

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,885.81		
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
		\$2,000.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$7,885.81

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,885.81	\$7,885.81	\$7,885.81

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.

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PERFORMANCE SERIES COMPETITION CRANK BEAM

Full Beam

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\$6,790.00

Discount code or gift card

Apply

Submit

Cost summary

Subtotal

\$6,790.00

Shipping

\$250.90

Estimated taxes

\$844.91

Total

CAD\$7,885.81

Updated total price: \$7,885.81 CAD

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
	\$3,000.00			
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
		\$1,999.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,999.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,999.00	\$4,999.00	\$4,999.00

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.

Creston Valley Disc Golf Association

(CVDGA)

CVDGA - Proposal/Goal

To establish an 18 hole disc golf course
in the area of East Arrowcreek and
Highway # 3.

CVDGA - What is Disc Golf?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFvHgfVgHIs>



CVDGA - What is Disc Golf?

- Played much like traditional golf.
- You throw a more streamlined looking Frisbee disc into a supported metal basket.
- A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to each basket.
- Complete the course in the fewest number shots.

CVDGA - Who Can Play?

- Everyone 😊
- Women and men, young and old, families with small children – all can play disc golf.
- The game is so easy to understand and enjoy, no one is excluded.

CVDGA - Does it cost to play?

- Many courses are located in city or regional parks where citizens play for free.
- Some private and public facilities will charge \$5-15 per round to play, but most courses are free. Our goal is not to charge anything unless it is a tournament.
- Discs designed for golf sell for \$10-30 each and only one is needed to get started.

CVDGA - Construction Needs

- The installation of a 18-hole disc golf course near the entrance to East Arrowcreek from Highway 3, would include the construction of tees, the installation of signs, and baskets.
- Little to no foliage would need to be removed but branches usually need to be trimmed near a few tees and baskets.

CVDGA - Tee Box Details

- Each hole would have two tees
 - Short for novice players
 - Long for advanced players
- 5'x12' in size
 - Using concrete pavers built flush with the ground

CVDGA - Basket Details

- Each hole would have a basket mounted on a pipe that slides inside an anchor pipe in the ground. 1-2 additional anchors, per hole, would be installed for variety through out the season.
- Each basket is secured with a padlock.

CVDGA- Tee Sign Details

- Important for first time users
- Information on sign would include
 - Hole number, length, recommended flight path, and par.
- Rules sign and information board should be installed before the first hole.

CVDGA - Course Maintenance

- For this particular location, deadfall and brush clean up, pretty much summarizes maintenance needs.
- CVDGA volunteers would be eager to undertake yearly maintenance

CVDGA - How Much Land is needed?

- Rough rule of thumb is about one acre per hole.
 - 18 holes = 18-23 acres
- Disc Golf uses areas that are not very desirable or usable for other activities.
- Disc Golf can successfully co-exist amicably with other recreation uses.
 - <https://www.deansmillfarm.com/about>
 - <https://www.mypowellrivernow.com/45158/local-connections/45158/>

CVDGA - Community Benefits

- Additional local recreational opportunities for all people of all age and skill levels.
 - For less than the cost of a tennis court, a 18 hole course can serve (pun intended) up to 70-90 people at any time.

Thank you!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHVF5cFDOEU>

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
\$274.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00		
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,274.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,274.00	\$12,274.00	\$12,274.00

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 **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
\$1,900.00	\$5,500.00	\$2,000.00		
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
		\$7,500.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$16,900.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$16,900.00	\$16,900.00	\$16,900.00

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00		
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
		\$2,500.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$7,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

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
	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00		
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
			\$2,250.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$8,250.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00

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.

For more foodie inspiration visit us at explorecrestonvalley.com or share your own experiences with us on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #explorecrestonvalley!

We invite you to use this Local Food and Wine Map to explore the Creston Valley's rich food and wine scene. But be warned! You might need to clear some space in your luggage or car, because you won't leave empty handed!

Today the people of the Creston Valley continue to share a deep love of the land and work hard to preserve and conserve food and wine experiences. From the award-winning Creston Valley Farmers Market to quaint fruit stands and charming local restaurants, it's easy to find something fresh to sate your tastes. For those who want to experience the farm first-hand then booking a U-Pick, taking a farm tour or doing a tasting at one of the many breweries, distilleries and wineries is also a must!

