO TO SANDON RAILS TO TRAILS SOCIETY**

Registration # S0039831

PO BOX 347, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society Brochure and Advertising Campaign**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

All work on this project will take place from Kaslo to Bear Lake along the 28km BC recreation trail REC6115. This trail provides off highway access from Zwicky Rd in Kaslo to the property border of LOT456 at Bear Lake.

Importance to the community:

The original K&S wagon trail has been an important piece of West Kootenay history for over 125yrs. For over 20 years our society has been responsible for maintaining the trail, from small scale projects such as rock picking to large projects like complete bridge replacements. We do this so the residents of the West Kootenay's and beyond have a trail that can transport them back in time. It is important to us to ensure safety as our number one priority.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$2,759.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,759.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,759.00</b>	<b>\$3,159.00</b>	<b>\$3,159.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

2024 Project - Advertising and Information Signage. This year we want to work to increase user knowledge and enjoyment. Updating our brochures and adding new information signage along the trail, will increase usership and enhance the trail experience. The new brochures will be distributed at visitor centers and key locations throughout the West Kootenay Region. The new information signage will be placed along the trail with "You are Here" identifiers. High Quality maps and historical information will give the user a sense of what it was like over a 100 years ago.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain the K&S Wagon trail from Kaslo to Bear Lake. Keeping it safe for all users who wish to explore.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The original K&S wagon trail has been an important piece of West Kootenay history for over 125yrs. For over 20 years our society has been responsible for maintaining the trail, from small scale projects such as rock picking to large projects like complete bridge replacements. We do this so the residents of the West Kootenay's and beyond have a trail that can transport them back in time. It is important to us to ensure safety as our number one priority.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We want to enhance the user experience and bring additional users in to the mix. Advertising through our brochure campaign will increase this. Information signage will provide details on how far key points of interest are to allow with user to decide how long their journey might take.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

On November 19 th 2013, the Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society entered into a partnership agreement (PA13RDKB-33) with the Kootenay Boundary Recreation District to maintain the Kaslo River Trailway (REC6115) Recreation trail also known as the K&S Wagon Trail. As this agreement states, no funding will be provided by the government for this maintenance. All members of the society volunteer our time to maintain the trail per the agreement. Understanding the time estimated to complete the tasks and the desire of the society members to take on these projects, we have the volunteer capacity to take these to completion.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We are relying on volunteer labour from the members of the Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society as well as friends of society members.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Vehicle usage including fuel to access to the projects will be donated by society members and volunteers. All tools, including generators, saws, hammers etc will be volunteer owned.

Rec and Trails BC will be donating 4 kiosks for the society to use as part of this project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pavilion Utility Sink**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

At the Pavilion 609 Willow Street

Importance to the community:

This will make it easier for cleanup and make it more hygienic for anyone attending events and using the facility.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$1,365.98</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,365.98</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$1,365.98</b>	<b>\$1,365.98</b>	<b>\$1,365.98</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We need a utility sink for sanitation purposes and to meet food safe requirements at the Pavilion.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will make it easier for cleanup and make it more hygienic for anyone attending events and using the facility.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Food Safe Procedures

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a motivated board, keeping the interests of our community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fauquier Community Club Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Personal time, travel time and gas to purchase item. We will also have to repair a wall.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**

Registration # BC Society Number S-48744  
Suite 19-622 Front Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4B7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Pulling Together**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar  
Coordination of the project will occur through the CKISS offices. The pulling events will occur at five sites as follows:  
-Norns Confluence site, Robson, Area J  
-Kootenay Gallery site, City of Castlegar  
-Creston Valley Wildlife Area, Area C  
-Snk'mip Sanctuary in Hills, Area H  
-Pulpit Rock trail, Area F

Importance to the community:

This project involves a variety of community members from youth and school groups, to local residents and diverse organizations. This is an engaging and accessible program that benefits not only the environment, but encourages outdoor learning and knowledge building. Community groups are keen to take care of their beloved spaces and need the support and knowledge to do so. The entire community benefits when the youth are educated and involved.

"The trips allow our youth to become environmental stewards through invasive species management and restoration activities within our community. CKISS provides our group with hands-on restoration experiences by assisting with invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant ID. This type of placed based education helps youth feel they are giving back by learning to take care of the world by understanding and connecting them to where they live".

Deidre Pierce, Robson Scouts and Venturers

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
		<b>\$1,509.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	<b>\$1,509.00</b>		<b>\$1,509.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,509.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$1,509.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$7,545.00</b>

Project: Community Pulling Together

			<b>REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,545.00</b>	<b>\$24,407.00</b>	<b>\$24,407.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Community Pulling Together program engages local residents under three objectives; direct action to control invasive species, bringing the issue of invasive species to the attention of the community and encouraging volunteers to become local stewards of the natural assets in their communities. CKISS will run six events based on partners requests.

In a Community Pulling Together event, a group is organized to mechanically remove an invasive plant infestation in their community. Participants gain hands-on experience and knowledge on invasive plant control. Stewardship groups that successfully complete a weed pull event receive a 250 honorarium (with the exception of school groups). The events last from two to three hours with anywhere between 10-30 volunteers and CKISS provides supplies (shovels, bags and weed disposal).

Groups love to roll up their sleeves and get involved in a project with tangible results. People can see that they can make a difference in only a few hours and have a sense of pride with their accomplishments. Volunteers get to learn hands-on the impact of invasive plants on an ecosystem and learn removal techniques. These events are highly regarded and a fun way to develop environmental ambassadors.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Mission: To protect ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species.

An invasive species is a species that is not native to a specific location, and that has a tendency to spread to a degree that causes damage to the environment, human economy or human health.

Vision: Ecosystems, communities and the regional economy are healthier because the harmful impacts from the spread of invasive species have been reduced. Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) educates, works with, and calls to action area residents, visitors, and a diverse range of communities and organizations.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project involves a variety of community members from youth and school groups, to local residents and diverse organizations. This is an engaging and accessible program that benefits not only the environment, but encourages outdoor learning and knowledge building. Community groups are keen to take care of their beloved spaces and need the support and knowledge to do so. The entire community benefits when the youth are educated and involved.

"The trips allow our youth to become environmental stewards through invasive species management and restoration activities within our community. CKISS provides our group with hands-on restoration experiences by assisting with invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant ID. This type of placed based education helps youth feel they are giving back by learning to take care of the world by understanding and connecting them to where they live".

Deidre Pierce, Robson Scouts and Venturers

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

**Project: Community Pulling Together**

Invasive species affect the economic and environmental potential and health of our communities. Tourism, agriculture, energy infrastructure and property values are all vulnerable to the impacts of invasive species. Invasive species have a significant impact on ecosystem health, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature considers them one of the greatest threats to biodiversity globally.

CKISS has conducted inventory and monitoring of invasive plants in the region since 2005. A database of suitable sites for the Community Pulling Together program and requests from community groups is maintained. A prioritized list of invasive plants for the region is produced annually through a consultative process with regional land managers.

CKISS seeks to continue this program on existing sites to increase efficacy of treatment through continuity and to capitalize on the enthusiasm of volunteers in new areas. Primary invasive species targeted include scotch broom, Himalayan blackberry, yellow flag iris and knapweed.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

CKISS has a mission to protect ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species. Prevention is the most effective invasive species management, and education and outreach are key to this goal. CKISS strives to build capacity within local communities by engaging residents and youth through education and outreach and inspiring communities to take action. To support this goal CKISS has a dedicated Education Program Coordinator, who has organized Community Pulling Together events for the past 9 years. The Education Program Coordinator has developed an extensive outreach and social media presence and can effectively recruit volunteers and share the stories of success with the wider community.

CKISS also has an extensive terrestrial operations program that manages inventory, monitoring and control of invasive species in the region. Through this program, suitable sites are established and monitored on an ongoing basis.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) will be coordinating the project. Volunteers including the following will be participating in the pulling events:

- Okanagan Nation Alliance and Robson Scouts, Norns Confluence site, Robson, Area J
- West Kootenay Naturalists, Kootenay Gallery Site, City of Castlegar
- Lucerne Elementary School or New Denver Dragon Boat Team Snk'mip Sanctuary, Area H,
- Options for Sexual Health Clinic, at the Creston Wildlife Management Area, Area C
- Nelson Run Club, Kootenay Mountain Club and Jazmine Lowther - Professional trail runner, Pulpit Rock trail, Area F

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

CKISS is providing all the planting equipment in-kind. CKISS has an extensive media platform which is being provided for advertising and recruitment of volunteers. CKISS has also developed extensive outreach material which is being provided at cost.

Volunteers will be providing labour in-kind valued at \$9,000.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **New Denver Hospice Society**

Registration # 887722406BC0001  
Box 217, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Volunteers Make a Community Healthier**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The projects will take place in either New Denver or Silverton. Our aim is also to include members from Slokan and Nakusp who wish join us.

Importance to the community:

Dying can be a lonely and event, surrounded by fear. Hospice aims to bring volunteers to support those that are lonely and those who may or may not have family. As the end of life becomes clear Hospice volunteers are there to be with the palliative patient. Our wish is to have enough volunteers that we can be there at the bedside 24 hours a day. The volunteer benefits, the family and the person at the end of life benefit.

Holding Death Cafe events we believe we would have more people feeling like they could talk about end of life, they could ask questions, understand more about grief and how to be with others for support.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/11/2024      Project End: 12/3/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$700.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

**Project: Volunteers Make a Community Healthier**

**1. The project will provide:**

To educate and build up a community of active volunteers to support the Hospice Programs. New Denver Hospice Society will engage facilitators to deliver the necessary 30 hour Hospice Training as required by BC Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Our desire is to be able to offer training twice yearly. To further our outreach and our community understanding of Hospice we will host four Death Cafe sessions. Bringing people together to discuss and understand end of life and how to best help yourself, family and community be prepared.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

New Denver Hospice Society supports quality of living while in the process of dying and supports a healthy transition through grief for the bereaved. Our purpose is to select, train, and provide ongoing education and support to volunteers.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Dying can be a lonely and event, surrounded by fear. Hospice aims to bring volunteers to support those that are lonely and those who may or may not have family. As the end of life becomes clear Hospice volunteers are there to be with the palliative patient. Our wish is to have enough volunteers that we can be there at the bedside 24 hours a day. The volunteer benefits, the family and the person at the end of life benefit.

Holding Death Cafe events we believe we would have more people feeling like they could talk about end of life, they could ask questions, understand more about grief and how to be with others for support.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issue is having a sustainable number of volunteers. This year we have had numerous community deaths. Many required volunteers to sit vigil and be with the person at the end of life. We would like to increase the number of volunteers, educate community and help people be able to share concerns about end of life.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

New Denver Hospice is established as the only society in the community providing education regarding death and dying and Hospice Care. We have two qualified facilitators to teach the Volunteer Training. We have a board with sufficient experience to be able to deliver these programs. The Death Cafe events will be accompanied by other groups to enrich the opportunities and the information. We will welcome Green Burial Society as well as Last Wishes, Better at Home and Nav Care.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

New Denver Hospice Society will implement the projects, find the appropriate facilitators, advertise and find the suitable venue.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The New Denver Hospice Board will help organize and prepare for the Death Cafe events. Substantial volunteer time goes into planning and making the sessions for the training run smoothly

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

Registration # S-56150

PO 194, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **LINKS Emergency Preparedness 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Throughout the Lardeau Valley communities and hamlets.

Importance to the community:

All residents will benefit from bolstered emergency preparedness. The Lardeau Valley is remote and geographically dispersed, and many critical emergency services rely on the volunteer capacity of residents who live here. This project will provide a support and training and serve as an access point for residents and larger regional and provincial programs, which might otherwise remain disconnected. Community members of various organizations will be involved in organizing the events such as the emergency preparedness fair.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$4,305.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,305.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,305.00</b>	<b>\$17,360.00</b>	<b>\$17,360.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The project will offer a series of emergency preparedness tools and services for residents of the Lardeau Valley including:

- Basic Chainsaw Safety Course - To help train the population in safe chainsaw usage in case of emergency need.
- S100 Wildfire Fighter Training - offered in-person annual to maintain a crew of trained residents prepared to immediately respond to fires in our communities.
- Emergency Preparedness Fair - An annual event to celebrate our local and regional emergency services and to bring awareness about emergency preparedness to our communities.
- Upgrade to Seacan for storage of emergency supplies including community generators.
- Neighbourhood Emergency Planning event and other Emergency Preparedness presentations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose(s) of LINKS are:

- To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
- To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
- To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All residents will benefit from bolstered emergency preparedness. The Lardeau Valley is remote and geographically dispersed, and many critical emergency services rely on the volunteer capacity of residents who live here. This project will provide a support and training and serve as an access point for residents and larger regional and provincial programs, which might otherwise remain disconnected. Community members of various organizations will be involved in organizing the events such as the emergency preparedness fair.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Because of our remote location, efficiency in communication and strong emergency preparedness are necessary for our resilience. The need for emergency preparedness has been made evident by the severe weather and climate events of the past years - wildfire/smoke, prolonged power outages, floods/landslides, road closures, heavy snows, prolonged and extreme cold-spells, infectious diseases. These courses and events are annual occurrences, and their continued high attendance and the frequency of requests makes it clear they are valued by the community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Because of our position as communications hub for the area through our newsletter and website, LINKS is frequently involved in liaising and connecting the many amazing volunteer and governmental service providers with the community. While naturally we are not involved with emergencies directly, we play a role in bringing awareness to emergency preparedness. We have been offering emergency preparedness courses and events for many years and have shown our capacity to do so. Members of our board include members of Kaslo Search and Rescue, the Argenta Emergency Preparedness Group, and the Lardeau Valley Firesmart and Resiliency Committee.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

LINKS ED and LINKS Firesmart Coordinator, with the support of the LINKS Board, the Lardeau Valley Firesmart and Resiliency Committee, community emergency committees and groups, local community hall boards/administrators.

**Project: LINKS Emergency Preparedness 2024**

This project is also in partnership with emergency preparedness services offered by the regional and provincial government and other relevant institutions.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours of LINKS Board of Directors. The LINKS website [lardeauvalley.ca](http://lardeauvalley.ca) and the weekly newsletter support this project through promotion of the various events and distribution of emergency information.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

13429 Hwy 31, PO Box 108, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Swimming Lessons**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project will take place at Glayco Beach in Howser, BC.

Importance to the community:

The children and youth of Lardeau Valley and Kaslo will benefit from the project, as will the rest of the community. Children and youth who know what to do in and around water ways reduces the number of drowning injuries and deaths.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 8/2/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>

**Project: 2024 Swimming Lessons**

**1. The project will provide:**

LVCC hosts swimming lessons at Glayco Beach in Howser, BC every year. The purpose of the project is to teach water safety to children and youth that live in the area. We hire a certified water safety instructor to teach the lessons over a two week period.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The children and youth of Lardeau Valley and Kaslo will benefit from the project, as will the rest of the community. Children and youth who know what to do in and around water ways reduces the number of drowning injuries and deaths.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Lardeau Valley is surrounded by two lakes, two major rivers, and numerous other water ways (creeks, streams, ponds, etc). Because of the number of water ways in the valley, it is vital that children and youth are comfortable in and around water and know what to do should they hit the water unexpectedly, such as from falling out of a boat or off of a bank.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

LVCC has been organizing the swimming lessons in Lardeau Valley for many years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

LVCC will hire a certified water safety instructor and take registrations.  
The water safety instructor will set the lesson schedule and teach the lessons.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Board directors will be volunteering their time to oversee and manage the program.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Valley View Golf Club**

Registration # S0007905

6937 HWY 6, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

All aspects of this project will take place on site at Valley View Golf Club and Restaurant.

Importance to the community:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slocan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work. We provide a fun form of recreation for all, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive environment for people of all ages and walks of life. VVGC is a place where young people can learn the sport, golfers can practice their skills, and where people can gather, socialize, and utilize the many functions of our fantastic facility. Implementing this project will improve the vitality of our valley.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 10/18/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$15,850.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$23,350.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024**

<b>\$23,350.00</b>	<b>\$23,350.00</b>	<b>\$23,350.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

Our project goal is to refresh and upgrade the basic and vital elements required to maintain our facility, in turn, helping to grow our membership, and to provide a better quality experience for our guests. Year after year, we struggle with climate change and the asset management required to keep the course in acceptable playing condition, and to make course improvements. Through recent years, COVID and inflation have impacted the course in both positive and negative ways, and this year, as in each year previous, we intend to upgrade the course incrementally so as to remain a priority recreation and tourism facility for our community. Both the course and the clubhouse/kitchen have items that are in need of attention in order to provide optimal service and maintain the most positive experiences for our customers.

Equipment, irrigation hardware, fertilizers, and clubhouse supports are needed so Valley View Golf Club can continue to provide this vital and important sport and recreation destination within the Slokan Valley. During the 2024 season, our staff, BOD, and volunteers will be working as a team to complete the necessary upgrades and maintenance duties that will have an immediate and lasting effect on the experiences of our members, guests, and staff.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Valley View Golf Club is a non-profit organization providing affordable golfing facilities to the public for the past 57 years. Our full service clubhouse and restaurant provide the community with an affordable recreational and social venue, providing opportunities for social games, tournaments, weddings, or gatherings, and public or private events. Our operating budget for the upcoming season is \$138,600 in revenues and \$128,300 in expenses.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slokan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work.

We provide a fun form of recreation for all, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive environment for people of all ages and walks of life. VVGC is a place where young people can learn the sport, golfers can practice their skills, and where people can gather, socialize, and utilize the many functions of our fantastic facility. Implementing this project will improve the vitality of our valley.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our priority action items are as follows:

The nine greens are in need of fungal disease control, turf management, and focused maintenance.

All tee boxes (some hold 2 sets of tees, total of 22 areas of intent) require leveling, overseeding, and some disease control.

Ongoing sprinklerhead maintenance, replacement, and relocations are required on specific areas of the course.

Mowers barrel assemblies for the diesel mower, and turf aerator tines need replacement.

Fertilization and sand/seed top dressing of greens and tee areas of the course is required.

A new, modern Point Of Sale system with database and analytics for the clubhouse.

A new upright freezer.

New junior and adult rental club sets.

**Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024**

Rental golf carts are in need of repair, maintenance, and replacement. 2 additional carts would benefit our future revenue streams.

These items have been identified by the BOD in communication with the Greens Superintendent and management staff.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our Board members and staff are passionate, dedicated, and hardworking. The course has been in operation for nearly 60 years and through that experience, the ability to provide quality improvements to the infrastructure, assets, and services have been a yearly endeavor. With a passionate membership, BOD, and community, we share the workload and strive to continue to support this area with a solid plan to provide a quality product for everyone. The capacity to complete the project will be within the normal operation framework and will not require additional staffing to complete, other than the expected volunteer efforts.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our maintenance(Greens) staff, management staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers will be implementing the project. The BOD has a wide variety of expertise in many fields, for example: bookkeeping, business, golf course operations/maintenance, carpentry, marketing, community outreach, food & beverage management, etc. Our grounds maintenance staff will be returning and have years of local on site experience, and know exactly how our systems and equipment work. We have a dedicated group of volunteers to pool from that help out year after year and will continue to help us implement various changes and upgrades.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Various members and local machine operators, contractors, and merchants have extended interest in providing in kind contributions to the course improvement project. Local operators have offered to provide machinery and labor to get the tee boxes leveled an irrigation improvements completed. Slocan mechanic has offered to install parts and do set up on the new mower blade kits, and aerator tines. Many members have shown interest in providing minor labor enhancements to any of the maintenance procedures which qualify.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

P.O. Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kids to Camp 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Selected camps throughout the Kootenays and beyond, per submission of applications from participants in the Lardeau and surrounding rural areas. Due to the overwhelming popularity and no doubt to the great variety the Science and Art kits will be a strong part of this project.

Importance to the community:

This project has become extremely sought after within our community, especially in the last few years. We receive letters and requests from not only children regarding the camp funding. Many of these letters and social media postings are full of gratitude that their children were given this opportunity to attend or receive the Summer Camp funding assistance and/or summer camp kits. Partnering with Kiwi Company and receiving 40% discounts has greatly improved not only the kinds of quality kits, but the variety and number of kits has been amazing. This has been documented by the parents response and gratitude shown to the co-ordinator of the project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$8,550.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,550.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,550.00</b>	<b>\$9,950.00</b>	<b>\$9,950.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

To provide funding assistance for the children and youth to attend summer camp facilities, biking events, creative arts and science camps as well as Spring Camp events and/or receive art or science kits and attend on-line summer camp events.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project has become extremely sought after within our community, especially in the last few years. We receive letters and requests from not only children regarding the camp funding. Many of these letters and social media postings are full of gratitude that their children were given this opportunity to attend or receive the Summer Camp funding assistance and/or summer camp kits. Partnering with Kiwi Company and receiving 40% discounts has greatly improved not only the kinds of quality kits, but the variety and number of kits has been amazing. This has been documented by the parents response and gratitude shown to the co-ordinator of the project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

During the years of Covid restrictions in 2020-21 we partnered with a variety of local companies and created Summer Camp kits that were sent out to the youth and children of this area that were very enthusiastically received. We continue to receive positive response from parents for the Summer Camp supports/funding in both the in person camps as well as the kits. However this past 2023-24 year our children in this area have grown from 21 recipients to 28 and as such the demand for funds continues to grow.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Lardeau Valley Community hall has and continues to provide great support to all the communities within the Lardeau Valley. The great volunteer base, local business support, and the historical organization of the Kids to Camp project not only has connected with all the rural communities but retains the unique knowledge of what these communities want for the children and youth of this area.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Valerie Smith will continue overseeing this project as she has done for the past several years entirely as a dedicated volunteer.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer coordinator and project manager gives 150 hours approximately; Lighthouse Scrapbooking provides art kits free of charge;

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

13429 Hwy 31, PO Box 108, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Programming 24/25**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Workshops and programs will take place in the building and on the property of Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

Importance to the community:

All community members that participate in the workshops/programs will benefit from this project. Being able to provide local programs with local facilitators saves community members travel costs to attend similar programs/workshops in other locations.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,300.00</b>	<b>\$8,300.00</b>

**Project: Programming 24/25**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to provide cultural, educational, and social programs and workshops to the residents of Lardeau Valley and Kaslo. The objective is to reach out to locals who have knowledge/skills in a variety of areas who are interested in teaching others. We anticipate being able to put on 1-2 workshops/programs a month from September through May.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All community members that participate in the workshops/programs will benefit from this project. Being able to provide local programs with local facilitators saves community members travel costs to attend similar programs/workshops in other locations.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Living in a remote location like Lardeau Valley, we do not have ready access to STEAM programs, educational workshops, and the like. Being able to provide workshops and programs that people are interested in would be a great asset to the community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

LVCC is a large building with a lot of acreage. We have various rooms inside the community centre, so we could theoretically hold multiple programs/workshops at the same time. We have a dedicated manager and Board of Directors to pursue workshop/program opportunities.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Lardeau Valley Community Centre Board of Directors  
LVCC Programming Committee  
Various program and workshop facilitators

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The LVCC Programming Committee is a group of volunteers that commits 10 hours/month towards sourcing and providing quality programming to residents in the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society**

Registration #

3762 Little Slokan South Road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Silverton, Village of Slokan

The Vallican Whole Community Centre, on Little Slokan South Road in Winlaw (Vallican) area, in the Slokan Valley.

Importance to the community:

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$1,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$750.00</b>		<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,200.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab**

<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$37,900.00</b>	<b>\$37,900.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab, hosted at the Vallican Whole Community Centre in Winlaw, July 18 - 21st 2024, will be a 4-day artist-focused series of performances, workshops, masterclasses, discussions and community-networking events that is focused on empowering theatre and performance artists - germinating the next new wave of impactful, exciting and relevant art making for those who call the Kootenay mountains home. Created for performers, playwrights, directors, presenters, producers and practitioners, this festival will aim to ignite contemporary artistic development, while also fostering local connection and collaboration.

This event will bring together rural theatre practitioners from the Central Kootenay region (and beyond), connecting creators for collaboration and learning. It will also offer public performances open to anyone interested in taking in locally created theatre. The organizing committee will be formed by engaging local theatre artists and arts community members, representing a diverse sect of the regional performing arts community. The organizing committee will reach out to artists in the region to propose workshops, performances, masterclasses and other events, and co-create a program that will be engaging, useful and inspiring for participating artists, and will generate exciting public performances for the wider community.

Programming will be released in spring and registration (fee-based, but with accessibility in mind) will be open to anyone interested in joining the Lab.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society, parent organization to the Vallican Whole Community Centre, is a community hub, bringing people together to learn, share skills, celebrate, engage in the arts, explore topical issues, and create rurally relevant strategies for sustainable living.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Creating and sharing theatre in a rural community like the West Kootenays can sometimes be challenging and isolating. Resources, performance opportunities, and learning spaces are scarce and harder to access than in larger cultural centres. This Lab seeks to address the challenges that rural theatre-makers face in honing their craft, developing professionally, and sharing their work, by inviting collaborative learning and strengthening of the local theatre community.

There are many theatre-makers in the rural Kootenays, often working in isolation or needing to leave the area for job opportunities. This Lab provides relationship and community building space to reduce isolation, inspire collaboration, and increase the skillset and connectivity of these talented artists.

**Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab**

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Vallican Whole has a long history (over 50 years) of facilitating rural arts and culture, and has been home to many rural theatre creation groups and performances, including Theatre Energy in the 1970s-'90s, and the Valley Gems in the 2010s and '20s. It has hosted many performances, and slowly over the years developed a reputation as a unique and flexible theatre creation and performance space. The Whole is also working to increase its infrastructure and capacity as an arts-incubation space, and has recently undergone some venue improvements that support theatre making. Current Board and Staff at the Whole are passionate about creating accessible community theatre in the Slokan Valley, and interested in building relationships with other curators/producers in the region. The Whole also received a CKCA grant to support this project in 2023.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Steering Committee is made up of local arts practitioners and representatives from local arts organizations and a Vallican Whole board member. The Committee will provide direction and feedback to the Artistic Director of the Lab, Marya Folinsbee, who is also the Administrator for the Vallican Whole Community Centre. We may engage other contract employees and certainly engage many volunteers to help implement the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Abundant volunteer labour - likely over 200 hours.

The Vallican Whole Space, and it's existing resources - valued at over \$3000 for the full weekend use including theatre resources and amenities.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Blueberry Creek Community School Council**

Registration # 886243831RP0001  
200 Centre Ave, Castlegar BC V1N 3B9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **TGIF Friday Night Youth Program.**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The program takes place at the Blueberry Creek Community School Hub, and utilizes the community Kitchen, the Gym and the multipurpose room.

Importance to the community:

TGIF is extremely important to the children and families in the community. This youth program has been a longstanding pillar of community development, connection and inclusiveness in the community. The children attending benefit from the social, emotional safety and connection. Their parents and care providers also feel the community connection as they interact with neighbors and friends at drop off and pick up. The drop in, barrier free nature of the program means that families can utilize the program when it benefits them. It alleviates some of the social and financial pressure many parents find themselves under to provide inclusive activities for their children.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/20/2024      Project End: 6/20/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$300.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,500.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$16,864.00</b>	<b>\$16,864.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

In September 2024 BCCS will facilitate the 27th consecutive year of the extremely successful and much loved TGIF Friday night youth program.

The program is an opportunity for school aged children and youth from Blueberry, Castlegar and much of the surrounding area to socialize and recreate in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment. Program attendances have rebounded since pandemic restrictions were lifted, and with the addition of a nutritional meal, the average attendance on Friday night is now ~ 50 children. The program which runs Friday nights from Sept -June is staffed by 5 exceptional young people, 2 in the childcare field and 3 college student positions. The staff cook and serve a nutritional meal to the children and then they can choose their preferred activity. Options include a movie with a concession in the multipurpose room, craft and games in the kitchen and recreational games and sports in the gym, or all of the above. All of the activities are supervised and fun, and the children and youth build strong, trust relationships with the staff and their peers. The program is free to attend and BCCS is committed to an inclusive, barrier free environment.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Blueberry Creek Community School Council seeks to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities as a means of building and celebrating community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

TGIF is extremely important to the children and families in the community. This youth program has been a longstanding pillar of community development, connection and inclusiveness in the community.

The children attending benefit from the social, emotional safety and connection. Their parents and care providers also feel the community connection as they interact with neighbors and friends at drop off and pick up.

The drop in, barrier free nature of the program means that families can utilize the program when it benefits them. It alleviates some of the social and financial pressure many parents find themselves under to provide inclusive activities for their children.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The youth program supports the social and emotional wellbeing of the children and youth who attend as well as providing their families with the comfort and security of having a safe barrier free environment for their children to socialize and build relationships and connections in their community. Positive social connections help ensure healthy development in children, reducing depression, anxiety and social isolation and are good for their mental and physical health. In 2022, one of the TGIF evenings included a "pizza party" and staff noticed the positive effects of the children eating together and that some children appeared hungry. This led to the decision to add additional time to the program in 2023 and to serve a nutritional meal every Friday night. This has proven extremely positive with the children and the parental feedback is extremely positive.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

BCCS society feels privileged to have the opportunity and capacity to host this valued community youth program at the BCCS Hub. The program is an example of the societies commitment to serving the children, youth and families in our community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: TGIF Friday Night Youth Program.**

BCCS staff facilitate the program. On Friday nights there are 5 staff onsite, two are childcare providers and there are three Selkirk College students with lots of experience working with children in inclusive sport and recreational settings.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

BCCS has had food hamper donations from Kalesnikoff Lumber and other community members.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pavilion Step Ladder and Leaf Blower**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

At the Pavilion 609 Willow

Importance to the community:

It is our responsibility to maintain all parts of the Pavilion, ie: Tighten Bolts, Clean Spider Webs and keep the surface clean at all times.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$705.02</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$705.02</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$705.02</b>	<b>\$705.02</b>	<b>\$705.02</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Pavilion Step Ladder and Leaf Blower**

We need the blower to keep the Pavilion floor space clean. The Step Ladder is needed for personal safety.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It is our responsibility to maintain all parts of the Pavilion, ie: Tighten Bolts, Clean Spider Webs and keep the surface clean at all times.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The leaf blower will be more time efficient and the ladder will allow us to reach to tighten all the bolts and clean the upper surfaces.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a motivated board, keeping the interests of our community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fauquier Community Club Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Personal time, travel time and gas to purchase item.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Civic Theatre Society**

Registration # 811788702 RR 0001

719 Vernon Street, Suite 103, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4G3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

The KSBI Regional Program Manager is based in Nelson (and the Film Commissioner is in Winlaw), but the reach of the program spans the region (as far as Elkford and Sparwood in the east, to Edgewood and Burton in the west, to the Rossland and Montrose in the south. and as far as Radium Hot Springs and Edgewater to the north). With online interactions on the Facebook group, at meetups, and in events and workshops available to KSBI workers from all across the region, the program connects the widespread rural communities of the Columbia Basin.

Importance to the community:

The KSBI is a critical component that correlates to the KRFC. The Regional Program Manager is responsible for building and stewarding the local and regional network of more than 550 KSBI workers, and bridging the local industry with commercial film projects that are beginning to materialize across the East and Central Kootenay through the work of the KRFC. This role and program is a critical component of the development that is happening to bring these projects to the region and have local people and businesses benefit from them. Without it, we risk losing access to many future work opportunities on film projects.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,000.00	\$26,700.00	\$26,700.00

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will support the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI) Program for the 2024-25 year, supporting the key roles of Screen-Based Industry Program Manager and Events and Communications Coordinator and the costs associated with hosting meetups of Screen-Based Industry Workers in Columbia Basin communities within the RDCK. The Program Manager is also growing into an integral part of the regional management of the Kootenay Regional Film Commission.

The ReDi Program (and as CIP) has supported the KSBI program in a number of ways in the past, including start-up consulting to begin this economic stimulation program, the development of kootenayfilm.com, and support for the Kootenay Regional Film Commission (KRFC).

KSBI programming is free of charge, age-inclusive, and open to the public. It has no earned income streams. Since its inception, this program has needed minimal support because a BC Rural Dividend grant supported it. Our expectation has long been that NCTS would be able to support this role through earned income from three theatres once our renovation was complete. As this renovation has been delayed, that funding stream is not yet available to us, so we will need funding to continue this important regional economic development program in the coming year. Once the renovation is complete, the plan is for NCTS to be able to support this program on earned revenues.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Organization Mandate As a registered Canadian charity, Nelson Civic Theatre Society's (NCTS) mandate is to provide a public amenity by operating and maintaining a theatre as a multi-use facility for film screenings and for other artistic, educational and community-building programs and events for the benefit of the general public; be a home and presenter of lectures, workshops, courses and seminars on topics related to film or utilizing digital media for a diverse range of audiences; and protect, preserve and improve Nelson's historic Civic Theatre.

We fulfill our mission through:

Programming a wide range of cinematic presentations that respond to community interests.

Protecting, preserving and improving The Civic Theatre as a venue for cinematic and live cultural experiences, and for other educational and community-building programs and events.

Supporting local film, digital media and their creators, and encouraging the study and appreciation of film as an art and as a medium for information and education.

Working with community partners and local screen-based media artists toward building an information and communications technology hub that provides our rural community the means of engaging with and participating in a global community.

Engaging with other organizations, institutions and individuals to create synergy and grow community capacity.

Continuing to invest in the future of our community and, in particular, its youth.

**Our Values**

Our programming reflects our community's diversity and culture.

We provide a fulfilling and respectful working environment for our staff and volunteers.

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Community input, dialogue and volunteerism are essential to our operation.

We strive to be innovative and entrepreneurial, a catalyst to local thought leaders as they contribute positively to the digital world.

We foster a spirit of collaboration and endeavour to complement the goals and programs of other community groups and organizations.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The KSBI is a critical component that correlates to the KRFC. The Regional Program Manager is responsible for building and stewarding the local and regional network of more than 550 KSBI workers, and bridging the local industry with commercial film projects that are beginning to materialize across the East and Central Kootenay through the work of the KRFC. This role and program is a critical component of the development that is happening to bring these projects to the region and have local people and businesses benefit from them. Without it, we risk losing access to many future work opportunities on film projects.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The KSBI program addresses the economic and networking barriers that workers face living in a rural community. The program began in 2016 as a response to feedback from industry workers that cultural infrastructure and opportunities for professional development were lacking in our region. Since its inception, the program's goals have been identified through ongoing regular engagement with members through meetups, panel discussions and surveys. Goals are reviewed and renewed on an ongoing basis to ensure responsiveness to local needs and economic realities. This project will support continued support and outreach for workers through management of an active Facebook group (currently 554 members), professional development opportunities (mentorships and workshops), and significant support to the economic goals of the KRFC.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Since 2017, NCTS has been committed to developing the KSBI and we have built a strong network. Our very active KSBI Facebook group connects more than 550 people, updating members on industry activities, including monthly meetups. The role we have played in developing and securing the KRFC is substantial. We want to continue building momentum for Kootenay-based film projects, including major ones with significant economic impacts. Results of this program have included festival events for youth, emerging and established Kootenay filmmakers, a wide array of professional development events and workshops, mentorships of women in film, strategic project leadership resulting in the development of the film gear rental program, kootenayfilm.com and the Kootenay Regional Film Commission, the majority of which has had a reach spanning the entire region. We look forward to KSBI programs supporting the STOODIS Indigenous Film festival this year. We are the right organization to continue this work.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

NCTS is the home of the KSBI and co-founder of the KRFC, in partnership with the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association in Kimberley, BC. The KSBI Regional Program Manager will lead this project, working closely with the Events and Communications Coordinator and the Regional Film Commission. Depending on meetups, events, workshops, and mentorship plans, a number of other SBI professionals may be contracted to play paid and volunteer roles in executing programs.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

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Some meetups will be hosted in kind by local/regional businesses. NCTS offers considerable overhead to this project in the form of office space, supplies, printing, and bookkeeping, as well as hosting screening events.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**

Registration # S26819

P.O. Box 3213, Castlegar BC V1N 3H5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

All of our Community Youth Ski Programs take place at the Catslegar Nordic Ski Trails, on Highway 3A, 30km west of Castlegar. All of our project activities involving the ski gear will take place here.

The purchased ski equipment will be stored in a designated equipment shed at the Castlegar Nordic Ski Trails, which will provide a secure and dry on-site location for the equipment to be easily available for program use during the winter and properly stored and maintained during the off-season.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit families, schools and education groups from communities in the West Kootenay and Boundary regions, including Castlegar, Robson, Gennelle, the Slocan Valley, and Christina Lake.

Providing accessible and affordable opportunities to healthy and social winter activity is a fundamental service for youth, especially in rural communities where there are less such opportunities available and more families with financial restrictions. Cross country skiing is an activity which is accessible to people of all abilities, ages and demographics. Its health benefits and connection to environment are undisputed. Furthermore this program aligns with the BC Ministry of Education's Physical Activity Goals to introduce kids to new sports and give access to outdoor classroom time.

By providing access to ski equipment this will allow these beneficial services to be widely available to all demographics ages and abilities for youth in all participating regional communities.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 3/15/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$0.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$4,000.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

**Project: Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs**

			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
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<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,986.97</b>	<b>\$7,986.97</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Our Community Youth Ski Programs (CYSP) provide the following services:

- We offer weekly family-oriented ski classes from December to March to an average of 30-40 youth, ages 4-14, annually.
- We offer school ski programs to all District schools and independent outdoor education groups in the region. We provide 1-3 program days annually to each of five current participating schools/education groups, reaching more than 150 youth, annually.

The Goal of our programs is to provide affordable programming for local families and youth to engage in healthy, social outdoor activities during the winter.

The Castlegar Nordic Ski Club will purchase a fleet of 20 sets of youth ski gear to improve accessibility for our CYSP.

The short term impacts of this project will be a significant improvement to the accessibility of our ongoing youth programs to reach more youth in the Castlegar and Surrounding communities starting immediately in December 2024.

By acquiring 20 sets of Youth Ski gear, up to this many disenfranchised families and youth will be able to participate in our 2024/2025 programs, and we will be able to open the program to more grades among participating school, new schools and new education groups.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We create a unique winter recreation opportunity that is safe, enjoyable, affordable, accessible and family-oriented through programs and a network of well maintained and diverse trails where our users can engage in healthy outdoor activity, connect with nature and their community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will benefit families, schools and education groups from communities in the West Kootenay and Boundary regions, including Castlegar, Robson, Gennelle, the Slocan Valley, and Christina Lake.

Providing accessible and affordable opportunities to healthy and social winter activity is a fundamental service for youth, especially in rural communities where there are less such opportunities available and more families with financial restrictions. Cross country skiing is an activity which is accessible to people of all abilities, ages and demographics. Its health benefits and connection to environment are undisputed. Furthermore this program aligns with the BC Ministry of Education's Physical Activity Goals to introduce kids to new sports and give access to outdoor classroom time.

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By providing access to ski equipment this will allow these beneficial services to be widely available to all demographics ages and abilities for youth in all participating regional communities.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our Ski Club lacks the ski gear that would enable accessible participation in our Community Youth Ski Programs. This results in an access barrier for education groups, schools and families. Cross-country skiing is a healthy and accessible winter activity for kids of all ages, but access to ski equipment has been identified as the biggest barrier to participation over 5 years of offering our CYSP.

On average, five interested families and three education groups, annually request to participate and are unable to because of this barrier. This has been the case for the middle school and high classes at Stanley Humphries and Brent Kennedy as well as some families who are new arrivals to Castlegar Canada and are looking to better integrate with the community and experience the natural surroundings. Castlegar, a statistically lower-income community in BC, may compound this issue for families without ski gear.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Castlegar Nordic Ski Club CYSP provides healthy, social winter activities to over 200 youth, annually from 3-5 schools and education groups and many local families for 5 continuous years. A program priority is to offer affordable and accessible programming for all demographics

In 2022 we successfully increased the scope and length of our CYSP offerings to include shoulder season programs for youth and a wider age range of youth activities include fall training, roller skiing and introduction to competitive sport opportunities.

We are proud to have received the Community Sport Development Program grant from Viasport in 2024, which funded the training and certification of 3 women to begin coaching to provide female role models for the youth participating in our programs. We now have a dedicated team of three staff and two volunteer coaches, including a Head Coach and Program Coordinator overseeing the planning and delivery of the CYSPs.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Two of our club staff and one club executive will be involved in the implementation of the project.

Head Coach, Rolf Hartman and Program Coordinator/ General Manger, Simon Cretien will be responsible to research the equipment and provide an equipment list that fulfills the identified needs of the program, carry out the purchase and acquisition of the ski equipment, as well as its secure storage, maintenance and allocated use in the CYSP.

Club Treasurer and CYSP Supervisor, Jim Guido will oversee, approve and assist in, the aforementioned tasks from a volunteer Executive Member position.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Gericks Cycle and Ski, discount on ski gear - Value of \$1648.50

Materials for the construction of shelving in the storage facility donated by volunteers and board members

**Project: Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs**

Volunteer labour for construction of shelving in the storage facility overseen by board member, Jim Guido

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Valley Housing Society**

Registration # S-37293

3650 Passmore Old Road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Outreach**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Passmore Lodge - 3650 Passmore Old Road, Winlaw, BC.

Importance to the community:

Passmore Lodge offers seniors-specific accessible programming in the Slocan Valley, meeting an increasingly significant need. The fitness portion of this program is proven a successful community investment that needs continued support. we have been able to engage Seniors who don't normally attend Fitness programs by offering more varied activity opportunities.

These programs create a genuine reason for seniors to engage in fitness, socialize, reduce their isolation, increase their independence, maintain

cognitive fitness, and create opportunities for seniors to help other seniors. This assists Slocan Valley Seniors living in their own homes to

remain living independently healthier, longer.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/9/2024      Project End: 4/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$8,520.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,520.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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\$8,520.00	\$19,720.00	\$19,720.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

Outreach includes fitness programs, art and cultural activities, and educational programs of interest to seniors, which offer opportunities for seniors to engage in healthy interaction with one another and their community. This project is rebuilding the successes of the past and re-engaging with seniors that found themselves isolated through the pandemic. Whenever possible, these programs will be offered free of charge as cost can be a significant barrier for seniors living on a fixed income.

Coming out of the pandemic we were able to offer Seniors Fitness twice a week with one of those sessions incorporating Balance Boards along with Yoga once/week. This year we have the opportunity to add Feldenkrais once a week - this will almost bring us back to pre-pandemic Outreach programs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

One leg of the Society's Mission is to enable seniors to maintain residency in the Slocan Valley by providing affordable housing and support services.

The Society's Vision includes: A supportive community with enhanced opportunities to enable seniors - inclusive of ethnic origins, abilities and disabilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, race or religion - to remain an integral part of community life.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Passmore Lodge offers seniors-specific accessible programming in the Slocan Valley, meeting an increasingly significant need. The fitness portion of this program is proven a successful community investment that needs continued support. We have been able to engage Seniors who don't normally attend Fitness programs by offering more varied activity opportunities.

These programs create a genuine reason for seniors to engage in fitness, socialize, reduce their isolation, increase their independence, maintain cognitive fitness, and create opportunities for seniors to help other seniors. This assists Slocan Valley Seniors living in their own homes to remain living independently healthier, longer.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Healthy, active and engaged seniors contribute more to their community and are able to live independently longer. Programs such as Yoga increase the vigour and life satisfaction for seniors, who then remain a vital part of their community, family and friendship circles.

The increase of participants in this past year's program identifies the interest that seniors have in reconnecting to their pre-covid activities.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Slocan Valley Housing Society has been successfully delivering this type of programming since 2009. The programming has blossomed to meet the needs and interest of the many participants. Passmore Lodge has become known in the Valley for its flexibility in providing programming that benefits Seniors' health and well-being

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Joyce Johnson, the Administrator at Passmore Lodge will be the coordinator of the various Outreach programming.

- 8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Slocan Valley Housing Society is donating the use of the Common Room space at Passmore Lodge for the Outreach programs.

This includes using the existing space, exercise equipment, washrooms and kitchen. A fee of \$400 per week (\$100.00/class) for a period of 28 weeks.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

PO Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Seniors and Mobility Challenged**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Throughout both the Lardeau Valley community for the Family Freezer Meals and for the seniors and mobility challenged this would include the Kaslo area in addition to the Lardeau area.