Creston's Vibrant Food & Wine Scene Now you see now.

grow into the colourful "patchwork" of farms and fields that then onward, the Creston Valley would continue to thrive and orchards that the area eventually became famous for. From cedars were cleared and replaced by farms and the fruit floor into farmlands. On the east side of the valley (present day Erickson, Lister and Canyon) dense stands of ancient Kootenay River and surrounding wetlands to convert the valley is now the Town of Creston before gradually drying the immigrants settled the bench above the floodplains in what transformation with the arrival of European and American settlers by steamboat and rail. Arriving in the 1880's, these However, this natural landscape would undergo a radical

The Rich History of the Creston Valley Area

land of abundance.

Welcome to the land of Milk, Honey, Cherries, Cheese, Wine and so much more! With its fertile soil, clean mountain water and mild temperatures, the Creston Valley has always been a

To the Yagan Nuxalky tribe of the Ktunaxa First Nations, the valley's once immense floodplains have been home since time immemorial. Travelling along the area's lakes, rivers and wetlands in their sturgeon-nosed "Yaksunt" canoes, the Yagan Nuxalky people harvested wild rice, fish, and hunted plentiful herds of Elk and Deer.

Explore Creston Valley Farm & Food



CRESTON VALLEY FARM & FOOD MAP



Farms & Orchards

1. Blue Canoe Orchards

This family-owned orchard offers a unique "rent-a-cherry-tree" program, allowing you to pick your own tree! Traditional U-Pick also available for smaller quantities. Cherries ready late July/early August. Call ahead to check availability and book your tree!
3403 Beam Rd • 250-946-6145
bluecanoeorchards.com



2. Blueberry Patch Farms

This farm grows spray and pesticide free blueberries, strawberries, fresh cut flowers and lavender. Stop by for U-Pick berries or purchase pre-picked berries, frozen berry pies, fresh cut flowers, lavender, preserves and more at the farm store.
2782 20 St • 250-428-4647
blueberrypatch.ca



3. Duck Lake Saskatoon Berries

Stop by this family-owned Saskatoon berry farm in early July for U-Pick from 6am-6pm. Conveniently located on the same property and owned by the same lovely folk at Wynndel Craft Distilleries.
1331 Channel Rd • 250-866-5226



4. Flamenco Farms

This family-run farm sells fresh fruit, vegetables, berries seasonally and eggs year round at their stand. Their U-Pick cherries and raspberries in August is also a perfect activity for a relaxed family outing.
2642 Erickson Rd • 250-254-0357



5. Kootenay Meadows Farm

Drop by the on-farm cheese shop to sample and pick up their organic-certified cheese, milk, curds and more. You can also peek inside the barn to meet the cows, watch a milking or take a pasture walk.
3071 16 St • 250-428-9655
kootenaymeadows.com



6. Root & Vine Acres

This family-run farm in Wynndel raises Berkshire and Mangalitza pork on pasture - specializing in sausages and charcuterie salami. Farm stand sales, self-serve pick up and farm tours can be arranged via email or by phone.
1249 Duck Lake Rd • 250-402-8475
rootandvineacres.ca



7. Spectrum Farms

Located in Erickson, the farm is a social enterprise employing and supporting persons with disabilities. Fruits and vegetables as well as eggs from the farm are available at their store. Call ahead to check hours and availability of produce.
849 Erickson Rd • 250-402-8008
spectrumfarms.ca



8. Sutcliffe Asparagus Farm

The largest asparagus producer in British Columbia. Drop by the Sutcliffe family's farm store to buy fresh asparagus during the growing season. But be quick! The asparagus season is usually from the beginning of May to early June.
1252 Indian Rd • 250-428-2734
sutcliffefarms.com



9. Swan Valley Honey

Visit the Kootenay's best-known beekeeping operation, producing honey from Creston's rich fields, wild flowers and surrounding forest and mountains. Pick up some of their honey including comb honey, beeswax and other products from the hive.
220 Placsko Rd • 250-866-6861
honeybezen.com



Farmers' Market

Creston Valley Farmers' Market

This award winning market offers a year-round selection of fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, honey, baked goods, preserves, as well as local wines, ciders and spirits.

From **April to October** the outdoor market runs every Saturday morning from 9am to 1pm and is a flurry of activity. *Note that for 2023 the outdoor market will be located beside Millennium Park on 16th Avenue. The outdoor market will return to its previous location beside the Visitors Centre on Northwest Boulevard in 2024.

The market then moves indoors to the Creston & District Community Complex, where it runs weekly from **Thanksgiving weekend in October until December**. From **January to March** the market then operates monthly.