Importance to the community:

Through this project, community members of the Lardeau Valley are able to learn how to economize without sacrificing nutrition by creating a large number of meals for their family. In addition with the new "freezer meals on wheels" program, an ageing seniors group as well as physically challenged group will benefit from this new extension of the Freezer Meals program as well as how to economize and create their own set of meals within their own home.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/1/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$1,660.00</b>	<b>\$3,875.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,535.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,535.00</b>	<b>\$7,035.00</b>	<b>\$7,035.00</b>



**Project: Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Seniors and Mobility Challenged****1. The project will provide:**

To provide an environment in a certified Kitchen to prepare Freezer meals to some of the economically challenged families in this area. In the past we presented Freezer Meals within our Project/Programming program, however due to its popularity we felt it was important to separate this grant front he Projects/Programming grant. This program was extremely popular and due to limited funding we had to create a lottery system for applicants to apply for attendance. The part 2 being that with the large ageing senior community in the Lardeau Valley and with the success of previous Freezer Meal programs, we were able to fulfill requests to do a "freezer meals on wheels" type program for the older seniors and some of the physically challenged members of Area D. Due to the number of people who have registered to be a recipient of this part of the program we view this as necessary to continue to offer this under this grant.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Through this project, community members of the Lardeau Valley are able to learn how to economize without sacrificing nutrition by creating a large number of meals for their family. In addition with the new "freezer meals on wheels" program, an ageing seniors group as well as physically challenged group will benefit from this new extension of the Freezer Meals program as well as how to economize and create their own set of meals within their own home.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Due to the continued current economic environment this program will allow families to not only attend a fun workshop but will provide a small supplement to their food budget. In addition the Freezer Meals class provides skills to show families how to not only create healthy meals and extend their food supply without sacrificing nutrition. The "Freezer Meals on Wheels" portion will provide a variety of nutritious meals for seniors and the physically challenged throughout the Lardeau Valley community. In addition, detailed information on doing these meals at home independently and personalized to the individual's skill set will be provided

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Lardeau Valley Community Club's hall has ample space with its IHA-certified kitchen to provide the Freezer Meals workshops and provide a certified space in which to prepare the Freezer Meals on Wheels. In addition there are a group of local volunteers familiar with this kitchen facility who have signed up or who have indicated that they wish to help with Freezer Meals on Wheels program so we would be not short of any knowledgeable help to execute this part of the project. The hall is also centrally located in Meadow Creek.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Valerie Smith - co-ordinator.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**Project: Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Seniors and Mobility Challenged**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The co-ordinator will be donating 200 hours volunteering both for prep and the hosting of this event, as well as driving and delivering the freezer meals on wheels portion of this project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #20 Nakusp**

Registration # CHAPTER 53 STATUTES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1956 As amended 1962, 1964 and 1980 AN ACT RESPECTING THE PACIFIC COMMAND AND BRANCHES OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (Assented to 2 March, 1956)

PO Box 157, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Add a 8'x20' shed to the southeast part of the building for hall storage (tables, chairs, etc.). Replace refrigeration system in the walk-in cooler.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area K  
Legion building at 404 1st Street NW, Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

Importance to the community:

The Legion is a designated Heritage building and a landmark in Nakusp and as such serves to maintain a high standard. This building was originally erected in 1932 due to the necessity for people to have a central place to meet and host events that were and are of great importance in the community, including functions such as weddings and funerals. The Legion funds and supports various group, veterans and other individuals who approach us for assistance. The Legion welcomes and supports the diversity of the community by providing a location where people can socialize in a comfortable, secure and healthy venue.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/2/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$27,164.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$27,164.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Add a 8'x20' shed to the southeast part of the building for hall storage (tables, chairs, etc.). Replace refrigeration system in the walk-in cooler.**

\$27,164.00	\$27,164.00	\$27,164.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

Construct an 8'x20' shed attached to the southeast corner of the building for storage of tables, chairs, etc., from inside the hall. Remove & disposal of existing refrigeration system and install new water cooled refrigeration system which has started to fail. Upgrade items for the benefit of the community, seniors and members.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Legion's core mission revolves around supporting our Veterans, their families and our communities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Legion is a designated Heritage building and a landmark in Nakusp and as such serves to maintain a high standard. This building was originally erected in 1932 due to the necessity for people to have a central place to meet and host events that were and are of great importance in the community, including functions such as weddings and funerals. The Legion funds and supports various group, veterans and other individuals who approach us for assistance. The Legion welcomes and supports the diversity of the community by providing a location where people can socialize in a comfortable, secure and healthy venue.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Storage shed for tables and chairs when not in use will provide a safe clutter free environment for the community in the Hall. Remove and replace existing refrigeration system in the walk-in cooler which has started to fail. Upgrade items for the community as identified by the building and maintenance committee and contractors.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The committee and volunteers with expertise in many of the required components of the project. We will be reaching out to contractors to provide expertise over and above our members.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Building and maintenance committee, retired contractors and business personnel. Services provided by contractors that is above and beyond, related to replacement and renovations of committee and volunteers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Hours of volunteers will be donated as well as their expertise in matters required for project completion.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #20 Nakusp

RDCK File No. 266-2024

Project: Add a 8'x20' shed to the southeast part of the building for hall storage (tables, chairs, etc.). Replace refrigeration system in the walk-in cooler.

Organization **Kootenay Lake Independent School Society**

Registration # S0035801

PO Box 1136, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Periwinkle Children's Centre Roof Repair**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo  
503 First St, Kaslo, BC (beside Vimy Park)

Importance to the community:

Periwinkle provides high quality child care to families in Kaslo and RDCK Area D, 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, which is essential to many working families. This project will help Periwinkle continue to provide a high level of care to local children in a well-maintained building.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/15/2024      Project End: 8/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,768.00</b>	<b>\$10,768.00</b>

**Project: Periwinkle Children's Centre Roof Repair**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will repair the roof over the older portion of Periwinkle's building by replacing the plywood sheeting, membrane and shingles. A new addition was added to Periwinkle Children's Centre in 2023 that increased the number of daycare spaces that Periwinkle could offer the community, but the original building needs some maintenance work to be done.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kootenay Lake Independent School Society is a registered charity and non-profit society that operates Periwinkle Children's Centre as its sole purpose. Periwinkle provides high quality child care for children aged 30 months to school age of families in Kaslo and RDCK Area D, and is the only registered daycare serving this area. It offers 20 Group child care spaces, is open 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, and has an operating budget of about \$280,000.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Periwinkle provides high quality child care to families in Kaslo and RDCK Area D, 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, which is essential to many working families. This project will help Periwinkle continue to provide a high level of care to local children in a well-maintained building.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Periwinkle Children's Centre recently completed a 600 sq ft building addition that increased its size to 1,600 sq ft and now supports 20 licensed child care spaces to serve the families of Kaslo and RDCK Area D. The need to repair the roof on the original building was identified during the expansion construction project.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Periwinkle Children's Centre has served the community as a registered daycare and non-profit society since 1996, and has a long-term lease commitment with the Village of Kaslo for its current building and occupied lots. Periwinkle has maintained the building, the grounds, and its own capital assets for more than 20 years by working with local contractors and suppliers, by soliciting in-kind services and donations when appropriate, and by fundraising.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

A local contractor will repair the roof, and Periwinkle's manager will supervise the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer grant writing and grant administration.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Pentecostal New Life Assembly**

Registration # 107833311 RP 0001

602 7th Street, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3J6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Grand Piano Rebuild**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The piano rebuild will happen in Calgary Alberta at the Hafermehl Piano Services Shop.

Importance to the community:

The grand piano is a connection point and brings the community together. Many groups gather and enjoy the piano such as the Twin Rivers Choir, The Community Carol Sing, memorial/funeral services, the free Christmas Memorial Service, local piano teacher's lessons and students who use it for recitals and Conservatory Canada piano examinations. It's the largest grand piano in the area available in a public venue capable of hosting events. The church rarely charges venue fees to these various groups, so this fact makes the piano and venue incredibly accessible and valuable to the surrounding community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 10/21/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$12,251.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,251.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$12,251.00</b>	<b>\$20,611.00</b>	<b>\$20,611.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The grand piano located within New Life Church is highly utilised, yet in a state of disrepair. The strings, hammers and mechanical aspects of a grand piano are much like tires on a car, and wear out over time, which affects the sound and quality. These parts typically need to be replaced at regular intervals every 5 years or so, and this piano has entirely original parts from 1976. We will hire a professional piano restoration technician to rebuild the piano strings, hammers and bring the piano back to its full potential.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

N/A - we are not sponsoring an unregistered organization.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The grand piano is a connection point and brings the community together. Many groups gather and enjoy the piano such as the Twin Rivers Choir, The Community Carol Sing, memorial/funeral services, the free Christmas Memorial Service, local piano teacher's lessons and students who use it for recitals and Conservatory Canada piano examinations. It's the largest grand piano in the area available in a public venue capable of hosting events. The church rarely charges venue fees to these various groups, so this fact makes the piano and venue incredibly accessible and valuable to the surrounding community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The main issue is the state of disrepair this grand piano is in, it's a very high quality piano (worth over \$100k brand new) but the sound quality has greatly deteriorated for example the piano was appraised recently and the appraiser noted the strings are "completely dead". The opportunity here is that the piano is an important focal point of community connection, culture, and many various groups who are able to gather in this venue. In it's heydey this piano was described as the "ferrari" model, but now it is at "jalopy" level. Should we restore it, it would open up new opportunities for concert level events and more for generations to come.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our building is used for many community groups and events, and the grand piano is here to be used and enjoyed by Castlegar and surrounding areas. Tammy has over 30 years experience as a piano teacher and passion for music and knows the importance this piano has on the community, so she is an excellent person to get this project done. She has a deep understanding of the technical needs involved in rebuilding a grand piano. We have successfully completed past projects (stoves replacement in 2023) as well have been actively fundraising to support the piano rebuild and gathered many letters of support from the community, which are included in this application.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Tammy Francis will coordinate and oversee the piano rebuild and ensure the quality of work and facilitate all steps required to get the job done. James Movers of Victoria BC will be hired to move the piano to the shop in Calgary. Hafermehl Piano Services has already been hired to perform the piano rebuild in Calgary, Alberta. Ultimately we got 5 different experts to evaluate the project and provide quotes, and we chose Hafermehl because of their reputation, quality workmanship, and fair quote.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**Project: Grand Piano Rebuild**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We already received a free assessment/appraisal of the piano by Hafermehl valued at around \$200. The moving company is helping us to reduce costs by including the piano move as part of a "regular run" instead of a separate trip. This is saving us around \$1500.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Christian Fellowship / Our Daily Bread**

Registration # 889369906RR0001  
520 Falls Street Nelson, NelsonBC BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Our Daily Bread Food Security Program**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Food Security Program will take place at the Nelson location of Our Daily Bread on Falls Street. Members of our community will be invited to pick up non perishables/ frozen foods and non perishables including diapers and infant foods on Thursdays 10-11:30am.

Importance to the community:

ODB's Food Security program will play a critical role in promoting food security, reducing hunger, and fostering community well-being by providing essential food assistance to those in need and mobilizing resources and support to address underlying issues of poverty and inequality. Residents of Nelson will benefit from the project including children and youth, low income individuals, seniors, people living with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and residents from other rural and isolated communities. Nelson is a core city and quite often, we have residents outside of Nelson from Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp, Balfour, Slocan Valley and other areas across the Basin to access services. This project is important to our community because it will address the current gap and shortage in food security programs on the weekends by providing additional resources to those in need.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 5/20/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$7,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$250.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$24,810.00</b>	<b>\$24,810.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

Our Daily Bread will create a community-based program that will help to address food insecurity in Nelson, BC. Our Daily Bread plans to pilot a food security program to provide food resources such as meals, groceries and frozen food packages to individuals and communities who are facing hunger and food insecurity. The project will forge partnerships with local grocery stores, farms and food suppliers to secure donations or discounts on food items. We will collaborate with other nonprofit organizations, churches, and community centers to leverage resources and reach more people in need. Our Daily Bread will use our existing location to create the food security program and train volunteers to assist with food storage, handling and safety regulations. We will recruit volunteers from the community to help with food collection, sorting, packaging, and distribution. This project will set up systems for collecting donated food items from partners and ensure their proper storage and handling. We will work with community partners to establish regular distribution days or times when community members can access the food program (tentatively Thursdays 10-11:30am). There is a food resource shortage in Nelson and area and this pilot program will help to alleviate hunger and food scarcity by providing nonperishables to our vulnerable community members in our current economy.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our Daily Bread in Nelson, BC is a community organization that focuses on providing meals and support services to those in need. Our Daily Bread aims to address issues related to food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness within our community. We strive to provide immediate relief to those in need and contribute to long term solutions that promote equity, justice, and well-being for all members of our community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

ODB's Food Security program will play a critical role in promoting food security, reducing hunger, and fostering community well-being by providing essential food assistance to those in need and mobilizing resources and support to address underlying issues of poverty and inequality. Residents of Nelson will benefit from the project including children and youth, low income individuals, seniors, people living with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and residents from other rural and isolated communities. Nelson is a core city and quite often, we have residents outside of Nelson from Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp, Balfour, Slocan Valley and other areas across the Basin to access services. This project is important to our community because it will address the current gap and shortage in food security programs on the weekends by providing additional resources to those in need.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our Daily Bread is Nelson's only hot meal program. We have been serving members of our community for 22 years. Five days per week, ODB offers a hot nutritious meal, social space and resource connections to provide immediate relief to those facing food insecurity and homelessness. Since covid-19, numbers of people requiring food, shelter and clothing are increasing and the demand for food is expected to increase by 60% by 2050. Most of our clients are young adults and seniors who cannot keep up with the rates of inflation and increasing cost of living. According to the 2022 Nelson Committee on Homelessness report, Nelson has the 2nd highest rate of homelessness in British Columbia's Interior and this is an undercount. This means that for every 1,000 people in Nelson, a minimum of 8 people are confirmed to be experiencing homelessness.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our Daily Bread has been serving this community since 2002. The organization has previous experience in addressing food insecurity and serving vulnerable populations in our community. We have an existing building to deliver this type of program along with the community networks and partnerships that can be leveraged to launch

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and sustain a food security program effectively. Being rooted in the Nelson community, Our Daily Bread has a deep knowledge of local needs, resources, and community services. This local knowledge can inform the development and delivery of the pilot food security program and tailor the program to suit community needs, Our Daily Bread has established trust and credibility among community members, volunteers, donors, and partners through our previous work in the community. This is instrumental in building support for the food security program and attracting volunteers and donors.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

A project manager will oversee the implementation process, supported by Our Daily Bread staff members and volunteers who will be responsible for various tasks such as project coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach, and program evaluation. The involvement of community members is crucial for the success of the pilot project. This includes individuals and families who will benefit from these services, as well as local residents who may volunteer their time, donate food items, or provide support in other ways.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Food Donations, Volunteer support, Food Storage Space, Transportation Services picking up food from donors, fuel cost and professional services.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**

Registration # S0043250

1832 Pass Creek Rd, Castlegar BC V1N 4S6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Motocross Bathroom Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, City of Castlegar

This project will take place at the Kootenay Motocross Track (KMX), which is located near the Bombi summit about halfway between Castlegar and Salmo, about 7km from the Highway 22 and Highway 3 junction, 1.5 km up a FSR.

At the KMX, the new outhouse facility will be located between the youth/beginner training facility and the main track. This will ensure easy accessibility and a central location for all participants and viewers. This location is also close to water lines so that cleaning is easy.

Importance to the community:

We have over 200 members, ranging in age from 5 to 65, from across the West and East Kootenay. Our members come from Nelson and Castlegar (16% each), 12% from RDCK Area H, 8% from RDCK Area B and 6% each from RDCK Area A and RDCK Areas C and G. We have regular day pass participation from all other areas of both regional districts.

This project will provide a more comfortable and sanitary setting for our local members and visitors. In 2023 we held three motocross races, one "hare scramble" and two skills clinics. Our races attracted between 70 and 130 riders. Through September we ran weekly ladies/kids nights with participation of 8-12 individuals. Our annual Tree Hugger hare scramble sees more than 140 participants from across BC. All users at both open track nights and planned races and events, as well as spectators, will benefit from this project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$18,000.00	\$26,033.00	\$26,033.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Over the next 3 years we want to grow our membership by encouraging and enabling more family participation at KMX. To achieve this we are planning to undertake upgrades to staging and facility services and youth track and trail options. This includes upgrading and relocating the bathroom facilities; improving access for safety; adding covered spaces with seating; improving the youth track so it better enables skill development across beginner and intermediate level riders; and constructing a beginner trail circuit.

As part of these larger facility upgrade plans, for this project component we are requesting funding to purchase and install a permanent high grade outhouse structure. This will replace two existing, run-down plywood outhouses. Leko Precast from Vernon BC will be engaged to complete this project. The bathroom facility will be the same standard as used in BC Park and Recreation Sites. Society volunteers will support installation as needed. In future years a second permanent outhouse will be installed.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Founded in 2004, WKR DAS is the primary dirt bike club in the West Kootenay. The mandate of the society is to gain respect from others about the sport; educate individuals young and old on safe and responsible riding and land use; and to work together with others for joint use of trails, roads and open land. WKR DAS operates the Kootenay Motocross Track (KMX) and tree hugger trails and the Rover Creek trail network. We average an annual revenue of about \$40,000 coming primarily from memberships, day passes and event fees. Expenses are kept within revenue availability with occasional exception for major equipment purchases, such as in 2021 when we purchased a dozer for track maintenance.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We have over 200 members, ranging in age from 5 to 65, from across the West and East Kootenay. Our members come from Nelson and Castlegar (16% each), 12% from RDCK Area H, 8% from RDKB Area B and 6% each from RDKB Area A and RDCK Areas C and G. We have regular day pass participation from all other areas of both regional districts.

This project will provide a more comfortable and sanitary setting for our local members and visitors. In 2023 we held three motocross races, one "hare scramble" and two skills clinics. Our races attracted between 70 and 130 riders. Through September we ran weekly ladies/kids nights with participation of 8-12 individuals. Our annual Tree Hugger hare scramble sees more than 140 participants from across BC. All users at both open track nights and planned races and events, as well as spectators, will benefit from this project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The current track facilities are very basic. There are two existing outhouse structures that are in poor condition and poorly located. They are constructed out of plywood making them difficult to clean and kept free of critters. As usership increases it is crucial for sanitation and comfort to have better facilities. In 2023 we had 299 racers, plus

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spectators, over three events. A higher standard bathroom facility is critical for accommodating this kind of visitation and usage, and ensuring sanitary conditions onsite.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

WKR DAS operates the KMX and tree hugger trails and the Rover Creek trail network. KMX is a volunteer run motocross track and Trail system. KMX Features a full MX Track, Kids MX Track and a 23km trail loop. Rover Creek has ~50km of trails. We have been successfully maintaining these facilities as volunteers since 2004 and are confident in our long term ability to deliver on this project. We maintain a license of occupation with the Provincial government for the maintenance and operation of the KMX track and trails, and a water license for our watering system. The trails at Rover Creek are managed through a BC Rec Sites and Trails partnership agreement.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be led by board member Floyd Babiak with support from president Jessica Foster. Vernon based Leko Precast will prepare, deliver and install all materials and supplies. Society volunteers will assist as needed.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Project co-ordination will be volunteer in-kind time.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Wildsight**

Registration # 134892496RR0001

2-495 Wallinger Avenue, Kimberley BC V1A 1Z6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wildsight: Classroom with Outdoors**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

Nelson: 4 Classroom with Outdoors Programs

Castlegar: 4 Classroom with Outdoors Programs

Salmo: 1 Classroom with Outdoors Program

Importance to the community:

To care for the natural world, young people have to care about it. Growing up surrounded by mountains, lakes and rivers, Kootenay kids quickly learn nature is an incredible force. But as climate change amps up, our younger generation needs to learn to love rather than fear the wilderness around them. Classroom with Outdoors provides our communities' young people with invaluable knowledge, skills and experiences needed to fearlessly participate in a more sustainable future. Funding for Classroom with Outdoors will directly benefit 216 young people in the communities of Nelson, Salmo, Castlegar, their teachers, and the aforementioned communities.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/12/2024      Project End: 6/23/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$375.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,375.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,375.00</b>	<b>\$4,050.00</b>	<b>\$4,050.00</b>

**Project: Wildsight: Classroom with Outdoors****1. The project will provide:**

Classroom with Outdoors offers intermediate students (Grades 4-7) the opportunity to get outside, connect to the natural world and learn to appreciate the importance of healthy ecosystems through a day-long field trip to their local grassland, wetland or forest. Each Classroom with program is rooted deeply in place, connects to Indigenous ways of knowing and builds ecological literacy among our youth. Classroom with Outdoors programs provide a stepping stone for young people to become stewards of the special places they live and help to develop a passion to protect the natural world.

Our climate is changing. Children and youth of our region are the first generation to come of age while navigating this challenge. Wildfire, flooding, landslides, drought, rapidly melting glaciers: these impacts are happening in real time across all of our communities. While Classroom with Outdoors stays grounded in this truth, it is designed to strike a balance, to help students imagine a future they want to be a part of, one that is clean, safe and thriving. The knowledge, skills and experiences gained through a Classroom with Outdoors program not only inspire youth to feel part of the greater landscape, they empower a younger generation to feel part of the solution. Funding will be used to deliver 9 Classroom with Outdoors programs in Salmo, Nelson and Castlegar.

**2. Organization Mandate:****Our Vision**

We envision a landscape with free-running streams and rivers of pure water, extensive and connected wild spaces and natural habitat that maintains the full complement of indigenous plants and wildlife. We see healthy human communities thriving with sustainable livelihoods and lifestyles based on a conservation ethic.

**Our Mission**

Wildsight works locally, regionally and globally to protect biodiversity and encourage sustainable communities in Canada's Columbia and Rocky Mountain regions.

Wildsight's approach is unique. We not only work to shape and influence land-use decisions, but we guide practice and steward change on the ground. We work with industry, scientists and all levels of government, including First Nations. We partner with other local, provincial, national and international conservation organizations to achieve our goals.

For 30 years, Wildsight has been recognized as a leader in large-scale conservation, sustainable community initiatives and environmental education. While our work focuses on the Kootenay region, and has received recognition from the communities in which we work, we are renowned throughout the province and across Canada for our effective conservation programs, excellence and innovation in all that we do.

At our heart, we are a grassroots organization, harnessing our power from the people whose lives affect and are affected by our work. We strive to inspire a conservation ethic in our children and in our communities so that the future leaders of tomorrow will be equipped to deal with the challenges of sustainability.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

To care for the natural world, young people have to care about it. Growing up surrounded by mountains, lakes and rivers, Kootenay kids quickly learn nature is an incredible force. But as climate change amps up, our younger generation needs to learn to love rather than fear the wilderness around them. Classroom with Outdoors provides our communities' young people with invaluable knowledge, skills and experiences needed to fearlessly participate in a more sustainable future. Funding for Classroom with Outdoors will directly benefit 216 young people in the communities of Nelson, Salmo, Castlegar, their teachers, and the aforementioned communities.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

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A recent study out of Selkirk College found youth in the Kootenay region are experiencing climate-related mental health issues more acutely than the international average. For example, 78% of Kootenay youth indicated they were very worried about the climate crisis - 18% higher than youth polled around the world. 81% indicated their concerns were dismissed or ignored, adding to a greater sense of isolation, and 81% felt people had failed to take care of the planet.

The Kootenays have been rated by global scientists as providing one of the best opportunities on the planet for successfully addressing the impacts of climate change. Classroom with Outdoors help young people navigate the current climate crisis by giving them a direct line to this opportunity.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Ever since our first field trip over two decades ago, Wildsight has been there for our schools and communities. We listen to needs, observe gaps and design programs in response to the most complex environmental issues. And because the environment doesn't exist in a silo, neither do our programs. We build ecological literacy and boost personal resilience, from early childhood through to young adulthood. Not only do we invite learners to deepen their relationship to place, we also remove barriers to receiving the profound benefits of being active outdoors.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our Wildsight education team and our local educators, Jess Williams, Monica Nissen & Genna Lazier, will be implementing and coordinating this project. They will be delivering 9 Classroom with Outdoors programs to approximately 216 students in Nelson, Castlegar & Salmo.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Teacher support - 9 programs \* 5 hours \* \$25/hr = \$1,125

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pavilion Outdoor Movie Night - Sound System**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

At the Pavilion 609 Willow

Importance to the community:

It is for social gatherings and our past movie nights have been successful with people commenting on how great the evening was.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$1,261.55</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,261.55</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,261.55</b>	<b>\$1,261.55</b>	<b>\$1,261.55</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Pavilion Outdoor Movie Night - Sound System**

We have outdoor movie events at the Pavilion but we need better sound as it is difficult to hear the movie.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It is for social gatherings and our past movie nights have been successful with people commenting on how great the evening was.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issue is we do not have a good enough sound system for the movies and celebrations held at the Pavilion.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a motivated board, keeping the interests of our community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Chris Sikora

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Personal time, travel time and gas to purchase item.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Employment Services Society**

Registration # S0038137/867238487BC0001

119 11th Ave N, Creston British Columbia V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Quest**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston

The event's interactive nature necessitates varied locations determined by specific challenges. Primarily, activities will be centered within the High School/Kootenay Employment Services (KES) facilities and downtown Creston, ensuring accessible integration of educational institutions, (CoTR) community resources, and engagement with local employers and service providers.

Importance to the community:

The "Community Quest" project holds paramount significance for the community as it addresses crucial issues affecting its youth. By providing an innovative, hands-on experience, the initiative bridges the gap between young individuals and local resources, fostering awareness and understanding. The event cultivates a sense of community among youth and promotes collaboration with educational institutions, service providers, and employers. This not only enhances participants' knowledge of available opportunities but also nurtures essential skills like problem-solving and teamwork. Moreover, the project promotes engagement between the youth and community leaders, employers, and service providers, creating networking opportunities that can catalyze future collaborations and initiatives. Ultimately, "Community Quest" serves as a fun yet educational event for community development, empowering the next generation with the knowledge, skills, and connections necessary for a prosperous and cohesive local environment.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/30/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,352.03</b>	<b>\$1,352.03</b>	<b>\$1,352.03</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,352.03</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,408.12</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,408.12	\$5,408.12	\$5,408.12

**1. The project will provide:**

"Community Quest" is a one-day educational event, designed to empower and educate youth by connecting them with valuable local resources through an innovative and engaging format inspired by the Amazing Race. Participants will form teams and embark on a journey across the community to explore educational institutions, community centers, health and wellness services, and employment opportunities.

Highlights of the event include Amazing Race-style challenges at each location, testing problem-solving skills, teamwork, and knowledge of community resources. Teams will navigate through the community by solving clues, adding an element of strategy and fun to the experience. Local employers and service providers will directly engage with participants at certain challenge locations, bridging the gap between youth and community resources. Exciting prizes will be awarded to teams, fostering recognition for teamwork, creativity, and overall achievement.

Additionally, a complimentary lunch will provide participants with the opportunity to network with community leaders, employers, and service providers, encouraging further discussions about available opportunities and resources. "Community Quest" aims to build a sense of community among youth while raising awareness about the diverse resources available, ultimately providing participants with a better understanding of the opportunities within their reach.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The organization is a registered charity and deeply committed to regional economic health and vitality. We work with many organizations in our communities to address both emerging and longstanding issues affecting the local labour market. Together we help make the Kootenays a unique and positive place to live and work in. At our core, KES is an organization about people and community. We work with job seekers, employers, the provincial school district, community partners and funders to cultivate genuine and collaborative relationships that support our belief that everyone has the right to meaningful employment.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The "Community Quest" project holds paramount significance for the community as it addresses crucial issues affecting its youth. By providing an innovative, hands-on experience, the initiative bridges the gap between young individuals and local resources, fostering awareness and understanding. The event cultivates a sense of community among youth and promotes collaboration with educational institutions, service providers, and employers. This not only enhances participants' knowledge of available opportunities but also nurtures essential skills like problem-solving and teamwork. Moreover, the project promotes engagement between the youth and community leaders, employers, and service providers, creating networking opportunities that can catalyze future collaborations and initiatives. Ultimately, "Community Quest" serves as a fun yet educational event for community development, empowering the next generation with the knowledge, skills, and connections necessary for a prosperous and cohesive local environment.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The identification of issues and opportunities involved a comprehensive approach, including direct consultations with key stakeholders such as the school district, local employers, and community service support agencies. Regular meetings with support agencies, close collaboration with the High School, and ongoing interactions with youth attending Kootenay Employment Services programs provided valuable insights into community needs. This

**Project: Community Quest**

consultative process also extended to daily collaboration with town employers. Through these engagements, a profound understanding of limited youth awareness, the gap between youth and community resources, and the need for enhanced networking emerged. This initiative, strategically addresses these issues with an innovative format, fostering exploration, interaction, and networking among participants and diverse community resources, ensuring a targeted and impactful response to identified challenges.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization, Kootenay Employment Services (KES), is uniquely positioned to excel in the delivery of the "Community Quest" project due to our extensive experience and close collaboration with key stakeholders amongst other things. With a proven track record of implementing successful community-focused initiatives, KES possesses a deep understanding of local needs and challenges, particularly in youth education and employment. Our established relationships with educational institutions, service providers, and employers enhance our ability to seamlessly coordinate and integrate these vital components into the project. A recent example of this for reference would be the PARTY program which has been successfully delivered in Creston, educating youth in our community with regards to healthy habits and behavior and the dangers of making uninformed decisions. The same process and engagement would be used for this new project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project's successful implementation will be led by a skilled Project Manager from Kootenay Employment Services (KES). Working in tandem with educational institutions, service providers, and employers, the Project Manager from KES will play a pivotal role in orchestrating a seamless and impactful execution of the "Community Quest" initiative, ensuring the coordinated involvement of all stakeholders for optimal outcomes.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KES will provide an in-kind administration staffing contribution to the value of \$439.77 and the use of our building for the day of the event. Also, KES will provide an in-kind contribution towards marketing costs for this event to a total of approximately, \$400.00.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kitchen Equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

LVCC kitchen

Importance to the community:

To continue to offer a first class community Food Safe Kitchen to presenters and/or renters as well as expansion of the Freezer Meals program.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/2/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$3,012.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,012.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,012.00</b>	<b>\$3,912.00</b>	<b>\$3,912.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Kitchen Equipment**

We need to update our equipment to not only further enhance our Facility rentals like the Food Hub but our in-house programs require a stand up freezer to preserve foods not only for the Family Freezer Meal programs but eh Freezer Meals on Wheels programs for our senior community. Additionally some equipment listed will continue to allow us to get a Food Safety Kitchen rating and thus provide safe space for preparing food for events as well as a rental for those producing food for the general public.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

To continue to offer a first class community Food Safe Kitchen to presenters and/or renters as well as expansion of the Freezer Meals program.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues is the lack of some equipment as well as reduce the suspension of receiving the Food Safe Kitchen rating from Interior Health.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We at Lardeau Valley Community Club are in a unique position to provide this facility for not only our in-house programs but many members of our remote community have the availability of renting a Food Safe Community without the necessity of long distance travel.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Board of Directors over seen by Valerie Smith (Treasurer) and Amanda Cutting (President)

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Village of Slocan Fitness Centre**

Registration #

Box 318, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Clifford Froehlich

Project Title **Slocan Fitness Centre upgrades**

Project will be located in: Village of Slocan

The project will take place at the fitness centre in the village of Slocan. Although the fitness centre is located in Slocan, it serves a large amount of people up and down the valley.

Importance to the community:

Over the years that Slocan Fitness Centre has proven to be an essential part of the overall physical fitness, and the mental health of the members of our community and surrounding area. It is important to have our fitness centre and equipment in good condition. It is an outlet for people of all ages, physical conditions, and abilities. Our fitness centre users are welcome from a wide demographic and have varying needs for accessing the facility. Some are competitive athletes. Some are recovering from injuries, but most are those that are seeking physical fitness and general well-being. Our facility offers memberships at a very low cost to ensure that it is not cost prohibitive.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 2/28/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$4,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Slocan Fitness Centre has been in operation for about 14 years. The fitness equipment was originally purchased as used equipment. It is aging, wearing out, and in need of replacement to maintain a healthy and safe environment. New, updated equipment will entice more of our community members to be involved with the fitness center. Physical fitness and activity leads to healthier bodies, minds, emotions, and spirits and general health of the community as a whole.

The building which is home to the Fitness Centre is about 90 years old. With that comes an accumulation of dust and unknown particles in the air. It needs to be cleaned, mopped and dusted regularly to try and keep it clean. With the purchase of portable air filtration systems, it will help to keep the air clean for our users.

Our user numbers have increased dramatically over the past few years. In 2023 we had in excess of 4500 visits by our members. With the increased number of users comes new challenges. Our building security is one of those challenges. Currently we have a manual door code lock system making the facility accessible by our users any time of the day or night. We are in need of an updated electronic card swipe system in order to limit the access times of our users.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Slocan Fitness Centre will provide our community and surrounding area an opportunity to access a good quality, well-maintained, fitness center. The fitness centre must be accessible and affordable to our users in order to improve and maintain the physical fitness, mental health and general well-being of our community as a whole.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Over the years that Slocan Fitness Centre has proven to be an essential part of the overall physical fitness, and the mental health of the members of our community and surrounding area. It is important to have our fitness centre and equipment in good condition. It is an outlet for people of all ages, physical conditions, and abilities. Our fitness centre users are welcome from a wide demographic and have varying needs for accessing the facility. Some are competitive athletes. Some are recovering from injuries, but most are those that are seeking physical fitness and general well-being. Our facility offers memberships at a very low cost to ensure that it is not cost prohibitive.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Equipment that is currently being used at the facility is in need of expansion. With our increased number of members, there is often wait times for the equipment that we have. An expansion of our equipment base is necessary to fulfil the needs of the members.

Currently, there is no air filtration system in the building. It is heated with electric wall-mounted heaters. The equipment and ceiling fans are often noted to be dusty and in need of cleaning. With the addition of portable air filtration systems, we will address the issue that regarding the amount of dust and unknown particles in the air.

The electronic door code system will limit the access times to the building and will also identify the individuals who are accessing the fitness center.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Slocan Fitness Centre has been in operation for several years and is well established. We work well in collaboration with the Village to Slocan. Our dedicated group of volunteers consist of a good cross-section of people from the community who are reliable and well-versed in understanding the fitness needs and wants of our community. We understand that the facility must be well maintained and updated in order to meet the fitness requirements of our community and surrounding area.

Our current venue is pushed to the Kim in order to meet the needs of our users. Constant improvements, updates and changes are necessary due to the increasing number of the fitness centre members.

**Project: Slocan Fitness Centre upgrades**

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fitness centre committee members are involved as a whole and the village of Slocan is acting as a sponsor for the fitness center.

Cliff Froehlich will oversee the project as part of the committee and Ezra Buller, who is a village councillor and also a member of the committee, will act as the liaison for the village of Slocan.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Community Food Centre**

Registration # 82876 2344 RR0001  
602 Silica St., Nelson BC V1L 4N1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Nelson Community Food Centre FoodSkills Program**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The workshops will be held at the Nelson Community Food Centre located at 602 Silica St. Nelson, BC. Workshop program participants will cook in the newly renovated kitchen on site, and complete other workshop tasks in the community centres main hall.

Importance to the community:

The 2024 Foodskills Program is important to the community as it aligns with the objectives in the Sustainability Principles and Focus Areas of the City of Nelson's Path to 2040, Sustainability Strategy. Like the City of Nelson, this project aims to increase access to nutritious food, prioritize healthy families and individuals, promote local food production and reduce waste.

The Nelson Community Food Centre supports those facing adversity in Nelson and Electoral Areas E, F, H and I. The workshops have been designed to ensure we support the diversity within our community, and the opportunity to bring together participants with shared experiences like newcomers to the community or seniors.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/17/2024      Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$10,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Nelson Community Food Centre FoodSkills Program**

<b>\$11,500.00</b>	<b>\$26,250.00</b>	<b>\$26,250.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Nelson Community Food Centre 2024 Foodskills Program is a series of workshops designed to create opportunities for people facing adversity to share, connect and advocate around good food. As part of the NCFC's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, we strive to improve and expand our reach to the community through innovative, no-cost and barrier-free programming.

Through the Summer, Fall and Winter of 2024, the Nelson Community Food Centre will host 'At-Home MicroGreens', 'Harvest Rescue Processing, Canning & Dehydration', 'Sourdough Bread' and 'Around the World - Learn to Cook' workshops. These workshops have been designed to improve food skills, adopt healthier attitudes around food, promote self sufficiency and increase confidence and leadership amongst program participants and volunteers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

At the Nelson Community Food Centre, our vision is a thriving community where people come together around good food for all. Our mission is to create opportunities for people facing adversity to share, connect and advocate around good food.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The 2024 Foodskills Program is important to the community as it aligns with the objectives in the Sustainability Principles and Focus Areas of the City of Nelson's Path to 2040, Sustainability Strategy. Like the City of Nelson, this project aims to increase access to nutritious food, prioritize healthy families and individuals, promote local food production and reduce waste.

The Nelson Community Food Centre supports those facing adversity in Nelson and Electoral Areas E, F, H and I. The workshops have been designed to ensure we support the diversity within our community, and the opportunity to bring together participants with shared experiences like newcomers to the community or seniors.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The 2024 Foodskills Program workshops are themed around sustainability, food recovery and knowledge exchange. The workshops will address food security concerns in the community, encourage experiential learning and promote local food system sustainability. They have been created with the intention of supporting all low-income community members and recognizing the diverse community the Nelson Community Food Centre operates in.

These issues were identified through program participant surveys, in-depth conversations with Nelson Community Food Centre Volunteers, and ongoing conversations with other Community Food Centres across British Columbia.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Nelson Community Food Centre has spent over fifteen years supporting community members facing adversity in the RDCK. We are deeply committed to advocating on issues of poverty reduction, food security and social justice. Staff and volunteers work diligently to provide a safe space where everyone is welcomed and treated with dignity and respect. The Nelson Community Food Centre has gone through a significant transition period over the last twelve months, staff and volunteers are committed and ready to begin regular programming once again.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: Nelson Community Food Centre FoodSkills Program**

The 2024 Foodskills Program workshops will be overseen by the Nelson Community Food Centres Executive Director and lead by the Food Access Coordinator. Additional workshop support will be provided by Nelson Community Food Centre Volunteers.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
  - Executive Director & Director of Development time and labour
  - Spout seedlings for workshop
  - Time donated by sourdough starter workshop leader

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Kaslo and District Community Forest Society**

Registration # 873501241  
Box 789, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Winter in the Forest**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D  
On the Village of Kaslo land near the airstrip.

Importance to the community:

It has become a cherished tradition in the community and everyone is welcome at this free event. All community members in Kaslo and Area D can feel warmth from the bonfire, nourishing soups, live music and community spirit. Families, especially those with young children, enjoy the activities that include a human dog sled race, giant jenga, snow painting, street hockey and cross country skiing. Everyone in the area, there has been lots of people from Nelson coming out as well. Typically the Housing Society collects donations for the free food and beverages at the event.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 1/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,725.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,725.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,725.00</b>	<b>\$14,075.00</b>	<b>\$14,075.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Winter in the Forest Festival is an event that brings residents of Kaslo and Area D together to cherish the winter season and family, celebrating our diverse and inclusive community on Family Day each year.

By bringing families together for a day of outdoor enjoyment, entertainment and education, Winter in the Forest celebrates community connections. These activities include free food, live music, snow sculpture creation, human dog sled races and a woodsman competition, which provide opportunities for residents and visitors alike to connect, learn and celebrate community and the beautiful place we call home.

The Kaslo Community Forest has typically sponsored the event financially, while the Kaslo Housing Society has organized the event. Due to rising event costs and challenging timber markets while we still try to salvage dead timber from the Briggs Creek fire in 2022, KDCFS is seeking grant funding to facilitate the 2025 Winter in the Forest Festival on Monday, February 17th.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Manage the diversity of values of the Community Forest in an ecologically responsible and fiscally accountable manner on behalf of the people of Kaslo and Area D

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It has become a cherished tradition in the community and everyone is welcome at this free event. All community members in Kaslo and Area D can feel warmth from the bonfire, nourishing soups, live music and community spirit. Families, especially those with young children, enjoy the activities that include a human dog sled race, giant jenga, snow painting, street hockey and cross country skiing. Everyone in the area, there has been lots of people from Nelson coming out as well. Typically the Housing Society collects donations for the free food and beverages at the event.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We are addressing the issues of community connectedness and education by providing a day where people can come out and enjoy themselves listening to music, eating free food, sledding, all while connecting with old and new friends and learning about what KDCFS is up to , as well as FireSmart activities, the local volunteer fire department and Search and Rescue. The event has been held for over 20 years and every year there is a great turnout, from new born babies to seniors coming out.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KDCFS has been sponsoring and helping to organize the event since 2002! The event embodies the mission and values of the KDCFS by supporting community and celebrating the environment around us. KDCFS has decades of experience successfully applying for and administering grant funded projects of various magnitudes making it the best suited organization to lead this application and project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

KDCFS staff and Board members will facilitate funding the festival, advertising and help with setup and take down. The Kaslo Housing Society will organize and execute the event. Several other community groups will volunteer at the event including Kaslo Community Services with youth centred activities, Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society facilitating cross country skiing, Kaslo Volunteer Fire department help with parking and community engagement, Village of Kaslo public works time and equipment for site preparation and clean up, all contributing towards a tremendous example of a community working together.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Many volunteer hours by people making soups, chili and hot chocolate and serving them all day. KDCFS Board members and staff helping to organize the event, setup, run it and clean up after.

Many local non-profits, fire department, search and rescue come to show their trucks, equipment and share knowledge. Kaslo Youth Centre has a tent to play games and do crafts.

Village of Kaslo donating time and equipment for site preparation.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nakusp Ski Club Association**

Registration # S68813

Box 436, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Summit Lake Ski Area Night Skiing Improvement**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp  
Summit Lake Ski Area, south of Nakusp

Importance to the community:

The Summit Lake Area provides one of the few opportunities for residents of all ages who reside in the Arrow and Slocan Lakes Area to participate in a healthy, outdoor, family oriented Winter activity. The night skiing provides the area with something unique for people of all ages, and also brings tourism as people from nearby town are willing to travel and spend money in the area to experience it. Summit Lake is a gathering place and a wonderful environment to initiate children to sport and practice an healthy life style. Friday night skiing is a key piece of weekend entertainment, and with better lighting, can work in synergy with music, video, food, games, and other offerings in place to become a gathering hub for the local population. By diversifying its offering, the hill would satisfied the needs of a larger part of the community, hence becoming more sustainable.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/21/2024      Project End: 5/24/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,260.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,000.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$32,260.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$32,260.00</b>	<b>\$34,650.00</b>	<b>\$34,650.00</b>

**Project: Summit Lake Ski Area Night Skiing Improvement****1. The project will provide:**

The project is to update the existing night skiing light system. It will provide users with more visibility and a more enjoyable experience, as well as increase safety for all. It will be achieved by replacing poles and installing new energy efficient lightbulbs. This will also provide long-term environmental and cost savings for the hill. The new asset for the Ski Hill would in return bring in more tourism for the region as night skiing is an unique experience and apart from Summit Lake Ski Area, the closest ski hill to offer night skiing is Silver Star, 221km and 3.5 hours away.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the society are

- a) to locate, acquire, develop, and maintain a suitable ski hill that will satisfy the skiing requirements of the Nakusp District population,
- b) to establish and operate within the scope of its financial means, suitable facilities such as a ski lodge and ski tows for the benefit of the skiers, and
- c) to provide ski instruction for beginners, families, and school communities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Summit Lake Area provides one of the few opportunities for residents of all ages who reside in the Arrow and Slovan Lakes Area to participate in a healthy, outdoor, family oriented Winter activity. The night skiing provides the area with something unique for people of all ages, and also brings tourism as people from nearby town are willing to travel and spend money in the area to experience it. Summit Lake is a gathering place and a wonderful environment to initiate children to sport and practice an healthy life style. Friday night skiing is a key piece of weekend entertainment, and with better lighting, can work in synergy with music, video, food, games, and other offerings in place to become a gathering hub for the local population. By diversifying its offering, the hill would satisfied the needs of a larger part of the community, hence becoming more sustainable.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The lighting system in place for night skiing is not providing enough light for guests to experience safe and enjoyable skiing. The system hasn't been updated in over 40 years so it is not energy efficient. Each new lights would be 100 watts more efficient. About twenty of the existing poles need to be replaced as they do not meet industry standards for their structural integrity, and cannot be climbed.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Nakusp Ski Club has successfully owned, maintained and operated the Summit Lake Ski Area for 60 years using volunteers and qualified contractors. The club is qualified to ensure completion of this project, and Jacob Butt, owner of One Time Electric, has offered to support this application. Crescent Bay Construction, who will replace poles, is owned by a Summit Lake Ski Area board member, and is happy to also support and offer the machinery and labour for free.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers of Nakusp Ski Club Association.  
One Time Electric Ltd  
Crescent Bay Construction

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**Project: Summit Lake Ski Area Night Skiing Improvement**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers of Nakusp Ski Club Association will be heavily involved with coordinating the project. They will also work with the specialized contractors where possible.

Labour and machinery for both electrical and pole installation will be subsidized by One Time Electric and Crescent Bay Construction, respectively.

One Time Electric Ltd will be volunteering staff for the installation of the lights, a value of \$1000

Crescent Bay Construction will be providing the staff and machinery necessary for the replacement of the poles, a value of \$10 000.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nakusp Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Registration # 5084

Box 243, Nakusp B.C. V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Road Rescue Resiliency**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

This project will take place on the Nakusp Volunteer Fire Brigades Road Rescue Vehicle, located at the Nakusp Emergency Services Building.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to improve capabilities and efficiencies regarding motor vehicle incident response for our area. The NVFB Road Rescue services all of area K within the RDCK. All residents or visitors of area K are subject to dangerous driving conditions through steep mountainous environments at times. The safety benefits will be felt throughout the entire community of this area.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 5/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp <b>\$30,000.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>	<b>\$125,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Nakusp Volunteer Fire Brigade (NVFB) is a non-profit organization looking to improve road rescue response capabilities through implementing specialized equipment on a new road rescue vehicle. Our project consists of the removal and installation of our current equipment box onto the new road rescue truck, and the acquisition and installation of a tri-anchor pulley arm system. We are also looking to replace a damaged lift-assist air bag, which is used in vehicle stabilization at an accident scene.

Improving our available tools and equipment improves our overall capacity to help save lives and rescue persons involved in serious vehicle incidents. The project will be achieved through the financial support of the Columbia Basin Trust, the purchase of a new truck by the NVFB, and mechanical contractors who will provide the labour to install the equipment.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our organization responds to all road rescue emergencies in the Nakusp and Arrow Lakes area, in order to protect the life and safety of any people involved in motor vehicle accidents. We operate with volunteers for personnel and rely on donation, grant funding, and service call activations for financial revenue.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to improve capabilities and efficiencies regarding motor vehicle incident response for our area. The NVFB Road Rescue services all of area K within the RDCK. All residents or visitors of area K are subject to dangerous driving conditions through steep mountainous environments at times. The safety benefits will be felt throughout the entire community of this area.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues we are addressing are maintaining a reliable road rescue service and improving our rescue capabilities. Extrication of injured persons who are located down steep embankments can be a complicated and challenging procedure without specialized equipment. It is also imperative that vehicles used in road rescue are highly reliable and our current vehicle is due for replacement. The stabilization of vehicles is a critical part of the procedure for any serious vehicle accident scene and air bags improve stabilization efficiency. These issues have been identified through analyzing previous road rescue experiences, road rescue extrication training, and an in-depth investigation of the necessary equipment to make improvements to response procedures and capabilities.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The NVFB has successfully delivered many similar projects to completion. Our organization has the personnel, experience, training, financial responsibility, and infrastructure to perform any activities and ongoing maintenance that will arise from this project. We take the duty to follow-up with due diligence very seriously, especially when public safety is on the line.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Partners involved with the implementation of this project are The Nakusp Volunteer Fire Brigade, The Columbia Basin Trust, Brogan Fire and Safety Equipment, and heavy duty mechanical contractors.



**Project: Road Rescue Resiliency**

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Administration of the project, in-house training on the equipment, and ongoing maintenance costs will be completed by NVFB members on a volunteer basis.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pavilion Hot Water Tank**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

Fauquier pavilion

Importance to the community:

The pavilion is available to members of the community; organizations, etc. for a variety of activities and events. The addition of hot water access will make it easier for clean up during such events and routine maintenance/cleaning for the Board.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$1,391.25</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,391.25</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,391.25</b>	<b>\$1,391.25</b>	<b>\$1,391.25</b>

**Project: Pavilion Hot Water Tank**

**1. The project will provide:**

Pavilion Hot Water Tank. Provide a hot water supply to the utility sink in the pavilion. The addition of the hot water tank will address the hygiene and food safe requirements for those utilizing the pavilion.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The pavilion is available to members of the community; organizations, etc. for a variety of activities and events. The addition of hot water access will make it easier for clean up during such events and routine maintenance/cleaning for the Board.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The addition of hot water access will provide a level of ease in meeting the cleaning and hygiene needs of those who use the facility.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. We are a motivated Board that keeps the interests of the community as a priority. The Fauquier Community Board maintains the pavilion and ensures availability to the community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Board Members volunteer their personal time and gas for shopping.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar and District Community Services Society**

Registration #

1007 2nd Street, Castlegar BC V1N 1Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Driver Program 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The program operates all over the West Kootenays. There are some other volunteer driver programs however our program serves the widest catchment area and the most clients. We accept clients and will transport clients from Castlegar, Trail, Nelson, RDCK Area D, E, F,G,H,I,J, K and we also will travel to and return from Vernon, Revelstoke and Kelowna.

Importance to the community:

This program has a significant impact on our communities. It is hard to imagine what our communities would be without this type of service. Unfortunately our communities are severely lacking in accessible transportation, both in the public sphere and also in a customized/care areas like transportation to and from medical appointments. In Castlegar, there is only one busy cab and the price is unaffordable for many. Our whole community benefits from the program. Firstly, the clients in need of medical and health supports because they are able to attend their commitments, the volunteers through providing these services, friends and family of the clients as they now do not have to worry about their loved ones who are now able to attend appointments. Many families do not have the means to support their relatives and they feel tremendous responsibility and guilt if they can't support to get them there.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 3/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$3,000.00</b>		<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$8,000.00</b>		<b>\$4,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$23,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$23,500.00	\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The West Kootenay Driver Program will provide daytime, Monday to Friday, volunteer driver services for citizens of Trail, Castlegar, Nelson, Nakusp, and surrounding areas who are unable to access transportation to attend medical appointments. The service is intended for essential, non-emergency appointments only. Main program outcome is community members being able to attend medical service appointments. The people using this service would otherwise be challenged to make these appointments or not attend at all. Another benefit is providing volunteer opportunities and connecting members of the community. The program achieves its goals by hiring a Program Coordinator who recruits and maintains a pool of volunteer drivers from different communities, meets clients in need, coordinates drives between drivers and oversees the administration of the program. Clients are charged on a sliding scale based on financial need; sometimes free or range up to a small fee per drive depending on income. Some clients receive subsidies through Interior Health to pay for a portion of their drives. The volunteer drivers are offered flat fees per trip to cover mileage. We are operating the program currently, so we are not in need of start-up costs. However due to a gap in funding, we are in need of financial support to pay for subsidies for clients, payments for volunteer drivers and client expenses, and program supplies.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

We improve the quality of people's lives by providing assistance, counselling and support, and by working for social change in our communities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This program has a significant impact on our communities. It is hard to imagine what our communities would be without this type of service. Unfortunately our communities are severely lacking in accessible transportation, both in the public sphere and also in a customized/care areas like transportation to and from medical appointments. In Castlegar, there is only one busy cab and the price is unaffordable for many. Our whole community benefits from the program. Firstly, the clients in need of medical and health supports because they are able to attend their commitments, the volunteers through providing these services, friends and family of the clients as they now do not have to worry about their loved ones who are now able to attend appointments. Many families do not have the means to support their relatives and they feel tremendous responsibility and guilt if they can't support to get them there.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Many issues are being addressed with this program, firstly being the lack of transportation services for our communities in the West Kootenays. Many people do not have the means or ability to drive themselves to and from commitments. Not every city has the necessary equipment and resources that individuals need for medical reasons, therefore many are needing to go back and forth between cities. Other issues being addressed are poverty. Opportunities being addressed are primarily volunteerism and enabling seniors to stay in their homes longer. The program provides meaningful positions to people in the community wanting to help out and the drives allow someone to continue living where they may have, their whole life, and not relocate to be closer to medical services. Handy Dart is a similar service however, it only drives within communities, not between cities and has limited hours.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Castlegar and District is best suited to deliver this project as we are already running the program and we require no start up costs. Additionally we have a long history of running this program, our coordinators and drivers know these

**Project: West Kootenay Driver Program 2024**

communities and clients. They have built interpersonal relationships. We have accumulated knowledge of how to best run volunteer driver programs in and throughout each community. Been doing it since 2006 and expanding area out

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The hired Program Coordinator, contracted Volunteer Drivers, the Executive Director of CDCSS (oversight) and administration and Finance staff to support the program. They are available to answer inquiries of the program by phone or in-person, and process payments to drivers and collect fees that come in from a portion of the rides.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

There is a lot of administration involved with this project that there is little funding to cover - like utilities, mortgage payments, phone bills, internet and the organization pays for most of these costs. Staff also promote the event at different avenues and their time is donated. Volunteers are also not reimbursed their whole mileage when they do drives, so the gas not covered is donated and also their time doing the drives and coordinating their schedules.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Park Community Association**

Registration # S0061459

310 Arrow Park Demars Rd, Nakusp BC V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Arrow Park Water Monitoring Pilot**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

In Arrow Park

Importance to the community:

This project aims to collect data on the sources of water that are available for Arrow Park residents to draw from, to better understand what is controlling water supply. The information gathered will help to inform individual landowners who experience water supply challenges on options for alternative sources (i.e. uphill water source, ideal locations for replacement well, etc.). The data will be used to map the hydrology of the area and help expand the knowledge of water supply for all current and future users within the community.

Data will be posted to the online database Columbia Basin Water Hub, where it can be used to inform local and regional decision making for water use, and can be accessed by researchers, students, professionals and the public. Residents will have the opportunity to opt-out of the data publication upon request.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$4,000.00</b>			
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,631.25</b>	<b>\$9,631.25</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project will investigate domestic water supply concerns in Arrow Park. Work will begin by encouraging residents to participate and gather data on surface and groundwater sources in the community. Interested residents will be instructed on how to reliably measure water levels and collect samples to submit for basic analysis of water quality. Samples will be collected on a monthly basis analyzed with the help of Arrow Lakes Environment Stewardship Society for pH, electrical conductivity and turbidity for a period of up to 12 months. Participating residents will also have the opportunity to consult with a qualified professional to receive advice on potential solutions to their water supply issues.

The resulting data will be used to map water sources in the area. If successful, this model of citizen science and water supply mapping could be expanded to other communities experiencing water scarcity along the shores of Arrow Lakes.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To apply for funding of neighbourhood initiatives that are designed to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Arrow Park area. The initiatives are determined through the democratic process of eliciting ideas/recommendations from all residents of the community. The decision as to which initiatives will be submitted to outside agency(s) for funding consideration is determined at an annual meeting attended by the residents of Arrow Park.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project aims to collect data on the sources of water that are available for Arrow Park residents to draw from, to better understand what is controlling water supply. The information gathered will help to inform individual landowners who experience water supply challenges on options for alternative sources (i.e. uphill water source, ideal locations for replacement well, etc.). The data will be used to map the hydrology of the area and help expand the knowledge of water supply for all current and future users within the community.

Data will be posted to the online database Columbia Basin Water Hub, where it can be used to inform local and regional decision making for water use, and can be accessed by researchers, students, professionals and the public. Residents will have the opportunity to opt-out of the data publication upon request.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The community of Arrow Park does not have a centralized water supply. Rather, residents acquire household and agricultural water from natural springs, creeks and shallow wells using infrastructure that is owned and maintained by individual homeowners. A lack of precipitation in late 2023 and early 2024 has impacted many residents' water supply, particularly those that use shallow wells.

Some speculate that this may also be exacerbated by the Arrow Reservoir, which has been drawn down to unseasonably low levels through the late summer and fall this year. From Nakusp south to Fauquier and Edgewood, many households report having been without water since October 2023.

This project provides an opportunity to learn more about the sources of water in the community, to enable better individual and collective planning, decision-making and resilience to water supply shortages.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Arrow Park Community Association's mandate is to oversee and administer funds on behalf of the community with consideration for the needs and desires of the residents. Water supply has been a key concern in recent years, reaching a critical point for many households in 2023. We have demonstrated a capacity to oversee large-scale projects carried out by qualified professionals, specifically the Wildfire Risk Mitigation project in West Arrow Park, which was completed under budget in 2023.



**Project: Arrow Park Water Monitoring Pilot**

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Arrow Park Community Association will oversee the project delivery by the Project Coordinator, who will be accountable for providing regular updates and managing the budget on behalf of the board. Water sample collection will be completed by volunteers and residents of the community. Sample analysis will be done by volunteers, supported by Arrow Lakes Environmental Stewardship Society (ALESS). Volunteer training, consulting services and aquifer mapping will be done by Richard Johnson, a Hydrogeological Engineer.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Engineer - provide volunteer training and quality assurance	\$3,000
Volunteers (water sampling and delivery, water depth measurements, analysis using ALESS equipment)	\$5,000
Arrow Lakes Environment Stewardship Society - equipment	\$1,200
Living Lakes Canada - electronic water depth tape	\$ 400
Volunteer - data management	\$ 300
Total in-kind	\$9,400

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Lakes Caribou Society**

Registration # S0071121

119 Broadway Street, PO Box 798, Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Central Selkirk Caribou Maternity Pen**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

The ALCS is headquartered in Nakusp, with outreach activities and lichen collection taking place in the Arrow Lakes area. The caribou maternity pen is located on the Kuskanax Forest Service Road near Nakusp Hot Springs.

Importance to the community:

The Central Selkirk Caribou Maternity Pen aims to recover the Central Selkirk caribou subpopulation, the southern-most remaining herd of caribou in Canada. Recovery of this herd is critical to prevent further extirpation of the herd from its historical range in the Central Selkirk mountains. It is important for residents of the Arrow Lakes to be informed of caribou recovery projects on the local landscape and to ensure that the socio-economic impacts of caribou recovery actions are considered in decision-making.

The caribou maternity pen project depends on public support, grant funding, and stakeholder engagement. The video and public engagement will benefit caribou recovery on a local, regional, provincial and international scale. We are expanding outreach activities to inform our partners, funders, stakeholders, Indigenous groups and the public on local, regional and international levels.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 3/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$15,500.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Central Selkirk Caribou Maternity Pen**

<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$56,900.00</b>	<b>\$56,900.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Central Selkirk Caribou Maternity Pen project is aimed at the recovery of the Central Selkirk Southern Mountain Woodland Caribou. Recovery of this threatened subpopulation is an important step in halting caribou population decline provincially. The maternity pen can alleviate environmental pressures on pregnant caribou and calves, improve overall survival, and help return caribou to native habitat in healthy condition.

The caribou maternity pen project will hold adult female caribou and their calves during pregnancy and calving, to improve the survival of calves and overall health of the cows. Pregnant female caribou will be captured in March 2024. Cows and newborn calves will be fed, cared for, and monitored over the spring and released into their natural habitat in July 2024.

An important aspect of the maternity pen project is to provide information to ALCS members, funders, stakeholders and the public through ongoing communication, education and outreach. This will be achieved through social media posts, website updates and press releases. The creation of a second video is aimed at increasing the understanding of the local Nakusp caribou herd and caribou recovery actions.

ALCS collects lichen to feed caribou while they are in the pen as arboreal lichens are an important component of the caribou diet. Lichen collection is an excellent way to engage our partners in a hands-on activity.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The primary purpose of the Arrow Lakes Caribou Society (ALCS) is to build and maintain a local caribou recovery organization and provide communication between local user groups, government agencies, and other organizations. ALCS has developed the Central Selkirk Maternity Pen Project to support the recovery of the Central Selkirk subpopulation of Woodland Caribou.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Central Selkirk Caribou Maternity Pen aims to recover the Central Selkirk caribou subpopulation, the southern-most remaining herd of caribou in Canada. Recovery of this herd is critical to prevent further extirpation of the herd from its historical range in the Central Selkirk mountains. It is important for residents of the Arrow Lakes to be informed of caribou recovery projects on the local landscape and to ensure that the socio-economic impacts of caribou recovery actions are considered in decision-making.

The caribou maternity pen project depends on public support, grant funding, and stakeholder engagement. The video and public engagement will benefit caribou recovery on a local, regional, provincial and international scale. We are expanding outreach activities to inform our partners, funders, stakeholders, Indigenous groups and the public on local, regional and international levels.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Caribou populations in BC have been declining steeply over the past 40 years. The Central Selkirk subpopulation declined by 84% between 1997 and 2018. In response, the ALCS was formed following two well attended public forums in 2019, hosting a total of 300 community attendees, to discuss caribou recovery efforts around Nakusp. Continued outreach, education and public engagement supports the ALCS' vision for a transparent, cooperative and collaborative approach to land use decisions that address caribou recovery while reflecting local values and needs. ALCS continues to operate with the support of stakeholders, and government funding. The video and ongoing communications provide an opportunity to inform the public, educate stakeholders, and engage with volunteers. At this time, the maternity pen is at capacity with existing caribou numbers, but as calf survival increases, expansion will be necessary to continue with maternity penning.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

**Project: Central Selkirk Caribou Maternity Pen**

ALCS was formed in 2019 as a broad-based collective of local groups and individuals concerned with recovery of the Central Selkirk Caribou herd. Currently, the Society has 85 registered members/member groups, plus a broad network of government and Indigenous partners, industry stakeholders and individuals who support the Society's goals.

ALCS has strong community support. Funding to establish the Society and to facilitate early stakeholder and government engagement was supported through a Community Initiatives Program grant in 2019. The ALCS received CIP grants in 2021 and 2022 for maternity pen construction and outreach activities.

The maternity pen project is led by a qualified group of professional wildlife experts and resource managers. It is supported by provincial and federal governments and ALCS member organizations.

The ALCS Communications Committee meets regularly to create opportunities and facilitate public engagement events for the maternity pen project and the Society.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

ALCS has no direct employees. The Society is managed by experienced project managers and the caribou maternity pen is led by a highly qualified group of professionals under contract to the Society. The coordination of this video and public engagement activities will be led by Cabin Resource Management (Nakusp) and True North Forestry Consulting (Nakusp). Video production will be led by professional film producer Christine Nielsen (long-time resident of Nakusp now based in Toronto). Filming will be done by Nelson and Rosslund videographers and post-production editing will be done by Nelson videographer/editor.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-kind contributions include planning and coordination of the video project (\$2400) and the BC Provincial Caribou Recovery Program staff expertise to develop and screen video content (\$1000). Lichen collection volunteer labour (\$11,000).

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Crop for a Cure 2024**

Registration #

Box 7, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crop for a Cure 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Throughout the Kootenays from Lardeau Valley to Trail, BC

Importance to the community:

This Crop for a Cure foundation has been going on since 2002. We have raised anywhere between \$8600.- \$21,000.00 per year during our 2 day annual event normally held in April of every year. Unfortunately since 2021 we have been actively trying to re-start the Fundraiser but with little success. Since we no longer have access to the original event facility we continually are seeking a suitable event space that would be willing to donate their space. As such we have been applying for this grant to at least continue the great work of supporting the Cancer Warriors in this area. Each year our bank account is emptied helping out where ever we can. All the work is entirely volunteer and no expenses other than gas reimbursements, shipping charges on donations for silent auction and bookkeeping/year end charges are spent from the funds we raise.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				<b>\$4,920.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,920.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,920.00</b>	<b>\$6,220.00</b>	<b>\$6,220.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to provide financial support to Cancer Warriors who encounter expenses not covered under either the public or private medical plans. Some of the coverage could be travel to and from treatment centres, prosthetics, travel for family to care for or support the Cancer Warriors. Additionally the fund pays for specialized relief services provided by organizations and or individuals that specialize in alternative treatments for Cancer Warriors and as well supportive Hospice services such as as traveling masseuse. And minor administrations costs like twice a year bookkeeping services and year end compilation, fuel reimbursements, and shipping charges for donations for our silent auctions.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide financial assistance to cancer warriors and their families in the areas where medical plans do not cover those expenses related to the disease. These areas to include travel expenses to treatment centres, prosthetics, alternative cancer treatment expenses, and travel expenses for family supporting the Cancer Warrior.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This Crop for a Cure foundation has been going on since 2002. We have raised anywhere's between \$8600.- \$21,000.00 per year during our 2 day annual event normally held in April of every year. Unfortunately since 2021 we have been actively trying to re-start the Fundraiser but with little success. Since we no longer have access to the original event facility we continually are seeking a suitable event space that would be willing to donate their space. As such we have been applying for this grant to at least continue the great work of supporting the Cancer Warriors in this area. Each year our bank account is emptied helping out where ever we can. All the work is entirely volunteer and no expenses other than gas reimbursements, shipping charges on donations for silent auction and bookkeeping/year end charges are spent from the funds we raise.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues will be addressed through the application of funds per the guidelines set out by the foundation. This is determined by phone calls followed by applications by individual Cancer warriors, and or friends or family of Cancer warriors.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are best suited to delivering this project due to the fact that not only are we the original founders of this project, but we have built up a network of word to mouth of the Foundation's existence and availability of funds. And too the 60 plus volunteers are still devoted to making this fund available to all the Cancer Warriors within this region.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Valerie Smith and some of the volunteers for Crop for a Cure.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Valerie Smith along with over 30 volunteers will host a Silent auction to further enhance the funds for this project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Park Community Association**

Registration # S0061459

310 Arrow Park Demars Rd, Nakusp BC V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Arrow Park Fire Caddy maintenance and upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

Arrow Park fire caddies

Importance to the community:

All residents of Arrow Park will benefit from a safer neighbourhood through the maintenance of these community assets

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$6,180.00</b>			
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,180.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,180.00</b>	<b>\$6,180.00</b>	<b>\$6,180.00</b>

1. The project will provide:



**Project: Arrow Park Fire Caddy maintenance and upgrades**

Installation of a power supply to one of the fire caddies to allow for the installation of reliable baseboard heaters and lights. Having power will also allow for future installation of security cameras and more accurate monitoring of temperature during cold spells. Installation will happen in phases, 1 side (to be determined) this year, the other in following years as funds allow.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To apply for funding of neighbourhood initiatives that are designed to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Arrow Park area. The initiatives are determined through the democratic process of eliciting ideas/recommendations from all residents of the community. The decision as to which initiatives will be submitted to outside agency(s) for funding consideration is determined at an annual meeting attended by the residents of Arrow Park.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All residents of Arrow Park will benefit from a safer neighbourhood through the maintenance of these community assets

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Arrow Park has 2 fire caddies that are intended for emergency response by community members. The caddies require maintenance and/or upgrades which will be funded by this project. Both caddies experienced damage to equipment during prolonged low temperatures in the winter of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024. There is a need for a more reliable heat source to keep from freezing up and installation of a power supply will allow for the use of baseboard heaters, instead of the propane systems currently in place. The thermostat in the East caddy has also been malfunctioning, leading to periods without heat in the building. Additional items such as spare AA batteries for the locks and fuel for the equipment will be purchased, as well as lighting inside the caddies.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Arrow Park Community Association's mandate is to oversee and administer funds on behalf of the community with consideration for the needs and desires of the residents. We have responsibility for maintenance and management of the fire caddies on behalf of the community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Arrow Park Community Association will be in charge of selecting an electrician and overseeing work

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Installation and maintenance of equipment will be completed by volunteers from the community and APCA board members

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Lake Arts Council**

Registration #

408 4th Street, Silvertown British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Sunset Series - Music in Centennial Park**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silvertown

Centennial Park in New Denver. Centennial Park is set on the shores of Slocan Lake and is a stunning setting. The Village of New Denver is undertaking the building of a new performance stage which is projected for completion by summer 2024. In the event that the stage is not ready, performance can occur on the existing gazebo stage.

Importance to the community:

The Sunset Series provides a valued source of entertainment to Area H residents and visitors. Local business will benefit from increased traffic. The campers in the Village of New Denver Municipal Campsite, which surrounds Centennial Park, benefit from the entertainment and the opportunity to meet local residents. The Sunset Series is a showcase for the North Slocan Lake geographical location and engenders positive feelings toward this beautiful area.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/6/2024 Project End: 8/24/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$2,250.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Village of Silvertown	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$2,000.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,250.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,250.00</b>	<b>\$18,100.00</b>	<b>\$18,100.00</b>

**Project: Sunset Series - Music in Centennial Park****1. The project will provide:**

Attending musical events as a group brings together community, allows for new or reconnections and provide a safe and healthy source of fun and entertainment.

The Sunset Concert Series endeavors to bring live music performances to our local and visiting community every Saturday evening from July Long Weekend to Labour Day Weekend.

This series brings affordable, family friendly, live music listening and dancing opportunities to Silverton/New Denver and area residents and visitors. Admission is 'by donation' so attendance is accessible for everyone.

This series creates opportunity for community togetherness. Every Saturday evening, residents, visiting guests and tourists can enjoy the sounds of live music in the mountain air. The weekly schedule brings returning audiences and builds a greater sense of community and culture to our remote community. Sunset Series is an enriching and healthy source of fun and entertainment.

This series presents an eclectic selection of musical styles so there is something that appeals to everyone, and local youth and family's have an opportunity to experience different genres of music and performance.

This series creates employment opportunities for 20+ musicians (over 10 weekends), 2 sound technicians, 1 coordinator and 1 graphic designer.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To increase and broaden the opportunities for residents of the Slocan Lake area to enjoy and participate in cultural and artistic activities;

To support artistic exhibits, theatre, art performances and cultural education opportunities;

To foster the development of local cultural projects and activities for the benefit of the local communities; and

To foster interest and pride in the cultural heritage of the Slocan Lake communities and in the arts in general.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Sunset Series provides a valued source of entertainment to Area H residents and visitors. Local business will benefit from increased traffic. The campers in the Village of New Denver Municipal Campsite, which surrounds Centennial Park, benefit from the entertainment and the opportunity to meet local residents. The Sunset Series is a showcase for the North Slocan Lake geographical location and engenders positive feelings toward this beautiful area.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Slocan Lake Arts Council (SLAC) recognizes the summer months as an opportunity, when our local communities are brimming with visitors and our summer residents are present and active. It's a great time to offer entertaining outdoor concerts for folks to gather freely and enjoy community togetherness, and the warm summer vibes. SLAC believes the Sunset Series is becoming an attraction and contributes to economic stimulation in our region. With the construction of a new stage in Centennial Park, we see opportunity in making use of this new community feature!

Limited opportunities for large artistic/cultural gatherings exist in our area. Local musicians have few venues in which to perform for larger audiences and the outdoor venue facilitates this.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

-The Slocan Lake Arts Council regularly presents concerts and is experienced in coordinating community events.

-We have access to a large outdoor yard space that supports larger audiences and is accessible to everyone

-We own all the necessary sound equipment required to ensure professional sound fidelity.

-We have highly qualified sound technicians who value excellence, sensitivity and professionalism in sound production.

-We have an artistic coordinator that is well connected to the central kootenay music scene who is experienced in engaging and presenting musicians on a professional level.

-We have an active website and social media accounts with subscribers that we'll use for marketing and promotion

-We are recognized within our community as a reliable source for great artistic experiences.

**Project: Sunset Series - Music in Centennial Park**

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project lead and Sunset Series creator, Martine denBok

SLAC administrator Linda Kalbun

A graphic designer

2 sound technicians

over 20+musicians

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

A portion of coordination expenses

Volunteer set-up and take down

Sound and Lighting Equipment

Tent

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Lakes Cross Country Ski Club**

Registration # S23484

420 Nakusp East Rd, Nakusp B.C. V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Cross-Country Ski Trail Expansion Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The project area 3.6 km East of the Village of Nakusp and is accessed off of Upper Brouse Loop Road. Some of the expansion area trails would be within the current recreation polygon, located on crown land: which encompasses the current Wensley Creek Cross Country ski trail area. Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) and International Forest Products Ltd (Interfor) are the tenure holders within this location.

Other possible expansion trail(s) are adjacent to the current recreational polygon also within the Wensley Creek area and are located on crown land. The forest tenure holders are again NACFOR and Interfor.

Importance to the community:

Local cross-country skier responses to a recent survey indicate a desire and need to have more cross-country trails suitable for all skill levels including adaptive skiers at the Wensley Creek Cross Country Ski Trails. More trails would mean a longer ski recreational outing. Having access to more local cross-country ski trails will provide greater variety in ski experiences, improve skier satisfaction and enjoyment.

Cross Country ski trails not only facilitate that specific use, but would also be available, off-season, by other recreational users such as: mountain bikers, horseback riders, ATV'ers, hikers. These trails would be managed and maintained by the ALCCSC for the recreational community at large. Expansion to the current trail system would also encourage use by "out of community recreationalists" ; potentially helping to boost local economy.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$11,827.95</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,827.95</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,827.95	\$17,827.95	\$17,827.95

**1. The project will provide:**

The Arrow Lakes Cross-Country Ski Club (ALCCSC) manages 9.9 km of cross-country ski trails for our community and we are hoping to expand the trail network. The trails are used for cross-country skiing in the winter and for other activities including walking, biking, quadding and horseback riding in other months. The goal of the project is to provide more recreational opportunities for the community while investing in the health of the community. It is well documented that physical exercise and getting out in nature promotes excellent physical and mental health. Having a good trail system can also help to attract and keep health professionals in the community. Preliminary field work by a professional forester has identified a number of trail expansion opportunities and these have been mapped. Review and Report works for completed Geotechnical and Hydrological field works require completion. Recreation Sites and Trails BC has recommended the ALCCSC host a public engagement consultation process with local residents to share proposed trail locations and associated information for awareness and discussion. Information gained from the professionals' reports is necessary to solidify feasibility, identify any modifications needed and to provide information to the public for their review. Following consultation with all parties, with support, we would then proceed with moving forward with implementation of trail expansion.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- a) To promote the sport of cross country skiing in the Arrow Lakes Valley, particularly in and around the Nakusp Area, and further, to foster interest in the Nordic-type skiing in the said area.
- b) To acquire by such means as the Club shall deem fit and administer property for fulfilling the purposes of the Club and to build and expand premises thereon.
- c) To obtain such licences or permits as may be required in the operation of the Club and to conduct such activities as may benefit the Club.
- d) When and if deemed necessary by a quorum of the membership to issue bonds, debentures, or to obtain grants or loans for the improvement and operation of the Club.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Local cross-country skier responses to a recent survey indicate a desire and need to have more cross-country trails suitable for all skill levels including adaptive skiers at the Wensley Creek Cross Country Ski Trails. More trails would mean a longer ski recreational outing. Having access to more local cross-country ski trails will provide greater variety in ski experiences, improve skier satisfaction and enjoyment. Cross Country ski trails not only facilitate that specific use, but would also be available, off-season, by other recreational users such as: mountain bikers, horseback riders, ATV'ers, hikers. These trails would be managed and maintained by the ALCCSC for the recreational community at large. Expansion to the current trail system would also encourage use by "out of community recreationalists" ; potentially helping to boost local economy.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Working through the information obtained through completion of field works obtained through Geotechnical and Hydrological reviews and reporting will help to identify areas of potential issues and areas of concern and what would could be done to amend or mediate, if feasible, identified new trail location(s), how they could be constructed and managed. Consulting with identified stakeholders and other interested members of the public will be important to help ensure all opportunities for information sharing and transfer has been addressed and concerns can be

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brought forward to be addressed prior to finalization of plans. A Section 57 application would be submitted following the reviews and public consultation to obtain permission to develop any new ski trails outside of the current recreation polygon. Other authorizations and referrals to develop and construct will also be needed to move forward, some of which would be carried out by Recreation Sites and Trails BC.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The ALCCSC is the registered manager of the Wensley Creek Cross Country Ski Trails under a partnership agreement with Recreation Sites and Trails BC. These trails are contained within a Recreation Polygon which were developed originally in 1986-1988 for Cross Country Skiing and this club has been the only authorized manager since inception. The ALCCSC is a locally situated Not for Profit organization. The ALCCSC manages cross-country ski activities within the current approved tenure area and is looking towards expanding cross-country ski experiences within the current tenure area and external to this area; with authorization. The ALCCSC has been successful in receiving a number of grant opportunities in the past and has been successful in project completions meeting budgeting and timing of works

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers from the ALCCSC will be supervising all contracted works. ALCCSC will hire and consult with contractors with appropriate professional designations to implement and complete the planned works; which in turn will be reported back to the ALCCSC prior to payment for services rendered.

The ALCCSC will consult with trusted and known professionals for advice and second opinions on works, including Recreation Sites and Trails BC staff.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

ALCCSC Club members will volunteer their time to supervise project implementation, help to arrange liase with tenure holders and community members.

Recreation Sites and Trails has committed up to \$2500.00 of in-kind donations

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nakusp and Area Development Board**

Registration #

PO Box 15, Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting Agriculture in Upper Arrow Lakes Valley**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area K, Village of Nakusp

The project will be based in Nakusp but provide support through the Upper Arrow Lakes Valley, in RDCK Area K, from Edgewood to Halcyon Hot Springs and Nakusp to Hills.

Importance to the community:

As we have witnessed with the natural and economic disruptions to our lives over recent years and being in a rural and remote location, support for local agriculture and food security is more important than ever. Being able to provide for our own local needs when supply chains are disrupted is becoming an increasingly critical piece of a sustainable community.

The direct beneficiaries of the project will be the local producers, farmers, and purveyors of agricultural products. Farming, in particular, has high financial barriers to entry and is a marginally lucrative industry at the best of times, especially at small scales. Through these several supports, we are attempting to make local agriculture a viable business.

More generally, the entire community will benefit, as we bolster the food sector throughout the region and support not only a necessary economic sector but a socially vital one as well.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/16/2024      Project End: 11/15/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$12,810.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,810.00</b>



Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$12,810.00</b>	<b>\$12,810.00</b>	<b>\$12,810.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Our initiative will support the agricultural sector in Nakusp and the Upper Arrow Lakes Valley. We have three aspects to this support: 1) provide a free-of-charge marketing and branding service for local agriculture businesses through our Grow Arrow Lakes (GAL) initiative; 2) support the organization and delivery of the Food and Basin Buyers Expo (FABx) in Nakusp in the Fall of 2024 with on-the-ground coordination; and, 3) support the delivery of the Harvest 'n' Heritage Fair.

Building off the success of GAL in 2023, we will conduct outreach to new and existing stakeholders, adding and updating their information on the free online directory, creating content for them to promote their business, and distributing a free map with our local producers region-wide.

Bringing what has become an established and lauded event in the food business for the Columbia Basin by providing organizational support for FABx would bring a focus and boon to our local agricultural industry, giving access to buyers from the broader region and expanding their market, and allowing them the opportunity to showcase the great work being done in our community.

Breathing new life into a once-lively tradition of the Nakusp fall fair, supporting the volunteers who put this event on will further deepen the community's connection with its agricultural history and give it hope for the future.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nakusp and Area Development Board (NADB) is a non-profit society focused on community-led economic resiliency in the Nakusp and Arrow Lakes region.

Our mission is to enrich the lives of residents in our region by actively promoting, pursuing and supporting economic resiliency initiatives. We are an inclusive and progressive community collaborator.

We commit to engaging with:

- Local residents
- Local businesses
- Local government
- Community organizations

Along with our partners, we aim to cultivate an environment where economic prosperity and community well-being thrive.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As we have witnessed with the natural and economic disruptions to our lives over recent years and being in a rural and remote location, support for local agriculture and food security is more important than ever. Being able to provide for our own local needs when supply chains are disrupted is becoming an increasingly critical piece of a sustainable community.

The direct beneficiaries of the project will be the local producers, farmers, and purveyors of agricultural products. Farming, in particular, has high financial barriers to entry and is a marginally lucrative industry at the best of times, especially at small scales. Through these several supports, we are attempting to make local agriculture a viable business.

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More generally, the entire community will benefit, as we bolster the food sector throughout the region and support not only a necessary economic sector but a socially vital one as well.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Prior to the flooding the valley once had a thriving agricultural sector, and we are providing incremental sector-wide supports to help facilitate the return of that once-burgeoning industry. By creating a local brand (Grow Arrow Lakes), providing free marketing and content, and showcasing our local producers through the FABx and Harvest 'n' Heritage events, we hope to continue to have a positive impact for the entire food community in our region thereby further ensuring food security for our local economy.

Over the last few years, we have held several engagements with the public and community leaders to determine the most exigent of community development issues, and supporting local agriculture and local food security have consistently ranked at the top of the list. Consequently, NADB created its Agriculture Committee to pursue meaningful and achievable goals that would address these concerns.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

NADB's Agriculture Committee is comprised of several enthusiastic individuals who are all involved in various aspects of the food business, and they are supported by the organizational and institutional backing of the development board, which has been the incubator for several successful projects over the years, including our community forest and a new housing society.

NADB has also dedicated part of their economic development coordinator's workplan to specifically support the committee, providing professional administrative guidance and organization to the volunteers.

NADB has also started the GAL brand and has built a region-wide support network of committed professionals and volunteers, including organizations like the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council, that can be tapped to make this version of the project even more successful than the last.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our volunteer agriculture committee, with the volunteer support of the NADB membership and professional support of the economic development coordinator, will be sharing the work between volunteering and engaging local professionals. We are lucky enough to have several talented local individuals from which we can choose to professionally and effectively deliver on the various aspects of the work.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-kind contributions of NADB's staff (economic development coordinator) as well as volunteer time from the agriculture committee and NADB membership.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Golf Club**

Registration # S0005438

1602 Aaron Road, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4L6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Facility Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project will take place at the Clubhouse at 1602 Aaron Road, Castlegar.

Importance to the community:

The Castlegar Golf Club is truly a venue that looks beyond its borders and invites community groups to host their fundraiser events every year. Over the years, our facilities have hosted the following groups on an ongoing basis; The Castlegar Hospice Fundraiser, Kootenay Art Gallery Fundraiser, Castlegar Rebels Fundraiser, Selkirk College Junior Golf Camp, Castlegar Sunshine Rotary Club, Royal Canadian Legion, community fundraiser, various community staff parties, several celebrations of life and funerals, weddings, and various senior homes that bring residents to the clubhouse. Our facility is also a large economic driver, drawing tourists from the US, BC, Canada for our championship golf facility and regularly hosts provincial, regional and local competitions.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$9,750.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$5,750.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$15,500.00</b>	<b>\$46,980.80</b>	<b>\$46,980.80</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project would include installing bear resistant garbage cans at the RV Park, expanding the storage shed on the back deck with bear-proofing, new picnic tables for RV park, new emergency exit door in main clubhouse.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The activities of the Castlegar Golf Club focus on creating an environmentally friendly, safe and fun atmosphere for all ages to enjoy the game of golf and to stay active. We pride ourselves on encouraging the use of our facility as a venue for community group events and fundraisers.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Castlegar Golf Club is truly a venue that looks beyond its borders and invites community groups to host their fundraiser events every year. Over the years, our facilities have hosted the following groups on an ongoing basis; The Castlegar Hospice Fundraiser, Kootenay Art Gallery Fundraiser, Castlegar Rebels Fundraiser, Selkirk College Junior Golf Camp, Castlegar Sunshine Rotary Club, Royal Canadian Legion, community fundraiser, various community staff parties, several celebrations of life and funerals, weddings, and various senior homes that bring residents to the clubhouse. Our facility is also a large economic driver, drawing tourists from the US, BC, Canada for our championship golf facility and regularly hosts provincial, regional and local competitions.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This would ensure that bears would not be able to get into the bins at the RV Park to reduce wildlife human conflict, increase capacity of the current storage shed and add measures to reduce wildlife conflict. Also to replace the emergency exit door that is more energy efficient and has modern hardware. Bear-Human and wildlife conflict is an issue at the golf course that we are striving to reduce. We understand that garbage conditioned bears in many cases get euthanized because of their habits and we want to be proactive. We have over the years replaced many garbage receptacles on the course but we want to extend that to the RV park that is open to the public.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have a great volunteer membership with skillsets in the trades, contracting and construction. Along with our administration staff, our team is very experienced and capable of managing this project. We have and continue to execute on upgrade projects regularly. Our board of directors are hand-on and have experience in a multitude of industries that routinely manage capital infrastructure projects.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The work would be done by local businesses and volunteer labour.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer Labour as described above. Material Donations.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Hall Rain Barrel and accessories**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

On a section of Oak Street in Fauquier.

Importance to the community:

The plantings that have been done has gained positive feedback from both members of the community as well as visitors. However, the work involved has made continuing almost prohibitive. The introduction of rain barrels will decrease the time and level of work required.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$768.31</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$768.31</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$768.31</b>	<b>\$768.31</b>	<b>\$768.31</b>

**Project: Hall Rain Barrel and accessories**

**1. The project will provide:**

A rain barrel will provide a more efficient watering system for the flowers and plantings on the main street in Fauquier. It is also more cost efficient than the installation of a stand pipe.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The plantings that have been done has gained positive feedback from both members of the community as well as visitors. However, the work involved has made continuing almost prohibitive. The introduction of rain barrels will decrease the time and level of work required.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board plants and maintains the flower pots in front of the Hall and sign planter on the Oak Street boulevard. This beautification in the community has been appreciated but has been very work and time intensive to date.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board is motivated to enhance our community and keep the interest of our community a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Fauquier Community Board volunteers personal time, travel time and gas to shop for the items.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Park Community Association**

Registration # S0061459

310 Arrow Park Demars Rd, Nakusp BC V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Arrow Park Critical Infrastructure Mapping**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

In Arrow Park

Importance to the community:

Arrow Park is a remote community outside of the local municipal fire protection zones. We are surrounded by forested landscape and would be at significant risk in the event of a wildfire. We have actively pursued wildfire risk reduction through community support for mitigation work and registration as a FireSmart community. This is an important concern for this community and all residents will benefit from the creation of a plan that will help speed mobilization of an emergency response effort.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>			
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The project will provide seed funding for the community to develop a map of critical infrastructure, assets and emergency response routes for Arrow Park. The map can then be used by emergency crews to mobilize support in case of a wildfire or other emergency situation. Examples of map elements include existing fire breaks, staging areas, access routes based on equipment type, steep grades, water sources, critical assets and community evacuation routes. We will work with the BC Wildfire Service, FireSmart and the RDCK to understand the mapping and information requirements of emergency responders to ensure the plan is effective and will be implemented if required. A mapping consultant will be hired to create the map.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To apply for funding of neighbourhood initiatives that are designed to enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Arrow Park area. The initiatives are determined through the democratic process of eliciting ideas/recommendations from all residents of the community. The decision as to which initiatives will be submitted to outside agency(s) for funding consideration is determined at an annual meeting attended by the residents of Arrow Park.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Arrow Park is a remote community outside of the local municipal fire protection zones. We are surrounded by forested landscape and would be at significant risk in the event of a wildfire. We have actively pursued wildfire risk reduction through community support for mitigation work and registration as a FireSmart community. This is an important concern for this community and all residents will benefit from the creation of a plan that will help speed mobilization of an emergency response effort.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The BC Wildfire Risk Reduction Program completed mechanized thinning of a section of crown land adjacent to West Arrow Park in the fall of 2023. This work resulted in a significant reduction in the forest fuel load around homes in this area. It also resulted in skid trails, access roads and landings that may be rehabilitated, but could also be used for staging an emergency response. This project will map existing openings, infrastructure and landscape constraints (i.e. steep slopes) so that the BC Wildfire Service can more quickly set up a response, should wildfire encroach on the community. The mapped area will include Arrow Park on both sides of the lake

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Arrow Park Community Association's mandate is to oversee and administer funds on behalf of the community with consideration for the needs and desires of the residents. Fire risk has been a key concern in recent years. We have demonstrated support and capacity to carry out large-scale projects carried out by qualified professionals, specifically the Wildfire Risk Mitigation project in West Arrow Park, which was completed under budget in 2023.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: False**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Arrow Park Community Association will oversee the project delivery by the Project Coordinator, who will be accountable for providing regular updates and managing the budget on behalf of the board. Mapping will be completed by Cabin Resource Management, a local contractor that does GIS mapping and community wildfire protection planning. The BC Ministry of Forests, BC Wildfire Services, RDCK and FireSmart will be engaged to ensure the information captured in the mapping exercise meets the objective of the project, which is to be of use in an emergency response situation.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**  
Community input to the mapping project

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Root & Branch Harvest**

Registration #

Box 1104, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Root & Branch Harvest**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

Nakusp area

RDCK Area H: South to Summit Lake (Hwy 6) and South to Bayview area (Hwy 6), North to Mount Abriel Rec Site (Hwy 23)

Importance to the community:

We have successfully operated Root & Branch Harvest since 2016, taking a pause during the pandemic (2020 to 2022). The Steering Committee of three members minimally pieced it together in 2023- knowing that this project requires a Coordinator to manage and achieve the program goals. From 2016 to 2019 we experienced incremental increases in the volunteer base as the public became aware of how the program could help.

The public/community members will benefit from the reduction of wildlife/citizen conflict; reducing the amount of unpicked fruit on trees; promote the gathering & consumption of healthy, locally grown food, increase self-sufficiency by preserving local food sources; create connections between community members and landowners.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/21/2024      Project End: 11/29/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		<b>\$4,875.00</b>		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,875.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,875.00</b>	<b>\$5,925.00</b>	<b>\$5,925.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Root & Branch Harvest (RBH) coordinates extra produce (fruit/veg) from interested landowners being harvested by volunteer pickers. The goal of the project is to reduce wildlife/citizen conflict by reducing the amount of unpicked fruit on trees; promote the gathering & consumption of healthy, locally grown food, increase self-sufficiency by preserving local food sources; create connections between community members and landowners. This will be achieved through the efforts of a paid Coordinator who will gather volunteers, connect volunteer pickers with landowners as well as provide essential equipment (picking ladders, picking equipment, signage re: "active pick in progress" for safety).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Root & Branch Harvest connects people who have excess produce from their land (growers), with volunteers who wish to harvest extra produce. The usable produce is shared amongst growers and volunteers as well as the local food bank and/or other community initiatives and potentially farmers who could use damaged produce to feed their animals.