10. Summer 2023 Location: 215 16 Ave S
11. Summer 2024 Location: 121 NW Blvd
12. Winter Location: Creston & District Community Complex

877-347-5235 • crestonvalleyfoodactioncoalition.ca/farmersmarket



Markets & Fruit Stands

13. Creston Fruit Market

This large seasonal market in Erickson carries an abundance of locally grown fruit, vegetables as well as some other tasty eats! Pull through parking also makes this an easy pit stop for RVs.
3016 BC-3 • 250-428-0032
creston-fruit-market.business.site



14. Faraman Farms

Located in Erickson's orchard district, this fruit stand sells local cherries, peaches, plums, vegetables, apples, as well as their own fresh-pressed apple cider. Stop by between June and October to pick up your fruit, veggies, bulk grains and fresh juice!
3111 BC-3 • 250-402-3056
@FaramanFarm on FB



15. J&B Smagh Fruit Stand

Located on Highway 3 in Erickson, this seasonal fruit and vegetable stand sells their own fresh produce grown in the Creston Valley, including cherries, peaches, plums, blueberries, and more! Come on down and taste for yourself!
3851 BC-3 • 250-428-1490



16. Marar Orchard

Marar Orchard is a fruit and vegetable market with a wide variety of fresh produce grown on-site. Stop by their market during the Summer and Fall to pick up some fresh veggies or fruits to take home with you!
3409 BC-3 • 250-254-1188
marar-orchards-fruit-stand.business.site



17. Margo's Orchard

This small, seasonal outdoor fruit stand located along Highway 3 in Erickson specializes in local fruits grown without the use of sprays. Famous for their easygoing, friendly staff and generous samples.
2813 BC-3 • 250-428-9782



18. No's Orchard

Operated by the Nowaselski family, this small seasonally-open fruit stand sells local fruits, vegetables and more, grown and harvested on their family's orchards and farmlands throughout Erickson. Pull through parking available for RVs.
2928 BC-3



19. Two Scoop Steve's Market Garden

This market garden in Yahk grows vegetables for use at the Yahk Mountain Café and also available for sale at their produce stand, located on-site.
8707 Johnson Road • 250-424-5166
twoscoopsteve.com



20. Wloka Farms Fruit Stand

Operating July until often the following January, Wloka Farms Fruit Stand offers only local produce grown on their farm and other farms in the Valley. Pop in to meet the famously friendly Frank, Barb and their fantastic crew.
3524 BC-3 • 250-428-0510
@WlokaFarmsFruitStand on FB



Artisan & Butcher

21. Famous Fritz Meats & Deli

This local European-style butcher shop specializes in producing their own sausages, ham, and bacon, making everything from scratch to ensure that only the best ingredients are used. They also carry a number of local products at their shop.
1420 Northwest Blvd • 250-428-9055
famousfritz.ca



22. Kootenay River Beef at Paul's Superette

Local shop selling high quality Kootenay River Beef from the Vanderloos family farm in West Creston, whose herds are pasture-fed and raised with care.
2005 Canyon St • 250-428-2037



23. Lark Coffee Roasters

This small, specialty coffee roaster carefully curates its own unique and flavourful coffee blends. Come pick up a batch or try a sample at their new roastery located in the heart of downtown Creston!
237 11 Ave N • 250-254-1325
larkcoffee.ca



Restaurants

24. Golden Flour Bakery

A family-owned scratch bakery using many local ingredients such as eggs, flour, micro-greens and spice mixes, and local produce when available. The bakery also has breakfast and lunch options to go with their baking.
1025 Canyon St • 250-428-9345
thegoldenflourbakery.com



25. Jimmy's Pub & Grill

Located in downtown Creston, this family-owned pub and grill makes everything in-house from scratch, using a number of locally sourced items including local beef, seasonal vegetables as well as local wine, beer and spirits.
1418 Canyon St • 250-428-2225
crestonhotel.com/jimmys-pub-grill



26. I&J Fusion

This charming restaurant serves a selection of delicious and often gluten-free Asian fusion cuisine - prepared daily and using a variety of fresh and seasonal local ingredients. Located at the Creston Valley Mall.
14-1000 Northwest Blvd • 250-428-2077
@IJFusion on FB



27. Real Food Cafe

A casual dining experience using local, in season produce with almost everything made from scratch. Beautiful, non-smoking, dog friendly patio. Amazing desserts, local wines, homemade lemonade, great specials and friendly staff.
223 10th Ave N • 250-428-8882
realfoodcafe.ca



28. Retro Cafe

A charming European inspired cafe known for it's locally-sourced breakfasts and lunches such as crêpes, quiches, grilled sandwiches, homemade soups, exquisite desserts and wholesome treats. Stop by and say Bonjour!
1431 NW Blvd • 250-428-2726
retrocafe.ca