The program goals are to increase food self-reliance, reduce waste of produce in our communities, reduce human-bear conflicts, build community education & awareness and to build and strengthen community capacity.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We have successfully operated Root & Branch Harvest since 2016, taking a pause during the pandemic (2020 to 2022). The Steering Committee of three members minimally pieced it together in 2023- knowing that this project requires a Coordinator to manage and achieve the program goals. From 2016 to 2019 we experienced incremental increases in the volunteer base as the public became aware of how the program could help. The public/community members will benefit from the reduction of wildlife/citizen conflict; reducing the amount of unpicked fruit on trees; promote the gathering & consumption of healthy, locally grown food, increase self-sufficiency by preserving local food sources; create connections between community members and landowners.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues: potentially dangerous human/wildlife interactions will be reduced by gleaning fruit that would otherwise be left on the tree and become an attractant to bears.

Opportunities: provide a job (Coordinator), build awareness and educate the public through public workshops: procedures of preserving food, pruning techniques, seed saving/sharing, as well as develop connections between community members, build partnerships with other organizations to augment and support each other's project goals.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We developed this program and launched it in 2016. We have a few years of experience successfully delivering the 'gleaning' services to the community. We have all of the documents created and policies in place for the program-previous years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Three Steering Committee members, 1 paid Coordinator (hired upon verification of funding), various volunteers from the past & newly acquired.

As we (Root & Branch Harvest) do not carry WorkSafeBC coverage, the newly hired Coordinator will need to show proof of their own coverage.

We have a waiver form for volunteers to sign.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project: No**
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
- 12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Waterfront Society**

Registration # S0065799

P.O. Box #205, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

This is all within a purpose build container beside Springer Creek, in either the village of Slocan or in the Area H portion beside Springer Creek on the East side of Highway #6, TBD.

Importance to the community:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/21/2024

Project End: 6/29/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$8,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$5,000.00</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$8,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$26,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$26,000.00</b>	<b>\$76,000.00</b>	<b>\$76,000.00</b>

**Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake****1. The project will provide:**

This is the start of a long over due restocking help for our local fish communities. That were cut off from their traditional spawning grounds because habitat destruction and dams.

By installing an off-grid hatchery, we will be able to augment our local fish communities for the benefit of all species. Thus, increasing our local food security. We will grow our own Kokanee fish, and release them at the optimal age into Springer Creek, which used to be the primary fish spawning habitat on Slocan Lake. By getting this funding, we will be able to leverage it and get other funding to actually get a hatchery in a box set up near Slocan, with installed solar panels be set up as a low tech, secure, fish raising facility.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

With respect for the value, both now and to future generations, of thriving ecologies and resilient local economies, our mission is: To facilitate the restoration of the Slocan Lake Waterfront including Springer creek, (as it flows thru culverts in the old mill site) in conjunction with the development of sustainable business activities befitting the unique beauty, history and ecological significance of historic Slocan Bay. Research and promote the day lighting of Springer Creek on the former mill site. .ECOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY MINDFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Engagement and inform, Organize frequent public events in Slocan to build community awareness of the history, ecological significance and social importance of Slocan Bay waterfront. Research low-carbon and low impact development possibilities, particularly those that provide quality jobs for Slocan area residents. ENABLE Promote local and regional food sustainability initiatives as part of site redevelopment. GENERAL Seek appropriate granting and pursue other fundraising possibilities to realize our purposes. Seek collaboration and partnerships with like-minded organizations at all levels in pursuing common goals.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

At issue is the lack of fish in Slocan Lake and Slocan River, and the fact that Kokanee fish cannot successfully reproduce enough fish in the Kootenay reservoir to stop the Kokanee fish communities from collapsing, regularly. By providing more Fish fingerlings, we are growing the next generation of fish, for other fish to eat, and other animals, including humans too. "Kokanee eggs feed dippers and ducks to name just a few while bears, raccoons, eagles and several other animals eat the adults and fry. The dead fish fertilize the surrounding forest."

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Slocan Waterfront Society was formed to do this type of work, we have been educating ourselves to increase our capacity. We like many others got thrown off by covid and sadly, by society member deaths, but we are coming back and feel up to this task in 2024 and beyond!

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

**Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**

Many Folks, the Slocan Waterfront Society will be buying the hatchery from ONA, they will instruct us how to manage the technology, etc. Many locals will help in the installation and daily checks, and at Fish release time! If the village of Slocan allows this on their lands, then we would partner with them. Otherwise it will go on Area H land and we would then partner with the RDCK.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Many, many volunteer hours by many Folks. Because most of us want to see the Fish return.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Taghum Community Society**

Registration # S0008400

5915 Taghum Hall Road, Nelson BC V1I 6Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Taghum Hall Presents...**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F

Taghum Community Hall

Importance to the community:

Taghum Hall has become well know for its Taghum Hall Presents programming. We have consistently drawn sizeable audiences... even sold out houses... to our events, and have attained a reputation for high quality and affordable entertainment for the community. Our stage often hosts local amateur and professional performers and provides them with a venue that values their contribution to Nelson cultural community.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 6/10/2024

Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$450.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,200.00</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The aim of this project is to upgrade Taghum Hall's sound, lighting and stage equipment to a level appropriate for the professional performers who are part of our Taghum Hall Presents... programme, which hosts performances of touring professional musicians, as well as local performances from our talented professional community of performers and actors. In the past year we presented six Taghum Hall Presents performances and two Taghum Hall Youth Presents programmes, in which local children take to the stage for seasonal performances. Our goal for 2024 is to host at least one THP monthly, and we are well on our way to booking that number.

The sound equipment upgrade is required to replace existing inadequate equipment and allow us to provide an enhanced sound experience. The stage upgrade, comprised of lighting, curtains and risers, will enhance both our theatre performances and concerts by elevating the existing rudimentary stage (basically a sound distorting box), to a functional performance stage.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Building Community One Event at a Time

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Taghum Hall has become well know for its Taghum Hall Presents programming. We have consistently drawn sizeable audiences... even sold out houses... to our events, and have attained a reputation for high quality and affordable entertainment for the community. Our stage often hosts local amateur and professional performers and provides them with a venue that values their contribution to Nelson cultural community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The existing stage is a sound trapping box. This can be amended by installing sound buffering curtains and using an appropriate sound system. We have frequently contracted a professional sound technician and rented gear to achieve the sound/lighting quality expected by touring professionals. This expense can be alleviated by acquiring the appropriate equipment.

Stage performances require extensive 'curtaining' with available materials (tablecloths, shower curtains, etc), hardly a professional solution! A stage apron created from exiting hall furnishings (a few long benches and a sheet of plywood) to allow recent performers to move beyond the stage boundaries, thereby enhancing voice projection, was neither a long term nor appropriate solution: the apron was a step down from the stage, thereby creating a potentially hazardous condition.

Local performers and visiting professionals have identified these issues, We have sought confirmation by speaking with a theatre professional and sound engineer who recommended the stage mitigation.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Taghum Hall Presents programming has acquired a large and devoted following. It has been overheard locally that Taghum Hall is a major entertainment hub in the region. Our beautiful setting and accessibility from Nelson is a bonus. Indeed we are considering outdoor concerts that can more fully appreciate the beautiful view of the Kootenay River. As a concert venue, Taghum Hall is unique in that it is supported by a host of volunteers who enthusiastically support the performances as ticket takers, concession workers and support team, including billeting and feeding out of town performers

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Jordan Bonin, Taghum Hall board member and impressario of THP, will lead the project. Jordan is himself a professional musician and is training to become a sound technician. He will be supported by Taghum Hall board and the members of the events committee and seek consultation with involved local professional actors, musicians and sound engineer.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes
  
10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes
  
11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**
  - Installation by volunteers
  - Consulting
  
12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**

Registration # BN 769710328 RR 0001

Box 14, 518 Lake Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4C6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Strengthening the Heart of the Kootenays: KERPA's Emergency Response Boost**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Kaslo

This project will span across the electoral areas of Nelson and the surrounding region, encompassing the 11 electoral areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K) & nine member municipalities within KERPA's mandate. The project aims to improve our emergency response coverage & service efficiency for residents across the broader Kootenay region, fostering a more resilient and responsive healthcare system in both urban & rural communities.. Specifically, the RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo & Village of Kaslo.

Importance to the community:

This project is instrumental for the residents of communities & areas we serve, as it significantly enhances KERPA's emergency response capabilities. The proposed upgrades ensure that our emergency response vehicle ('ERV2') & medical equipment are optimally maintained, directly benefiting residents in rural and urban settings alike.

In rural areas, where access to timely medical assistance is often challenging, the improvements will result in quicker response times & increased capacity for advanced medical interventions. By securing funding for this project, we ensure that all community members, regardless of their location, have equitable access to enhanced emergency medical care, addressing the specific needs of the diverse regions served by KERPA.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>		<b>\$1,250.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,200.00</b>		<b>\$3,200.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$20,800.00</b>

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Our project is a multifaceted initiative aimed at fortifying our emergency response capabilities & infrastructure in the Kootenays. We are strategically focused on these key areas:

**V-Scan Technology:** Introducing advanced V-Scan technology ensures our volunteer physicians have cutting-edge diagnostic capabilities during emergencies, expediting on-site assessments & improving patient outcomes.

**Body Armour & Ballistic Helmets:** Enhancing the safety of our emergency responders is paramount. The grant will fund state-of-the-art body armour & ballistic helmets, providing crucial protection during high-risk situations.

**Office Furniture:** With our planned expansion into Castlegar in 2024, the grant will support the purchase of necessary office furniture.

**Medicine & Equipment:** The funding will be instrumental in acquiring advanced medicines & medical equipment, including kit bags, allowing our physicians to deliver comprehensive & effective care in various emergency scenarios.

**Survival Equipment & Truck Maintenance Equipment:** Investing in survival equipment & truck maintenance tools is crucial for sustaining our emergency response fleet, ensuring they are well-equipped & operational for any mission.

This comprehensive approach addresses critical needs, from cutting-edge medical technology to personnel support, ultimately strengthening KERPA's ability to provide timely and effective emergency care in our region.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Founded by Dr. Nic Sparrow in 2016, Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association (KERPA) is a registered charity with a clear mission: saving lives and assisting the most critically ill and injured patients in West Kootenay communities while supporting emergency services. Currently in its 9th year, KERPA operates as a Canadian Registered Charity, dedicating its efforts to the Kootenay Region.

KERPA's unique approach involves dispatching volunteer EMS physicians in a dedicated ground unit equipped with advanced medications and state-of-the-art tools, enabling critical interventions like anaesthetic and surgical procedures at the roadside. The organization selectively responds to life-threatening 911 calls within the region's 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities, attending to various emergencies ranging from motor vehicle accidents to cardiac arrests.

With a comprehensive Surface Standards Policy Document, KERPA underscores its commitment to the local community and patients in emergency responses. The policy emphasizes the high standards expected of ERP vehicle operators, reminding them to consistently uphold their role as public servants dedicated to saving lives, assisting critically ill and injured patients, and supporting emergency services. This commitment defines KERPA's unwavering dedication to its mission.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is instrumental for the residents of communities & areas we serve, as it significantly enhances KERPA's emergency response capabilities. The proposed upgrades ensure that our emergency response vehicle ('ERV2') & medical equipment are optimally maintained, directly benefiting residents in rural and urban settings alike.

In rural areas, where access to timely medical assistance is often challenging, the improvements will result in quicker response times & increased capacity for advanced medical interventions. By securing funding for this project, we ensure that all community members, regardless of their location, have equitable access to enhanced emergency medical care, addressing the specific needs of the diverse regions served by KERPA.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The grant addresses several vital issues, gaps & opportunities within KERPA's emergency response framework. KERPA's volunteers' firsthand experiences have uniquely positioned them to identify the pressing need for the resources we are seeking funding for in this proposal.

The acquisition of the V-Scan technology modernizes our diagnostic capabilities & expedites on-site assessments. Investment in body armour & ballistic helmets enhances the safety of our emergency responders, recognizing the potential risks they face.

The expansion into Castlegar presents an opportunity to establish a secondary dispatch hub, requiring the purchase of essential office furniture. Additionally, funding for medicine & life-saving tools & equipment ensures comprehensive, efficient emergency care delivery. The allocation for survival & truck maintenance equipment fortifies our emergency response fleet, addressing concerns of equipment readiness & vehicle maintenance.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KERPA stands out as the most suitable organization for this project due to our extensive track record in delivering successful emergency medical services in the Kootenays. Our proposal is specifically aligned with our work. With a proven history of operational efficiency, our dedicated team, composed of skilled volunteer emergency responders, possesses the expertise needed for seamless project execution.

Our existing partnerships with local authorities & healthcare institutions further amplify our capacity to implement & manage the proposed upgrades. KERPA's in-depth understanding of the region's specific needs & our established infrastructure uniquely position us to ensure the success of this vital project, enhancing emergency response capabilities for the residents we serve.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Dr. Nicholas Sparrow, as President & Medical Director, takes a leading role in overseeing operations and collaborates closely with Mr. Kai Schirp, KERPA's Vice-President. Mr. Schirp is instrumental in spearheading initiatives to enhance our emergency response vehicle and medical equipment, managing the orchestration of seasonal maintenance schedules. Working seamlessly in tandem, Dr. Sparrow and Mr. Schirp jointly spearhead the implementation of the proposed project. Their collaborative efforts ensure a holistic approach to project management, combining medical expertise with operational efficiency to fortify KERPA's emergency response capabilities.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We have no in-kind contributions identified for this project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

**Organization Northern BC Friends of Children - East Kootenay Branch**

Registration # 86641-8791-RT0001  
16 12th Avenue North, Cranbrook BC V1C 3V7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

**Project Title Creston & Area Family Support Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston  
The main office for this project is in Cranbrook and the Project takes place in the RDCK areas included in the EK Health District. The town of Creston, north to Crawford Bay/Riondel etc, east to Yahk/Kingsgate, south to the US border at Rykerts, and west to the Stagleap Summit.

Importance to the community:  
Families with children in medical need often face significant financial and emotional burdens that force them to relocate to larger cities where treatment is more accessible. By making travel to these treatments attainable, families can live and work in smaller towns and rural areas, reassured that support is available. This benefits the families directly and helps the community maintain a stronger economy, workforce, and school system.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$3,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The Creston & Area Family Support Project will assist families travelling to access necessary medical care for their ill or injured child. We provide fuel, food, and accommodations to families who must leave their home community along with emotional support and access to other agencies.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to ensure that every child in our region has access to necessary medical care regardless of their proximity to it or their economic situation.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Families with children in medical need often face significant financial and emotional burdens that force them to relocate to larger cities where treatment is more accessible. By making travel to these treatments attainable, families can live and work in smaller towns and rural areas, reassured that support is available. This benefits the families directly and helps the community maintain a stronger economy, workforce, and school system.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Families are faced with significant emotional and financial burdens associated with taking a child to out-of-town appointments, treatments and surgeries. In some cases, parents have been forced to choose whether to transport a child to a medical appointment or purchase groceries. The need has been identified by the medical community, the families who contact us, and the resource centres and social workers who meet with affected parents daily.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Friends of Children was established in the East Kootenays in 2009 after running successfully in Northern BC since 1998. We have the staff, volunteers, partnerships, systems, and structures to complete the project effectively. We have relationships with and accept referrals from multiple family services in the Creston area. To date, we've served over 650 families and receive and approve, on average, 200 requests annually.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Sheila Hall Family Support Coordinator - Front line contact with families  
Friends of Children Board of Directors  
Friends of Children Disbursement Committee  
Tracey McBride - General Manager and Finance Operations

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours from board members and our disbursement committee contribute to our day to day operations and annual fundraisers and multiple other benefactors provide products and services to promote our fundraising. Partners provide connections to other agencies for free flights, food cards, accommodations and some specialty equipment for families.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Festival Society**

Registration #

2101 6th ave, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3B2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Annual Community Festival Supporting Local Schools, Businesses and Organizations - Sunfest**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

It will take place in a few locations within the City of Castlegar, to be known as;

- Kinsmen Park
- Millenium Park
- Parade route through the downtown area

Importance to the community:

This project brings together the city and surrounding areas for the biggest local event annually. Projected number of attendees of the festival each year 4500-5000 people. The organisation expects to bring local businesses an average spend of \$100/person during this 3-day event. These numbers are based on a survey that was done amongst randomly selected families/individuals.

The parade and fireworks are events that get talked about all year by many citizens of Castlegar, they instill a feeling of pride. By extending the family events during the festival, we will be able to enhance this pride by offering more showcase opportunities to local talents.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/31/2024      Project End: 6/2/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$87,200.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$87,200.00</b>

**Project: Annual Community Festival Supporting Local Schools, Businesses and Organizations - Sunfest**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$87,200.00</b>	<b>\$128,200.00</b>	<b>\$128,200.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Castlegar Sunfest is an annual community event, supported by local volunteers, the local business community and beyond. 2024 marks their 51st year of celebrating Castlegar Sunfest.

The project aims to provide a free, family-oriented, fun-filled event for the Castlegar community and far beyond to enjoy for all that visit. The project enhances cohesiveness and pride for the citizens of Castlegar.

The cohesiveness and pride will be achieved by three days of fun activities that bond community members, e.g. live music, local market (craft/food vendors), parade, fireworks, kids day (which has grown from 2 hrs to 8 hrs over the years).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Annual family fun three-day event, safe from drugs and alcohol, bringing excitement and cohesiveness to the citizens of Castlegar and beyond.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project brings together the city and surrounding areas for the biggest local event annually. Projected number of attendees of the festival each year 4500-5000 people. The organisation expects to bring local businesses an average spend of \$100/person during this 3-day event. These numbers are based on a survey that was done amongst randomly selected families/individuals.

The parade and fireworks are events that get talked about all year by many citizens of Castlegar, they instill a feeling of pride. By extending the family events during the festival, we will be able to enhance this pride by offering more showcase opportunities to local talents.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are an inadequate amount of opportunities for talented individuals and kids to showcase their talents to a large audience in the community. Often, they are only able to show their talents to the people who are already involved with those extra-curriculars. Castlegar Sunfest offers an opportunity to showcase the talents of the local youth and artisans in the area. These are the local kids bands, individual singers, musicians, crafters, makers and beyond that truly show what up- and coming talents reside in Castlegar. The organization noticed that a larger emphasize needed to be put on the showcase of these talents, as parents requested an extension of kids' day. There was never enough time to showcase all the talents of the youth of Castlegar during the festival.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is the best suited to deliver the project, as we have lots of volunteers that have led this event for decades. They know the steps to follow and the hoops to jump through. It has been 51 years of leading this event. The volunteers of this organization either have or make the time to make this annual event a huge success.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Castlegar Festival Society committee members & volunteers and around 95% of the local businesses including our biggest 2 supporters Trowalex Rentals & Sales and Canadian Tire.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

These are in kind contributions, valued by their monetary worth;

\$20.000 Trowalex (equipment)

\$13.700 Vista Radio (marketing)

\$7000 Castlegar News (marketing)

\$1000 Waste Management (disposal fees)

\$600 Castlegar Community Complex (rent)

\$300 Hall Printing (50/50 tickets)

\$8.300 City of Castlegar (upkeep)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Cycling Coalition**

Registration # S0071127

203 Kootenay Avenue, Trail BC V1R 1H6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Cycling online map project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

This is an online project that will encompass the entire west kootenays including Nelson, Castlegar, Salmo, Trail, and Rossland. A separate grant will be applied for to contribute to the RDKB portion of this project.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit all people in the region as it will improve safe cycling infrastructure, which will be accessible to everyone.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 12/1/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$1,250.00</b>		<b>\$1,250.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

**Project: West Kootenay Cycling online map project**

**1. The project will provide:**

The goal of this project is to combine all of the Active transportation network plans and feasibility studies in the west kootenays into an online map, with the goal of creating a plan to eventually fully link all the communities in the west kootenays with a complete cycling ATN plan. During this time the map will also help us to prioritize efforts for applying for grants to plan and build infrastructure projects in the West Kootenays based on the ATN plans.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To further the needs of our cycling community through advocacy, guidance and education and to actualize our vision of "safely moving together"

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will benefit all people in the region as it will improve safe cycling infrastructure, which will be accessible to everyone.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The ATN Plans that we have involve multiple levels of government including RDCK, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, as well as other areas such as the city of Trail and the RDKB. Having the central map will allow us to co-ordinate efforts between these different levels of government. The main issues will be finding people with sufficient knowledge to combine the maps and put them online.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization has experience working with many levels of government in our recent input into the Castlegar-Nelson Active transportation feasibility study, the City of Trail Active Transportation Network Plan, and the RDKB South Kootenay Green link active transportation network plan.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

West Kootenay Cycling Coalition

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

None

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Popcorn Machine and supplies**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

Both at the Fauquier Community Club and the Pavilion

Importance to the community:

This will save us time when we are doing our movie nights. Everyone will benefit as the popcorn will be fresh.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$589.99</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$589.99</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$589.99	\$589.99	\$589.99

**1. The project will provide:**



**Project: Popcorn Machine and supplies**

Commercial Popcorn Machine. This machine will be used in the Hall and at the Pavilion when we have our outdoor movie nights.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will save us time when we are doing our movie nights. Everyone will benefit as the popcorn will be fresh.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Currently we buy the popcorn and bag it into individual bags. This will save us time.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a very motivated board and always keep the community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fauquier Community Club Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Fauquier Community Board volunteers personal time, travel time and gas for the club purchase.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Kootenay Swim Club**

Registration # S0054417

PO Box 1106, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar

Our programming promotes physical literacy by providing swimmers with the opportunity to engage in physical activity in two regional pools as we train out of the Castlegar & District Community Complex as well as the Nelson & District Community Complex ensuring we are as inclusive to as many families as possible in a small rural region. Children engage socially and interact with each other in these two stimulating recreational environments.

Importance to the community:

The Kootenay Swim Club adds value to our community by creating the leaders of tomorrow as well as creating success to be celebrated within our small rural area for the provincial level success swimmers will experience this swim season. We offer families access to affordable recreational activities. Families living throughout our region choose to live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. Living, learning, and playing near bodies of water increases the necessity for our club to support strong safe swimmers. Learning water safety and having the opportunity to develop the ability to swim is a life skill for athletes. Our club has also identified the benefit of social connection, to re-establish the vital sense of belonging within our extended community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$760.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$500.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$1,075.00</b>		<b>\$1,250.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,585.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades**

\$4,585.00	\$21,385.00	\$21,385.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The Kootenay Swim Club is a regional Winter Swim Club that draws membership throughout the West Kootenay region and utilizes both the Castlegar & District Community Complex as well as the Nelson & District Community Complex. Our program predominantly provides swimmers aged 8 to 18 the highest level of training and opportunity to compete in SwimBC and SwimCanada sanctioned events; the highest swim level in Canada which makes our programming unique. We offer pool training times 6 days a week, covering everyone from beginner swimmers to national level aspiring competitors. We also offer opportunity for senior swimmers to gain valuable coaching and leadership experience. The program offers youth the ability to train and compete in a swim program where they can follow a path to the highest level swimming can offer. The Kootenay Swim Club offers 10 months per year of fitness training to our swimmers. It's important to note that our programming offers exercise, fitness and leadership through the winter months when outdoor activities are not as accessible for our local youth. With the generous support of the ReDi grant we look to improve and expand our equipment supplies to enhance training opportunity for all athletes, but to assist in final preparation for Provincial competition for our competitive athletes.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our swim program predominantly provides swimmers aged 8 to 18 to train and compete in SwimBC and SwimCanada sanctioned events; the highest swim level in Canada. We offer pool training times 6 days a week, covering everyone from beginner swimmers to national level aspiring competitors. We also run a Masters and Triathlon swimming program for adults who want to fine tune their abilities. We also offer coach training to our swimmers who are interested in becoming leaders

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Kootenay Swim Club adds value to our community by creating the leaders of tomorrow as well as creating success to be celebrated within our small rural area for the provincial level success swimmers will experience this swim season. We offer families access to affordable recreational activities. Families living throughout our region choose to live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. Living, learning, and playing near bodies of water increases the necessity for our club to support strong safe swimmers. Learning water safety and having the opportunity to develop the ability to swim is a life skill for athletes. Our club has also identified the benefit of social connection, to re-establish the vital sense of belonging within our extended community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Board of Directors identified the barrier which led to recent membership loss for our swim club as the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused significant training disruptions due to lockdowns, quarantines, and strict adherence to pandemic protocols. Our swim club was unable to offer swim experiences to the youngest members of our community due to protocols preventing coaches from touching and properly teaching young swimmers the fundamentals of techniques. A sign of a healthy swim club is one in which there are more younger swimmers in relation to older swimmers. A full season with no incoming beginner participants resulted in financial deficits to our organizational budget.

Membership rates are once again increasing, but our budget needs the financial support to replenish necessary equipment and supplies to further support our young athletes. Our swim club hopes to offset this cost without introducing a financial barrier to swim families.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Kootenay Swim Club was formed to develop a love for swimming and a more intimate understanding of the competitive lifestyle. The Kootenay Swim Club fosters an environment that allows swimmers to identify their

**Project: Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades**

personal goals and gives them the resources and the training skills necessary to achieve them. Our club understands the importance of healthy community, we are well-suited to facilitate programming which provides the opportunity for swimmers in the Kootenay region the chance to utilize their swimming as a motivator to pass on their knowledge and become leaders within our community.

We wish to encourage versatility both in and out of the water. Commitment to goals and to the means of achieving those goals are important lessons to be learned from swimming, keeping in mind that children need time to be children. Accordingly, Kootenay Swim Club swim groups provide all levels of participation and commitment.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Niallan Collier has extensive coaching experience. He first started coaching part time with the Kootenay Swim Club in January 2021 and has been making an impact on swimmers in the role of Head Coach since the 2021/2022 season. Niallan was one of the first swimmers to join the Kootenay Swim Club when it was founded in the 2008/2009 season. During Niallan's time as a swimmer he attended high level meets such as Western Nationals and Senior Nationals. He brings a passion for long-term athlete development protocols and our regional swimmers benefit from his dedication and experiences.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-kind sources and contributions include many hours of passionate volunteerism.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson History Theatre Society**

Registration # S - 43909 CRA # 865206734 RR0001  
3210 Heddle Rd., Nelson British Columbia V1L 6M3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay History Education Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson  
The website creation will take place at Touchstones Nelson Museum and the home/offices of participating summer students and the storytelling/workshop presentations will take place throughout SD#8 schools

Importance to the community:

Education and knowledge of local history is an important ingredient in the creation of a well-rounded education. Participating students will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/3/2024 Project End: 2/28/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$300.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$1,200.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>

**Project: Kootenay History Education Project**

**1. The project will provide:**

Our project is the continuation of our work to educate the general public and students of School District #8 about Kootenay history. This is done by annually adding to our website kootenayhistory.com and through storytelling in schools. The website portion is carried out by secondary and post-secondary students funded through Canada Summer Jobs (which in turn contributes to their further education. The storytelling in Schools is performed by professional storyteller Mike Funergy who offers story presentations and workshops .

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To support the creation and performance of original theatrical productions and school presentations based on the history of Nelson, BC and the Kootenays and to support and administer tours of these productions throughout the Kootenays.

To support and administer the creation and performance, in Nelson, of other theatrical productions and school presentations and to support and administer tours of these productions throughout the Kootenays.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Education and knowledge of local history is an important ingredient in the creation of a well-rounded education. Participating students will benefit.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Kootenay students will learn about their regional history through access to the websites and story presentations. Schools have identified the need for art and performance activities as part of a full educational curriculum.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have been successfully doing this for over twenty years

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be supervised by NHTS administrator Richard Rowberry with two Canada Summer Jobs hires and storyteller Mike Funergy.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Employee home/office space and equipment  
Touchstones Nelson Museum archive resources

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Summit Lake Racers (Nancy Greene Club)**

Registration #

PO Box 554, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Summit Lake Nancy Greene Ski Coach Training**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The benefit and resulting program implementation will occur at Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area in Summit Lake, at 2915 Highway 6. Training will take place at the closest available training venue that coaches are able to attend (likely Whitewater Ski Hill, Revelstoke Mountain Resort, or Kickinghorse Mountain Resort).

Importance to the community:

Each year approximately 20 youth 12 and under participate in the Summit Lake Racers Alpine Ski Racing program. These youth come from throughout RDCK Areas H and K and their member municipalities. Coaches receiving training will also benefit from this project. The club will make an effort to recruit youth coaches, providing these youth with a skill-building, leadership opportunity.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 10/1/2024

Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$200.00</b>				<b>\$500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,475.53</b>	<b>\$4,475.53</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will provide financial support for two or more individuals to receive alpine ski race coaching training, preparing them to provide coaching services to the local Nancy Greene Ski Racing program at Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area (Summit Lake Racers), as well as support returning coaches in professional development and cover the costs of lift passes and security checks required for Summit Lake Racers Coaches. All Summit Lake Nancy Greene ski program participants benefit from this project, as does the community ski hill.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide Nancy Greene alpine ski racing programs to youth in the Summit Lake Ski Hill catchment area. To support our athletes to achieve their personal best and grow from their experiences, and coaches to learn and develop. To create and nurture a culture of excellence and a love of skiing amongst club athletes, parents, and coaches. To create a supportive, competitive sport environment that will allow all young athletes to achieve their personal best and grow from their experiences in an environment where coaches are encouraged to learn and develop.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Each year approximately 20 youth 12 and under participate in the Summit Lake Racers Alpine Ski Racing program. These youth come from throughout RDCK Areas H and K and their member municipalities. Coaches receiving training will also benefit from this project. The club will make an effort to recruit youth coaches, providing these youth with a skill-building, leadership opportunity.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The project goal is to ensure a sufficient number of trained and licensed coaches are available for anticipated registration in the 2024-2025 season (July 2024 to June 2025). The club is forecasting one coach continuing and recruiting two new coaches and one coach-in-training. Our target is young adult candidates - 16 to 25 years of age.

To accomplish the goal, the club will need to support candidates with coach training courses, coach registration fees, coaching expenses, and coach lift tickets. Virtually all ski clubs provide this support to enlist young adults, provide part-time employment; and introduce a possible career path.

Receiving grant funding to cover these items reduces costs to families, making this program and the sport accessible to more local families. For this reason, we are seeking CBT's Resident Directed funds, as all communities throughout Areas H and K can benefit by having youth from their region participate.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Summit Lake Racers are committed to developing skills, and a life-long love of skiing. We are a community ski club training at our local ski hill - Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area. This club is the only ski racing club for young participants, 14 and under, operating out of Summit Lake Ski & Snowboard Area. The Summit Lake Racers has a long history of working with and supporting the Nakusp Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Members of the Summit Lake Racers (Nancy Green Summit Lake) is a group coordinating a ski racing club based out of Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area. This group has been operating for several years and maintains a budget, bank account, and informal executive.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes



**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Volunteer Club will work to promote this coaching training, recruit coaches, coordinate coaches' attendance at the training, and coordinate the ski club season as usual.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Ainsworth Recreational Society**

Registration #

Box 1285, Ainsworth Hot Springs BC V0G 1A0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Website**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Ainsworth Community Hall

Importance to the community:

Project is important for community usage and for hall usage.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 6/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$2,600.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Website**

Website development, domain name, contact tab, online calendar and photo gallery. A 4K projector for meetings and entertainment.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Ainsworth Community Hall is a gathering place for community members and non-members for meetings, special events, and fellowship.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Project is important for community usage and for hall usage.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The hall currently does not have a web presence and no means of public contact.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our Board of Directors have been tasked to improve the community hall and to make it more visible and accessible.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Webmaster under contract and Board of Directors.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Pharatree Learning Centre**

Registration #

5686 Hwy 6, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Summer Camps (Age 5-13)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H  
Pharatree Learning Centre, Winlaw BC

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community because it provides access and opportunity in rural areas for tech education. families and children will benefit from the project. It will help foster relationships and community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/15/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$4,900.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Summer Camps (Age 5-13) that provide affordable care full day care during the summer months as well as educational opportunities for our local youth. We provide opportunity the youth in our area to access and explore technology through our creation labs and workshops. Topics such as coding, 3d printing, science experiments as well as digital literacy and digital citizenship. The summer program will serve families from New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Appledale, Slocan Park, Crescent Valley, South Slocan, Blewett, Castlegar and Nelson. We are able to serve up to 120 participants over the 7 week duration.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Pharatree Learning Centre is committed to the support of youth and families in our rural community and beyond. We pride ourselves as an inclusive space for neuro diverse students and low income families. We provide support, community space, community services including a variety of offerings from organizations like Cbal.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to the community because it provides access and opportunity in rural areas for tech education. families and children will benefit from the project. It will help foster relationships and community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Opportunity to provide much needed childcare for working parents over the summer months. Many families have the need and have reached out to me for more options for their children that are high quality and educational.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization has many professional individuals who have many years experience. We have been developing and providing quality care and educational experience in the heart of the community for over 4 years.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Pharatree Learning Centre Director  
Nicole Carere

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Passmore Fire Department**

Registration #

Box 4 3725 Hwy 6, Slocan Park BC V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Swift Water Technician Equipment Refresh 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place at the Passmore Fire Hall.

Importance to the community:

This project is very important for the slocan valley as it will provide the nessacry gear to the Passmore Fire Department to essure quick response to swift water incidents in the slocan valley. Without this equipment swift water rescue services will be carried out by Castelgar SAR (Search and Rescue) which has a delayed response time do to their dispatch process as well as their transportation time to the scene

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/25/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,058.90</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$17,058.90</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$17,058.90</b>	<b>\$23,058.90</b>	<b>\$23,058.90</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Project is to purchase new Swiftwater PPE for our new technicians and replace out of date gear for existing technicians. The project will supply us with the necessary equipment to provide emergency swift water rescue response for the Slocan Valley and surrounding area.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide Fire, Medical, Swift water Rescue and MVI Response to Passmore, Slocan Valley and surrounding RDCK Area.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is very important for the Slocan valley as it will provide the necessary gear to the Passmore Fire Department to ensure quick response to swift water incidents in the Slocan valley. Without this equipment swift water rescue services will be carried out by Castlegar SAR (Search and Rescue) which has a delayed response time due to their dispatch process as well as their transportation time to the scene

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our biggest issue is budgetary. Our current budget does not cover the required gear for swift water. This grant will alleviate this problem by providing us with enough funding to purchase the necessary equipment.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization has been providing swift water response for the Slocan valley for many years though we do not have the ability to continue this service without the required financing to purchase new safety equipment.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Project will involve Chief Ihlen (Passmore Fire Chief), Liam Egan (Project Lead), and other members of the Passmore Fire Department as well as equipment suppliers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All labour and administration for the project is being done by volunteers.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **W.E Graham Community Services Society**

Registration # 886669142RR0001

1001 Harold St. Box 10, Slocan British Columbia V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Restorative Action**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Slocan

KRJ offers restorative justice services in the municipalities of Salmo, Trail, Castlegar, Slocan, Winlaw, New Denver, Nakusp, the rural area surrounding Nelson, and the outlying communities in the Central and West Kootenays.

Restorative Action in Schools will be implemented in School Districts 8, 10 and 20. Facilitators will work in classrooms for 8 week sessions, 3 times throughout schools year. School locations will be determined in partnership with each school district to offer programming in every district and based on the funding allocations for each electoral area indicated in the budget.

Importance to the community:

This project is aimed at reducing harm in our school communities. This is made possible by fostering connections between students and their community. Our volunteer facilitators provide an atmosphere and format in which a meaningful human encounter where significant experiences of harm can be addressed. Restorative action as an alternative to punitive discipline, allows for the opening of safe channels of communication between students, staff and the larger school community, which consider the individual rights, concerns and confidentiality of the people involved. The focus is on repairing and building relationships and restoring trust while building self-confidence.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$12,047.00</b>			<b>\$24,093.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$12,047.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$12,047.00</b>		<b>\$12,046.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$72,280.00</b>



Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$72,280.00	\$76,240.00	\$76,240.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Kootenay Restorative Justice (KRJ) believes that harm reduction is made possible by fostering connections between people and their community. We offer processes for the communities of the Central Kootenays to become involved in resolving issues around crimes through the practice of restorative justice. In addition, we work with schools and educators to build capacity for addressing school discipline by shifting away from punishment toward a restorative model of discipline for those involved in conflict and harm in our schools, while proactively developing and maintaining relationships.

This project will focus on facilitating restorative action in schools across school Districts 8, 10 and 20 in the Central and West Kootenays. This includes outreach and relationship building with schools and school districts, facilitator training and continuous facilitator support and engagement. Through presentations and educational sessions, we teach about Restorative Action values. We offer programs aimed at educators and teachers, as well as others aimed at students, such as the OWN IT elementary school program and high school peer-mediation programs, where we teach youth to resolve conflicts through restorative processes and dialogue. Instead of the old punishment model, restorative action seeks to support those affected as well as those who have caused harm. It's not just about words. It's about ACTION. Our program promotes dialogue, mediation, recognition of harm and accountability for our actions.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kootenay Restorative Justice (KRJ) operates in partnership with WEGCSS to provide restorative justice services to the Central Kootenays. WEGCSS is the managing partner and non-profit organization that provides administrative and financial oversight for KRJ. Kootenay Restorative Justice Program believes a crime is a violation of people and community relationships. Our goal is to offer processes for the community, and victims of crime, to become involved in resolving issues around crimes committed in our communities through the practice of restorative justice.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is aimed at reducing harm in our school communities. This is made possible by fostering connections between students and their community. Our volunteer facilitators provide an atmosphere and format in which a meaningful human encounter where significant experiences of harm can be addressed. Restorative action as an alternative to punitive discipline, allows for the opening of safe channels of communication between students, staff and the larger school community, which consider the individual rights, concerns and confidentiality of the people involved. The focus is on repairing and building relationships and restoring trust while building self-confidence.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The punishment model of discipline allows for no dialogue between those who caused harm and those affected by the harm, no reconciliation between the two parties, and thus, no closure, no understanding, no relationship building, and no healing.

Restorative action, on the other hand, views harm not simply as a violation of school rules, but rather primarily as a violation of people and relationships. Justice becomes not about punishment or retribution, but a search for solutions that promote reconciliation, repair and reassurance for those affected by harm, those who caused harm,

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and the school community at large. It seeks to heal the pain inflicted by harm, not just attempting to balance the scales through blame and punishment.

These issues have been identified by school districts and restorative programs around the province. There is a need for more support in communities and schools to build capacity for restorative models of discipline.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kootenay restorative justice operates in partnership with WEGCSS to deliver restorative justice services across the Central and West Kootenays. WEGCSS oversees our financial and contractual obligations and requirements and provides administrative support as needed. KRJ operates with a volunteer base of dedicated and educated individuals with various backgrounds in social service, psychology, education, and justice sectors. This past fall, 6 educators across 2 schools districts attended our facilitator training. In the winter we presented restorative action in schools to the WKTEP teacher candidates to promote restorative discipline in schools. Our program employs a part time program coordinator to ensure admin functions and continuity of volunteer training and support.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Program Coordinator will perform the administrative functions to ensure appropriate policy and procedure are in place in addition to tracking outcomes and meeting reporting requirements. This project will involve 10 contracted facilitators to build capacity for students, teachers, support staff, administrators, and district staff. Finally, we will partner with school districts, 8,10 and 20 to offer services in these districts. Additionally, we partner with local organizations such as Youth Counselors, Victim Services, Ministry of Children and Family, Youth Probation, and the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society to support restorative practices in our communities.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Ootischia Community Society**

Registration # S0069625

1256 COLUMBIA RD, Castlegar BC V1N 4L7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Ootischia Community Improvement Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J

The park will be constructed on Lot A District Lot 4598 Kootenay District Plan EPP78088 (adjacent to the Fire Hall at 119 Ootischia Rd.). Our activities will take place on the land we have received allocated to the park and playground. We also host events at the Ootischia Community Hall for fundraisers and awareness activities. This costs the society \$100 to rent each time but we often receive in-kind donations for supplies and food from various businesses in the community of Castlegar.

Importance to the community:

As mentioned before, Ootischia has lost its only playground and park area to the Fortis building. A couple of years ago, RDCK designated the Waterloo Eddie as parkland, but it is not in a central location, does not have a playground and is not easily accessible to those with mobility issues. The area we plan to create will be in the most central location for both Lower and Upper Ootischia that we could find. It will also have facilities that are accessible and functional. It will include landscaped areas and walking paths, benches and picnic tables, a covered area for community gatherings and a playground for the children in our community and surrounding communities. As a society, we hope to continue to develop this area based on community needs and desires for many years to come.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$4,999.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$115,501.00</b>	<b>\$115,501.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Our society was created to bring our community together and to build a common public area in the form of a park with a playground. When Fortis bought the land used to build their Ootischnia location, we as a community, lost our only park and playground. Over the years, Ootischnia has transformed from a rural area to a family-oriented community with lots more development to come. This project will create an area where friends and families can socialize and enjoy the outdoors together. We will achieve this by continuing to hold community events such as Halloween Haunted Walk, Easter Egg Hunts, BBQ's, Community Clean Up's, outdoor movie nights and more. We will achieve this in phases. Phase I of our project has been completed. We received an in-kind land contribution in the form of a \$1 a year lease for ten years as well as \$100,000 contribution from RDCK Community Works fund to prepare the land and construct a play structure. Concurrently, Phase II will improve the rest of the property to make it more accessible to our citizens. To do this, we need to build a fence in order to separate our park from the Ootischnia Fire Hall to ensure the safety of park users. Phase III will include building a shelter or pavilion to host our community events.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our Mandate is to provide a broad range of recreational and leisure activities and events for persons of all ages; to promote organized recreational and leisure activities within designated area; and, to raise funds to maintain the Society and establish common community areas to be used by members of the Society, for community events.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As mentioned before, Ootischnia has lost its only playground and park area to the Fortis building. A couple of years ago, RDCK designated the Waterloo Eddie as parkland, but it is not in a central location, does not have a playground and is not easily accessible to those with mobility issues. The area we plan to create will be in the most central location for both Lower and Upper Ootischnia that we could find. It will also have facilities that are accessible and functional. It will include landscaped areas and walking paths, benches and picnic tables, a covered area for community gatherings and a playground for the children in our community and surrounding communities. As a society, we hope to continue to develop this area based on community needs and desires for many years to come.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Ootischnia is one of the fastest growing communities in RDCK Area J. According to Statistics Canada, since 2011, our population has increased by approximately 80% every 5 years. What started as a rural community is quickly becoming a densely populated residential area made up of young families and older adults.

We live in a diverse community, and hope creating a welcoming space will address issues like social isolation for older adults and create a space our kids can play safely outside with friends.

We hold fundraisers often to raise money and our community has continuously showed support for our cause.

As we are adjacent to one of the busiest fire centres in the area, we need to fence the boundary between the fire hall and our designated park area. This will keep our users safe, and ensure that the public does not obstruct the fire hall in any way.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our society is comprised of people who grew up in Ootischnia. In 2018, we came together when SUTCO wanted to buy the community hall property from the USCC. We rallied locals to put a stop to developing more commercial space in Ootischnia and to maintain our residential feel and our only Community Hall. Over 50 people showed up to our initial meeting, this showed us that there was a potential need for a society like ours. Since then, we have

**Project: Ootischnia Community Improvement Project**

successfully put on a variety of events and fundraisers to raise awareness and get the park project off the ground. Through these events we've managed to raise over \$5700 that we use to put back into the community and this project. Our society's board is comprised of 7 individuals with a variety of applicable skills, talents, and connections whose goal is to enrich the lives of those in Ootischnia.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

In our society, we have members with many trades and skill sets including construction, landscaping and earthworks, welding, finance, etc. and we all work together to implement this project. We will be working together with RDCK and a variety of community members. The firehall and members of Ootischnia Fire have been constant supporters. Fortis employees and Klimat Contracting have offered to assist in the construction of the playground. Finally, many citizens of Ootischnia have come forward with an interest in volunteering with the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Society Executive Director will oversee the project: \$35/hour @ 10 hours a month for 7 months valued at \$2,450

Society Accountant will oversee budget allocation and perform reconciliation: \$50/hour @ 3 hour a month for 12 months valued at \$1,800

Welder/Labourer/Contractor (Steelhead Welding) \$90/hour @16 hours a month for 4 months valued at \$5,760

The true value of the land was evaluated at approximately \$225,000 in a sale agreement. A 10 year lease term would amount to \$22,500 per year.

Other society volunteers and members contribute anywhere between 1 and 12 hours a month to help put on a variety of community events and fundraisers.

Fortis Employees to volunteer with playground construction and labour (see attached letter of support)

Matt McCarthy and his business Klimat Contracting has agreed to contribute labour and/or funds where they are needed on the project.

Other community members and friends of the society have offered to assist in a variety of ways including labour, maintenance, and machines/tools.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Massif Music Festival Society**

Registration # S0065117

810 Silica St, Nelson bc V1L 4N6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Massif Music 2024**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Royal (26th), Eagles Hall (27-29th)

Importance to the community:

Massif is the only interior BC festival that mandates gender diversity and youth attendance--we are at the forefront of this cause and with 8 years presenting this festival, we are known throughout western Canada as the festival to attend for this genre. Massif supports Nelson's cultural strength and reputation as an arts community. Youth and musicians directly benefit from the festival, while hotels and restaurants will be patronized by an influx of up to 300 people attending the festival.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 9/26/2024

Project End: 9/29/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$5,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$46,450.00	\$46,450.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Primary activity: three day music festival in an intimate setting (the Royal and Eagles Hall), allowing bands and fans to intermingle and network for the entirety of the experience.