29. Yahk Mountain Cafe/ Two Scoop Steve's

Located beside the famous Yahk Soap and Candle Company, this seasonal cafe offers yummy lunches using a variety of locally sourced meats, veggies and bread as well as produce from their own on-site market garden.
8707 Johnson Road • 250-424-5166
twoscoopsteve.com



Wineries

30. Baillie-Grohman Estate Winery

Visit this popular winery for a guided tasting with knowledgeable staff, or stay for a wine flight with a delicious, locally-sourced charcuterie board. Enjoy the beautiful landscape of this family-run estate winery.
1140 27 Ave S • 250-428-8768
bailliegrohman.com



31. Red Bird Estate Winery

Red Bird Estate Winery is a boutique family-owned and operated winery, producing small lot wines that represent the Kootenays. They are open May long to September long weekend for tastings on a first come first serve basis.
1046 Lamont Rd • 250-254-8885
redbirdwine.com



32. Skimmerhorn Winery

Located in the heart of Erickson, the winery provides complimentary tastings of their wines with a charcuterie menu on their stunning patio overlooking the vineyards and rugged Skimmerhorn mountains.
1218 27 Ave S • 250-428-4911
skimmerhorn.ca



33. Wynnwood Estate Cellars

Located north of Wynndel, this winery sits above Duck Lake on its east shore. Mineral rich soil provides complexity to their distinctive wines that reflect the terroir of this unique site. Offering tastings and tours.
5566 BC-3A • 250-866-5155
wynnwoodcellars.com



Greenhouses & Nurseries

37. Brittany's Flower Farm

This flower farm is a wonderful resource for dazzling, colourful and tastefully designed bouquets from their farm grown flowers. Select a custom bouquet while you sip on a delicious warm beverage from the Good Coffee Company next door.
1132 27 Ave S • 250-402-9222
brittanyflowerfarm.com



38. Morris Flowers Greenhouse

A full-service home and garden centre, carrying a huge selection of bedding plants adapted for the local climate, and experienced staff who can help. Locally grown produce also available in season.
1403 Erickson Rd • 250-428-5262
morrisflowersbc.com



39. Palmer Greenhouses

Located in Erickson, Palmer Greenhouse is a quaint family-owned greenhouse specializing in potted and hanging flowers. Visit the seasonally operating greenhouse to explore their colourful collection of flowers to take home with you.
2619 BC-3 • 250-428-5154



40. Vinland Nursery

This family-owned nursery carries a variety of seeds, trees and shrubs, bedding plants, fruit trees and bushes, perennials, vegetable/herb starts as well as a variety of cherries, apples, apricots, and peaches grown on-site.
2915 BC-3 • 250-428-2062
vinlandnursery.ca



Grocery Stores

41. Pealow's Your Independent Grocer

Located in downtown Creston, Pealow's carries a wide selection of local products throughout the year, including produce, dairy, meat and more.
1501 Cook St • 250-402-6020



42. Save On Foods

Proudly carrying a wide selection of local products throughout the year, Save On Food Creston is conveniently located at the Creston Valley Mall.
3, 1000 Northwest Blvd • 250-428-2555



Distilleries & Breweries

34. Columbia Brewery

Original home of Kokanee Beer, the Columbia Brewery offers seasonal summer guided tours of the brewery. Throughout the rest of the year, The Kokanee Beer Gear Store offers a selection of beer to sample or take home.
1220 Erickson Rd • 250-428-1238
@ColumbiaBrewery on FB



35. Wild North Brewing Company

Located in the heart of Creston, visit this locally-owned craft brewery to sample some truly delicious beer in their cozy tasting room or out on the sun-drenched patio. Open 7 days a week.
125 16 Ave N • 250-431-8624
wildnorthbrewery.ca



36. Wynndel Craft Distilleries

Using a variety of local fruits and without any artificial flavours, this distillery produces a variety of schnapps, brandies, liqueurs and gins. Drop by their tasting room or book a tour in advance.
1331 Channel Rd • 250-866-5226
wynndelcraftdistilleries.ca



SYMBOL LEGEND

Discover where each business is located by finding the corresponding colour and number on the map on the reverse side. Each category has its own colour!