Priority work: support the region's Cultural Strength and enrich the quality of life for music lovers. Our gender diversity mandate creates meaningful learning opportunities for youth and adults; witnessing non-males performing heavy music expands acceptance and diversifies the genre.

How to achieve: Our policies includes 30% of performers are Kootenay locals and 50% of bands have at least one non-male member. Youth are welcome to perform, volunteer and attend, with tickets reserved at a lower cost for youth.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

MISSION: To bring underrepresented music to the Kootenay region, within an intimate and unique music experience designed to foster connections among artists and between fans, featuring a carefully curated line up of diverse, underground and overlooked musicians.

VISION: A regional music event featuring acts conscientiously chosen to represent diversity within the underground music scene.

VALUES:

Create a supportive music opportunity for women and non-binary artists, as well as LGBTQ2IAS+ .

Provide local bands and aspiring Kootenay musicians a place to be inspired and to perform.

Champion underrepresented music.

Expose rural areas to music not otherwise available in the Kootenay region.

Provide youth an opportunity to experience underrepresented music and witness diverse musicians.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Massif is the only interior BC festival that mandates gender diversity and youth attendance--we are at the forefront of this cause and with 8 years presenting this festival, we are known throughout western Canada as the festival to attend for this genre. Massif supports Nelson's cultural strength and reputation as an arts community. Youth and musicians directly benefit from the festival, while hotels and restaurants will be patronized by an influx of up to 300 people attending the festival.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Two main issues:

1. access to traveling bands for local bands to network with, and for a place for locals to perform and be appropriately compensated.

2. gender and cultural diversity in heavy music.

3. access to live music for youth.

Issues were identified via observance of the genre's performers at festivals and performances throughout BC and in Nelson. Non-male members were rarely present (our first festival had less than 30% of bands with non-men).

Further, there is no consistent opportunity in Nelson for youth to perform or to experience live music of this genre.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have presented Massif every year since 2016, selling out every festival but one. We have efficient processes and dedicated volunteers.

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**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our board of directors, with up to 8 years experience presenting Massif festivals.  
Dedicated volunteers

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Promotions management (graphic design, photography, videography)  
Stage management  
Festival coordination  
Volunteer coordination

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Fauquier Community Club Society**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2 Pavilion Path Benches**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

At the Pavilion along the path leading to the trees and brush area.

Importance to the community:

It is the responsibility of the Fauquier Community Club to update, enhance and maintain our property. All residents and visitors to the area will benefit. The Path was the first step, the benches are the second step. We will continue to beautify the area.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$447.98</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$447.98</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$447.98</b>	<b>\$447.98</b>	<b>\$447.98</b>

**Project: 2 Pavilion Path Benches**

**1. The project will provide:**

This benches will be located on a path through trees and brush area by the Pavilion. It will allow individuals to enjoy the path and sit and listen to nature. The Fauquier Community Board will install this bench.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It is the responsibility of the Fauquier Community Club to update, enhance and maintain our property. All residents and visitors to the area will benefit. The Path was the first step, the benches are the second step. We will continue to beautify the area.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are no issues, it is an opportunity to enhance the area.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a very motivated board always keeping the interests of our community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board will volunteer personal time, travel time and gas to shop for the Pavilion Path Benches.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pavilion Shade Panels**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ  
Fauquier Pavilion.

Importance to the community:

The panels will provide relief from the heat and sun for all users at the pavilion and be more comfortable during a variety of activities and events.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$223.99</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$223.99</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$223.99</b>	<b>\$223.99</b>	<b>\$223.99</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Pavilion Shade Panels**

The project will offer shade from the heat during day events and also a black out screen for outdoor movie nights.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The panels will provide relief from the heat and sun for all users at the pavilion and be more comfortable during a variety of activities and events.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Provide relief from the summer heat and sun.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. The Fauquier Community Club Board is a motivated and keeps our community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier Community Club Board.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Members of the Fauquier Community Club Board spend their time travelling and cover gas expense for shopping.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

PO Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pavilion Serving Tables**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

At the Pavilion 609 Willow Fauquier

Importance to the community:

We host a brunch on July 1st every year and we get a great turnout. We need more room to move around so these narrow serving tables will allow us more room. Everyone attending our July 1st event will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$447.98</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$447.98</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$447.98</b>	<b>\$447.98</b>	<b>\$447.98</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Pavilion Serving Tables**

We are in need of 2 X 18" X 72" Serving Tables. This will allow us more room by not using the 30" tables. It is not a very large area so the 18" depth tables will work much better giving us more space to walk around.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We host a brunch on July 1st every year and we get a great turnout. We need more room to move around so these narrow serving tables will allow us more room. Everyone attending our July 1st event will benefit.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Our current tables that we are using as serving tables are too wide as we have a small space to work within.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a very motivated board keeping the interests of our community as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The FCC Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our board will give their personal time, travel time and gas to pickup these tables which is a 3 hour turn around trip.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Old Fire Hall Collective Society**

Registration # S0062753

Box 392, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Feed the Future**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver

The greenhouse and community garden will be located at the Nakusp Secondary School 619 - 4th St. NW Nakusp, BC

Importance to the community:

Benefits of a geothermal greenhouse and community garden

- Living science lab
- Programs designed to help students K through 12 to acquire the knowledge needed to become agriculturally literate
- Improved health by consuming more fruits and vegetables year-round.
- Improved access to fresh foods.
- Improved food security/autonomy over food sources with a greenhouse, community garden, forest, foraging and knowledge sharing.
- Opportunity for volunteerism, contributing to individual well being.
- Work and life skills through responsibility of growing, maintaining and harvesting a crop.
- Horticultural therapy through positive green, light, and humid space.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$31,240.00</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$2,100.00</b>				<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$40,940.00</b>

Project: Feed the Future

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$40,940.00	\$170,610.00	\$170,610.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The Greenhouse project came about while researching sustainable food production. Inspired by the video "Greenhouse in the Snow" , we felt that Nakusp is an ideal location for a geothermal greenhouse to address food security and sustainability. A community greenhouse can be a solution. The project will contribute not only to food security and improved health through better quality and nutritious foods year-round, but it will also provide an educational environment, skills training, community pride and well being by growing fresh foods for students, vulnerable population, soup kitchen, seed saving, planting, harvest, processing, composting, and produce storage workshops. Partnering a geothermal greenhouse with the community garden creates the opportunity for education related to geothermal technology, food security/self sufficiency/sustainability for generations to come.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the society is to inspire, nourish and support local communities by acting as an incubator for ideas that are economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Benefits of a geothermal greenhouse and community garden

- Living science lab
- Programs designed to help students K through 12 to acquire the knowledge needed to become agriculturally literate
- Improved health by consuming more fruits and vegetables year-round.
- Improved access to fresh foods.
- Improved food security/autonomy over food sources with a greenhouse, community garden, forest, foraging and knowledge sharing.
- Opportunity for volunteerism, contributing to individual well being.
- Work and life skills through responsibility of growing, maintaining and harvesting a crop.
- Horticultural therapy through positive green, light, and humid space.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are several factors contributing to accessibility and affordability of good quality food. The cost of importing fresh unprocessed food to sparsely populated rural and remote areas is predicted to continue to rise with increased transportation costs. It is a concern that vulnerable consumers may become more reliant on packaged foods that are less expensive, but far less nutritious than fresh food. 2019 RDI community Profiles state that 24% of Area K and 16.6% of Nakusp populations are low income. Basic household expenses have risen since 2019. Individuals on a fixed income directly experience rising costs.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Successful projects, large and small, of the past and ongoing programs ensure that we have the volunteers and experience to see this project through to completion.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Old Fire Hall Collective  
Nakusp Seniors Citizens Association



**Project: Feed the Future**

SD 10, Burton, Edgewood, Nakusp, New Denver schools

Community at large - families, youth, groups, adults, seniors

All individuals and groups will bring to the project their experience, expertise and enthusiasm

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

in kind includes: fence posts, labour, firewood for fund raiser, volunteer time for committee work

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship**

Registration # 782963706RR0001  
851 Erickson Rd, Creston BC V0B 1G3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Therapeutic Riding Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

The project will take place at the Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship Facility at 851 Erickson Rd, Creston, BC.

Importance to the community:

For anyone with a disability, therapeutic horseback riding is a way to discover a whole new world of adventure, freedom, responsibility, dignity and excitement and a way to improve balance, coordination and strengthen muscles. Most importantly, it provides an overwhelming sense of accomplishment for everyone involved. Participants continue to be referred from our local schools, local counselling services (Ktunaxa Child and Family Services, Valley Community Services), Community Living Organizations (Nexus Community Support Society, Axis Family Services), Physiotherapists and Physicians and Mental Health Services. Participants also self-refer. In 2023, 79 people directly benefited from the program. Participants are local to Creston, Erickson, Canyon, Lister, Wynndel, Kitchener and also come from as far away as Yahk, Crawford Bay, Gray Creek and Riondel.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$5,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$4,900.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,000.00	\$104,661.00	\$104,661.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Therapeutic riding is an equine-assisted activity for the purpose of contributing positively to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of individuals with special needs. Therapeutic riding provides benefits in the areas of health, education, sport and recreation & leisure.

Lessons are taught by Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association certified instructors or Instructor Candidates who are undergoing supervised training. Lessons are offered during an 8 week spring session, an 8 week summer session and an 8 week fall session. One on one lessons are offered as well as group lessons of up to four riders. The goal of the program is for the rider to be as independent as possible.

Riding instruction is offered in a safe and fun learning environment. As with many relationships we form with animals, its allows us to practice

our social skills that we need to build relationships in life. The foundation of these relationships are built on trust, empathy, negotiation, compromise, and working together. Confidence is developed and self-esteem levels are naturally enhanced, generating a greater sense of achievement.

Riding a horse activates all areas of the body in addition to requiring body awareness, balance, and coordination.

Whether our riders are physically able or not, this physical involvement can progress over time as the rider becomes more confident and the level of challenge increases.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote the physical, mental, cognitive and social well-being of people with diverse abilities by offering mounted and unmounted equine assisted activities, which provide an opportunity for therapeutic benefit, education, sport and recreation.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

For anyone with a disability, therapeutic horseback riding is a way to discover a whole new world of adventure, freedom, responsibility, dignity and excitement and a way to improve balance, coordination and strengthen muscles. Most importantly, it provides an overwhelming sense of

accomplishment for everyone involved. Participants continue to be referred from our local schools, local counselling services (Ktunaxa Child and Family Services, Valley Community Services), Community Living Organizations (Nexus Community Support Society, Axis Family Services), Physiotherapists and Physicians and Mental Health Services.

Participants also self-refer. In 2023, 79 people directly benefited from the program.

Participants are local to Creston, Erickson, Canyon, Lister, Wynndel, Kitchener and also come from as far away as Yahk, Crawford Bay, Gray Creek and Riondel.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

As therapeutic riding is beneficial for such a wide variety of challenges that people face, whether it be physical, mental, social or emotional, the program provides an opportunity for a low cost therapeutic and recreational activity to a diverse section of the population.

The youngest rider in the program is five years old, we have seniors riding for therapy. Riders are at-risk youth, seniors, children and adults with

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physical and/or developmental disabilities and children diagnosed with autism, ADHD, sensory processing disorder or learning disabilities. Anyone who needs to ride for therapeutic reasons may participate. Therapeutic Riding lessons provide an opportunity for fun, socialization and exercise.

There is definitely a need for this type of activity as our participants return year after year after year!

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship is the former CDCSL Therapeutic Riding Program, which successfully operated the Therapeutic Riding Program from 2005 through April 2022. The Therapeutic Riding Program has 9 horses and two Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) certified instructors and many wonderful volunteers. The facility has been developed over the years and now includes two riding arenas, access to riding around the greater property and a forested trail to access the obstacle course field. The Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship has a long term vision for its continued success in serving people who need to ride horses for therapeutic benefit!

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Michelle Whiteaway, Program Director / Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA) Intermediate Instructor  
Christine Ross, Head Instructor / CanTRA Coach / Equestrian Canada Competition Coach

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

- \$ 700 Donated Items that are sold for fundraising
- \$ 900 Horse Feed & Care
- \$ 1,600 Facility Expenses
- \$ 600 Staff & Volunteer Appreciation
- \$ 200 Rider Equipment
- \$8,500 - 850 Volunteer Hours @ \$10 per hour

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **WE Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

PO Box 10 1001 Harold Street, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Learning Centre Technology, Access & Equity Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

At the Slocan WEGCSS Learning Centre and Slocan KIATA makerspace.

Importance to the community:

The Learning Centre benefits the people of Slocan, and the surrounding area. It is considered by some as their main office. It is a place where people of all walks of life can come for free help. In an area where computer literacy is generally low, the community greatly benefits by having a place to go for help when they need it. We help teach people how to help themselves, and properly use their own tools to the fullest, as well as introduce them to new tools and skills they might not be exposed to otherwise.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$3,916.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,916.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,916.00</b>	<b>\$6,228.40</b>	<b>\$6,228.40</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Our project goal is to provide, to the public, readily available access to technology, computer assistance, lessons on our equipment, and a safe space to socialize.

This space is used to study, access the internet, ask questions, perform job searches, meet with employment counsellors, print documents, and learn about 3D modelling, 3D printing, and laser cutting.

By offering these services, we will provide equitable technology access to the community, which is largely made up of people who may not otherwise have access to equipment needed to perform requisite tasks, and people who are not proficient with the technology they do have.

This will be achieved by offering open access to the centre on week days, hosting formal classes on a variety of tech and art related topics, as well as hiring specialists in varying relevant fields to provide specialized classes. Specialized professionals include (but are not limited to) employment counsellors to help residents find work, technical artists to help small businesses explore creative options for branding and publishing, robotics experts to teach about coding or programming, and bookkeepers to help train people to manage their money and documentation.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slocan Valley. Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

In creative and ongoing partnerships with regional services and organizations, we provide inclusive and accessible opportunities in support of a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community. We strive to remain responsive to the current needs of Slocan Valley residents and to enhance the quality of life for all.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Learning Centre benefits the people of Slocan, and the surrounding area. It is considered by some as their main office. It is a place where people of all walks of life can come for free help. In an area where computer literacy is generally low, the community greatly benefits by having a place to go for help when they need it. We help teach people how to help themselves, and properly use their own tools to the fullest, as well as introduce them to new tools and skills they might not be exposed to otherwise.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Learning Centre addresses critical issues, such as computer literacy, unemployment, isolation, and computer security, computer literacy challenges manifest into basic skill gaps. Unemployment is evident through high demand for WorkBC services and one-on-one assistance for job seekers. Isolation results from limited social activities and technology access in small towns, exacerbating the impact of low computer literacy. Computer security concerns arise, with individuals seeking help against scammers and resorting to actions like canceling credit cards.

The Learning Centre provides diverse opportunities, including classes for all ages and exposure to new possibilities. Equipped with high-end computers and multimedia tools, it facilitates in-person and web courses. The center aims to demystify technical skills, enabling individuals to 3D print and design, fostering a culture of curiosity, experimentation, and proactive problem-solving. This approach not only addresses immediate challenges but also empowers the community to create innovative solutions that may evolve into businesses or industries.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The WEGCSS Learning Centre has a reputation for free public access to technology in our area. We have the space and hardware to host workshops, offering each attendee a high speed gaming computer (up to 8). We also have 3 FDM 3D printers, a resin 3D printer, a laser cutter, VR headset, and TV. Furthermore, we can facilitate online lessons hosted elsewhere thanks to our headsets, webcams, and microphones.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Peter McRory, Digital Artist (EMIT Studio), Learning Centre Manager (WEGCSS), 3D printing advisor (Tempus 3D)

Professional speakers TBD based on interest, availability & need.

Partnership may be further utilized through STAC staff (Selkirk College Technology Access Centre) and Tempus 3D staff .

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

WEGCSS in kind contribution will be space rental in the amount of \$5000.00 for the year.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**

Registration # S0058938

5811 Taghum Frontage Rd, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6X9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Install new 4-Bay High-Gain VHF antenna at Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D

Mount Lavina forestry lookout site, located south end of Duncan Lake. This is a mountain top site (at 7300 feet in elevation) that hosts the WKARC radio repeater.

Importance to the community:

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF radio coverage for the Kootenay Lake, Duncan Lake, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Mount Lavina repeater site.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,200.00</b>			<b>\$2,500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>



**Project: Install new 4-Bay High-Gain VHF antenna at Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site**

**1. The project will provide:**

Replace the existing VHF antenna with a VHF antenna with about twice the RF gain, to provide better range for the users. This should provide user range from all of Kootenay Lake and Duncan lake.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF radio coverage for the Kootenay Lake, Duncan Lake, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Mount Lavina repeater site.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Better (longer range) operating range for the VHF repeater. NOTE: Being a Solar/Battery operated radio repeater, this radio has a low power output, and thus need the best antenna possible to get the longer usage range.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the Mount Lavina site.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Technical support personnel from the WKARC society members.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**

Registration # S0058938

5811 Taghum Frontage Road, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6X9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crawford Bay Repeater: Replace a failed VHF Transmitter.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Coop Radio Transmitter site. This is a mountain top site (at 3500 feet in elevation) that hosts many radio repeaters, and is located approximately above the Crawford Bay Ferry terminal.

Importance to the community:

This will ensure that there is 100% radio coverage for Kootenay Lake area (including Kaslo), and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Crawford Bay repeater site.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$250.00</b>				<b>\$250.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$250.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>

**Project: Crawford Bay Repeater: Replace a failed VHF Transmitter.**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to replace a failed VHF Transmitter module located at the Crawford Bay repeater site (COOP Radio site).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will ensure that there is 100% radio coverage for Kootenay Lake area (including Kaslo), and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Crawford Bay repeater site.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Replace VHF radio repeater transmitter module with known good module.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the repeater site.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Technical support personnel from the WKARC society.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**

Registration # S0058938

5811 Taghum Frontage Rd, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6X9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Ridge Repeater: Replace VHF repeater Antenna with High-Gain version**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I

Slocan Ridge. This is a mountain top site (at 6500 feet in elevation) that hosts many radio repeaters, and is located between Nelson and Castlegar.

Importance to the community:

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF emergency radio coverage for Nelson, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year.

Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Slocan Ridge repeater site.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>		<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

**Project: Slocan Ridge Repeater: Replace VHF repeater Antenna with High-Gain version**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to replace a failing VHF repeater antenna located on the Slocan Ridge site (mountain top). The existing VHF antenna is quite old, more than 20 years in service, and is showing signs of failure. Maintaining and improving the Slocan Ridge radio site has been ongoing for several years.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF emergency radio coverage for Nelson, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year.

Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Slocan Ridge repeater site.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Replace VHF repeater antenna with a new high-gain version.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the repeater site.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Technical support personnel from the WKARC society.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo Girls Softball**

Registration #

box 1136, salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Uniforms and updated equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

Salmo, BC

Importance to the community:

Matching uniforms can become part of the organization's traditions. Over time, these uniforms can carry sentimental value, creating lasting memories for players and fostering a sense of continuity and tradition within the organization. Currently, girls aged 5-19 who join the teams will benefit but the quality of the jerseys will allow these memories to be made for the next 5 years as well.

There is also a sense of community pride from the parents and spectators that come out to cheer the team on.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/16/2024

Project End: 6/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

**Project: Uniforms and updated equipment****1. The project will provide:**

We would like to update uniforms for ALL of our local softball teams and new catchers equipment for the younger teams.

Uniforms ensure that all players, regardless of their background or socio-economic status, are on an equal footing. The emphasis on matching uniforms promotes inclusivity and minimizes any visible distinctions, reinforcing the organization's commitment to creating an environment where every girl feels welcome and valued

New and updated catcher equipment promotes safety, boosts player confidence, encourages position exploration, and contributes to the long-term retention of players. It is a positive step toward creating a safer and more enjoyable playing experience for all girls learning the positions in the game.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Salmo Softball is a vibrant and inclusive organization that provides girls with opportunities to develop physical fitness, sportsmanship, and a sense of belonging, creating a foundation for lifelong well-being and community engagement.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Matching uniforms can become part of the organization's traditions. Over time, these uniforms can carry sentimental value, creating lasting memories for players and fostering a sense of continuity and tradition within the organization. Currently, girls aged 5-19 who join the teams will benefit but the quality of the jerseys will allow these memories to be made for the next 5 years as well.

There is also a sense of community pride from the parents and spectators that come out to cheer the team on.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We are addressing outdated equipment. We were not able to offer 1 of our teams jerseys last year. Over time, we lose them, or families move and take the jerseys with them, or with wear and tear of repetitive use, year after year, they wear out. And it has been 10+years since purchasing new uniforms. This also has us look at other equipment that we provide for the teams and noticed our catchers equipment is in need of replacement as well.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is volunteer, local, community members committed to ensuring softball continues in our local town so we believe we can manage this and have the capacity to do so.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Salmo Softball Board, local coaches, parents and players

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We have volunteer, in kind, hours sourcing the equipment and jerseys and volunteering to the board to keep the softball organization operating.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

**Project: Uniforms and updated equipment**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Kaslo Search and Rescue**

Registration # S-45540

PO Box 592, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Ascending to Excellence: Rope Rescue Training**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

- Our coverage area is as follows; Southernmost tip is Balfour; West is up through half of Kokanee Glacier Park, then to Fish Lake on Hwy 31A; North to Trout Lake; Northern most part is the southern boundary of Glacier National Park in the Duncan River drainage; East is all the drainages running into the Duncan River and then south down through the Purcell Mountain range to Gray Creek Pass.

- We also responded to 6 calls for mutual aid in 2023 throughout the West Kootenays with neighbouring SAR teams.

Importance to the community:

This project is vital for our community as it directly enhances Kaslo's emergency response capabilities, ensuring the safety and well-being of community members in challenging terrains. Kaslo Search and Rescue (SAR) serves as a critical lifeline in emergencies, and the high-angle rope rescue training addresses identified skill gaps, enabling swift and effective responses to incidents such as mountainous or wilderness rescues. The entire community benefits from this project, including residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and visitors who may find themselves in distress. The trained SAR team becomes a cornerstone of community safety, ensuring that professional volunteers are equipped to handle complex rescue situations. By investing in this training, we empower our SAR team to be at the forefront of community safety, providing invaluable support in times of need.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/7/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,500.00</b>			<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,498.00</b>

**Project: Ascending to Excellence: Rope Rescue Training**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,498.00	\$16,275.00	\$16,275.00

**1. The project will provide:**

- The project entails a six-day, 44-hour high-angle rope rescue training program for Kaslo Search and Rescue (SAR) conducted by Ronin Safety and Rescue Inc. The objective is to equip Kaslo SAR with additional Rope Rescue Technician 1 (RRT1) and Rope Rescue Technician 2 (RRT2) certifications, aligning with the Provincial Operating Guidelines (POGs) 3.02a BC SAR Wildland Rope Rescue Competency Matrix.
- The training structure involves a weekend for content delivery and a subsequent weekend for student evaluation, ensuring a comprehensive grasp of competencies. RRT1 focuses on foundational skills like knots, anchor systems, and stretcher rigging, emphasizing teamwork for SAR missions. RRT2, tailored for those completing RRT1, delves into advanced personal skills and cohesive team performance.
- Ronin commits to EMCR standards and strict adherence to the POGs, employing experienced instructors through a robust quality assurance process. The project's success relies on effective collaboration, ensuring Kaslo SAR members are proficient and safe in executing high-angle rope rescues. The outcome will be SAR team members equipped with essential skills, certified to operate confidently and effectively in challenging terrains.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide professional Search and Rescue services to anyone who finds themselves lost, injured or stranded in our surrounding areas.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is vital for our community as it directly enhances Kaslo's emergency response capabilities, ensuring the safety and well-being of community members in challenging terrains. Kaslo Search and Rescue (SAR) serves as a critical lifeline in emergencies, and the high-angle rope rescue training addresses identified skill gaps, enabling swift and effective responses to incidents such as mountainous or wilderness rescues. The entire community benefits from this project, including residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and visitors who may find themselves in distress. The trained SAR team becomes a cornerstone of community safety, ensuring that professional volunteers are equipped to handle complex rescue situations. By investing in this training, we empower our SAR team to be at the forefront of community safety, providing invaluable support in times of need.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This high-angle rope rescue training project ensure KSAR will maintain the competencies required to maintain our rope rescue capability with EMCR but also enhances community safety through the deployment of highly trained professional volunteers. The identified issues stem from the need for continued training of new members within Kaslo Search and Rescue to respond effectively to high-angle rope rescue scenarios. The opportunity lies in transforming SAR members into certified Rope Rescue Technicians, contributing to a community safety framework. This was identified through collaboration with Kaslo SAR's Training Officer, underscoring the project's dual impact: increased rescue capabilities and a dedicated team of professional volunteers standing by to bolster community safety during emergencies.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

In 2023, our team collectively dedicated more than 6,300 volunteer hours, underscoring our steadfast commitment to upholding our proficiency in various operations. This substantial investment of time reflects our dedication to ensuring a safe, efficient, and effective response across a spectrum of search and rescue disciplines. From Ground and Canine Search, Tracking, Rope Rescue, and Mountain Rescue to Helicopter Operations, Winter Response, and

**Project: Ascending to Excellence: Rope Rescue Training**

Swiftwater and Flatwater Rescue operations, our team remains devoted to maintaining the skills required for diverse and challenging scenarios. This significant volunteer effort highlights our ongoing commitment to readiness, ensuring that we can reliably respond to the dynamic needs of our community with competence and dedication.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kaslo Search and Rescue volunteers

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers have committed to 24 hours of total instruction time and 20 hours of evaluation time over the course of 6 days - along with pre-reading and additional personal training time. Twelve members for just the 44 hours at only \$25 an hour = \$13,200 value of volunteer time.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCCRN) Castlegar IRIS Program**

Registration # 89342RR0001  
505-8840-210 St. Box 349, Langley BC V1M 2Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **IRIS: Increasing Recreation Involving Seniors**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

Our venue is the Kinnaird Park Community church building in Castlegar where we rent office, storage, dining and kitchen spaces. education events happen across the region as requested.

Importance to the community:

Having seniors, a huge and historic/creative part of our community, are respected and included, we have stronger, healthier communities. For the benefit of all generations. IRIS provides safe and effective ways of connecting our seniors within and to our communities and all those in it. IRIS is important to our seniors and the all generation support behind and in IRIS, as it ensures all ages are understanding of potential seniors issues, and the value seniors bring to communities. The vital role seniors play in determining the direction/details of the program has reportedly created an enormous sense of not only safety in the connections made, but a sense of pride and ownership onii the program. The pride, sharing their experiences at IRIS with others, are the main reasons for the program quick growth and continued success.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$4,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$23,000.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$27,000.00</b>

**Project: IRIS: Increasing Recreation Involving Seniors**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,000.00	\$103,600.00	\$103,600.00

**1. The project will provide:**

IRIS provides opportunities for social connection and connections to service providers, nutritional food and exercise for body and brain. Monthly events include Bingo, Coffee, Crafts, Lunch & Learn and Lunch. Twice monthly Journaling and weekly chair yoga. We have done some group cooking and are working on increasing frequency including monthly Cook & Share. Twice yearly Seniors Expo and an increasing amount of intergenerational events both on and off site, with Robson & Kinnaird Elementary Schools, Selkirk College and groups like Highland Dancers. All events have food and all events are free. We have strong connections in the community with partners and other service providers to ensure referrals back and forth are providing maximum wellness/support to local seniors and to increase intergeneration connections, thus reducing ageism in our community. We work closely with Selkirk College 4 programs: Social Work, Nursing, International Nursing and PreMed, to ensure the next generations of supports for seniors are well informed and connected with community level services and challenges regarding seniors. The IRIS Coordinator provides free education and awareness events on elder abuse, ageism, working with seniors boundaries and more to any groups across the regional and occasionally on provincial level zoom calls.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

BCCRN provides ongoing support structure for the benefit of local CRNs and adults in their communities experiencing abuse, neglect, and self-neglect, as well as small grants (5000/yr) to support local projects. CRNs work at creating communities where all adults are included, respected and free from abuse. Castlegar CRN has a long and successful history of providing education, awareness, exercise and social events for seniors across the West Kootenays including elder abuse awareness and ageism education, social events include nutritious meals and snack plus opportunities to volunteer in creating and maintaining the IRIS program to meet their needs. IRIS began in July 2017. IRIS also strives for intergenerational connections through offering events with and education for local schools, child and youth organizations and Selkirk College.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Having seniors, a huge and historic/creative part of our community, are respected and included, we have stronger, healthier communities. For the benefit of all generations. IRIS provides safe and effective ways of connecting our seniors within and to our communities and all those in it. IRIS is important to our seniors and the all generation support behind and in IRIS, as it ensures all ages are understanding of potential seniors issues, and the value seniors bring to communities. The vital role seniors play in determining the direction/details of the program has reportedly created an enormous sense of not only safety in the connections made, but a sense of pride and ownership onii the program. The pride, sharing their experiences at IRIS with others, are the main reasons for the program quick growth and continued success.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Isolation and loneliness, which are often precursors to elder abuse, continue to be the top two shared concerns of seniors and those supporting seniors. Since COVID people continue to report the effects of that time and how concerned they are still for themselves and peers. IRIS addresses those concerns by offering multiple and diverse events consistently, as determined by the seniors. Seniors develop a sense of ownership in the program which is no doubt the reason for IRIS' success and continued growth. Ensuring we are following the lead of the seniors is key. They know what they want and need. We also continue to connect regularly with other service providers and families of seniors to ensure we are aware of issue and challenges our seniors are facing. The IRIS Crew is made up of education, knowledgeable and experienced personnel, all aware and eager to help support seniors.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our IRIS Crew has great knowledge and experience in working with and for seniors. From social workers to yoga instructor, health and financial professionals, plus of course many of the crew themselves are seniors, we have a good understanding of seniors' challenges, wishes and needs, and how to ensure they get what they are after. IRIS has the tools required to continue to run and adapt to needs, with seniors input. IRIS is a program of Castlegar CRN, part of the BCCRN which provides us on community level with tools, a vast website, printed materials, swag and mentors to support us in any challenges we may need support in. The coordinator has been advocating both individually and on systemic issues with and for seniors since 2006. This experience includes free education and awareness presentations to all ages and groups re elder abuse, neglect and Ageism.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The IRIS Crew (Social Workers, seniors advocate, yoga instructor and retired College educator, Nurse, RCMP, bank manager) implement the program. The direction, topics and content of the program is led by participants feedback through informal conversations at all events, and more formal input at our annual "All About IRIS Lunch & Learn" set for March 2024. This input ensures seniors interests wants and needs are at the core of all we do. Our volunteers are diverse in age and experience, as are our seniors, ranging from 60 to in their 90s. Others involved are presenters at events and Expos.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

BCCRN does financial hosting of IRIS including writing tax receipts. Local bookkeeper does IRIS books in-kind. McDonalds donates almost all the coffee served at IRIS. Presenters donate their time, offering their knowledge and expertise free of charge thru presentations at Lunch & Learns and also all the organizations that host tables at twice annual expos.

Approximately 2000 hours per year is donated at IRIS through volunteers' time.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Silverton Co-work Society**

Registration # S-0069839

Box 6, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fireweed Hub Outdoor Space Development**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver

305A Main Street, New Denver, on a large underdeveloped corner lot across from the post office and Liquor Store. Fireweed Hub serves the entire North Slokan Valley.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit everyone in the area, whether residents or visitors by increasing the capacity of Fireweed Hub during the summer months. Fireweed Hub increases the resilience of our community through direct and indirect employment opportunities, enhances food security, and operates a community asset benefiting small businesses, community members, and the visiting public. Our central location is key to community and neighbourhood revitalization and contributes to the sustainability of our community which is vulnerable to food supply disruptions. In an area where tourism contributes to the health of our local economy there is a significant shortage of restaurants. This project will expand seating capacity in the summer months when it is most needed. Our project will support other non-profit organizations by providing space to deliver outdoor programming. Development of the outdoor space also increases the potential to expand local markets and expositions.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/15/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$2,760.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,760.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Fireweed Hub Outdoor Space Development**

<b>\$12,760.00</b>	<b>\$28,775.00</b>	<b>\$28,775.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

This project will begin development of the outdoor space associated with Fireweed Hub to expand the seating capacity for pop-up cafes and restaurants as well as creating an accessible outdoor community gathering and event space. It will create an outdoor cafe seating area as well as a garden gathering space. The larger vision will include a site for the culinary tool library, preparation for the installation of a wood-fired oven, facilities for onsite composting, demonstration garden beds, an outdoor learning space, a children's kitchen play area and attractive native-plant landscaping. Development of the outdoor space will support emerging food entrepreneurs and leave the site well-positioned for an influx of patrons during the tourist season. It will revitalize a neglected corner lot in the commercial core of New Denver and complement the newly renovated heritage building that houses the Fireweed Hub cowork space and shared commercial kitchen. We previously commissioned a conceptualization of this space by a local expert in public space design which we are looking forward to implementing. We will be working with local consultants in terms of landscape design as well as engaging local contractors for the implementation.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To create innovative space for the sharing and collaboration of expertise and resources to promote food security, encourage a diverse and robust rural economy, and enhance community vitality and resilience.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will benefit everyone in the area, whether residents or visitors by increasing the capacity of Fireweed Hub during the summer months. Fireweed Hub increases the resilience of our community through direct and indirect employment opportunities, enhances food security, and operates a community asset benefiting small businesses, community members, and the visiting public. Our central location is key to community and neighbourhood revitalization and contributes to the sustainability of our community which is vulnerable to food supply disruptions. In an area where tourism contributes to the health of our local economy there is a significant shortage of restaurants. This project will expand seating capacity in the summer months when it is most needed. Our project will support other non-profit organizations by providing space to deliver outdoor programming. Development of the outdoor space also increases the potential to expand local markets and expositions.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is only one restaurant in the immediate area that serves dinner. Several restaurants have closed permanently and others have cut back service to only a few days a week or only offer daytime service. We are anticipating Fireweed Hub will be the home location for food service businesses offering a variety of onsite and take out meal services. In order to be cost effective, adequate seating capacity is required. During the winter, our indoor seating is sufficient, but during the summer months when tourists increase the demand for food services, expanding the capacity through additional outdoor seating will be necessary. In addition, the recent pandemic has highlighted the importance of outdoor spaces for gathering. We are being approached by many individuals and groups interested in renting the kitchen and utilizing the meeting space. Some are concerned about the limited capacity of the indoor space during the tourist seasons.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our committed board and management team will be supervising the project to see it through to completion within the given time-frame. The board has already successfully managed the much larger interior renovation and commercial kitchen installation.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**



**Project: Fireweed Hub Outdoor Space Development**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We are a 6 member board of directors each of whom is engaged and committed to working towards our goals. We are completing the construction phase of our overall Fireweed Hub project, demonstrating successful management of a \$1 million project with contributions of time and skills that may be unusual for a volunteer organization. We will manage the project, but will engage local contractors to carry out the work involved.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Board members will provide in-kind administration including bookkeeping; project management; volunteer labour

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **W.E. Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR0001

Po Box 10, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council

Project Title **Early Years Communication & Coordination Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

The project takes place within Area H & the Village of Slocan. Encompassing the Slocan Valley, from The Village of Slocan to South Slocan.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because of the challenges of living rurally for families with young children. Such as distance, the Slocan Valley is 47km long made up of many communities. Also communication- having young children can be very isolating. To know about and access free programming in your community and online and be reminded and informed on a regular basis has incredible value for families with young children. Informing families is another reason this project is important, making sure families are aware of the free services and resources that exist and they are entitled to receive should they need them. One such example is Early Intervention; free intervention services that are available for children 0-6, such as infant development, speech, occupational and physio therapy. The importance of receiving a regularly updated and well researched Email Bulletin focused on the Early Years fulfills a great need in our communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Early Years Communication & Coordination Project**

<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,768.00</b>	<b>\$6,768.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The project connects families with young children (0-8) to free events, resources, workshops, activities and professional intervention services and shows how low-income families can apply for bursaries within the community. The project seeks to break down barriers of isolation and poverty that can accompany rural living by helping to network and create healthy communities, these free services have the greatest impact on those who cannot afford otherwise. The project achieves this by hiring a community coordinator to put together a biweekly email bulletin that reaches over 495 families in the Slocan Valley with the above information of free services and programs available to families with young children. The project incorporates the community coordinators role in creating/sending the email bulletin and social media outlets. The coordinator attends regular early years programming such as strong start and the family fairs in the valley to share information (provide opportunities for development screening) on the importance of the early years. Further, the project will be achieved by the coordinator organizing quarterly meetings for the members of the council, who then strive to find ways to improve access to free community activities for families with young children and to hold a space and collaboration for early years professionals, volunteers and parents to speak to areas needing more assistance in the early years Slocan Valley networks.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council is a voluntary council of organizations, service providers, and parents focused on the well-being of young children and their families in the south Slocan Valley (from Slocan south to South Slocan).

Council efforts and activities stem from the knowledge that strong families, supported by healthy communities, give children their best start in life, and that children's development during the early years, from 0-6, impacts their health and abilities to succeed throughout their lives and to become contributing citizens. By working together, the Council reduces duplication, identifies gaps in service, creates strong networks, and supports programs and initiatives for families and young children in the Slocan Valley.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important because of the challenges of living rurally for families with young children. Such as distance, the Slocan Valley is 47km long made up of many communities. Also communication- having young children can be very isolating. To know about and access free programming in your community and online and be reminded and informed on a regular basis has incredible value for families with young children. Informing families is another reason this project is important, making sure families are aware of the free services and resources that exist and they are entitled to receive should they need them. One such example is Early Intervention; free intervention services that are available for children 0-6, such as infant development, speech, occupational and physio therapy. The importance of receiving a regularly updated and well researched Email Bulletin focused on the Early Years fulfills a great need in our communities.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issues surrounding communication with families with young children in a rural setting such as the Slocan Valley are vast; isolation, poverty, travel to activities access to resources are challenges that many families face daily.

These issues were identified by the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council's committed members, most of whom are professionals in their respected Early Yeas field, parents, school representatives, health services all of them strive to shape finding ways to face these challenges. These issues will be addressed with the SV Early Years Coordination & Communication project, which allows for a community coordinator to communicate

**Project: Early Years Communication & Coordination Project**

directly with families in the Slocan Valley, to share information and promote free programming, activities, and professional intervention services and show parents where families with low incomes can find bursaries.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

W.E. Graham Community Service Society, operating since 1997, has experience and knowledge in building sustainable programming. WEGCSS depends on strategic planning for each of the programs we offer. We are best suited to deliver the project as the Early Years council is made up of Early Years Professionals, parents and volunteers who have a great variety of experiences and understand the intricacies, challenges and opportunities that exist in the Slocan Valley. Our community coordinator is an experienced Early Years Professional, she has a diploma in Child and Youth Care, a certificate in Behavior Intervention and two young children of her own. She is well versed in this role and researches, informs and advocates for families with young children. When families are supported by healthy communities, this gives children their best start in life, and that children's development from 0-8, impacts their health and abilities to succeed throughout their lives.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council will oversee the project and it will be implemented by Community Coordinator Jennifer Evdokimoff. W.E. Graham Community Service Society administers the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

At present our in-kind contributions are the members volunteer time for Early Years collaboration including expertise from CCRR, Kootenay Kids, Kootenay Family Place, Metis Nation BC, Cbal, Interior Health, and SD8. We also have free advertising in the Slocan Valley Recreation guide. The use of a W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) laptop for the coordinator (the laptop has Microsoft Software and applications), WEGCSS email address through a secure server, and the input and collaboration of the Executive Director at WEGCSS.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society**

Registration # S0062578

410 Monashee ave, Edgewood BC V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Thermal Imaging Drone**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ  
Edgewood BC

Importance to the community:

By quickly identifying a spot fire location allows our fire department to respond quickly to contain or report to Wildfire BC

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/16/2024 Project End: 10/16/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
				<b>\$7,500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Thermal Imaging Drone**

To purchase a much needed piece of equipment. It will allow our fire department to be able to survey areas of possible lightning strikes and spot fires reported in hard to reach areas around our community.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide a high level of firefighting service for our community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

By quickly identifying a spot fire location allows our fire department to respond quickly to contain or report to Wildfire BC

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Due to our rocky and heavily treed terrain spotting a fire is extremely difficult unless from the air. With the use of the thermal drone a spot fire can be spotted and location recorded and communicated with wildfire BC in cases where they can not respond promptly.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

As a Fire Department we have the training needed to implement the project. Also more training is available .

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers of Edgewood Volunteer fire Dept

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Kaslo Board of Trade o/a Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce**

Registration # 000485-5

Po Box 329, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **May Days 2024**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo

The Village of Kaslo

Importance to the community:

May Days holds paramount importance for our rural community deeply connected to the tourism industry. Drawing visitors to Kaslo is essential for the economic prosperity of local businesses. The project's significance lies in its role as a magnet for tourists who may not have considered the area otherwise. Beyond the direct economic impact, May Days fosters social positives, creating a sense of community belonging. Documented evidence supports that hosting events enhances the overall environment of the community. The benefits extend to local businesses, including vendors, artisans, craftspeople, restaurateurs, hoteliers, and innkeepers, all experiencing an upswing in activity. May Days serves as a catalyst for community resilience, economic vitality, and an enriched social and cultural fabric, making it a pivotal initiative for the well-being of the entire Kaslo community.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 5/20/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$3,500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$21,900.00</b>	<b>\$21,900.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

May Days is a three-day event dedicated to welcoming the arrival of summer. The primary objective is to foster community engagement by uniting residents and visitors through a vibrant celebration featuring music, vendors, sports, and various festivities. The project will be executed through collaborative efforts, with volunteers joining forces with the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce, specifically serving as Event Coordinators.

The festival will be realized through planning and coordination of diverse activities that cater to different interests. A hallmark tradition of May Days is the Logger Sports event, a perennial favorite among spectators. Additionally, the Show 'n' Shine Car show, an enduring part of the festivities for over 25 years, adds a classic touch to the celebration. Other highlights include North America's Longest Running May Pole Dance, Softball Tournament, Rubber Duck Race, Old Time Parade, Music in the Park, and various events contributed by local businesses and organizations.

By seamlessly integrating these elements, the May Days Celebration aims to create a lively and inclusive atmosphere that not only entertains but also strengthens the sense of community within the Village of Kaslo. Through this project, we aspire to enhance community bonds, promote local businesses, and provide a memorable experience for residents and visitors alike.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Since 1898, the Chamber's mandate is to help our members prosper and succeed in Business activities. Through a proactive working partnership with all levels of government and community organizations, we strive to achieve a strong and healthy local economy.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

May Days holds paramount importance for our rural community deeply connected to the tourism industry. Drawing visitors to Kaslo is essential for the economic prosperity of local businesses. The project's significance lies in its role as a magnet for tourists who may not have considered the area otherwise. Beyond the direct economic impact, May Days fosters social positives, creating a sense of community belonging. Documented evidence supports that hosting events enhances the overall environment of the community. The benefits extend to local businesses, including vendors, artisans, craftspeople, restaurateurs, hoteliers, and innkeepers, all experiencing an upswing in activity. May Days serves as a catalyst for community resilience, economic vitality, and an enriched social and cultural fabric, making it a pivotal initiative for the well-being of the entire Kaslo community.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

May Days addresses community disconnection by promoting participation, skills development, and volunteering, fostering a sense of belonging. The celebration offers opportunities for economic growth, benefiting local vendors, artisans, and businesses. May Days serves as a nexus for social and cultural development, addressing a need for diverse community activities. The event strategically aligns with identified issues of limited engagement and economic stagnation, aiming to strengthen community bonds and contribute to local vitality. The influx of visitors during the celebration amplifies its impact on the local economy, providing a boost to various sectors over the long weekend. May Days is a multifaceted initiative addressing specific community needs, enhancing the overall well-being and resilience of the Village of Kaslo.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

With a track record of coordinating successful community events, we have established expertise in event planning, logistics, and community engagement ensuring a seamless execution. Leveraging strong local connections, we can mobilize resources efficiently. Collaborating with businesses, organizations, and local authorities is a strength, allowing us to navigate the complexities involved. Committed to community well-being, our organization aligns with the project's goals of fostering economic growth and social cohesion. With a deep understanding of the local culture



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and a history of impactful initiatives, we have the capacity and dedication to make May Days a thriving and memorable event for the Kaslo community.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce will coordinate with the help of many many local volunteers

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours to organize the May Pole Dance, Parade and Car Show

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo and District Arena**

Registration #

Box 543, Kaslo. British Columbia British Columbia VOG 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Learn to Skate**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project will take place at the Kaslo Arena at 517 Arena Avenue, Kaslo, BC

Importance to the community:

The project is important because there seems to be a desire to learn to skate and support our home facilities. Last year we started figure skating which is increasing in numbers but we lack a program for beginner skaters to give them the skills. It will benefit people of all ages who want to learn to skate and possibly play hockey later on.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/8/2024      Project End: 3/16/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$1,520.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,520.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$1,520.00</b>	<b>\$1,920.00</b>	<b>\$1,920.00</b>

**Project: Learn to Skate**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is aimed at giving beginning skating and skill lessons to people of all ages. We will have an instructor present to teach the skating skills. The aim is to increase our users and encourage people to get out of their comfort zone and learn a new skill. We had some new and beginner adults join hockey this year and we are encouraging more use of our facility .

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide winter activities such as skating, hockey and curling to participants of all ages in Area D.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project is important because there seems to be a desire to learn to skate and support our home facilities. Last year we started figure skating which is increasing in numbers but we lack a program for beginner skaters to give them the skills. It will benefit people of all ages who want to learn to skate and possibly play hockey later on.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

With an increase in operating costs and increase in fuel costs we are trying to promote amenities in our area. By providing lessons to beginning skaters it will provide some winter recreation as well we some skills for future use of the arena. There seems to be a drive to increase outdoor activities. We are also seeing an increase in our Minor Hockey registration and giving some extra skating lessons will help. The lessons will be free and sponsored by the arena and the grant so there is no barrier financially

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the only arena in Kaslo and surrounding area. The closest to our arena is NElson an hour away on sometimes very treacherous roads. We also have people in the area who are qualified to teach skating.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Kaslo and District Arena board will implement the project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer instructors and parents to help with managing children as well as providing a snack after. The Kaslo and District Arena is a volunteer run organization.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Libation Producers Society**

Registration # SS0077769

1703 Alder Street, Creston BC V0B 1G5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Hop to Vine Hustle**

Project will be located in: Town of Creston

The event will Start at Millennium Park in Creston and then loop through a 10km route involving side roads and vineyard trail running or walking. The route will have stops at all the local beer wine, cider and spirit producers in the area.

Importance to the community:

This event is important to encourage visitors to Creston. We have a lot to offer and need to spread the word in as many ways as possible. By hosting an event like this it will encourage locals and visitors to support not only libation producers in the area, but hotels, restaurants, community centers, museums etc.

Last year was our inaugural event and it sold out! It was tough to get it off the ground but we plan to expand on it this year. Once we build on it, Our plan in subsequent years is to make the proceeds go to a local charitable organization.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 7/6/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$3,700.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,700.00</b>	<b>\$16,100.00</b>	<b>\$16,100.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Hop to Vine Hustle is a fun 5km run/walk through areas of the Creston Valley. The route intends to have stops at the local beer and wine producers in the Creston Valley, highlighting all that the Valley has to offer in these areas. The event starts and finishes at Millennium Park and will have local market vendor tents, food trucks, live music as well as a beer and wine tasting. The purpose of this project is to encourage tourists and locals to participate in the Hop to Vine Hustle and then spend the weekend enjoying other activities Creston has to offer. The event will be promoting visitors to stay at hotels, visit local restaurants and other establishments in the area. We plan to target our marketing to the Kootenay region as well as Alberta and the Okanagan.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of this society is to work together to plan and coordinate events highlighting the libation manufacturers in the Creston Valley. This society will work collaboratively as a group to encourage tourism to the Creston Valley by planning events and activities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This event is important to encourage visitors to Creston. We have a lot to offer and need to spread the word in as many ways as possible. By hosting an event like this it will encourage locals and visitors to support not only libation producers in the area, but hotels, restaurants, community centers, museums etc.

Last year was our inaugural event and it sold out! It was tough to get it off the ground but we plan to expand on it this year. Once we build on it, Our plan in subsequent years is to make the proceeds go to a local charitable organization.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We hope to encourage more visitors to the area to enjoy the wineries, breweries, cidery and distillery. As a group we think bringing people out to enjoy a fun non-competitive afternoon of activity will do just that. At times it is hard to visit all the establishments that Creston has to offer and by making a fun event like this it is a great way to have a quick visit to all the local libation producers.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our society is comprised of members with a strong desire to market Creston as a destination, not just a drive through spot. We are all hard working individuals that all bring our own strengths and connections to the planning and implementing of this project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Creston Valley Libation Producers Society will be the main organizers, with help from the Creston Valley Tourism Society, and the Town of Creston

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Slokan Community Services (Fauqueir Family Programs)**

Registration # S00 109 17  
Box 100, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Childrens Summer camp & Movie Nights**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The Summer Camp is planned for Detta Beach in Fauquier (central community) and has Pavillion backup for wet weather.

Importance to the community:

These are low cost, easy access programs.All families in our Lower Arrow Lakes Region will benefit.With Summer Camp elementary age children join together for outdoor focused fun and connection. Crafts,fun activities,snacks & lunch provided in a lovely outdoor setting.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/24/2024      Project End: 12/27/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
			<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$6,200.00</b>	<b>\$8,160.00</b>	<b>\$8,160.00</b>

**Project: Childrens Summer camp & Movie Nights**

**1. The project will provide:**

This program supports families from Fauquier,Edgewood and Burton by providing a cooperative,safe,low barrier Summer Camp for children each summer break period.This gives opportunity for a healthy,social group activity in the summer months when school is not bringing children together.

Hosting monthly Family Movie Nights in the Community Hall and other family focused social programs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide social supports and opportunities to the people of Arrow and Slocan Lakes area.Host to several funding streams and government initiatives.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

These are low cost, easy access programs.All families in our Lower Arrow Lakes Region will benefit.With Summer Camp elementary age children join together for outdoor focused fun and connection. Crafts,fun activities,snacks & lunch provided in a lovely outdoor setting.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

When school is out of session it is a good time to connect families and provide a hub for support & fun.There are few organized activities for families living in the lower Arrow Lakes. This need was identified years ago by teachers and parents alike.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Fauquier Family Programs has been coordinating family programs for over 25 years. There is a good connection with families and this grant is a great addition?subsidy to the MCFD funding that provides the core funds of this organization.The network is set up and the delivery model is successful.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fauquier Family Programs will implement the programs. Youth and parent mentors are always key to these successful programs.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Equipment & games lending without rental fees. Vehicle transport of supplies & gas used.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ**

Registration # 5098

1876Brilliant Road, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4K2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

Verigin Memorial Park  
1814 Terrace Road  
Castlegar BC

Importance to the community:

Verigin Memorial Park is an important cultural/tourism site. In addition, it is the burial site of Peter V. Verigin who is designated as a person of national historic significance. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of his untimely death. It is also a peaceful meditative place with spectacular views of the Columbia and Kootenay River valleys. Many local residents have come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the park. They often return bringing out of region visitors to the park.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/24/2024      Project End: 9/6/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$5,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$3,000.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,661.00</b>	<b>\$14,661.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will be an opportunity for youth to learn about both heritage and botany alongside our volunteers while at Verigin Memorial Park. With a reduced water supply the park is moving toward the use of different flowers/plants to consume less water. Employed students will act as tour guides at the park, a premier West Kootenay cultural tourism destination. They will interact with visitors to share Doukhobor culture and heritage, as well as learn about other cultures. The students will provide visitors with information on the significance of the park as a historic heritage site and its relationship to local West Kootenay history. The student guides will also distribute literature that summarizes Doukhobor culture and heritage. They will also promote the city of Castlegar and the West Kootenay region as a hub of cultural and outdoor activities. They will highlight related sites such as the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, the Mir Centre and the Brilliant Suspension Bridge.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The union of Spiritual Communities of Christ works to advance religion by establishing facilities to be used for religious programs, cultural events, conferences, workshops, music, Russian language training and other organizational and community needs in accordance to the tenants and doctrines of the Christian faith through the Doukhobor life concepts specifically.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Verigin Memorial Park is an important cultural/tourism site. In addition, it is the burial site of Peter V. Verigin who is designated as a person of national historic significance. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of his untimely death. It is also a peaceful meditative place with spectacular views of the Columbia and Kootenay River valleys. Many local residents have come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the park. They often return bringing out of region visitors to the park.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In addition to the financial benefits of summer employment students will gain valuable work experience in the fields of tourism and grounds maintenance. They will also have a greater awareness of the present and historic contribution of the Doukhobor people to their local, national and global communities. Visitors (and students) will gain insight into Doukhobor culture and history and the West Kootenay region. The students hired will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills and goal setting.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Verigin Memorial Park is the final resting place of Doukhobor leaders Peter V. Verigin "Lordly", Peter P. Verigin "Chistyakov", their wives, Anna P. Markova (daughter of Peter P. Verigin), and the late honorary Chairman of the USCC, John J. Verigin (great grandson of Peter V Verigin) and his wife Laura P. Verigin. Collectively the Verigins have made many contributions to the Doukhobor movement in both the practical and spiritual sense over the last century. The park is a valued and esteemed site to the USCC organization. The park manager, a USCC volunteer, provides training and supervision of park maintenance.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The USCC Executive Committee and the USCC Finance and Asset Stewardship Committee are responsible for the overall operation of the Memorial Park. A volunteer Park Manager will select the students, manage their training and supervise their work.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

Project: Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

A volunteer park manager oversees training and provides supervision of the student employees. The manager ensures proper supplies, materials and equipment to maintain the park are available.

A volunteer historian provides training sessions for the students to prepare them to provide background and answer questions from visitors.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Village of Slocan**

Registration #

Box 114, 609 Springer Street, Slocan British Columbia V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Halloween Hoot**

Project will be located in: Village of Slocan

The event takes place at Expo park in the Village of Slocan

Importance to the community:

We've estimated that close to a thousand people turn up for the celebration. The population of Slocan is under 500 people. So not only is it a benefit to Slocan, but the surrounding area as well.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 11/16/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	<b>\$4,999.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$5,141.08</b>	<b>\$5,141.08</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Halloween Hoot**

The Slocan Halloween hoot has been an annual celebration for over 30 years. It was started by volunteers as a means to help curb the amount of vandalism that used occur every Halloween. It worked better than anyone had anticipated. the kids do their trick or treating, then head to the park at 7:00 pm for free hot chocolate and a hot dog. The parents all come down for celebration, and when it's over the parents and kids all go home. I find it amazing how well this event brings together young and old and gives them a sense of belonging in the community. The event will continue, but we need to upgrade our failing and outdated fireworks firing system.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To keep providing an annual halloween celebration for the community. Providing hot dogs, hot chocolate, and a fireworks display. We require a new firing system for the fireworks display.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We've estimated that close to a thousand people turn up for the celebration. The population of Slocan is under 500 people. So not only is it a benefit to Slocan, but the surrounding area as well.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The problem is that the celebration is 100 percent volunteer, all funding has been through fund raising. The fireworks are expensive, and price keeps going up. and we're struggling to get basic expenses covered. Now we need a new firing system.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have a good core of volunteers to run the concession, fundraise, tend the bonfires and 7 certified people to work with display fireworks.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

I will take care of purchasing the new firing system. There are several people involved in organizing and working the event.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Creston Valley Music Teachers Association**

Registration # 86813 1913 RR0001  
1511 Scott Street, Creston BC V0B 1G5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Focus on Youth 2025

Project Title **Focus on Youth 2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston  
The performances will take place at the Kootenay River Secondary School Auditorium and the art show is presented at the Creston room at the Creston and District Recreation Centre.

Importance to the community:

The students, their families and community members benefit. This project is a beloved opportunity for the students, they look forward to this festival. The families and friends get to see the talents of their children and celebrate the youth.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 4/28/2025 Project End: 5/9/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,800.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,800.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$3,800.00</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will display the talents of our youth for families, friends and neighbours to enjoy. There is a full week of rehearsals for all participating classes and private students April 28-May 3. The performances take place during the second week (May 5-9). The Art show will have an opening Gala on Monday May 5, 2024 and the art show will be open to the public May 5-8 at the Creston Recreation Centre.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Focus on Youth provides students the opportunity to perform in a professional auditorium with professional sound lighting and staging for their performing arts projects. The art show is professionally mounted to provide students the opportunity to share their art. The students gain confidence and celebrate the success of their visual and performing arts. The community has the honour of seeing the youth display their performing and artistic talents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The students, their families and community members benefit. This project is a beloved opportunity for the students, they look forward to this festival. The families and friends get to see the talents of their children and celebrate the youth.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The big opportunity is for the students who really enjoy presenting their projects or performances to a full live audience. The art show displays their talents as well. The students learn how to present in a professional setting, also the joy of success. There is a great sense of accomplishment for our students. they gain self confidence and joy.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization (CVMATA) is the umbrella for this project. The Focus on Youth Committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who work well together. CVMATA is part of the organizing committee, we have more volunteers due huge number of jobs and details to make this festival work. We have a proven track record with this festival, the first Focus on Youth was in 1986.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The committee is a group of dedicated volunteers who will do the organizing, scheduling, and mounting of the performances and the art show. The schools provide school class projects and the private music teachers plan the student music solos. The students are the highlight of the festival with a full week of performances and art displays.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society**

Registration # S0049764

1300 Frances Moran Road, Trail BC V1R 4L9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **School Time Capsule Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project is open to all elementary schools in the Castlegar catchment area and the Stanley Humphries Secondary School.

Importance to the community:

The project is part of an effort to appreciate our community's history and what has made the community what it is today. The students will learn about their community's past and how their current learning environment has been impacted by that. They will also have to think about what will be important to those students who will open the time capsule 50 years for now and what will the current students think they should know about the present educational environment they are living in. The students should have fun determining what is important for inclusion in their time capsule.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/16/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$250.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$250.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$500.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

The project will create a time capsule for each school in School District No. 20. There are 10 schools in the District. The students of each school will collect artifacts and printed materials for inclusion in their school's time capsule. A teacher, or teachers, will coordinate the project in each school. Either one class or more than one class or the entire school can participate. Once the project is finished, the time capsule will be given to the KCEHS for safe keeping in their archives at the JL Crowe Secondary School in Trail. Each time capsule will be opened by the school that created it in 50 years. The time capsules will be provided to the school by the KCEHS.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To collect, preserve and make available to the public the history of education in School District No. 20 (Kootenay Columbia)

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project is part of an effort to appreciate our community's history and what has made the community what it is today. The students will learn about their community's past and how their current learning environment has been impacted by that. They will also have to think about what will be important to those students who will open the time capsule 50 years from now and what the current students think they should know about the present educational environment they are living in. The students should have fun determining what is important for inclusion in their time capsule.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The project will reflect the student's view of their educational experience and the world in which they live. It will encourage them to think about their educational environment, what an education means to them and how their school is integrated into the current life of their community. It will generate interest in current affairs, what is happening at their school and create a learning experience on which the teacher can build upon. The KCEHS will request the teacher(s) involved prepare a report on how the project was initiated, who participated and what was included in their time capsule and why. This record will be kept with the time capsule for future reference.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is the only heritage organization in the region dedicated to the preservation of the history of education in School District No. 20

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

A teacher sponsor will be sought and he/she will determine how the students of his/her school will become involved in the project. The Administrator of the school will be the primary contact person for the KCEHS.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers of the KCEHS will assist with the coordination of the project among the participating schools and provide guidance to the teacher(s) involved regarding the project expectations and outcomes.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Balfour Recreation Commission**

Registration # S0006781

602 Queens Bay Road, Balfour BC V0G 1C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Public Address System**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

The PA system will be available for events that take place in the Balfour Hall, the new Gazebo, the playing fields in Balfour, the Golf Course, or any of our other community facilities. It will be housed in the storage room at the Balfour Hall.

Importance to the community:

A PA system will be extremely useful for community events such as the very popular Balfour Daze. Those who rent either the Hall or Gazebo for private events (such as weddings) will appreciate having access to the PA system as most venues offer this type of system. For the Golf Course and pickleball courts, a PA system will be very useful when hosting tournaments.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 6/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$4,550.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,550.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,550.00</b>	<b>\$4,550.00</b>	<b>\$4,550.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We would like to purchase a PA system including a microphone, microphone transmitter, speaker, speaker battery, and projector. The PA system will be invaluable for community events, golf course tournaments and events, pickleball tournaments, weddings, and any other events held at our community facilities. The PA system will allow for enhanced communication at these public venues, at a distance, or over large areas. The unit will be convenient, practical, easy to use, and portable, thus allowing us to use it at any one of our community locations. We are also looking to purchase a 360-degree video conferencing device. Investing in a reliable and secure video conferencing device will enable us to host more professional meetings, attract a different clientele looking for a venue with this advanced technology, and provide a reliable remote communication platform. Our organization has already received requests for this service, and we consider it a progressive acquisition.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To operate and maintain community-use facilities in the Balfour area. The BRC aims to promote healthy living and community spirit while building a network of community resources as a base for future events and community development. We aim to create, encourage, maintain, promote, develop, and support recreational activities that are of demonstrable benefit to the community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

A PA system will be extremely useful for community events such as the very popular Balfour Daze. Those who rent either the Hall or Gazebo for private events (such as weddings) will appreciate having access to the PA system as most venues offer this type of system. For the Golf Course and pickleball courts, a PA system will be very useful when hosting tournaments.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Many halls, music venues, golf courses, and wedding venues provide a PA system. With the purchase of this system, we will be increasing the value and usage opportunities of our community spaces. As a result, we will be able to provide a higher level of professionalism for weddings, tournaments, and/or event rentals.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The BRC operates and maintains the Balfour Hall, Gazebo, Golf Course, and other community buildings. Having a PA system is an important next step to improving the overall quality of our facilities and equipment available.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The GM and BRC board members will be involved in the initial setup of the system. The system will then be available for all our community events, golf and pickleball tournaments, and to those who rent the Balfour Hall and/or Gazebo for private functions.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our volunteer board members will be involved in the initial setup of the equipment.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

**Project: Public Address System**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Friends of the Orchard Society (FOTOS)**

Registration # S0077600

206B Josephine Street, Box 215, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Denver Orchard Heritage Interpretation**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver

The interpretive products will be developed in New Denver and produced by appropriate suppliers in the area.

Importance to the community:

As noted under "issues and opportunities" above, this project is important to reinforce resident appreciation of the unique character of the Orchard neighborhood and to encourage the community's continuing evolution in a way that incorporates its past rather than eliminating it. Promoting discovery of this past by visitors is also important to the local economy because it helps extend visitor length of stay. The project is particularly valuable in 2024 as it complements and supports the 30th Anniversary celebration of the NIMC (June 22-23). Ultimately, it reinforces the appeal of New Denver as an attractive place to visit or reside owing to the quality of life created by its unique combination of natural and heritage appeal.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/18/2024      Project End: 9/14/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			<b>\$840.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$840.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$840.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>

**Project: New Denver Orchard Heritage Interpretation****1. The project will provide:**

New Denver's Orchard neighborhood is the site of the last operating WW II Japanese Canadian internment camp. It contains the largest concentration of original camp structures remaining anywhere in Canada and provides a significantly authentic setting for the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (NIMC) National Historic Site. In both 2022 and 2023, 200 Orchard Walking Tour brochures were produced privately and were distributed through the Tourist Visitor Centre, the Campground and the NIMC, as well as digitally through a QR code supplied by the Village. The 2024 project will take on production of these brochures and will add new interpretive signs and maps based on newly available information on the evolution of the Orchard from WW II to the present.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

1. To support and undertake promotion, preservation and interpretation of the heritage structures, cultural heritage, cultural diversity, and natural environment of New Denver's Orchard community for the benefit and appreciation of residents and visitors.

2. As a not-for-profit, charitable organization, to achieve these purposes by appropriate means, including raising and administering funds, enlisting volunteers, and entering into partnerships and contracts.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

As noted under "issues and opportunities" above, this project is important to reinforce resident appreciation of the unique character of the Orchard neighborhood and to encourage the community's continuing evolution in a way that incorporates its past rather than eliminating it. Promoting discovery of this past by visitors is also important to the local economy because it helps extend visitor length of stay. The project is particularly valuable in 2024 as it complements and supports the 30th Anniversary celebration of the NIMC (June 22-23). Ultimately, it reinforces the appeal of New Denver as an attractive place to visit or reside owing to the quality of life created by its unique combination of natural and heritage appeal.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Orchard residents appreciate the character of the neighborhood, much of which stems from the modest structures of its camp origins, the economical lifestyles of subsequent occupants and the seasonal and retirement use of the many small houses. Improving property owners' awareness of and appreciation for the history of the Orchard will encourage retention of much of this character, contributing to the quality of life offered by the community. Promoting this heritage to visitors will add significantly to the appeal of New Denver as a travel destination that offers a unique combination of natural resource-based recreation and historic elements of provincial and national significance.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Present members of FOTOS researched, designed and produced the previous Orchard Walking Tour brochures (copy attached) privately and have experience with interpretive sign design and production. Updates to the Walking Tour brochure and additional research and design for new interpretive products is well within the capacity of FOTOS volunteers, but owing to the society's very limited revenues, printing costs are a significant obstacle to completion of this heritage interpretation and tourism promotion project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Research for the project will be conducted by a team of volunteers including a History Honours MA, members of the local Japanese Canadian community and interested New Denver residents, in consultation with the Silvery Slokan Historical Society and staff of the Village of New Denver and the NIMC. All of these have already been involved with development of the previous Orchard Walking Tour brochures.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** No

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer working time: research, photography, map layout, writing and product design. Minimum 80 hrs @ \$28/hr  
= \$2,240

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Kutenai Art Therapy Institute**

Registration # 89127 4037 BC0001

191 Baker St 2nd floor, Nelson BC V1L 4H1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Land-Based Art Hive**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, City of Nelson

This project will take place in Nelson BC, based out of our art studios on 191 Baker Street. We are fortunate to have three large studio spaces, with art materials floor to ceiling. Many of the art materials are donated and saved from the landfill.

Importance to the community:

The community has a treasured resource in the KATI art space. The project has a broad community impact. Anyone can come and make art. You do not have to be an artist.

"I have tried various therapists in the past and none have worked long term for me until I tried art therapy. I like that it is not just talking and that the art can start discussions and help with understanding my mental health."

Public art initiatives contribute to building vibrant, connected, and resilient communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 12/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$500.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

An Art Hive is a public art studio that welcomes everyone as an artist. "It's a welcoming place to talk, make art and build communities. Responding in creative ways to things that matter" - Art Hives.

Participants can collaborate, find support, and contribute to the growth and vibrancy of our communities through art making.

We would like to offer a Land-Based Art Hive series. Saturday afternoons from early summer 2024 through December 2024 (slowing down in the summer). Accessibility is a core value of Art Hive. We would see this service as free or by donation. Art Hive would be supervised by a professional art therapist that prioritizes working with natural materials and bringing the land into the studio and beyond. We will explore the question "what can nature teach us?" This is a drop-in format, accessible, low barrier, and meant to strengthen community relations, and relations to the land.

Some of the outcomes participants can expect include:

- Creating art in a supportive community
- Stress relief, self-expression, and personal growth
- Improved sense of personal and community wellness
- A connection to land-based healing practices

Land-based art therapy has the potential to inspire hope, increase emotional resiliency, and facilitate individual and collective healing in the face of the environmental crisis we all face.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Mission Statement: The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) believes that the creative process is healing and life-enhancing, and that the expressive arts can contribute therapeutically to both individual and community health. KATI is dedicated to training culturally sensitive and responsive art therapists, and to providing art therapy as a community service.

Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) is dedicated to the interplay between creativity, land-based practice, and collective care, expressed through transformative education and community service.

For over 25 years, KATI has been providing art-making opportunities for the local community. Every year, KATI offers thousands of hours of free or by donation art therapy services to people of all ages with a wide range of concerns. KATI hosts weekly Open Studios for the community.

Since the Institute's inception, KATI has been funded by the Ministry of Child and Family Development to work with families, providing support to parents, adolescents and children. Community well-being and mental health are central to our work.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The community has a treasured resource in the KATI art space. The project has a broad community impact. Anyone can come and make art. You do not have to be an artist.

"I have tried various therapists in the past and none have worked long term for me until I tried art therapy. I like that it is not just talking and that the art can start discussions and help with understanding my mental health."

Public art initiatives contribute to building vibrant, connected, and resilient communities.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The key issues that will be addressed are mental health and resilience. We appreciate that the City of Nelson consulted locally, and mapped out priorities. This project aligns well with City identified priorities, including:

1. Cultural Strength - KATI is a low-barrier public art asset in our community that enriches the quality of life for all citizens. This project will allow us to connect and promote artistic expression and support healthy living.
2. Resilience is identified by the City of Nelson's path to 2040 as maintaining and enhancing the social and ecological systems that strengthen our ability to withstand challenges. This project is focused on resilience through relationships, art, community, and the land.

Nelson does not currently have many low-barrier arts and cultural spaces where art making is inclusive, non-technical, and simply for the joy of the creative process.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KATI has been in this community for almost 30 years. For most Nelson and area residents, whether it's yourself, a loved one, or an acquaintance, you are likely to know someone who has benefited from art therapy, or community art making at KATI. We are accessible to people from all walks of life, and folks come to KATI with a wide range of concerns and needs. We are a truly affordable and accessible community art-making and art therapy space. We have the personnel, the experience, as well as a central space to carry out this project well.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute KATI staff and art therapy students.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

KATI student interns will contribute countless volunteer hours to this project. An estimated total volunteer hour contribution is 100 hours valued at \$40 per hour is \$4000 in volunteer support.

The KATI Board is an active volunteer board, their work will support this project as well.

Rental of the KATI studio is offered in kind, the rental rate is \$125 per half day X 22 days of service = \$2750 value.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society (KORTS)**

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001  
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **KORTS Public Outreach and Awareness**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo  
Kaslo and Area D

Importance to the community:

These public events raise awareness about the Kaslo and Area trail system and the benefits of active engagement in outdoor recreation activities, promoting environmental and climate change awareness. Kaslo and Area D residents and visitors benefit from this project.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$600.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>

**Project: KORTS Public Outreach and Awareness**

**1. The project will provide:**

KORTS currently is involved throughout the calendar year in a number of public events and outreach awareness activities that require funding for materials, supplies, and rentals, including BC Trails Day, KORTS Winter Solstice Celebration and Social, May Days booth, Winter In the Forest Family Day, Public Speaker presentations, and new trail and/or facility grand opening events (Friendly Giant Trail 2024).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

1. Encourage community and visitor participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation and sport activities, especially, but not limited to, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, hiking, running and the like.
2. Build and maintain non-motorized recreational trails in and around Kaslo for public use.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

These public events raise awareness about the Kaslo and Area trail system and the benefits of active engagement in outdoor recreation activities, promoting environmental and climate change awareness. Kaslo and Area D residents and visitors benefit from this project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

These events connect Area D and Kaslo residents with outdoor recreation and trail opportunities available locally.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KORTS has been involved in the construction and maintenance of trails in and around Kaslo and Area D since 2005 and relies on a strong volunteer base (over 14,445 volunteer hours since inception) along with local business support. In 2023, 52 KORTS volunteers provided 1027 volunteer hours on trail work and KORTS activities. In 2023 KORTS membership was 267 active members, with an 11 member Board of Directors.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

KORTS & Club volunteers plan, organize and present the Events and Outreach program. Kaslo Mountain Bike Club, Kaslo Nordic Ski Club, Kaslo Disc Golf Club.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Ski equipment, tents and banners, string lights, volunteer provided edibles, refreshments

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Villa Society**

Registration # S0007657

100-718 Valhalla Street, Castlegar BC V1N 3S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Elevator for Rota Villa**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The elevator will be located on Valhalla side of the property. This is where the contractor indicated would be the best location.

Importance to the community:

This will allow our tenant more accessibility, ability to socialize and access ways to move around our community via city bus. This benefits all current and future tenants that live here at the Villa.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 8/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$23,549.33</b>				<b>\$23,549.33</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$23,549.56</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$70,648.22</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$70,648.22</b>	<b>\$70,648.22</b>	<b>\$70,648.22</b>

**Project: Elevator for Rota Villa**

**1. The project will provide:**

The Villa was built some time ago, lacks accessibility. We are hoping to provide more accessibility for our tenants. Building is two story/split level square building. Access between floors is accessible by two ways, stairs or by walking in the street all the way around the building. This is the biggest challenge that we have, especially in the winter months. We have a lot of tenants that use walkers and have health issues, so the stairs are not an option. Some of our tenants also cannot drive and must use public transportation. We are fortunate enough to have a bus stop right outside of the Villa, located on the upper level. With limited accessibility, it is harder for them to use this great resource. At the Villa we have a Common Room for our tenants. This is used for group functions eg. Christmas party, game night. The facility is also used for tenants to socialize with each other. This is located on the top level and the tenants that live on the bottom, feel isolated.

As we are a non Profit, grants are the only way that we can make this project happen.

In 2023 we received a total of \$18715.78 from ReDi grants and we also received \$2500 from the RDCK community development grant.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

1) To establish, maintain, support or continue the establishment, maintenance or support of residential accommodation for elderly citizens of low or moderate income who are established residents of Castlegar and vicinity.

2) To promote the recreational, social, intellectual and physical welfare of persons described in (1) above

3) To acquire, hold, control, administer, mortgage and or dispose of property, whether real or personal and wherever situated in order to promote the objectives contained in the above.

4) To receive grants, bequests, donations of money or goods and to manage, organize and operate funding-raising activities in order to raise funds for these purposes.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This will allow our tenants more accessibility, ability to socialize and access ways to move around our community via city bus. This benefits all current and future tenants that live here at the Villa.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Accessibility for the tenants from one floor to another. This will allow them to access the amenities on both levels of the building even if they have health issues and can't use the stairs. This issue is identified by complaints from the residents.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Here at the Villa we strive to help all seniors that live here currently and in the future. This means that we encourage socialization and mobility. This can happen with an elevator.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kootenay Columbia Home Medical, Arrowtech Electrical and Mac Brothers Contracting

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society**

Registration # S-57088

Box 210, 16380 Jacobson Road, Crawford Bay BC V0B 1E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Helping Hands 2024/2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

The project will take place in local communities along the Eastshore of Kootenay Lake, from Boswell to Riondel.

Importance to the community:

We want to help seniors remain in their own homes, living independently, for as long as they want. Seniors often need support to maintain their homes. Sometimes just a small amount of help with a few difficult chores can make all the difference between allowing them to stay in their community as opposed to moving away to a care facility. Everyone needs a bit of help as they get older so it's important that local youth and community members can offer some assistance.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 9/28/2024      Project End: 6/15/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,000.00</b>				
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Helping Hands Project will coordinate volunteer teams twice a year, Fall and Spring, to help local Seniors and people with health conditions or impairments, with small jobs around people's homes. The Fall volunteer day will focus on helping people prepare for winter with chores such as stacking firewood, putting gardens to bed and weather stripping. The Spring Volunteer day will focus on helping people prepare for spring, with chores such as preparing garden beds, yard work, cleaning, etc. The Helping Hands Coordinators, Melina Cinq-Mars and Angie Clarke will contact seniors in the community to assess their needs for help around their homes. She will register volunteers from the community, and then assign teams to assist local Seniors.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society (SKLCSS) is a non-profit organization operating on the East Shore of Kootenay Lake that focuses primarily on Seniors and Youth Programming but also acts as an umbrella agency that sponsors and administers community funded programs and projects that foster and promotes community and economic stability and growth.

Our primary programs are the East Shore Youth Network and Junior Squad which addresses the needs of local youth in the area by organizing events and workshops for youth that provide opportunities based on diverse youth input. Our East Shore Elder Care Program is focused on helping and supporting our local seniors so that they can age in place, remain in their own homes for as long as possible and to help seniors access programs and services.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We want to help seniors remain in their own homes, living independently, for as long as they want. Seniors often need support to maintain their homes. Sometimes just a small amount of help with a few difficult chores can make all the difference between allowing them to stay in their community as opposed to moving away to a care facility. Everyone needs a bit of help as they get older so it's important that local youth and community members can offer some assistance.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Seniors Association of Riondel, Better at Home and the East Shore Kootenay Lake Health Society have all identified the need for home support to keep seniors in their own homes. The key opportunity of our project is that we will help seniors in our community. In order to help seniors remain in their rural communities, they need help to maintain their homes. This project will also help to reduce social isolation and foster inclusion for the seniors as well as for the volunteers that participate. The project will help establish important social links and relationships across a variety of demographics which helps to promote trust, and well-being within a community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society has sponsored more than 200 grants since 2010. We ensure responsible public transparency in the distribution of funds. We monitor and ensure that grant reporting is completed and proper project closure occurs. We have been involved in Helping Hands day since 2019.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society will work with their East Shore Youth Network Coordinators to implement the project. The Youth Network Coordinators have taken a lead role in this project for the last several years.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In Kind contributions will be made by volunteers for the Helping Hands days. On average, we usually have approximately 20 volunteers that each do 6 hours of work.  $120 \text{ hrs} \times \$20/\text{hr} = \$2400.00$

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Shoreacres Hall Society**

Registration # S0078213

2625 Shoreacres RD, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4P8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Marketing project and grounds maintenance personnel.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

2625 Shoreacres Rd Castlegar / 2625 Davidson Rd.

Importance to the community:

Our whole community of Shoreacres will benefit from this project.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/16/2024

Project End: 5/16/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				<b>\$5,475.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,475.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,475.00</b>	<b>\$5,475.00</b>	<b>\$5,475.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Marketing project and grounds maintenance personnel.**

Set up advertising and promote our Community hall to support the costs and maintenance of the hall. Maintain the grounds of the hall and our cemetery grounds, mowing and weeding as required.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Maintaining the grounds of our community hall and our community cemetery.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our whole community of Shoreacres will benefit from this project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Visual appearance to promote the use of our Community Hall and Cemetery. Lack of experienced personnel and lack of funds for this position.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the only organization in our community that has looked after this hall and property since 1964.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Shoreacres Hall Society directors

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All volunteer organizing and running of the project. All tools needed for this maintenance of this project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC**

Registration # S-458833

4522 Fenwick Road, Fort Steele British Columbia V0B 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Central Kootenay FFSBC Outreach Programs**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, Town of Creston

Learn to Fish programs will take place in Champion and Syringa Provincial Park in Area J, as well as Kokanee Creek Provincial Park in Area E. In addition programs will be delivered to schools in Salmo/Area E, Creston and Nelson and the public/class sturgeon release will take place in Creston.

Importance to the community:

FFSBC has a long track record of delivering Learn to Fish and sturgeon education programs. Teachers, families and community groups across the Columbia basin have enjoyed participating in our programming. Learn to Fish introduces underrepresented groups to fishing, including young adults, women, and new immigrants. Learn to Fish as well as the sturgeon education programs help promote stewardship and raise environmental awareness. Promoting conservation of the Kootenay white sturgeon.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$4,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$11,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,430.00</b>	<b>\$14,430.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC is a non-profit Society seeking funding for Outreach Programs delivered by our Kootenay Trout Hatchery Outreach Instructors in the Central Kootenays. Programs offered will include Learn to Fish; a program designed to introduce participants to sustainable recreational fishing practices as well as Environmental Stewardship Programs, as well as Sturgeon Conservation Educational Programs. With external funds, additional seasonal Outreach Instructors (primarily university students) will be hired, and trained on program delivery. Funding will bring at minimum of 8 Learn to Fish programs to Area J delivered at Campion and Syringa Provincial Park, a minimum of 4 Learn to Fish programs at Kokanee Creek Provincial Park in Area E as well as a minimum of 4 school Learn to Fish and sturgeon conservation educational programs to Area E Schools, a minimum of 8 school classes reached with Learn to Fish and sturgeon educational programs in Creston and Nelson respectively.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To conserve and enhance the freshwater fish resources of British Columbia for the benefit of the public. Working in partnership with government, industry and anglers, our goal is to make BC fisheries even better through the enhancement and conservation of BC's freshwater fish resources. This is achieved through our fish stocking program, fisheries research, and educational programs.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

FFSBC has a long track record of delivering Learn to Fish and sturgeon education programs. Teachers, families and community groups across the Columbia basin have enjoyed participating in our programming. Learn to Fish introduces underrepresented groups to fishing, including young adults, women, and new immigrants. Learn to Fish as well as the sturgeon education programs help promote stewardship and raise environmental awareness. Promoting conservation of the Kootenay white sturgeon.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Learn to Fish helps connect participants (youth and their families, school and community groups) with their natural environments and promote resource stewardship. There is plenty of research showing that by connecting youth at a young age to their natural environment will make them more likely to protect their natural resources in the future. These programs help promote mental well being and physical activity. The Learn to Fish program encourages youth and their families to spend quality time together in the great outdoors, learning a new skill set (ethical and sustainable fishing practices) and discovering the joy of catching their first fish. The sturgeon education programs help raise awareness of endangered white sturgeon and promote conservation. Participants in the sturgeon education programs will be provided with an opportunity to participate in a sturgeon release on the Kootenay River.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

FFSBC has a long and successful history of delivering Outreach Programs out of the Kootenay Trout Hatchery with a number of fantastic community partners. We have delivered various incarnations of our Outreach Program out of the hatchery and across the East and Central Kootenays for over 30 years (since 1991). FFSBC has established strong partnerships with government agencies and community groups to ensure successful delivery. Sturgeon programs are delivered in partnership with the Province of BC, and the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Outreach Programs have a program coordinator based out of the Kootenay Trout Hatchery that will coordinate the program delivery in the Central Kootenays. With remote oversight from a Provincial Coordinator and program Manager. There will also be 5 seasonal auxiliaries hired to deliver the Outreach Programs across the Central and East Kootenays. Typically the auxiliaries are university students seeking careers in the environmental or fisheries field, or

**Project: Central Kootenay FFSBC Outreach Programs**

a with a passion for educating the public. Targeted funding will cover costs of additional hours and costs associated with bringing programming to the Central Kootenays.

- 8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** : Yes
- 11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**  
NA
- 12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Fauquier Community Club**

Registration # S0002826

P.O. Box 70, Fauquier B.C. V0G 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Chair Yoga**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

This will take place at the Fauquier Community Hall. 117 Oak Street, Fauquier.

Importance to the community:

We know that being physically active is important to keep ourselves healthy. Everyone who comes out will benefit.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/16/2024      Project End: 4/16/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$2,580.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,580.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,580.00</b>	<b>\$2,580.00</b>	<b>\$2,580.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Chair Yoga**

Physical activity is important at every age, and it has been recognized as one of the most effective ways to decrease the risk of chronic diseases. We would like to offer Chair Yoga because no matter the age you will be able to participate. We would hire an instructor from Nakusp who would instruct the class twice a month.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the Fauquier Community Club is to maintain and improve the Community Hall and recreational properties in order to enhance the quality of life for the Fauquier rural area by providing facilities that enable a wide range of social, leisure, educational, cultural and recreational activities for all of our residents. Through collaborative partnerships with individuals, families, the community, local groups, and government agency resources, the Fauquier Community Club will strive to unlock the potential of the people of the Fauquier area to build and sustain a strong rural community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

We know that being physically active is important to keep ourselves healthy. Everyone who comes out will benefit.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

It is a way to get everyone out to exercise. We will advertise it well before the classes start. We will know if it is a success by the number of people coming out. We want to offer this in our community to make it convenience for those who do not want to travel in the winter.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are a motivated board, keeping the interests of our community and areas close by us as a priority.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Fauquier Community Board

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Fauquier Community Club board will provide personal time to clean the hall before and after the event.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Wynndel Community Centre**

Registration # 132 916 768 BC001

5157 Wynndel Road, Wynndel BC V0B 2N2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wynndel Community Centre Security Cameras**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Two cameras will be located on WCC property and one on a neighbouring property (agreement already obtained from property owner).

Importance to the community:

The community centre is an important focal point for Wynndel residents including regular sports activities, family activities and private rentals. The hall is entirely volunteer operated and the community benefits overall when the Board can focus on supporting events and regular operations, and not repairing after vandalism.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 6/18/2024      Project End: 8/30/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$2,400.00</b>		<b>\$1,940.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,390.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$5,390.00</b>	<b>\$5,390.00</b>	<b>\$5,390.07</b>

**Project: Wynndel Community Centre Security Cameras**

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will provide security cameras at 3 locations to record activity at all Wynndel Community Centre (WCC) entrances. A local electrical contractor can provide and install the necessary components as per the attached quote.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide the opportunity for the community to use the facility known as the Wynndel Community Centre for recreation and education activities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The community centre is an important focal point for Wynndel residents including regular sports activities, family activities and private rentals. The hall is entirely volunteer operated and the community benefits overall when the Board can focus on supporting events and regular operations, and not repairing after vandalism.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Over the last 2 years the WCC Board has overseen over \$130,000 in building improvements and wants to protect this investment. The adjacent school property is continuously vandalized and the Board is concerned similar activity could occur on the hall property. There has been some vandalism on the hall. Although hall rentals are numerous, there is no onsite director or regular opening hours.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Wynndel Community Centre continues to be the only community-based agency in Wynndel. There is a full complement of engaged Board directors who have a proven success delivering large capital projects. A local, professional contractor will provide the work. This project will require minimal Board oversight.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be overseen by a WCC Board director. A local electrical contractor will provide all parts and labour.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Nil

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo & Area Supportive Housing Society**

Registration #

730 Railway Avenue, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Defibrillator**

Project will be located in: Village of Salmo  
Salmo Valley Estates

Importance to the community:

All senior's that attend or visit Salmo Valley Estates could benefit from the defibrillator.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 6/24/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$2,150.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$2,150.00</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>	<b>\$2,150.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

To purchase a new defibrillator for the senior's building.

**Project: Defibrillator**

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Salmo & Area Supportive Housing Society provides a safe, affordable, supportive environment to seniors and families in Salmo and area to encourage a healthy, engaged lifestyle.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

All senior's that attend or visit Salmo Valley Estates could benefit from the defibrillator.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In the event of a medical emergency, we house a defibrillator in the senior's building and train resident to use.

We needed parts and batteries for our current defibrillator and found out it is cheaper to buy a new one.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are best suited as we seniors live here and we invite seniors in the community to Salmo Valley Estates for activities. We definitely have the capacity to manage a defibrillator.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Melanie Cox

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We will do the training and admin costs.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Edgewood Cemetery Company**

Registration #

230 Cemetery Road, Edgewood British Columbia V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Brush and small tree removal inside fence area.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

In the cemetery, 230 Cemetery Road.

Importance to the community:

It is important to the community that the lines of plots are straight so that burial plots of internees can be easily identified. The directors who help community members choose plots will benefit as well as people searching the burial site of a relative.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
				<b>\$4,900.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

**Project: Brush and small tree removal inside fence area.**

**1. The project will provide:**

Trees and brush have grown up in the as yet unused area of the cemetery. The presence of the trees obscures the line-of-sight for keeping the rows straight. Manual labour and a small excavator will be used to achieve the project.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To maintain the cemetery for local residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It is important to the community that the lines of plots are straight so that burial plots of internees can be easily identified. The directors who help community members choose plots will benefit as well as people searching the burial site of a relative.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issue is the inability to keep the lines of plots straight. The laser transit could not see across the cemetery.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Board is responsible for the cemetery and has members capable of doing the work correctly and the ability to call on volunteers from the community.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Directors and a backhoe operator.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Labour

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council**

Registration # S - 41607  
444 C Ave, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Front Street Banner Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo  
Kaslo

Importance to the community:

Along with the newly painted mural, the banners beautify the main street in Kaslo with non- commercial colour, creating a festive air which is much welcomed during tourist season. The individual artists will be identified by banner.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/30/2024 Project End: 5/16/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$1,340.00</b>	<b>\$1,860.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Front Street Banner Project**

The banners project will provide hand painted banners by local artists to be hung from light standards along Front St., 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue in Kaslo. This will be achieved through an agreement with the Village to hang and take down the banners. The banners will be painted by individual artists who will receive a nominal honorarium to cover the cost of materials. We will make a 'banner map' to identify individual artists.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To encourage and initiate arts and heritage related events in the North Kootenay Lake region.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Along with the newly painted mural, the banners beautify the main street in Kaslo with non-commercial colour, creating a festive air which is much welcomed during tourist season. The individual artists will be identified by banner.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We had an opportunity to beautify downtown Kaslo for the summer by displaying local themes in an artistic fashion. When we first did this project it was met with much approval from locals, merchants and tourists, and continues to be an important summer display.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council initiated the banner project and it has been self-funding for the most part. We auction off the banners after two years and commission new ones. We have the expertise and experience to deliver this project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Front Street Banner Project has been ongoing for several years and is a partnership between our arts council, local artists, and the village.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

All ordering of materials, outreach to artists and agreements with the Village are done by the NKLAHC Board on a volunteer basis. We will do 22 banners as per our agreement with the Village. Each artist will paint one banner and receive an honorarium of \$50 to cover expenses. This project is viable even if the full funding request isn't met.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society (KORTS)**

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001  
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Trail Upgrade Machine Support**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

1. Village of Kaslo. Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park
2. Area D. Kaslo Interpretive Forest. Mt Buchanan. Managed and operated by Kaslo & District Community Forest Society with a recreation tenure associated with Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society and the K & S Rail Trail Society.