LOCAL GOODS	Vegetables	Fruit	Meat	Cheese/Dairy	Eggs	Bread/Flour
	Honey	Coffee	Plants/Flowers	Wine	Beer	Spirits
SERVICES	Sales	U-Pick	Self-Guided Tour	Dining	Guided Tour	Tasting
OPERATION	Storefront	By Appointment	Pop-Up/Farmgate			
SEASON	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring	Year-round	

HARVEST CHART

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Asparagus	Strawberries	Apricots	Peaches	Baldwin Apples	
	CORN	Cherries	Plums	Apples Spartan	
	GARLIC	Bartlett Pear	Tomatoes	Honeycrisp Apples	
	CARROTS	Raspberries	PEAS	SQUASH	
	Potatoes	BLACKBERRIES	Pumpkins		
	PICKLING CUKES	Apples Macintosh	Apples Delicious		
	Apples Transparent	Italian Prunes	GRAPES		
	Peppers	Apples Sunrise	Ambrosia Apples		
	BLUEBERRIES	TABLE CUKES	D'Anjou Pear		

Check out this handy chart to see when your favourite fruit or vegetable is in season. TIP: Harvests vary depending on conditions, so ask a local for what's fresh!

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
\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00		
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$10,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

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 Tickit 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:

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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 **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
\$250.00	\$750.00	\$750.00		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
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Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
		\$1,500.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,250.00

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

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:

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- 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

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,205.00	\$5,250.00	\$3,000.00		
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
		\$5,250.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$14,705.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$14,705.00	\$18,605.00	\$18,605.00

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project: Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation

Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$0.00	\$0.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$15,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$15,500.00	\$759,863.00	\$759,863.00

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.

LCK LRG Demographic Breakdown

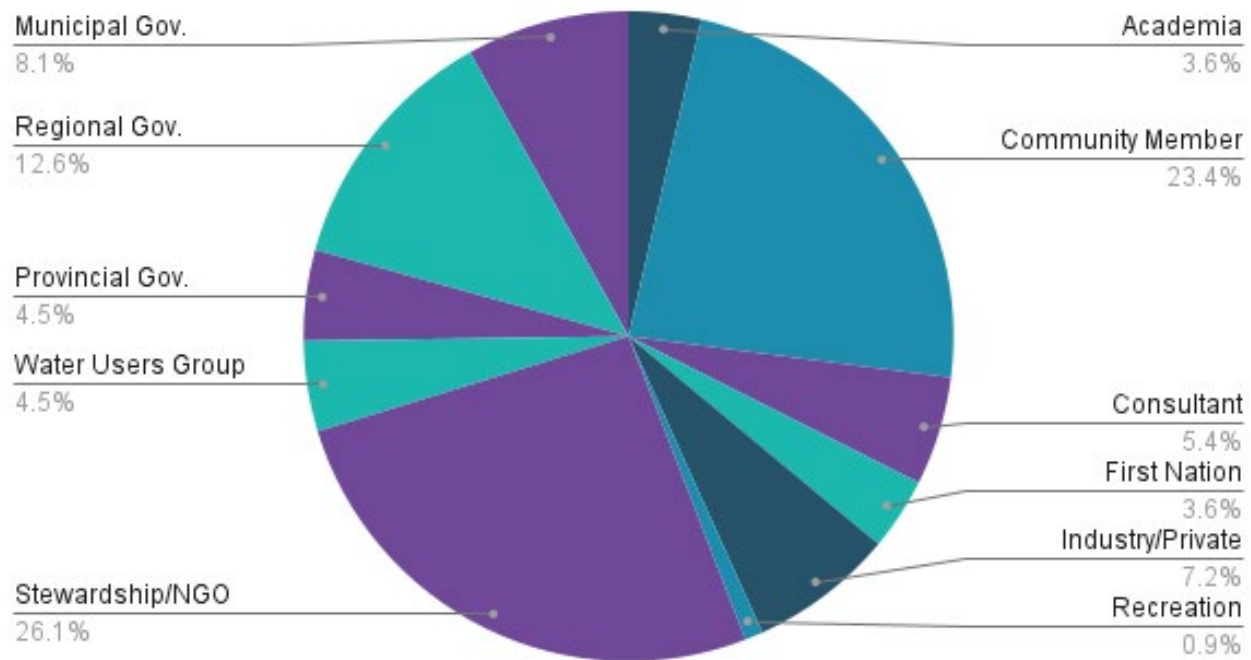


Figure 1: Participation in the Lower Columbia-Kootenay LRG across sectors and demographics.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

At the in-person meetings, participants were asked to generate questions or concerns they have about water and climate change. Prominent themes were around water supply, emergency preparedness and the impacts of human activity.

Select Questions and Concerns About Water and Climate Change From the LCK LRG:

- How will the hydrologic cycle change over time?
- What is the state of groundwater?
- What is the value of water?
- Are there enough monitoring stations to support climate predictions?
- Will my community have enough water (potable/fire hydrant) in future time of drought/wildfire?
- Are disturbed sites and undisturbed sites being monitored for comparison?
- What are the impacts on water quality and quantity from wildlifes or clear cut logging to the riparian edge?
- How vulnerable does our water supply have to be before it will take precedence over industrial interest?
- Will winter flows get lower in the future? What impact will that have on ecosystems, fish and communities?

Climate Change and Water Questions & Concerns by Theme

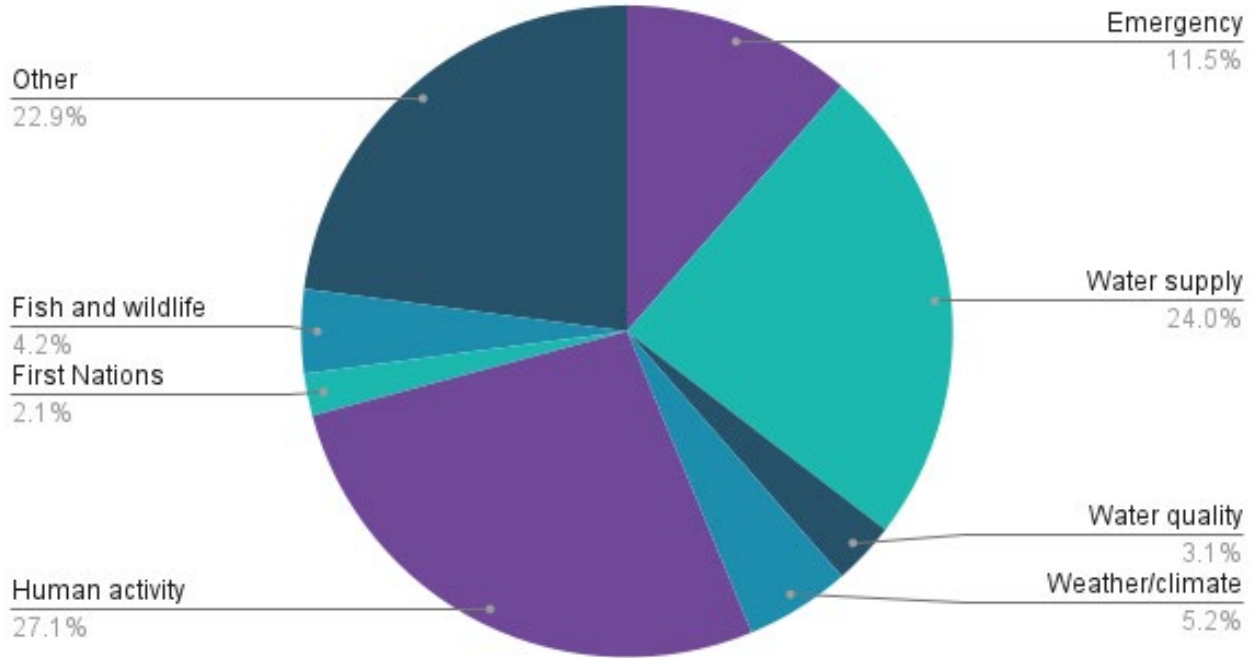


Figure 2: Themes of community concerns and questions from the in-person meetings.

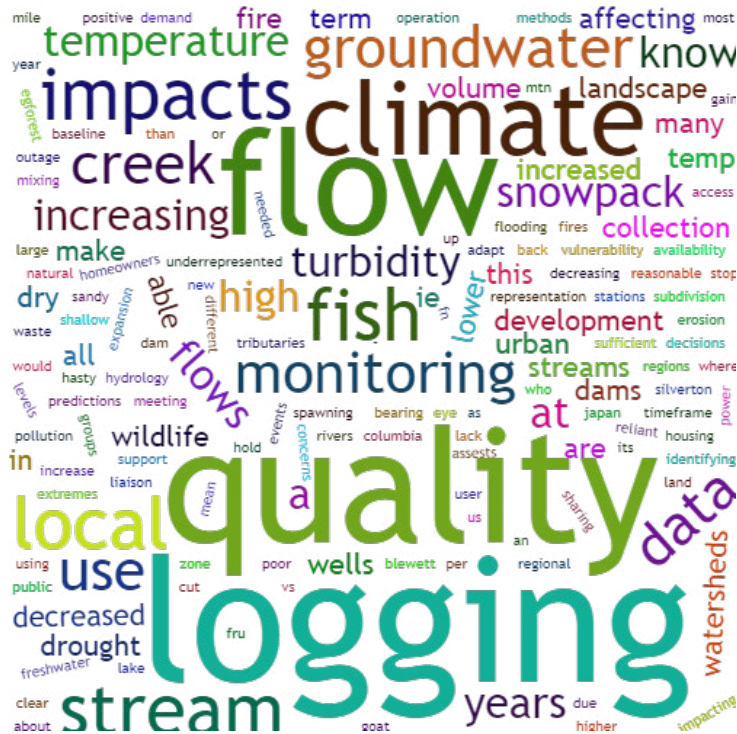


Figure 3: Word cloud of keywords from the climate and water supply questions activity at the in-person LRG meetings. Words mentioned more frequently appear in a larger size.