Importance to the community:

The trail enhancement projects will assist in the on- going upgrading, improvement, and development of existing and new trails in Kaslo Village and the RDCK. Outdoor recreation opportunities provided to the community provide many benefits to the health of its citizens and visitors alike. Trails are an important aspect of BC Tourism and the Community Businesses directly benefit from tourism dollars being spent locally.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 8/23/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$4,250.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,250.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,250.00</b>	<b>\$6,375.00</b>	<b>\$6,375.00</b>

**Project: Trail Upgrade Machine Support**

**1. The project will provide:**

This project involves funding trail building machinery and equipment with operators to support the CBT / KORTS funded approved 2024 Summer Job Experience Trail Crew. The trail crew is a 2 person crew (1 Lead/Supervisor and 1 Crew Member) for 14 & 13 weeks respectively. Funding support for mini track hoe and other motorized trail equipment including operator will assist the trail crew to achieve the trail upgrade goals set for 2024.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

1. Encourage community and visitor participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation and sport activities, especially, but not limited to, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, mountain biking, hiking, running and the like.
2. Build and maintain non-motorized recreational trails in and around Kaslo for public use.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The trail enhancement projects will assist in the on- going upgrading, improvement, and development of existing and new trails in Kaslo Village and the RDCK. Outdoor recreation opportunities provided to the community provide many benefits to the health of its citizens and visitors alike. Trails are an important aspect of BC Tourism and the Community Businesses directly benefit from tourism dollars being spent locally.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Rehabilitation of existing trails

Construction of complimentary trail infrastructure

These were identified within the operational planning process of KORTS, Kaslo Mountain Bike Club, and Kaslo Nordic Ski Club that includes maintenance needs assessment, market driven needs assessment, and long-term planning outcomes.

KORTS average annual maintenance material and supply cost is approximately \$25,000 and KORTS does not charge any Administration fees. All Admin is done on a volunteer or donation basis. This project will directly financially assist trail maintenance, development, upgrades, and rehabilitation costs incurred on an annual basis by KORTS and will support a 2024 KORTS Summer Trail Crew.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KORTS is the volunteer based umbrella Society / organization in Kaslo that is directly involved in trail development and maintenance of both Village of Kaslo lands and RDCK/Crown land in Woodlot 494 and the Community Forest Mt Buchanan recreation area (Kaslo Interpretive Forest). KORTS has been involved in the construction and maintenance of trails in and around Kaslo and Area D since 2005 and relies on a strong volunteer base (over 14,000 volunteer hours since inception) along with local business support.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society (KORTS) including Kaslo Mountain Bike Club (KMBC), Kaslo Nordic Ski Club (KNSC).

KORTS is the umbrella Society that includes: KMBC, KNSC, Kaslo Disc Golf Club, Kaslo Trailblazers

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**Project: Trail Upgrade Machine Support**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Recreation Sites and Trails BC \$5000 materials.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council**

Registration # S - 41607  
POB 1045, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Art in the Market**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo  
This activity takes place on the Front Street Stage in the park where the Saturday market is held.

Importance to the community:  
This project benefits the community economically, artistically and socially. Art in the Market draws a crowd, and surveys we have done indicate that almost all attendees of the market also spend money at nearby stores and restaurants. Providing a venue for artists who might otherwise be unknown is a stepping stone for them, and their willingness to engage with children and artisans at the market creates the possibility for enhanced social connections.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/8/2024 Project End: 10/12/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,875.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,875.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,875.00</b>	<b>\$4,875.00</b>	<b>\$4,875.00</b>

**Project: Art in the Market**

**1. The project will provide:**

This project offers a venue for artists and musicians to share their talents at the Village of Kaslo Front Street Park stage where the weekly Saturday Market is held. We will have a coordinator who will reach out to local artists and musicians to perform, hold workshops and hold art oriented events for children. In co-operation with Kaslo Community Services we will hold a total of 15 sessions during market hours (every Saturday from June 8th through October 12th).

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To encourage and initiate arts and heritage related events in the North Kootenay Lake region.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project benefits the community economically, artistically and socially. Art in the Market draws a crowd, and surveys we have done indicate that almost all attendees of the market also spend money at nearby stores and restaurants. Providing a venue for artists who might otherwise be unknown is a stepping stone for them, and their willingness to engage with children and artisans at the market creates the possibility for enhanced social connections.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Local artists benefit as they become more widely known; the village economy benefits because special events in the market attract tourists and locals alike; since all of these activities are suitable for children families benefit because their children can be engaged in a supervised activity while their parents shop.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the only organization in Kaslo focused only on the arts. Our board is composed entirely of persons in the Kaslo art community, and have a wide range of contacts throughout Kaslo and Area D.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Along with the NKLAHC board (all members of the Kaslo and Area D artistic community) a hired coordinator will assure the project runs smoothly.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

volunteer hours on the part of the NKLAHC Board; mentoring by past president of the board, cooperation with Kaslo Community Services, The Food Hub, Farmer's Saturday Market, and Village of Kaslo.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Diverse Family Roots Society**

Registration # 711389619

Po Box 461, Fruitvale BC V0G 1L0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Dads Matter. Families on a Tuesday . Supporting Families With Diverse Needs. Families Housing That Fits**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo

These will take place virtually and in person in each community . Each region has its own unique identities and needs. The project encompasses the RDKB, RDCK, RDKB.

Importance to the community:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/24/2024 Project End: 5/17/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$29,500.00</b>



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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$29,500.00</b>	<b>\$29,500.00</b>	<b>\$29,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Dads Matter. Connecting dads that have sons/ daughters with disabilities/ Diverse Abilities. Relieving the strain and pressures of not being alone. Connecting Dads. Supporting dads. Inspiring Dads. Connect to resources and subject matter experts (SME). Delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families on a Tuesday. Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities, Diverse Abilities. We will connect, support, Mentor, inspire , connect families/ to resources and to subject matter experts and other families with lived experience. delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families Housing that Fits- Inclusive, supportive, intentional housing conversations. Sharing and discussion on housing options that could be available in each region and the role that families can play in that. Delivered virtually and In person sessions. The project will cover all of the Kootenays , RDKB, RDCK and RDEK with funding requests being submitted to each.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Diverse Family Roots Society is the only grassroots, parent/family-driven support network for families with children or family members with diverse abilities/disabilities that is based in the Kootenays. Create a world where everyone is connected to support, families, resources, and to the community in which they live. Providing information sharing, mentoring, opportunities for connection and sharing, promoting awareness and inclusion

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues of isolation, addressing the fact that Dads/ Families are not alone in their journey . Connection- connecting like families, meaning to connect families that have similar challenges. Whether it's ASD, ADHD, FASD, OCD, Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome and more we will connect, support those.

Not in school because of the challenges of their son/ daughter.

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Lack of Inclusive, intentional housing options. Lack of affordable, supportive housing options. It's an epidemic on its own . So many aging parents still have their aging sons/ daughter living with them with no safe solutions/ options to choose from.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The only grass roots family to family, parent to parent group for dads/ Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities/ diverse abilities that is based in the Kootenays. The Family navigator has 35 yrs of lived experience. Our volunteer " Family Stewards' are all parents that live through out the region and have lived experience .

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Family Navigator.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

TECK Trail Operations- 1000.00.

BOUNCE ( WK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements( PSA) . 1yr.- 20,000.00

PLAN- Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network- 1500.00

Pattison Media (EK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements (PSA) . 1yr- 20,000.00

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Arrow Lakes District Arts Council Society**

Registration # Business number 8933114369 Society number S-0061148  
PO Box 895, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Arrow Lakes & District Arts Council Society - Arts and Culture Events**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp  
Nakusp Park Gazebo for Music in the Park  
Bonnington Theatre for other events.  
Legion for the Octoberfest

Importance to the community:

It has been an institution for the past 25 years. It give all community member exposure to quality entertainment at no cost. Presents the community in a positive light for tourists. Opportunity for local artist to take the stage and perform, giving them exposure to their talent. Brings money to the community, assisting the hospitality sector of Nakusp. This is also a draw from tourist of Nakusp being a destination that provides quality entertainment in a beautiful environment. These events provide an opportunity for seniors who are in the Halcyon House Assisted Living Complex. The seniors only have go out to their court yard or just outside the building to enjoy the music. Many seniors from the community also come to the park to enjoy the entertainment or the Bonnington Theatre.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$250.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Arrow Lakes & District Arts Council Society - Arts and Culture Events**

<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,460.00</b>	<b>\$16,460.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The ALDACS has been involved with MITP since 2019, an event that had been running for 25 years. We have increased attendance by 40%. Resulting in bringing over 50 bands/musician since we took over this event in 2018. We provide a venue for musicians to showcase their talents. MITP consists of musical evenings, every Wednesday July/August it is free to the public. We have from 150-250 people who attend each performance. This makes us the largest musical entertainment provider in Nakusp. These performances are family oriented, attracting locals, people from the surrounding area and tourist.

It is socially and economically based. It brings people to our area and people book their trips around our evening. This event helps enhance the wellbeing of our community by coming together and meeting friends, making new connections and highlighting our community to tourists for the summer. We have families, couples and seniors, some that attend every week.

Live musical Performances at the Bonnington Theatre. This venue is more intimate, with professional sound and lighting, 70% of the performers are from the Basin. Our plan for this year is to include a Dance for Octoberfest, and an events to celebrate International Women's Day. We plan to collaborate with other local organizations to work together with these larger endeavors.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- To promote an interchange of educational and cultural endeavors between local and outside artisans, professional and amateur, as well as a variety of other community related efforts, for Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes region
- To foster interest and pride in the cultural heritage of the Arrow Lakes area
- To promote and enhance the Arrow Lakes area's economic potential related to local cultural fields
- To subscribe to, become members of, and co-operate with any other society or association, whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are in whole or part similar to those of this society
- To encourage the participation of the elderly, handicapped and youth in the various activities of the Society BC

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It has been an institution for the past 25 years. It give all community member exposure to quality entertainment at no cost. Presents the community in a positive light for tourists. Opportunity for local artist to take the stage and perform, giving them exposure to their talent. Brings money to the community, assisting the hospitality sector of Nakusp. This is also a draw from tourist of Nakusp being a destination that provides quality entertainment in a beautiful environment.

These events provide an opportunity for seniors who are in the Halcyon House Assisted Living Complex. The seniors only have go out to their court yard or just outside the building to enjoy the music. Many seniors from the community also come to the park to enjoy the entertainment or the Bonnington Theatre.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This event has be ongoing for the past 25 years, we don't anticipate any issues that we don't already a plan in place. This has always been a well behaved event and people are respectful of what is being offered. As our audience increases we have the opportunity to do larger events. No only Music in the Park but also our Concert Series. If they enjoy the free quality entertainment and trust us in what we do they will also attend our paid for events with the Concert Series.

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Opportunities to work with other community groups and support other community groups, Legion, SD 10, Village of Nakusp(May 2024 Cinco Demio) Arrow Slocan Lakes Community Services(Harvest and Heritage Fair 2023)

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Arts Council has 35 years of doing these types of events. Since being involved with MITP we have been successful and on budget.

Our Arts Council working board has experience with booking acts, performers and musical acts contracts, sound and lighting, production coordination, marketing, social media and budgeting cash flow.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Michele Williams

Rob Plaskett

Tania Quigley

Destiney Froom

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Accommodations - \$1500

Concession - \$250

Volunteer hours - \$3685 MITP, \$2345 Concert Series Dance

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital & Health Foundation Society**

Registration # 89312 3034 RR0001

1200 Hospital Bench, Trail BC V1R 4M1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Orthopedic Enhancement Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

Phase 1 of the Project commenced January 2023 at the KBRH Health Foundation/KBRH including planning, securing approvals and equipment quotes, grant writing and broad reaching fundraising. Phase 2 includes the CBT ReDi Grant process, purchasing equipment and reporting back as required. Fundraising for this project will occur at the KBRH Health Foundation. Procurement of the equipment will occur at KBRH. Usage of equipment associated with the Orthopedic Enhancement Project will take place at KBRH in the Operating Rooms, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

Importance to the community:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

\$500.00	\$500.00		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$32,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00

**1. The project will provide:**

In September 2023, the KBRH Health Foundation launched the Orthopedic Enhancement Project, a \$750,000 effort to advance patient care at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH). This Project will purchase state of the art medical equipment for the Operating Rooms at KBRH, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will support 2 new Orthopedic Surgeons, who have been recruited to work at KBRH, as well as our existing team of 4 Orthopedic Surgeons. The equipment purchased will allow the surgical team to continue their excellent work providing hip and knee replacement; hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, hand and wrist repair; and trauma surgeries.

Notably, this Project will also support a new level of service for patients including total ankle replacements, hip and knee replacements with a one-day discharge, reverse shoulder arthroplasties and it will change the way some current procedures are performed.

The total Project (Phase 1 & 2) is \$750,000 with \$430,000 donated to date; \$320,000 remains outstanding (for Phase 2) and is the focus of this application, emphasizing the Foundation's commitment to advancing healthcare accessibility and patient care for residents of the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Since 1988, the KBRH Health Foundation, formerly the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation, has raised over \$24.9 million to advance healthcare in the Kootenay Boundary. The Foundation's revenue is generated through gifts from donors. Funding priorities include equipment, patient care & comfort and staff education. The operating budget for 2024 is \$1,750,000.

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) has 81 acute care beds, 50 multi-level care beds, and responds to the health care needs of 88,000 residents. KBRH offers specialist services, core medical services and advanced diagnostic services to the residents of its 29,000 sq. km area of accountability. The funds stewarded through the KBRH Health Foundation directly benefit patients receiving healthcare services within the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately

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reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project addresses key healthcare challenges and opportunities. Recognizing the limited local access to some advanced orthopedic services and the pressing need to recruit and retain specialists, the Project supports the team of Orthopedic Surgeons at KBRH and upgrades surgical capabilities to offer a broader range of procedures. Advanced surgical care will be provided locally at KBRH, alleviating the financial and emotional burden on patients who currently travel for specialized orthopedic treatments. The Project also addresses the long wait times for orthopedic surgeries. Recruitment of 2 new orthopedic surgeons and acquisition of this equipment will increase capacity to provide more surgeries, add new surgical procedures, and decrease wait lists.

Interior Health's Senior Executive Team and KBRH's site leadership identified the need, supported specialist recruitment, and approved this new level of service for the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

KBRH is the regional hospital for the Kootenay Boundary and has a proven track record of delivering quality patient care. The Foundation's mandate is to purchase priority medical equipment to improve patient care. Funding shortfalls continue due to budget constraints and competing demands to fund priority equipment across all sites in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District and Interior Health.

Hospital Foundations play a critical role in supplementing equipment purchases so that our community members can receive the best healthcare possible. Donors have supported this Project with donations totaling \$430,000. We remain committed to raising the remaining \$320,000 to ensure all priority equipment is on site as soon as possible to support the orthopedic surgical team and their patients.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Manager of Clinical Operations for the Operating Rooms will work with KBRH Health Foundation to purchase the equipment once funding is secured.

The Foundation team includes long term staff with over 25 years fundraising and other applicable experience, combined.

The KBRH staff working on this Project are all licenced and accredited by their respective governing agencies.

Interior Health's KBRH Administration and the KBRH Health Foundation's Board of Directors have approved this Project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The KBRH Health Foundation will provide the in-kind contribution of staff time as follows:



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Presentations to municipalities (50 hours)= \$1,750.00

Time spent on grant application (10 hours)= \$500.00

Time spent with IH on administration and ordering process (15 hours)= \$525.00

Time spent completing final reporting for the grants, if successful (4 hours)= \$140.00

Total In-Kind = \$2,915.00 depending on presentations.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **W.E.Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

PO Box 10 1001 Harold Street, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Better at Home Emergency Response**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan  
Slocan Valley Better at Home will serve RDCK Area H, New Denver, Silverton and Slocan.

Importance to the community:

This program holds immense significance for the communities we cater to. By providing the opportunity for our elderly population to remain in the familiarity and comfort of their own homes, we are alleviating additional burdens for families and caregivers. Moreover, this enables seniors to experience a life that is both comfortable and enjoyable. Our non-medical accessible support and services are readily accessible, ensuring that our seniors receive the care they need. This enriching program is made possible by the dedicated efforts of 5 part-time employees, 3 casual employees, youth volunteers, and a social work practicum student.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$3,000.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$2,937.50</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$2,937.50</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,875.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$11,875.00</b>	<b>\$15,555.00</b>	<b>\$15,555.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Better at Home offers non-medical assistance to seniors to enable them to maintain their independence and continue to live in their own homes. In certain situations, such as emergencies, additional support is required. This initiative aims to address these urgent needs by providing extra assistance during unexpected events such as falls, injuries, the loss of a loved one, or surgeries. Moreover, Better at Home also offers support during extreme weather conditions such as cold temperatures, power outages, heatwaves, heavy rains, and forest fire smoke. Additionally, the project caters to individuals facing multiple vulnerabilities, such as visual impairment, poverty, disability, or extensive loneliness. Depending on the specific requirements, clients may receive increased hours of housekeeping and friendly visits for a designated period. This could involve regular check-ins, visits, or additional housekeeping services. Furthermore, the project ensures the provision of necessary supplies tailored to individual needs, including clothing, prepared food, groceries, and emergency items like heaters and air purifiers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slokan Valley. Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

In creative and ongoing partnerships with regional services and organizations, we provide inclusive and accessible opportunities in support of a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community. We strive to remain responsive to the current needs of Slokan Valley residents and to enhance the quality of life for all.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This program holds immense significance for the communities we cater to. By providing the opportunity for our elderly population to remain in the familiarity and comfort of their own homes, we are alleviating additional burdens for families and caregivers. Moreover, this enables seniors to experience a life that is both comfortable and enjoyable. Our non-medical accessible support and services are readily accessible, ensuring that our seniors receive the care they need. This enriching program is made possible by the dedicated efforts of 5 part-time employees, 3 casual employees, youth volunteers, and a social work practicum student.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

In the remote and rural location of Slokan Valley, the response to emergency needs for seniors is unfortunately lacking in promptness and availability. This delay in assistance poses a significant challenge for the many seniors who face difficult circumstances and multiple vulnerabilities within our catchment area. Better at Home, with its dedicated staff and volunteers, has witnessed firsthand the overwhelming demand in this region. Our staff and volunteers provide crucial support, allowing seniors to stay in their own homes. We offer housekeeping, friendly visits, and extra check-ins during extreme weather events. We also provide essential items like food, heaters, purifiers, and clothing. However, our ability to help is limited by funding, which we are encouraged to outsource. With more funding, we can provide more services and ensure no senior is left without assistance.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

For over 26 years, the W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) has been dedicated to delivering exceptional projects and programs. Our commitment to community consultation ensures that Better at Home is tailored to the unique needs of each community. Through engaging with local seniors and stakeholders, we have received unanimous support for our program. With a highly skilled operational staff, extensive experience in working with seniors, and an unwavering desire to assist the most vulnerable members of our communities, WEGCSS is the perfect fit to host this program. The positive feedback we have received from our seniors and neighboring programs like Nav-CARE further validates our ability to make a

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meaningful impact.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Better at Home program coordinator, Miryam Bishop, as well as service providers and volunteers, have been successfully implementing these services for the past year. WEGCSS, which has been operating since 1997, accommodates the staff and also collaborates with Better at Home on various programs, including the youth network, foodbank, and senior food services.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

This funding will enhance the larger budget of \$85,000 annually that will be spent on this program. In-kind contributions include volunteer hours and office space provided by WEGCSS.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**

Registration #

320 Vernon Street, 3A, Nelson BC V1L 4E4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Oxygen Art Centre has leased a 900 sq. ft. renovated warehouse space in downtown Nelson since 2005 from Liz Cohoe, of Lillie & Cohoe millinery, with whom the building is shared along with three other commercial tenants. The space is managed by the Centre's Executive Director and is used year-round for the organization's programming.

Oxygen's facilities are well suited for this project as it is easily transformed and is ideally located in downtown Nelson. It features a wheelchair ramp and access notes. Oxygen's O2 satellite enhances community engagement with the arts, located along Stanley and Baker St. (downtown Nelson, BC).

Importance to the community:

Oxygen's structure as an artist-run centre acts as a catalyst for community development. To date we've directly engaged over 32,000 people with our exhibition and residency program, including regional members and tourists alike.

As an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines and professional levels in the West Kootenay and Columbia Basin, Oxygen provides professional development and critical research opportunities for artists from this region and beyond, many of whom have gone on to have robust art careers.

Oxygen presents exhibitions as space for exchange, as an opportunity for inciting dialogue. This is an essential approach to stimulate critical engagement and debate, especially in our unique, regional context.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$50.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$4,200.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$123,862.00	\$123,862.00

**1. The project will provide:**

This project will provide 25 weeks of contemporary arts programming at our facility, as well as in person and online adjunct programming.

Free for the public to attend, this project includes 3 exhibitions and 3 residencies, as well as 2 collaborative community-based installations in Oxygen's bathroom and 5 exhibitions in our satellite exhibition window space entitled "O2- featuring regional, emerging artists.

The project includes adjunct programming through events, school tours, talks, performances, reading groups, film screenings, and participatory workshops, as well as produce and disseminate 3 catalogues and 2 zines.

The artists involved in this project represent a diverse mix of emerging, professional, local, and regional talent with a focus on supporting BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+ artists. The 2024-2025 program explores biodiverse agrarian practices, textiles, plant-based medicines, and harvesting, cooking, and gathering according to seasonal, land-based rhythms.

Through this free public programming we anticipate engaging approximately 2,200 people at our main facility and 5,000 people at O2. Further, the project will involve 18 artists, 32 professional contracts, with approximately 26 volunteers.

This project creates vital economic opportunities for the local creative sector and, engages and inspires the community through creative processes that contribute to the rich cultural fabric of our regional identity and help create an inclusive sense of place.

Please refer to program attachment for more information.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Oxygen Art Centre is an artist-run centre situated on the tum xula7xw of the snl"É•ayl"ckstx (otherwise known as Nelson, B.C.). Fundamental to the regional cultural landscape, Oxygen Art Centre is a rural artist-run centre that nurtures contemporary professional practices while engaging the wider community through multi-disciplinary programming.

Rurally located, Oxygen serves our immediate Nelson community of 10,000 people, as well as our regional communities of around 70,000 people living in remote outlying areas. Our online programs and events have expanded our audience, better serving regional, rural communities and communities provincially and nationally.

Oxygen is an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines with a focus on emerging and youth artists in the West Kootenays and the Columbia Basin. Oxygen provides meaningful professional development opportunities to local artists and brings artists of national and international repute to our communities. Through education, residencies, exhibitions, and events Oxygen advances rural cultural development and achieves experimental, accessible, and inclusive programming.

**Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025**

In addition to contemporary arts programming, our artist-run centre is actively researching and developing intersectional feminist and decolonial policies to support three- and five-year organizational strategic plans by which to better serve historically marginalized communities including 2SLGBTQQA+ and BIPOC communities.

Oxygen Art Centre's mandate is to act as a catalyst and incubator for the development of the arts community and its audience(s). Oxygen Art Centre is an artist-run centre that considers accessibility at all levels of our organization, one that continues to learn and shape how our facility and programs serve diverse communities. This practice is based in reciprocity, dialogue, policy development, and ongoing research to create accessible public spaces to engage with contemporary art practices.

These commitments extend to all aspects of our programming, including in person and online experiences, materials, and events, which includes the provision of accessible opportunities for artists and audiences of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Our goal is not only to build an accessible and inclusive environment at Oxygen, but also to work toward a more inclusive and accessible arts and culture sector more broadly. Our approach to accessibility is community-informed and continues to develop in consultation and collaboration.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Oxygen's structure as an artist-run centre acts as a catalyst for community development. To date we've directly engaged over 32,000 people with our exhibition and residency program, including regional members and tourists alike.

As an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines and professional levels in the West Kootenay and Columbia Basin, Oxygen provides professional development and critical research opportunities for artists from this region and beyond, many of whom have gone on to have robust art careers.

Oxygen presents exhibitions as space for exchange, as an opportunity for inciting dialogue. This is an essential approach to stimulate critical engagement and debate, especially in our unique, regional context.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This project highlights our region, and as such, supports B.C. artists and cultural practitioners. Specifically, we are responding to our place-historically, institutionally, and physically-as well as topics pertaining to climate change, agrarian practices, and decolonization. This project supports an equity-lens, bringing cross-generational and diverse backgrounds into dialogue.

This project fosters a diverse, value-added program that includes meaningful employment opportunities for professional and emerging artists and creatives according to CARFAC rates, as well as service agreements with regional businesses. Both aspects stimulate rural economic development through myriad of channels.

This project creates thought-provoking and stimulating experiences for our regional community that celebrates and embraces our diverse artistic and cultural values.

Oxygen supports professional practices, exposure, and sustainability of our local art scene through critical engagement with local and visiting professional artists.

This project is open to all and provides accessible, free programming.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Oxygen Art Centre was founded as the Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society in 2002 by former writing and visual arts faculty at the Kootenay School of the Arts. The centre spent its first two years establishing its educational focus and in January 2005, the society opened the Oxygen Art Centre in downtown Nelson.

**Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025**

Oxygen has now completed 22 years of successful arts education programming and 19 years of full season programming including: 643 courses since 2002, 61 exhibitions since 2005, 42 artist residencies since 2005 and over 423 events hosted through our presentation series.

Oxygen is known for challenging and experimental programming. We value the curatorial, research, and production of contemporary art programming that support diverse artists in all stages of their careers. We are particularly interested in contemporary art practices that are interdisciplinary, process-based, and socially engaged.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Oxygen is an artist-run centre governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, of which the majority are practicing artists.

Oxygen's Executive Director, Julia Prudhomme (PhD-c, MFA) has over ten years' experience working and volunteering at arts and culture organizations across Canada. Prudhomme is concurrently completing her doctoral thesis on feminist curatorial practice with a focus on rural arts organizations.

Importantly, this project will create 50+ contracts for professional artists and creatives at CARFAC rates. This project will also involve volunteers, consisting of a dedicated pool of artists and community members who give 600 volunteer hours every year.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our Exhibition & Residency program can keep doors open to the public for free admission due to a committed crew of volunteers who host gallery open hours and events, averaging 400 hours per year (400hrs volunteer labour @ \$20/hr = \$8000).

Residency artists are billeted with local community members while in Nelson. At \$150 per night x 3 months of residencies, this in-kind contribution is valued at \$13,500.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Creston Valley Music Teachers Association**

Registration # 86813 1913 RR0001  
1511 Scott Street, Creston BC V0B 1G5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Creston Festival of the Arts 2025

Project Title **Creston Festival of the Arts 2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston  
The festival will take place at the Erickson Covenant Church and the Kootenay River School Auditorium

Importance to the community:

The students benefit. Their passion for music is enhanced and supported. The teachers, families and friends also benefit by being able to support the students and celebrate their achievements.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 3/5/2025 Project End: 3/9/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$1,200.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$2,200.00</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>	<b>\$4,300.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Creston Festival of the Arts 2025**

This is an adjudicated music festival. The adjudicator will work with the students to further their musical abilities and appreciation. The success is the achievements of the students. The encouragement and mentorship of the music students is an invaluable resource for our students and teachers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Creston Festival of the Arts operates under the auspices of the Creston Valley Music Teachers' Association. Our goal is to encourage and promote musical education and advance public understanding and appreciation of the performing arts as a beneficial aspect of community life.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The students benefit. Their passion for music is enhanced and supported. The teachers, families and friends also benefit by being able to support the students and celebrate their achievements.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The cost of the adjudicator can be daunting. With grants and community donations we should be able to meet our goals. The return on our investment is the educational achievements of our students.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

No other organization is suited to carry out this program

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Creston Valley Music Teachers and the Creston Festival of the Arts Committee.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

No

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375

Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Family Centre Guest Speaker Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

Kaslo Family Centre at JV Humphries School, Meadow Creek Family Centre at Jewett School.

Importance to the community:

Many Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake residents have low income and have limited opportunity to access educational events. Costs for travel and childminding can be prohibitive. Rural living can also be isolating, especially when caring for pre-school aged children. More and more, studies emphasize the importance of the Early Years in a child's development as well as the promotion of social connections for both parents and children.

The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our community.

Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

What is the project? What will the project do? How will this be achieved?

This project will bring in speakers on topics related to parenting and young children. This will engage parents in discussion and learning and will help to build a supportive community of parents with young children. Childminding will be offered on-site as well as a healthy snack. Parents will be invited to suggest topics for the presentations. Past topics have included: Childsafe First Aid, Supporting Peer Interactions; Children and Anxiety; yoga for pre/post partum parents. If possible, some sessions will be held in Meadow Creek. Gas vouchers will be available to support families to travel to attend Guest Speaker sessions in Kaslo.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kaslo Community Services Society is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Many Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake residents have low income and have limited opportunity to access educational events. Costs for travel and childminding can be prohibitive. Rural living can also be isolating, especially when caring for pre-school aged children. More and more, studies emphasize the importance of the Early Years in a child's development as well as the promotion of social connections for both parents and children.

The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our community.

Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues:

- Parenting is challenging for everybody.
- Many parents in Kaslo and RDCK Area D are isolated, have low incomes and may have limited education.
- Studies have shown the importance of the Early Years of 0-6 in children's development\*.
- Poverty and busy lives can make it difficult to travel to a larger centre for educational opportunities.
- Parents may not be aware of additional services available to them.

Opportunities:

- Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity for open discussion on topics that are important to them
- Busy parents and those of limited resources have the opportunity to get up-to-date information without having to travel to a larger centre.
- Parents have the opportunity to meet with local service providers in a comfortable and familiar setting.

\*Ref: First Call BC <https://firstcallbc.org>

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting requirements for grant funding.

KCS operates the Kaslo Family Centre, providing a variety of programming for young families, including:

- Strong Start Parent and Child Time drop-in program
- Mothercare pregnancy outreach program
- Nobody's Perfect parenting program
- Baby-supplies Cupboard

When staffing permits, KCS also operates a Family Centre at Jewett School in Meadow Creek.

The Family Centres provide a comfortable and familiar space for both parents and children.

**Project: Family Centre Guest Speaker Series**

Family Centre staff can also help parents to access other services that they might need, including KCS counselling services, or early intervention services such as speech therapy.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Barb Cyr, BSW - Project Coordinator - experienced in group facilitation and event coordination.

Family Centre facilitators and childminding staff

Jana Gmur, BA - Co-Executive Director - Counselling and Early Years

Jane Ballantyne, Msc - Co-Executive Director - Finance and Administration

Heather Hamilton, Office Manager and IT Manager

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-Kind: KCS - Insurance, office space, computer, phone, internet, office supplies and printing - estimated value \$1,200

In-Kind: speakers - \$150 x 3 sessions = \$450 (local professionals whose role includes outreach and education)

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375

Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Youth Art and Culture**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo

Various locations in Kaslo and Meadow Creek, as appropriate for the activity. Locations may include but are not limited to: JV Humphries School, Jewett School, Kaslo Youth Centre, Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

Importance to the community:

- All Children and youth in Kaslo and Area D deserve to have the opportunity to experience art and cultural activities, irrespective of family income. Their lives will be enriched by the experiences offered.
- We have a huge resource in the community of highly skilled artists and cultural leaders. By facilitating the connections between artist and children and youth, we will build an appreciation of the arts and offer children and youth experiences that may become lifelong interests.
- Children and youth will benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, experience new activities and learn new skills.
- Children and youth will have the opportunity for new experiences that may develop into lifelong interests
- Local artists and cultural presenters will benefit from the opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm about their art and culture
- Local artists and cultural leaders will benefit from a small honorarium

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The Youth Art and Culture (YAC) project will provide free art and cultural activities for children and youth in Kaslo and RDCK Area D. Activities will be presented by a local artist or cultural presenter, assisted by the project coordinators. Separate sessions are offered for children aged 6-11 and for youth aged 12 - 18. YAC sessions will be offered both in Kaslo and in Meadow Creek. Past sessions have included: pottery, sculpture, needlework, and bowling at the Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

We were particularly excited this past year to be able to offer pottery classes with local ceramic artist, Sarah Lawless, and 3D sculpting with local felt artist, Robin Wiltse. Participants are encouraged to suggest ideas for future activities.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Kaslo Community Services Society is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

- All Children and youth in Kaslo and Area D deserve to have the opportunity to experience art and cultural activities, irrespective of family income. Their lives will be enriched by the experiences offered.
- We have a huge resource in the community of highly skilled artists and cultural leaders. By facilitating the connections between artist and children and youth, we will build an appreciation of the arts and offer children and youth experiences that may become lifelong interests.
- Children and youth will benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, experience new activities and learn new skills.
- Children and youth will have the opportunity for new experiences that may develop into lifelong interests
- Local artists and cultural presenters will benefit from the opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm about their art and culture
- Local artists and cultural leaders will benefit from a small honorarium

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues:

- Many families in Kaslo and Area D do not have the resources to travel to Nelson or pay for private lessons and activities.
- Children and Youth in Kaslo and Area D do not have the same opportunities for arts and cultural activities that would be available in a larger centre.

Opportunities:

- We have numerous talented local artists and cultural leaders who enjoy the opportunity to share their skills and encourage young people to explore art and culture.

These issues and opportunities were observed by KCS staff and corroborated by the enthusiastic participation of children and youth of all ages in past YAC programs.

In between YAC sessions, Family Centre and Youth program staff are often approached by local children, youth and parents asking when there will be more YAC activities.

**Project: Youth Art and Culture**

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding.

KCS operates the Kaslo Family Centre and the Meadow Creek Family Centre and employs an Early Years Coordinator, and a Youth Coordinator. We have run past YAC programs which have been well-received. KCS staff are well-connected with area children, youth and families. In addition, many of our staff live locally and can draw on personal connections with artists and cultural leaders.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Shannon Isaac - Project Coordinator, YAC for Youth - worked at KCS since 2012 as KCS Youth Coordinator - experienced in program management, group facilitation and event coordination.

Sarah Evans - Project Coordinator, YAC for Kids - worked at KCS since 2008 as Family Centre program facilitator and Early Years Coordinator - experienced in program management, group facilitation and event coordination.

Local Artists and Cultural Leaders - experts in their specific field

Jane Ballantyne, MSC - Co-Executive Director - Finance and Administration

Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

In-Kind KCS - Insurance / Office space and computer / Phone and Internet - estimated value \$1,200

Venue Rental - \$40 x 24 sessions = \$960

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Nakusp ambulance association**

Registration #

Box883, Nakusp British Columbia V0g 1r0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Local Paramedic training**

Project will be located in: Village of Nakusp  
Nakusp and Arrow Lakes Area

Importance to the community:

This project will provide increased knowledge and skills to our local paramedics to assist in the care of Nakusp and area citizens

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp <b>\$4,500.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Local Paramedic training**

Assist local paramedics with ongoing training and development courses to enhance practice

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Supporting Nakusp and area paramedics

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will provide increased knowledge and skills to our local paramedics to assist in the care of Nakusp and area citizens

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Expansion of training and continuous education not provided by current employers

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is operated by local paramedics with vested interest in providing the best care and services to our community

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Greg Bobicki

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer hours

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Park Community Hall Society**

Registration # S0013916

PO Box 5, Slocan Park British Columbia V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Seniors Gathering Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Weekly sessions are held at the Slocan Park Community Hall.

Importance to the community:

Seniors are an integral part of most communities and this program will benefit them. The project is important because it gives voice to our seniors, adds value to all our lives because of the connections that are made, brings joy and laughter and acknowledges that our seniors are valued in our community. There is also a lot of networking that goes on and the educational speakers are very informative. This project also gives seniors a designated day to look forward to and to get out of their homes and join the group for the morning.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 9/10/2024

Project End: 6/10/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$4,500.00</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$5,100.00</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>	<b>\$6,600.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

This "ongoing" program started in November, 2022 as a pilot project with funding being secured through RDCK for that season. In 2023, we obtained a grant from the Slocan Valley Co-op to once again hold this program - the end date being June 12, 2024. .

The Seniors Gathering Program provides free, regular and inclusive events for seniors in the Slocan Valley area. The goal is to have a central, safe meeting place where Seniors from Slocan to South Slocan and beyond gather weekly to enjoy coffee/goodies/music, to socialize with old and new friends, play board games, and to participate in craft days and educational opportunities. We have regulars who come from the Voykin Subdivision as well. Soup days are offered intermittently and a few barbeques will be held when weather permits. Any senior, ages 55 and up and their caregivers, are welcome to attend this program. The program will run from Sep.10, 2024 to June 10, 2025.

Many volunteers make this program successful - hours spent from purchasing supplies to baking goodies, preparing soup, and the non glamorous task of clean up involved with these weekly events. The program does include a coordinator who is paid a monthly fee and who oversees the program by organizing keynote speakers, advertising, arranging craft days, and informing participants of upcoming events.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- A. To engage in charitable activities for the purpose of promoting the social, cultural and recreational interest of the residents of the Slocan Park District.
- B. To own, lease and operate facilities necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives aforementioned.
- C. Such facilities shall be made available to individuals and organizations regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, political persuasion, nation of origin, as required by the Human Rights Act.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Seniors are an integral part of most communities and this program will benefit them. The project is important because it gives voice to our seniors, adds value to all our lives because of the connections that are made, brings joy and laughter and acknowledges that our seniors are valued in our community. There is also a lot of networking that goes on and the educational speakers are very informative. This project also gives seniors a designated day to look forward to and to get out of their homes and join the group for the morning.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Seniors, in particular, are at greater risk of isolation especially in rural settings. They have limited opportunities, some may have mobility/cognitive/health issues, and often times their social network has diminished - some also have financial hardship and the food/coffee served is very appreciated. A sense of community, caring/sharing, learning and staying active longer help promote an overall sense of well-being in all of us. This program strives to address many of these issues by providing a safe, friendly, open and caring environment. We are all genuinely interested in each other and offer positive support.

This was a grass roots movement. Prior to Covid, there was a small group of seniors who met on occasion for coffee at the Hall. Several seniors expressed their wishes that this could happen again. This program was resurrected with a more formal structure in place and with the assistance of IRIS in Castlegar.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Slocan Park Community Hall Society has delivered this project for the last 2 years successfully. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who carry out the baking, cleaning, cooking and serving tasks and a program coordinator who organizes and oversees the project. Directors of the Society ensure the Hall space is clean, upkept, any maintenance issues addressed, parking lot free of snow, etc. Several of the seniors who partake in the actual program also offer their help as volunteers.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Key directors from the Slocan Park Community Hall Society will and have been involved in delivering and implementing this project. Included are: Bonny Fritz, Peter and Joanne Cotter, Bob and Lorraine Podovelnikoff, and Deb Evdokimoff.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

- 1) Slocan Park Community Hall Society: (\$20 per session X 32 sessions) = no charge for hall kitchen = \$640
- 2) Volunteer hrs. for baking/cooking @ \$15 per hr. (2 volunteers X 6hrs. X 1 time per month X 10 months X \$15 = \$1,800
- 3) Volunteer hrs. for serving/clean up @ \$15 per hr. (2 volunteers X 3hrs. X 32 sessions) X \$15 = \$2,880

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Health Arts Society**

Registration # 81014 0749 RR0001

1254 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver B.C. V6H 1B6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Concerts in Care**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, City of Castlegar

Concerts will take place in ten RDCK care homes and senior centres located in Nelson, Castlegar, Creston and Kaslo.

Importance to the community:

This project is specifically dedicated to improving the quality of life for elders living in care in the RDCK. Concerts in Care offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and provide them the opportunity to be respected and valued audience members. This application is for funding towards the delivery of 70 in person Concerts in Care, which will address an audience of approximately 3000 and will offer 170 performer opportunities for the Kootenays community of professional artists. Local seniors, staff, and resident families will all enjoy the performances. Local professional musicians will benefit from the connection with this audience as well as the additional performance income.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>		<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,400.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$2,250.00</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,500.00</b>	<b>\$50,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Concerts in Care is a Senior's Quality of Life program that offers a series of professional concerts performed primarily by Kootenay based musicians for residents of long-term care facilities. Ten concerts will be delivered at each of the homes, totalling 70 concerts for the series. All concerts will follow strict guidelines set by local health authorities.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Health Arts Society (est. 2006) is a registered charity delivering the work of professional musicians to audiences isolated in care and has, to date, delivered over 24,000 forty-five-minute daytime concerts throughout British Columbia. The Society's work is dedicated to the idea that no real community can exist without elders, and addresses the need for quality of life initiatives for this underserved and sometimes forgotten population. Concerts in Care offer elders and others living in care a sense of participating in ordinary life and provides them the opportunity to be respected and valued audience members.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is specifically dedicated to improving the quality of life for elders living in care in the RDCK. Concerts in Care offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and provide them the opportunity to be respected and valued audience members. This application is for funding towards the delivery of 70 in person Concerts in Care, which will address an audience of approximately 3000 and will offer 170 performer opportunities for the Kootenays community of professional artists. Local seniors, staff, and resident families will all enjoy the performances. Local professional musicians will benefit from the connection with this audience as well as the additional performance income.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are no mandated standards for providing quality of life programs for people living in chronic care residences, nor do budgets generally allow for regular high-quality arts programming. Projects such as Concerts in Care help connect these isolated audiences with the performance community. People in long-term isolation are in need of stimulation, yet many of them will be unable to access live music or theatre arts for the rest of their lives. These concerts offer seniors a sense of participating in ordinary life. More than ever, during this extended period of isolation, we are hearing that seniors are in need of comfort and connection and have greatly missed our in house concert program.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The innovative Concerts in Care program, unique in Canada, was created in 2006 in response to the broadly understood isolation experienced by elders in care. Concerts in Care connect health care residents, their families and health care staff with professional members of the arts community. Only by reason of frailty are those isolated in care unable to travel to public concert venues. Health Arts Society has been delivering concerts in the Kootenays region since 2009, to enthusiastic responses from audiences and health care staff. Over 1300 concerts have been presented in the RDCK over the last several years and the excellent reception to the program is most encouraging for its continuation.

Please see [www.healtharts.org](http://www.healtharts.org) for further information

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Kootenay Chapter Coordinator, Nicola Everton, is responsible for recruiting local and touring musicians and scheduling performances around the RDCK. A series of monthly concerts will be scheduled over ten months .at each

**Project: Concerts in Care**

of the venues beginning in August 2024 and ending in May 2025. Feedback evaluation forms and personal feedback from performers, staff and residents help to fine-tune the program.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
- 12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Creston Valley Blossom Festival Association**

Registration # S-0005901

PO Box 329, Creston BC V0B 1G0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **84th Annual Creston Valley Blossom Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, Town of Creston

Various locations within the Creston Valley, which includes Wynndel, Lister, Canyon, Erickson, Creston and the East Shore (artisans). Organizers continue to seek out events or entertainment that can be held in the Crawford Bay, Riondel, Yahk, West Creston areas. This is difficult but promotion of the Wildlife Centre, East Shore artisans, wineries, etc. is done through Blossom Festival advertising and social media. Residents from all areas come in to Creston to take part in the Festival and especially when the midway is here.

Importance to the community:

Brings together the communities in the Valley (includes the East Shore) as a whole. Local businesses are very supportive of the Festival and in turn, find that the traffic through their businesses increases during the Festival. Although the businesses, etc. benefit financially, the local residents and visitors benefit the most by having some place to go that is affordable and the whole family can participate. The Festival is the start of the spring/summer season!

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2025      Project End: 5/19/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		<b>\$14,000.00</b>		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$34,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$34,000.00</b>	<b>\$43,000.00</b>	<b>\$43,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

Festival provides family events and activities for all age groups. A homecoming to former residents who historically return for the long weekend. Festival is organized by volunteers, many of which are youth and seniors, this instills leadership qualities and good values in the local youth. The objective is to offer as many 'free' or 'affordable' events as possible, such as the Teen Dance, Games, Kidapalooza (for very young children), Children's parade and picnic, Scavenger Hunts, Street Fair, Cowboy Challenge (equestrian) a free luncheon, and more. We promote local residents and visitors to also visit the artisans, etc. from Wynndel to Riondel. A Citizen and Jr. Citizen of the Creston Valley are one of our Opening Ceremony highlights. Funding for the Festival is through grants, sponsorships, donations and ticket sales.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide an annual Festival with safe, family oriented free (or affordable) events for all age groups and income levels for residents and visitors to the Creston Valley area (from Yahk to Riondel). To bring together local businesses, organizations and local governments, working together to generate the economy of the area. This Festival has been historically known as the 'homecoming' weekend in the Valley.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Brings together the communities in the Valley (includes the East Shore) as a whole. Local businesses are very supportive of the Festival and in turn, find that the traffic through their businesses increases during the Festival. Although the businesses, etc. benefit financially, the local residents and visitors benefit the most by having some place to go that is affordable and the whole family can participate. The Festival is the start of the spring/summer season!

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is a need for affordable, healthy family entertainment in the Valley. Teens/children need a place to go, free of electronic devices and to bring them together is a safe environment. Building teamwork and teaching values and leadership skills to youth by involving them in the planning of events. Provides opportunity for local entertainers and vendors to display their talents and products for sale. Economic opportunities for local businesses (motels/hotels/restaurants/artisans, wineries) - encourage shopping local. Reports from the local Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Centre and businesses are all positive and supportive of the Festival and have provided feedback that the Festival is an economic generator for them.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are entering our 84th year in 2025, proof of its longevity, sustainability and popularity. Our volunteers are a committed group of individuals who do not want to see this Festival 'die', and local non-profit organizations that participate also support the annual Festival.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers of the CV Blossom Festival Association, Creston Lions Club, Rotary Clubs, Knights of Columbus, Creston Valley Cruisers, Creston Valley Youth Network, Creston Valley Early Years, Creston Valley Little League, and more.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer time, food, condiments, prize donations, etc. from local businesses and organizations.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Valley Baseball Association (SVBA)**

Registration # S0070450

C/O 1013 Garden Road, South Slocan BC V0G 2G1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Field Maintenance and upgrades to allow for more inclusive access.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J

This project will take place at the multi-purpose baseball field in Slocan Park at the Slocan Park Hall.