Dumont Creek Water Users
6377 Paradise Valley Rd Box 155
Winlaw, BC V0G 2J0

December 17th, 2023

Re: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

The Dumont Creek Water Users group supports Living Lakes Canada's implementation of the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework (CBWMF) and the associated Columbia Basin Water Hub. Dumont Creek Water Users group was formed in 2019 to enlist community support to protect the Dumont Creek Watershed and Paradise Valley sub-basin. There has been over 100 years of logging and road building activities conducted in this part of Slocan Valley, including the Winlaw Woodlot 1832 tenure holders. The Dumont Creek Water Users group recognizes that the CBWMF offers a localized solution to the Basin-wide need for cost-effective and community-focused water monitoring that supports a science-based approach to decision making related to water supply for communities.

Through the CBWMF, Living Lakes Canada has installed a water monitoring station in Dumont Creek. This station collects hydrometric data to monitor seasonal changes in the volume of water in Dumont Creek. This station has provided valuable data in a catchment area highly influenced by the logging and road building activities of SIFCO. To provide context, extensive habitat fragmentation due to intensified logging and road networks have greatly influenced the Dumont Creek watershed. In 2019 the Dumont Creek Water Users group initiated a petition that stopped SIFCO's attempt to log the watershed. The data collected through the CBWMF is valued for communicating our needs and concerns to the Selkirk Forest District and their Authorization Forester. The Dumont Creek Water Users group therefore endorses the continued development and implementation of the CBWMF and Water Hub to help collect, store, analyze, and share water quantity and quality data in the Columbia Basin.

The work being carried out by Living Lakes Canada and the CBWMF is necessary for an improved understanding of what's needed for watershed resiliency during this time of climate uncertainty. As an organization that has benefitted from the support and resources provided through the CBWMF, the Dumont Creek Water Users group supports Living Lakes Canada in this initiative.

Sincerely,



John Wittmayer

Dumont Creek Water Users
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RE: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

Slocan lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) is an environmental non-profit society for the protection and conservation of the Slocan Watershed through science, education and advocacy. The Slocan Watershed is an integral part of the Upper Columbia Basin water network, sharing ecological and cultural importance along with the Arrow and Kootenay Lake watersheds. SLSS continues to focus on conservation projects and initiatives that enable us to adapt and protect water sources in the face of climate change.

SLSS supports the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework (CBWMF), the implementation of the Priority Monitoring Matrix and their ongoing work with the Columbia Basin Water Network (CBWN). SLSS currently does water quality testing on several north Slocan Lake tributaries. Working with Okanagan Nation Alliance in the fall of 2021, SLSS installed an additional 10 temperature loggers on fish bearing streams. On an ongoing basis, SLSS gathers and uploads this data and information into the CBWN.

To complement our current tributary monitoring program, we have a growing need to gain knowledge through alpine wetland, glacial and snow pack monitoring. The majority of our work to date has concentrated on foreshore, creek mouths and valley bottoms. We have recognized there is a long term need for higher elevation data and stream flow information. Since SLSS is dedicated to protecting the quantity and flow of water throughout our watershed, with higher elevation monitoring in place we can gain a greater understanding of climate impacts and improved basis for adapting to climate change in our conservation and restoration efforts.

SLSS endorses this initiative to develop a water monitoring priority matrix, along with a Water Hub and Monitoring Framework for the Columbia Basin. As a participant in the Mid-Columbia Kootenay Local Reference Group, SLSS will share our data, information and knowledge in support of this project. Bringing together water stewards, scientists, conservationists, indigenous, local and provincial communities will provide for well-rounded input that is needed for an initiative of this nature. SLSS recognizes that the multi-discipline, collaborative approach will be effective in developing an expanded, science-based water monitoring program for the Columbia Basin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W King".