Importance to the community:

This project will ensure a safe place for youth to play Baseball in the Slocan Valley. We currently have close to 100 baseball players, aged 5-13 playing across 7 teams. This activity needs a field that these youth players can learn the game and compete against other teams in the Kootenays (Nelson, Castlegar, Trail, Cristina Lake, etc.) It will provide a place for everyone in the community to come out and support the youth as well. It will benefit the community as a whole, as well as any youth that choose to register with our league (players, umpires, and coaches).

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	<b>\$800.00</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$200.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

**Project: Field Maintenance and upgrades to allow for more inclusive access.**

**1. The project will provide:**

We are looking to upgrade and maintain the playing field by adding bleachers for fans to watch the practices and games. This would allow the elderly and children a place to sit and watch. We are also looking at replacing the current irrigation system as we have had issues with the solenoids and sprinkler heads that we currently have in place. Through volunteer workers, we will replace the irrigation components that are faulty and add a set of bleachers for fans and parents to watch the youth play ball. We are also looking for shade cover options, as the spectator areas are currently in full sun.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide an inclusive space for youth to learn new skills and play the game of Baseball and T-Ball. To develop leadership in players to help umpire and coach the game.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will ensure a safe place for youth to play Baseball in the Slocan Valley. We currently have close to 100 baseball players, aged 5-13 playing across 7 teams. This activity needs a field that these youth players can learn the game and compete against other teams in the Kootenays (Nelson, Castlegar, Trail, Cristina Lake, etc.) It will provide a place for everyone in the community to come out and support the youth as well. It will benefit the community as a whole, as well as any youth that choose to register with our league (players, umpires, and coaches).

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

With limited seating, fans don't have many places to sit where they can see the field and watch the kids play and practice safely. As the league becomes more popular, we realize that seating is limited to an area behind the Home Team dugout. We would like to add a second set of bleachers behind home plate to give fans and that don't have their own seats a place to view of the playing field. As we open up more opportunities to play other out of area teams.

As well, we have identified some issues with our irrigation system, where the automatic sprinklers have stopped working in some spots on the field, and we are unable to source parts. These parts of the field have become dry with limited watering and this can be hazardous to player safety during games and practices.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have been running the baseball program since 2018 and have been involved every year since the associations inception. We have done extensive upgrades to the field from the beginning, especially during COVID, when the kids were not able to play. We have built the field and maintained it every year. As such, we have installed the original irrigation system, but 1 set of bleachers, and levelled out the playing field. We have a unique knowledge of the field layout and the needs that it has to keep it in good playing condition.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers have identified these needs, and will be the ones to implement them. From putting the bleachers together after they are delivered, to replacing the irrigation system parts that are failing as well as maintaining the field. The SVBA Board will oversee this project as a whole.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**Project: Field Maintenance and upgrades to allow for more inclusive access.**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers are ready to assist in the installation of the irrigation components and to build the bleachers when they arrive on site. Machinery time, fuel, and man hours are also being donated.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Blewett Elementary Parent Advisory Council (BPAC)**

Registration # NA

2665 Blewett Road, Nelson BC V1L 6V4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Gym Equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F  
Blewett Elementary School

Importance to the community:

being a rural school it is important that these kids have the same opportunities and access to sports equipment as the bigger schools

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/1/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$723.22</b>	<b>\$309.95</b>			
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$1,033.17</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,033.17</b>	<b>\$1,033.17</b>	<b>\$1,033.17</b>

1. The project will provide:

**File No. 86-2024**

**Project: Gym Equipment**

- 12 soft skin Rhino dodgeballs \$257.54
- 6 Soccerballs at \$23.98 per item
- 6 Volleyballs at \$79.14 per item
- 1 set of Skipping Ropes at 47.62 per item

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the BPAC is to:

- To promote the education and welfare of students in Blewett Elementary;
- To encourage parent involvement in Blewett Elementary, and to support programs that promote parent involvement;
- To advise the school board, principal, and staff on any matter relating to Blewett Elementary;
- To promote the interests of public education and, in particular, the interests of Blewett Elementary;
- To contribute to a sense of community within Blewett Elementary and between the school, home, and neighbourhood;
- To provide parent education and a forum for discussion of educational issues;
- To assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the principal and staff;
- To organize and support activities for students and parents; and
- To provide financial support for the goals of the BPAC, as determined by the membership.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

being a rural school it is important that these kids have the same opportunities and access to sports equipment as the bigger schools

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

the school itself has limited funds available to purchase new sporting equipment for the kids. The BPAC fundraise throughout the school year to purchase equipment identified as necessary by the teachers and principal.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

purchasing of equipment will be done via amazon and delivered to the school or a BPAC member

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The BPAC will oversee the purchase and the school principle will oversee use of equipment

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

volunteer time of the BPAC members

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Burton Community Association**

Registration # S001957

125 Burton Main Rd, Burton BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Burton Volunteer Fire Dept

Project Title **Equipment Purchase**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The Burton and surrounding area

Importance to the community:

The equipment will help get the scene of and to fight grass and forest fires and get water to the scene more effectively

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 7/10/2024      Project End: 10/15/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
			<b>\$7,365.00</b>	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,365.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,365.00</b>	<b>\$7,365.00</b>	<b>\$7,365.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

**Project: Equipment Purchase**

To purchase needed equipment for the Fire Dept. Each item will improve our ability to get to and deal with fire scenes. This will be achieved by training with and implementing the new equipment

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mission is to protect community, property and the environment through the delivery of efficient and effective fire safety services.

The Burton Community Association recognizes that our Level of Service to the Community is that of Exterior Operation Level.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The equipment will help get the scene of and to fight grass and forest fires and get water to the scene more effectively

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We have identified areas thru our training where we are lacking the equipment to do the task, safely and efficiently

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are the only trained firefighters responsible for our area. We currently operate with 16 trained members.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

All of the personnel on the Fire dept. led by our Training Officer and myself.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteers training on and using the equipment

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee**

Registration #

PO Box 413, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The North Valley Mountain Film Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton  
Silverton Memorial Hall - 203 Lake Ave. Silverton, BC

Importance to the community:

Held annually in late winter, The NVMFF offers an all ages opportunity to gather with our community for an evening of sharing, laughter and catching up with neighbours.

The festival creates a venue for local aspiring film makers and photographers to creatively express their love for this place through the creation of short films and slideshows.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			<b>\$999.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
<b>\$2,000.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,999.00</b>	<b>\$7,099.00</b>	<b>\$7,099.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The North Valley Mountain Film Festival(NVMFF) is an annual one day event that showcases locally produced films and slideshows. Held each winter in Silverton, BC it is attended by approximately 200 people from Nakusp to Winlaw and the communities in between. This year our event will be hosted on March 2nd at the Silverton Memorial Hall. The festival is organized by an event coordinator who receives support from a dedicated group of community volunteers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee is a group of local volunteers dedicated to building community around a shared love for the spectacular mountain environment we call home. Our main project is the North Valley Mountain Film Festival. At this event held annually each winter we facilitate the sharing of local experiences such as wildlife encounters, ski touring, mountain biking, kayaking, hiking, locally significant environmental issues and more through locally produced films and slideshows. Our operating budget is approximately \$5000-8000 annually.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Held annually in late winter, The NVMFF offers an all ages opportunity to gather with our community for an evening of sharing, laughter and catching up with neighbours.

The festival creates a venue for local aspiring film makers and photographers to creatively express their love for this place through the creation of short films and slideshows.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are limited social opportunities available in our community at this time of year. This event builds community and connection. The need is clear as evidenced by the continued community support that we receive. The NVMFF has sold out every year since it was first held 18 years ago.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The event coordinator is one of the founding members of the NVMFF and has been actively involved in organizing the event for the last 18 years. We also have a committed group of volunteers that help at the event and support the coordinator at other times when necessary.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Myles Berney - Project Coordinator - co-founder of NVMFF - actively involved in organizing the NVMFF for 18 years

Jay Buttle - 11 year member of Organizing Committee, NVMFF AV technician

Cora Skaien - 4 year member of Organizing Committee and Film Selection Committee, event MC

Amanda Murphy - 4 year event volunteer and graphic design

Anita Werner - Film Selection Committee and 3 year event volunteer

Claire Payton - Film Selection Committee and 2 year event volunteer

Julie Perry - Film Selection Committee

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Selection Committee, Film and Sound Technician, Event Set up and take down, Door Prizes

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Royal Canadian Legion Salmo & District #217**

Registration #

PO Box 288, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Multimedia / Security Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G

303 4th Street at the hall of the Royal Canadian Legion branch 217

Importance to the community:

Our entire community would benefit from an improvement to our PA system, microphones that are reliable and speakers that can handle the distance of across the street would allow for all our community to participate in our events.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/5/2024 Project End: 8/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$4,529.67</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,529.67</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$4,529.67</b>	<b>\$4,529.67</b>	<b>\$4,529.67</b>

**Project: Multimedia / Security Upgrades**

**1. The project will provide:**

Our project this year is to upgrade our multimedia devices, and increase our security. This project will allow us to have the means to use a PA system for our events, thus allowing us to be heard during our Remembrance services, and have sound for our annual beer garden, as well as a microphone system for hall rentals and meetings. Increasing our TV system, will allow us to host more sport event, trivia nights, and Karaoke. For security we are looking into installing a few cameras and some support for our ground floor windows.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mission is to serve Veterans, including serving military and RCMP members and their families, to promote Remembrance, and to serve our communities and our country.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our entire community would benefit from an improvement to our PA system, microphones that are reliable and speakers that can handle the distance of across the street would allow for all our community to participate in our events.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

At our last Remembrance service, it was raining and some of the community didn't hear that we moved the service inside for safety and comfort; this was a great distress to some of those people. While inside the service, the students who were chosen to read poems weren't heard. We recently had a lady fall down our big staircase, and a security camera at the top of the stairs would have captured how the fall was started; thus allowing us to negotiate any risk and have it removed. We have acquired a device from our head office that allows us to play videos and games but our current tv's are not compatible with the system.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The project is to better our building, and so we do have the capacity to implement the project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Members of our branch will form a committee to procure and install the devices. Ensuring that the entire membership is included in the decision process.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Kids Society**

Registration #

312 Silica Street, Nelson BC V1L 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Kids Society - HEPA Filter for Summer Programming**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Kootenay Kids Society, Family Place located at 312 Silica Street, Nelson BC.

Importance to the community:

The project aligns with the City's sustainability goals, promoting healthy neighborhoods, fostering prosperity, and building resilience. By enhancing the well-being of community members, this initiative contributes to creating a safer and more supportive environment during challenging times, ultimately improving the overall quality of life in Nelson. The project will benefit a diverse range of community members, including families with young children, immigrants, single parents, and low-income families. These vulnerable populations often face increased health risks during high smoke periods, making the provision of a safe and healthy indoor space essential. By targeting these demographics, the project aims to bridge critical gaps in free, indoor summer supports for early years families. Additionally, the broader community will benefit from improved air quality during both ongoing and one-time events, fostering inclusivity and well-being for all residents.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 6/28/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			<b>\$3,600.00</b>	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Kootenay Kids Society - HEPA Filter for Summer Programming**

<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The proposed project at Kootenay Kids Society aims to enhance the well-being of our community by installing a High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter at our Family Place location. With Nelson facing challenges during the summer due to wildfire-induced smoke, the project strategically aligns with the City's sustainability goals, contributing to healthy neighborhoods, prosperity, and resilience.

**What it Will Do:**

The installation of the HEPA filter directly addresses the adverse impact of high smoke periods on indoor air quality. This initiative is crucial in fostering a safe and healthy environment, particularly during events organized for families with young children, immigrants, single parents, and low-income families. By mitigating the challenges posed by poor air quality, the project aims to bridge critical gaps in providing free, indoor summer supports for early years families.

**How it Will Be Achieved:**

The project will commence with the acquisition and installation of a HEPA filter unit, ensuring efficient removal of particulate matter and pollutants during high smoke times. The budget will cover not only the filter unit and its installation but also maintenance, replacement filters, and educational materials on indoor air quality. By linking the project goals with the City's Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy, we envision creating a resilient space that supports healthy and affordable lifestyles, making a lasting positive impact on our community.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Strong Families Support Strong Communities

Whether it be through providing licensed childcare services and childcare resources to childcare providers, offering physiotherapy and occupational therapy for young children, or by delivering opportunities for families to connect through Indigenous family programs or parent education programs, Kootenay Kids Society remains true to its roots, and we continue to support and strengthen families.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The project aligns with the City's sustainability goals, promoting healthy neighborhoods, fostering prosperity, and building resilience. By enhancing the well-being of community members, this initiative contributes to creating a safer and more supportive environment during challenging times, ultimately improving the overall quality of life in Nelson. The project will benefit a diverse range of community members, including families with young children, immigrants, single parents, and low-income families. These vulnerable populations often face increased health risks during high smoke periods, making the provision of a safe and healthy indoor space essential. By targeting these demographics, the project aims to bridge critical gaps in free, indoor summer supports for early years families. Additionally, the broader community will benefit from improved air quality during both ongoing and one-time events, fostering inclusivity and well-being for all residents.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The project addresses critical issues and opportunities within our community, primarily revolving around the challenges posed by wildfire-induced smoke during the summer. Identified issues include compromised indoor air quality at our Family Place location, impacting the health of families, especially young children.

The identification of these issues stems from our ongoing commitment to community well-being and responsiveness to environmental challenges. The recognition of compromised indoor air quality during high smoke periods was informed by empirical observations, participant feedback, and Nelson's susceptibility to wildfires.

The proposed project is a proactive response and a commitment to aligning our initiatives with the City's sustainability goals. The endeavor to install a HEPA filter is a strategic solution to address these challenges, providing a tangible opportunity to create a safer, healthier, and more inclusive environment for our community.

**Project: Kootenay Kids Society - HEPA Filter for Summer Programming****5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Kootenay Kids Society stands as the ideal steward for the proposed project, uniquely qualified to deliver tangible benefits to our community. With decades of unwavering commitment to early childhood support, our organization is not only a pivotal hub for families but has also been a cornerstone in providing early years programming. This existing commitment underscores our deep understanding of the community's needs, particularly during challenging periods of wildfire-induced smoke. Our extensive experience and track record of serving vulnerable populations position us as a trusted entity, adept at navigating and addressing critical gaps. As an essential organization in the early years sector, we have the infrastructure, community trust, and dedicated team required for successful project implementation. Our ongoing commitment to supporting families further solidifies our capacity to enhance indoor air quality, creating a safe and healthy environment during summer events and programming.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project itself, the HEPA filter, will be a local business that we will both purchase the HEPA from, and use for installation.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

As an organization, we will utilize our other funding sources for maintenance of the system, as well as the coordination of the project.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Langham Cultural Society**

Registration # BC Societies Registration 11651, CRA Charitable Registration 11900 5171 RR0001  
PO Box 1000, 447 A Avenue, Kaslo British Columbia V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The Langham 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo  
The Langham 447 A Ave, Kaslo

Importance to the community:

A 50th-anniversary celebration is not just a milestone for an organization; it's a momentous occasion that ripples through the community, fostering a sense of pride, unity, and shared history. This event provides an opportunity for community members to come together, reminisce about the past, and celebrate the achievements that have shaped the community over the decades. Beyond the festivities, the celebration serves as a catalyst for community engagement, strengthening social bonds and promoting a spirit of togetherness. It also offers a platform to recognize the contributions of individuals who have played pivotal roles in the community's growth, creating a sense of appreciation and gratitude. Through shared memories and a collective celebration, the 50th-anniversary event becomes a powerful force for building a resilient and tightly-knit community that looks forward to a future filled with continued collaboration and success.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 12/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			<b>\$5,000.00</b>	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: The Langham 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$11,760.00</b>	<b>\$11,760.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

2024 marks the 50th year of The Langham Cultural Society. We are excited to be planning 50th-anniversary celebrations set to captivate the community with a dynamic series of special events, showcasing our rich cultural tapestry woven over five decades. These include, theatre events & shows, special exhibits, and a celebratory gala weekend in June.

We will be highlighting the performing arts through a lineup of special theatrical events and shows that promise to entertain, inspire, and reflect the diversity of our community. We are also seeking to host a special exhibit in the Loki room expanding outside of our usual Gallery space. The pinnacle of this jubilant celebration is a grand gala weekend in June, with festivities featuring curated performances, a mini festival, interactive experiences, and a joyful gathering of community members. Through these celebrations we seek to commemorate 50 years of cultural vibrancy, forging connections, and laying the foundation for an even more vibrant and inclusive future.

To achieve this, The Langham has formed a 50th Anniversary Committee of dedicated volunteers who alongside staff and the Board will plan and execute events. While The Langham is celebrating it's 50th anniversary throughout 2024 we are seeking funding through this grant to fund only events and activities occurring after May 20th including a Gala weekend in June and fall events.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Mission of the society is to support, advocate for and present arts, culture and heritage in Kaslo and the West Kootenay region, centered in The Langham building, Kaslo

We value and believe that:

Participation in arts, culture, and heritage makes a considerable contribution to community well being;  
Excellence and diversity in programming fosters interest and pride in our contemporary and historic arts, culture, and heritage; and.

Collaboration with other arts, culture, and heritage organizations strengthens our work.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

A 50th-anniversary celebration is not just a milestone for an organization; it's a momentous occasion that ripples through the community, fostering a sense of pride, unity, and shared history. This event provides an opportunity for community members to come together, reminisce about the past, and celebrate the achievements that have shaped the community over the decades. Beyond the festivities, the celebration serves as a catalyst for community engagement, strengthening social bonds and promoting a spirit of togetherness. It also offers a platform to recognize the contributions of individuals who have played pivotal roles in the community's growth, creating a sense of appreciation and gratitude. Through shared memories and a collective celebration, the 50th-anniversary event becomes a powerful force for building a resilient and tightly-knit community that looks forward to a future filled with continued collaboration and success.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

- The project allows for the preservation and promotion of the community's cultural heritage, fostering a sense of identity and pride.
- The celebrations create a platform for increased community engagement, encouraging individuals to participate and connect with one another.

**Project: The Langham 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

- By hosting a variety of theatrical events, shows, and exhibits, the project enhances accessibility to the arts, enriching the cultural experiences available to community members.
- The special exhibits provide an opportunity for the community to reflect on its history, acknowledging the contributions of individuals and organizations that have shaped its cultural landscape.
- The celebrations bridge generational gaps, fostering a sense of connection between different age groups and ensuring the passing down of cultural traditions and values.

These opportunities were identified as a result of reflection upon what 50 years of The Langham in Kaslo means to the community.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Langham has contributed to the arts and culture landscape of Kaslo for 50 years and is excited to celebrate this milestone while looking towards the next 50 years of supporting our community. The organization is well established and benefits from charitable status and a well respected reputation in the arts and culture sector.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Langham Cultural Society staff, Board of Directors, Langham 50th Volunteer Committee Members & Langham Volunteers

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Mand supporters including performers, contractors, curators, and dedicated community members are coming together to support this project and volunteer their time, talent and expertise to these celebrations.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Balfour and District Business and Historic Association**

Registration # S0058018

8551 Busk Road, Balfour BC V0G 1C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Balfour Chapel/Anscomb Wheelhouse**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

The Balfour Chapel is located at 8551 Busk Road in Balfour and the Anscomb Wheelhouse will be located at the Kootenay Lake Ferry Terminal in Balfour.

Importance to the community:

This project is very important for our community due to its multifaceted impact. The restoration of the Balfour Chapel and relocation of the Anscomb Wheelhouse signify a commitment to preserving our cultural heritage, fostering a shared sense of identity among residents. The accessibility upgrades at the chapel ensure inclusivity, allowing all community members to participate in events and activities. Local businesses stand to benefit from collaborative initiatives, promoting economic growth and job opportunities.

Identification of this project as a priority stemmed from community input, acknowledging the need for historical preservation, economic development, and enhanced community engagement. To ensure its success, our community actively supports the project through volunteer efforts, fundraising, and participation in planning discussions. Ultimately, residents, businesses, and visitors alike will reap the rewards, enjoying a revitalized community space that reflects our shared history and paves the way for a more vibrant and inclusive future.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/20/2024      Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$4,649.00</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,649.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,649.00	\$5,649.00	\$5,649.00

**1. The project will provide:**

This undertaking consists of two main components: first, the implementation of accessibility enhancements for the Balfour Chapel, and second, the relocation and upgrading of the Anscomb Wheelhouse to its permanent site at the Balfour Ferry Terminal.

The Balfour Chapel will undergo renovations to ensure accessibility, including wheelchair access into the main sanctuary, a 27-foot wheelchair accessible sidewalk extension, mobility scooter parking area, and hand rail from the front door to the wheelchair ramp.

The Anscomb Wheelhouse requires some essential but minor maintenance work, and the new location near the highway at the entrance to the ferry terminal needs some final preparations before the move can be completed.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mission is to ensure that Balfour thrives as a fun place to play, work, and live. We work with local businesses to promote economic and community growth through business services, marketing options and networking while working to preserve history through projects like the Balfour Chapel restoration and Ferry Ambassador Program. These projects and programs not only contribute to job creation but also ensure the Balfour remains relevant and connected to the needs of today's society.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is very important for our community due to its multifaceted impact. The restoration of the Balfour Chapel and relocation of the Anscomb Wheelhouse signify a commitment to preserving our cultural heritage, fostering a shared sense of identity among residents. The accessibility upgrades at the chapel ensure inclusivity, allowing all community members to participate in events and activities. Local businesses stand to benefit from collaborative initiatives, promoting economic growth and job opportunities.

Identification of this project as a priority stemmed from community input, acknowledging the need for historical preservation, economic development, and enhanced community engagement. To ensure its success, our community actively supports the project through volunteer efforts, fundraising, and participation in planning discussions. Ultimately, residents, businesses, and visitors alike will reap the rewards, enjoying a revitalized community space that reflects our shared history and paves the way for a more vibrant and inclusive future.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The accessibility improvements at the Balfour Chapel mark the final phase of the comprehensive restoration project. Recently, the committee celebrated the addition of a new washroom, and upon the conclusion of the accessibility upgrades, the Chapel will be available for community rentals and events. This opening offers valuable opportunities to contribute local content and meet the community's needs.

The absence of the Anscomb Wheelhouse during the three-year negotiation process with the Ministry and the renovation of the ferry landing was felt by the community. Now that the new location has received official approval, we are prepared to move forward with reintroducing this historical artifact to the community. Our goal is to preserve its historical significance and share its story with both locals and visitors for years to come.

File No. 92-2024

Project: Balfour Chapel/Anscomb Wheelhouse

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

BDBHA is the owner of both the Balfour Chapel and Anscomb Wheelhouse and has successfully completed the extensive renovations until this final stage.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Balfour & District Business & Historic Association Heritage Committee made up of dedicated volunteers will be organizing with Josh Smienk taking the lead. The BDBHA is providing administrative support and local contractors who have been involved with the ongoing project will continue to be utilized as expertise has been gained over the length of the project. All labour with the exception of the electrician will be donated by volunteers.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** No

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer labour for the restoration and accessibility renovations

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Nakusp & District Museum**

Registration # 890611221 RR0001

Box 584, Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Tea Party hosted by the Nakusp Museum**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

The event will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Nakusp.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community because it's a wonderful social event for everyone to reconnect. The student class tours and senior trips to the Museum reaches out to everyone that enjoys learning the Village history, and events like this remind everyone the importance of supporting the Museum.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 4/25/2025      Project End: 4/25/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp <b>\$7,775.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,775.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,775.00</b>	<b>\$7,775.00</b>	<b>\$7,775.00</b>

**Project: Community Tea Party hosted by the Nakusp Museum**

**1. The project will provide:**

The importance of this event is to reconnect the community for a beautifully curated afternoon full of good food, costumes and company. The community members volunteer time and lend items for this event. The community has expressed that they would like us to host a tea party annually. We have many community members helping us with decor items and set up. The Museum is very important to our community, and when we are able to provide a community based event, it reminds everyone that we are a part of the community and open to anyone wanting to be included as a volunteer.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Nakusp Museum collects, preserves and records information and objects of scientific, educational, historical and cultural value associated with the area. As well as providing public programming and events of educational, cultural and historic nature.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project is important to the community because it's a wonderful social event for everyone to reconnect. The student class tours and senior trips to the Museum reaches out to everyone that enjoys learning the Village history, and events like this remind everyone the importance of supporting the Museum.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Previously many people found the event too lengthy. We plan to shorten the event by one hour. We also found the food had too many sweets last time and we plan to accommodate with a more balanced menu.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We have previously hosted successful tea parties. We have met the interest of the community and curated something people look forward to. As hosts, we aim to capture some of the historic spirit of Nakusp by reviving costume parties. The Museum board and volunteers paired with our community network makes us best suited to host this event.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The event will be coordinated by Rhonda Tooley as the Project Manager, the 9 Board members, Legion Kitchen Manager with food safe and directing the volunteers with food delivery, Decor & Ambiance by Goslings Three Holdings Inc and the many volunteers that would like to be involved from the community.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Decor items, lighting, hardware provided by the Nakusp Museum - worth \$1,500.00  
Volunteer hours: 3105 (previous event) Box office, table runners, master of ceremonies, set up, take down, behind the scenes organization, promotion

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Nakusp & District Museum**

Registration # 890611221 RR0001

Box 584, Nakusp British Columbia V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Floor Painting**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp  
Nakusp & District Museum

Importance to the community:

It's important to keep the museum clean, preserved and safe for all the community members that visit us. Everyone would certainly benefit from a clear emergency exit signs and safe anti-slip floor paint.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/1/2024      Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp <b>\$18,500.00</b>	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$18,500.00</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Floor Painting**

The floors need to be painted with floor paint and grit. Over the many years of neglect, the floors are very worn down with cracks, chips and unrepairable damage. We would like to have the floors all scraped down, cleaned, painted with anti-slip grit and emergency exit red arrows laid out.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Naksup Museum collects, preserves and records information and objects of scientific, educational, historical and cultural value associated with the area. As well as providing public programming and events of educational, cultural and historical nature.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It's important to keep the museum clean, preserved and safe for all the community members that visit us. Everyone would certainly benefit from a clear emergency exit signs and safe anti-slip floor paint.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We are finding the floors somewhat slipper when wet and the state of the floors conditions make the museum less desirable. If we paint with grit, this will make the floors anti-slip. Also, identifying the emergency exit arrows on the floor is an important part of the emergency plan. Unfortunately the Board hasn't been able to complete this project for many years and it very overdue.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We are lucky enough to have a local community orientated person that is willing to accept this contract and make sure it is done complete, even if it has to include extra volunteered hours aside from the provided quote. The museum board will also help by volunteering to move artifacts to clear out areas at a time that will be painted.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Rhonda Tooley, Heather Peters and Shirley Hastings will be the project managers overseeing the contractors work.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We plan to have all Board Members helping with this project. We will oversee this project to the end. Help with clean up. Move artifacts and any labour we can do to help alleviate any additional unforeseen time.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Balfour Senior Citizens Association Branch # 120**

Registration # S0023472

PO Box # 79, 8435 Busk Rd., Balfour BC V0G 1C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Seniors equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

The project will take place at Branch # 120's hall at 8435 Busk Rd. in Balfour.

Importance to the community:

Safety is top of the list in replacing our present table and chairs.

Tables that can be properly cleaned after each use and legs that do not remain locked, address day to day safe usage.

Chairs that we do not have to worry about breaking when sat on remove the possibility of injury.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/8/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$2,781.75</b>				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$2,781.75</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$2,781.75</b>	<b>\$2,781.75</b>	<b>\$2,781.75</b>

**Project: Seniors equipment**

**1. The project will provide:**

Our project is to purchase new round tables and folding chairs with padded seats for the seniors hall, replacing our present older units.

The tables we have at present are twenty plus years old and are showing that age. Some have broken edges that catch clothing, leg latches that do not fold out or stay out, surfaces that can no longer be thoroughly cleaned.

Consequently, when we provide a monthly meal for the seniors, free of charge, we presently use tablecloths when serving food for safety.

Our chairs were purchased second hand from a commercial business closing sale fifteen or so years ago. The seats and backs are welded. The welds on some are now breaking from age and use. Some have been rewelded, but this is not a permanent solution, as they weaken and can only be welded so many times. Chairs have broken when people sat on them, which is a safety concern for all and especially seniors. Sturdy folding chairs will be much safer, easier to handle and store than our present chairs on an everyday basis. We will continue to use some of the existing good, safe chairs for the one or two times a year we need additional seating.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To address all aspects of Seniors lives on the North Shore of Kootenay Lake. Provide a safe, fully accessible environment for active programs that address social, physical, mental and economic issues concerning seniors.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Safety is top of the list in replacing our present table and chairs.

Tables that can be properly cleaned after each use and legs that do not remain locked, address day to day safe usage. Chairs that we do not have to worry about breaking when sat on remove the possibility of injury.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We will purchase with the grant funds, six new sixty inch, round tables which will seat eight people comfortably, replacing our existing six foot long tables. The membership of Branch # 120 feel replacing the aging six foot long tables with round tables will create a more social atmosphere for meals and meetings, as well as less setup. The round tables we are looking at are commercial quality and will serve the seniors for many years.

Likewise new quality folding chairs with padded seats will fit nicely around the new tables, be easier to handle / store and last the seniors everyday use for many years.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization is the only one on the North Shore serving seniors.

We have measured and are confident we have the space needed to use and store the new round tables, as well as the chairs. Delivery of our monthly meal will be easier, more social and safer for those attending.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The chairs and tables will be purchased locally from Home Hardware. They will deliver to the seniors hall, where the seniors can immediately start making use of the new furniture.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Equipment will be unloaded into seniors hall by the seniors at no cost.

Equipment will be used for the seniors, maintained and stored safely by them.

**Project: Seniors equipment**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Harvest Share**

Registration #

PO Box 74, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Harvest Share**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton

Harvest Share is focused in the Villages of Silverton and New Denver, but also serves homes within Area H.

Importance to the community:

Harvest Share has tremendous local and regional support. Issues of excess fruit and wildlife conflict occur year after year. Addressing them requires coordination and cooperation between homeowners, volunteers, local government and community groups. More seniors rely on Harvest Share each year; this project is also a way to welcome newcomers to our communities. Annual events include the Harvest Festival and educational workshops that bring together community members of all ages (preschoolers to seniors!). Residents benefit from the project whether they are volunteering at a pick, sharing fruit from their backyard trees, or engaging in solutions-oriented sessions. Local wildlife benefit because conflict is reduced and safety is increased. Practicing co-existence is an important process for all members of our community, and particularly important for New Denver and it's Bear Smart commitment and designation. The work of Harvest Share is a critical aspect of ensuring that fruit tree attractants are managed appropriately.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 6/10/2024

Project End: 10/31/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$2,900.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$2,099.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$4,999.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: Harvest Share

\$4,999.00	\$4,999.00	\$4,999.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

Harvest Share aims to increase food security and human-wildlife coexistence in our greater Slocan Lake community. Harvest Share connects people who have excess fruit from their backyard fruit trees with those who have the time and energy to harvest it. The project facilitates the sharing of our local bounty and while also promoting local food self-sufficiency and reducing human-wildlife conflict. The harvest of fruit (cherries, pears, plums, apples) is shared between willing homeowners, volunteers, and other community initiatives such as fall harvest festivals and canning bees. When fruit is almost ready for picking, homeowners call the Harvest Share Coordinator who manages a list of volunteers. The Coordinator calls willing volunteers who pick the produce and clean up windfall/damaged fruit. Fruit harvests are generally divided in half: 1/2 to the pickers, 1/2 to the tree owner. Often fruit is donated to school and community initiatives to support those in need. Windfall and damaged fruit is removed from the property and the Coordinator makes arrangements for pick up or delivery to local livestock owners. The Coordinator is also responsible for loaning orchard ladders and will support residents with temporary electric fencing as part of Harvest Share's wildlife co-existence work.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Silverton, New Denver and surrounding areas have an abundance of fruit trees. Prior to the launch of Harvest Share much of this fruit was going to waste and contributing to human-wildlife conflict. Harvest Share connects people who have excess fruit from their backyard fruit trees with those who have the time and energy to harvest it. The usable fruit is shared between homeowners and volunteers, the local food bank, and other community initiatives. Windfall and damaged fruit is shared with local livestock owners. Harvest Share aims to increase food security and human-wildlife coexistence in our greater Slocan Lake community.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Harvest Share has tremendous local and regional support. Issues of excess fruit and wildlife conflict occur year after year. Addressing them requires coordination and cooperation between homeowners, volunteers, local government and community groups. More seniors rely on Harvest Share each year; this project is also a way to welcome newcomers to our communities. Annual events include the Harvest Festival and educational workshops that bring together community members of all ages (preschoolers to seniors!). Residents benefit from the project whether they are volunteering at a pick, sharing fruit from their backyard trees, or engaging in solutions-oriented sessions. Local wildlife benefit because conflict is reduced and safety is increased. Practicing co-existence is an important process for all members of our community, and particularly important for New Denver and it's Bear Smart commitment and designation. The work of Harvest Share is a critical aspect of ensuring that fruit tree attractants are managed appropriately.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Harvest Share aims to increase food self-reliance, reduce food waste, reduce human-wildlife conflicts, increase community education and awareness, and strengthen community capacity. Silverton and New Denver have an abundance of fruit trees and prior to the launch of Harvest Share in 2008, much of this was going to waste and contributing to human-wildlife conflict. Harvest Share volunteers harvest 2000 - 5000lbs of fruit annually, increasing the amount of fruit going onto residents' shelves for the winter and reducing wildlife attractants. Harvest Share hosts a variety of well-attended workshops on fruit tree maintenance and fruit preservation. Harvest Share works with WildSafe BC and Grizzly Bear Solutions to host electric fencing workshops to increase confidence is using this important tool. Educational workshops and coordinated picks contribute to raising awareness and strengthening community capacity for increased food security and wildlife safety.

**Project: Harvest Share****5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Harvest Share is a well-established project that has been servicing the local community since 2008. It is a project many people rely on during the harvest season. The Steering Committee and Coordinator work together to ensure project goals are met, reporting is complete, and that the local community benefits as much as possible from our services. Over the years, Harvest Share has become a model in the West Kootenays and has mentored three other communities (Fauquier, Nakusp, and Harrop/Proctor) in getting similar projects off the ground. Since 2008, Harvest Share has hosted 29 educational workshops and harvested an estimated 17,428 kg/38,422 lbs of local fruit. Over 300 volunteers including Lucerne Elementary Secondary students and teachers have assisted with Harvest Share's picks on over 50 different properties in Silverton and New Denver. Harvest Share has the experience and systems in place to deliver a reliable, effective project.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True****7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Harvest Share Coordinator along with the Harvest Share Steering Committee implement the project. Efficient and organized coordination along with keen volunteer pickers are the key to fulfilling Harvest Share's goals and a smooth successful community-based project.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No****9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our Steering Committee is completely volunteer and contributes 50+ hrs of in-kind time. From time to time, we have people who donate more fruit to the pickers and/or livestock owners. We also have had property owners donate their space for teaching / demonstrating electric fencing workshops.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society**

Registration # 829004662RR0001

PO Box 3586, Castlegar BC V1N 3W3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The main walking tour is located within downtown Castlegar. Additional permanent pieces (both the City's permanent collection

and sculptures purchased by residents), along with leased pieces, are located throughout the city. We have local/regional artists

participating in the program, and viewers come from across the region and further afield.

Importance to the community:

This project benefits the community and region immensely: it encourages partnership between businesses, cultural providers, and

communities within the West Kootenay region; it exposes residents and visitors to a high level of art, both local and international; it

develops community pride; it benefits the artists, creating a sustainable working environment, as this is the only opportunity to display outdoor sculpture in the region; the permanent sculptures create a legacy for the community, leading to downtown revitalization

and increased civic pride; and this increase in tourism is a revenue generator for all businesses both in Castlegar and the region.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/18/2024      Project End: 5/16/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$16,000.00</b>				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	<b>\$22,000.00</b>			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$38,000.00	\$267,500.00	\$267,500.00

**1. The project will provide:**

Castlegar Sculpturewalk offers a free, year-round outdoor gallery of sculptural art in downtown Castlegar. Cited by residents as one of its most-loved events and a huge source of community pride, we are also Castlegar's #1 rated and most reviewed visitor attraction, bringing thousands of people into the downtown core each year and earning Castlegar the trademark of The Sculpture Capital of Canada.

Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2024 will showcase approximately 30 outdoor sculptures from local, regional and international artists along

a walking tour in downtown Castlegar. Viewers vote for their favourite piece via ballot, and the winner of the People's Choice Award is

purchased by the City of Castlegar for their permanent collection. At the end of the exhibition year, all of the sculptures are available for

sale or lease. Through both the full program and the sales/leasing program, public art has increased from just two pieces in 2009 to over 70 pieces currently, which is remarkable for any city. This program beautifies the city, supports artists, and has made a positive economic impact to downtown businesses and Castlegar as a whole, bringing in many visitors who come specifically for our program.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Mission: Castlegar Sculpturewalk ignites creativity and strengthens community connections by showcasing exceptional public sculptures. We inspire artists, residents, and visitors alike, provoking thought and highlighting the essential role of art in our lives.

Vision: Nurturing a vibrant and inclusive community that sparks curiosity, we use art to forge enduring connections between people and place.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project benefits the community and region immensely: it encourages partnership between businesses, cultural providers, and

communities within the West Kootenay region; it expose residents and visitors to a high level of art, both local and international; it

develops community pride; it benefits the artists, creating a sustainable working environment, as this is the only opportunity to display outdoor sculpture in the region; the permanent sculptures create a legacy for the community, leading to downtown revitalization

and increased civic pride; and this increase in tourism is a revenue generator for all businesses both in Castlegar and the region.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Successfully addressed opportunities:

- to develop a unique identity for the City of Castlegar
- to beautify the city, bringing diverse art to the community and its residents
- to support the revitalization of the downtown core, bringing economic benefits to businesses through increased foot-traffic
- to encourage tourism and the economic benefit that brings
- to support local artists (a place to display and sell/lease their work)

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- to assist Castlegar and the region in attracting professionals to settle & stay in the community
- to develop regional municipal partnerships through our sales & leasing program

These were identified through strategic planning sessions and community input (this was in partnership with Selkirk College who had students do studies for their projects).

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Our organization, the registered charity Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society, was created in 2009 solely to lead the annual Castlegar Sculpturewalk event. We have been very successful with this project, and have grown it substantially. Our Executive Director, Joy Barrett, has over 25 years experience in international arts administration & fundraising, including work at the renowned Banff Centre for the Arts and the British Academy of Film & Television in London, UK. Our Installation/Takedown Manager, Carl Schlichting, is a local artist and an award-winning (BC Museums Association) art installer/mountmaker. Administrative Coordinator Selena McAlpine, originally hired through a CBT student grant (she was a business student at Selkirk College), is a core foundational support.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society, a registered charity, will be the main organization implementing the project. The City of Castlegar is involved as a project partner. We receive additional funding from the Province of British Columbia (BC Gaming), the Columbia Basin Trust, and over 30 local business sponsors and supporters who provide between \$1000-\$2500 each.

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Our annual accounting is done in-kind by Geoff Yule, Black Press supplies us with approximately \$7500 worth of in-kind advertising, and the GOAT supplies us with approximately \$2500 worth of in-kind advertising.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Pony Club**

Registration #

4015 Krestova Lower Rd, Crescent Valley BC V0G 1H1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Pony Club**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H

This year stable management sessions will be held at the Crescent Valley Hall and the Nelson and District Riding club in Blewett. Additional venues, including the Sunshine Bay riding grounds in Harrop, may be sought as needed. The club camps will take place at the Nelson and District Riding Club and Sunshine Bay Riding grounds. Regional pony club camp takes place in Chase and the Quiz event this year is in Kamloops.

Importance to the community:

WKPC provides opportunities for youth to have positive experiences with horses through multifaceted educational experiences; learning responsibility, sportsmanship, compassion and empathy. The program fosters the development of leadership skills through member involvement and the mentoring and teaching of younger members and peers. Teamwork skills are developed and new friends made. Members also learn to be confident, motivated horse people with a high degree of knowledge and skill in the equestrian arts. Members are encouraged and supported to participate and contribute to the broader community and the effect of the program ripples out through personal connections and community engagement.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/16/2024      Project End: 12/15/2024

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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Project: West Kootenay Pony Club

\$3,700.00	\$15,275.00	\$15,275.00
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**1. The project will provide:**

The West Kootenay Pony Club (WKPC) fosters the development of leadership, horsemanship and teamwork through a program that encompasses horse care, stable management and riding. The WKPC focuses on both theoretical and practical stable management and horseback riding instruction. For the stable management portion of the program the club meets roughly two times per month from January to June to learn about all aspects of equine theory, including: breeds, feeding, first aid, horse care and safety in a fun, sage and engaging environment. For the riding portion and practical component, the WKPC will run three, three day camps during the 2024 riding season with certified coaches. Camps will include quality riding instructions, stable management sessions and team building activities. PC members will also work together to care for their horses (and themselves) in a camping environment. Members will also be supported to attend the regional Pony Club camp in the Okanagan, other local camps in the area and the regional quiz event. Stable Management sessions and camps are run in a way that encourages teamwork in a positive learning environment. WKPC members are also encouraged to engage with the broader horse community and to reciprocate community involvement in our program through volunteering with other organizations and events, including the Nelson Riding grounds, Sunshine bay riding grounds and the local Derby.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The West Kootenay Pony Club is a member-driven association, run by volunteers, that seeks to serve the needs of youth aged 6 - 25 who are interested in riding, learning about and/or caring for horses and ponies. Pony Club strives to educate and foster youth in developing skills in horsemanship, teamwork, leadership and responsibility through their work with horses, the community and one another.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

WKPC provides opportunities for youth to have positive experiences with horses through multifaceted educational experiences; learning responsibility, sportsmanship, compassion and empathy. The program fosters the development of leadership skills through member involvement and the mentoring and teaching of younger members and peers. Teamwork skills are developed and new friends made. Members also learn to be confident, motivated horse people with a high degree of knowledge and skill in the equestrian arts. Members are encouraged and supported to participate and contribute to the broader community and the effect of the program ripples out through personal connections and community engagement.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There is a strong and growing interest in horses among youth in our area. A huge amount of responsibility is required in horse ownership and/or involvement that can be daunting for families new to horse care and riding. In addition to this, experienced horse families often seek educational experiences to foster horsemanship and personal development. The Canadian Pony Club is a highly reputable, internationally-recognized program that promotes safe practices and education to ensure the safety of young athletes and proper treatment of horses in equine sport and leisure. WKPC offers a solid foundation in safety, knowledge and experience, covering all aspects of horse care and riding. WKPC also offers a more affordable option for youth to be involved with horses, removing some of the financial barriers families may face. WKPC works to connect young riders with appropriate horses, creating positive partnerships for owners, riders and horses.

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The WKPC has a strong and long-standing history. Through hard work and comprehensive and positive programming, the WKPC has created a solid reputation as a group that teaches and mentors youth to become safe, responsible, knowledgeable equestrians and community members. WKPC is supported by the regional and national

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pony club levels to achieve its goals and deliver effective, safe programming to provide a solid educational foundation in horsemanship and stable management. WKPC is also accountable to the regional and national levels of the program.

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:** True

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

WKPC has an elected board who work together to organize, manage and oversee the operations of the program. WKPC youth, family members and other volunteers work together to facilitate and teach stable management lessons and support riding events. Qualified coaches and local experts (ie. veterinarian, farrier) also assist with stable management sessions. Equine Canada Certified coaches are hired to teach the riding portion of the camps. Pony club members are a vital part of the program, taking responsibility for projects and mentoring new/younger members.

**8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

WKPC is a volunteer run organization. Parent volunteers put in countless hours to make pony club happen, including; sitting on the board, running stable management sessions, volunteering at fundraising events and work parties, making camps successful. We also bring in volunteer mentors to teach some stable management sessions. The Nelson and District Riding club and Sunshine Bay riding club generously wave the rental fee for the use their riding grounds for camps and stable management sessions.

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Organization **Salmo District Golf Course**

Registration # 13221 8355 RT0001  
PO Box 308, Salmo BC V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Golf Carts**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G  
Salmo Golf course. 1375 Airport Rd Salmo

Importance to the community:  
The whole community benefits when people come into the area and spend money

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/17/2024      Project End: 2/1/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		<b>\$10,000.00</b>		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$69,648.00</b>	<b>\$69,648.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Golf Carts**

The golf course needs more golf carts and better running carts. This will bring more people to the course and to visit Salmo

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To promote health and exercise to our community and surrounding communities

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The whole community benefits when people come into the area and spend money

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Many times people are turned away because there are no golf carts to rent and they don't want to walk

**5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

We understand the project

**6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The board of directors

**8. Minors will be working on this project: No**

**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes**

**10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

**11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

**12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.