Wendy King, President
Slocan Lake Stewardship Society
Ph: 250-358-2826
E-Mail: wkconsul@telusplanet.net



MEMO

DATE: September 22, 2023

TO: Mid-Columbia Kootenay Local Reference Group

FROM: Living Lakes Canada

SUBJECT: CBWMF Pilot Year Data Summary for Mid-Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region

Living Lakes Canada acknowledges that the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework project referenced in this Memo is taking place in the unceded traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, Lheidli T'enneh, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations who have stewarded these lands for generations. Recognizing Indigenous People as the rightful caretakers of their unceded territories, we work to complement their intergenerational work and Indigenous-led water stewardship initiatives.

Living Lakes Canada is completing its first year of data collection through the [Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework](#) (CBWMF) project. As part of the project's pilot year, water quantity, water quality, and climate were monitored in three sub-regions of the Canadian Columbia River Basin: the Mid-Columbia Kootenay (MCK), Columbia-Kootenay Headwaters (CKH), and Elk River Valley (ERV). The importance of this monitoring in understanding the state of freshwater in the Columbia Basin cannot be overstated — 2023 has been an unprecedented year with regard to snowfall, rainfall, drought, and wildfires. The following summary of surface water and climate conditions is based on the hydrometric and climate data that were collected in the MCK region. A full report will be released early 2024.

Across the MCK region, lower-than-average snowpack was followed by above-average spring and summer air temperatures, contributing to a very early melt of the snowpack and snow-free conditions one month earlier than is typically recorded. This early onset of spring snowmelt is what is expected under climate change and provides important context for future conditions. Climate monitoring at the Kokanee Glacier site (conducted by Alpine Club of Canada) found that the high air temperatures in April resulted in an early spring melt. These conditions are similar to what was observed throughout British Columbia.

Seasonal streamflow patterns show the effects of sustained high air temperatures, much earlier than normal snowmelt, and lower than normal precipitation during the spring. An exceptionally early melt was recorded by our hydrometric stations on MacDonald, Caribou, Silverton, Upper Wilson and Fitzstubb's Creeks. The data show that the above seasonal air temperatures at the end of April triggered snow melt resulting in streamflows and water levels peaking in mid-May, one month ahead of typical freshet events. During this time, all creeks in the CBWMF showed a strong diurnal pattern, demonstrating that streamflow was driven by run-off from snowmelt, which reaches a maximum during mid-day when unseasonal air temperatures and solar radiation were highest. Since this time,

exceptionally hot and dry weather during the summer have spurred continued declines in historically low levels for many streams through the MCK.

This early melt combined with a hotter and drier than normal summer has had a significant impact on glacial-dominated systems such as Upper Glacier Creek. After several days of maximum daily air temperatures above 30°C, we observed increasing flows in the creek driven by the melting of high elevation snow and glacier ice. Streamflow patterns observed on Glacier Creek to date indicate that it is being fed by glacial melt. Continued monitoring of [Upper Glacier Creek](#) will allow us to track the changing input to water systems from glacially-fed streams as glaciers continue to recede. Data obtained from Glacier Creek will help to inform our understanding of how fast glaciers are melting in the Columbia River Basin and the impact on streamflow; this information can then enable modeling of nearby basins that contain glaciers, many of which are important water sources for local residents.

The unseasonably high spring air temperatures and corresponding streamflow patterns also impacted lake levels across the region. According to The [International Kootenay Lake Board of Control](#), high air temperatures in early spring caused water levels in Kootenay Lake to peak on May 18, 2023, one month earlier than historically reported. The [Arrow Lake](#) Reservoir has experienced lower than average inflows from tributary streams, contributing to a significant decline in water levels ([Arrow Lake conditions](#)). The CBWMF program is monitoring tributaries to both of these systems.

With continued monitoring, data collected by the CBWMF will be instrumental in supporting local climate adaptation and freshwater stewardship in the MCK region.

The CBWMF project is intended to expand upon the valuable monitoring and stewardship work carried out by local stewardship groups, First Nations, provincial agencies, municipal and regional governments, and the private sector to fill important data gaps across the region's complex landscapes. These include:

- Arrow Lakes Environmental Stewardship Society
- Alpine Club of Canada
- Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society
- Slocan Lake Stewardship Society
- Slocan River Streamkeepers Society
- Valhalla Mountain Touring
- Village of Silverton

Water data for the MCK are shared on the Columbia Basin Water Hub by many of these groups and can be found [here](#). Preliminary MCK data from the CBWMF project is available [here](#).

Living Lakes Canada continues to welcome community feedback and collaboration on the CBWMF project, and encourages the sharing of water data through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database.

If you have any questions, please contact: Paige Thurston, CBWMF Program Manager, at paige@livinglakescanada.ca.

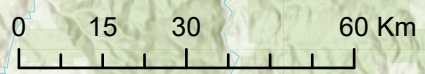
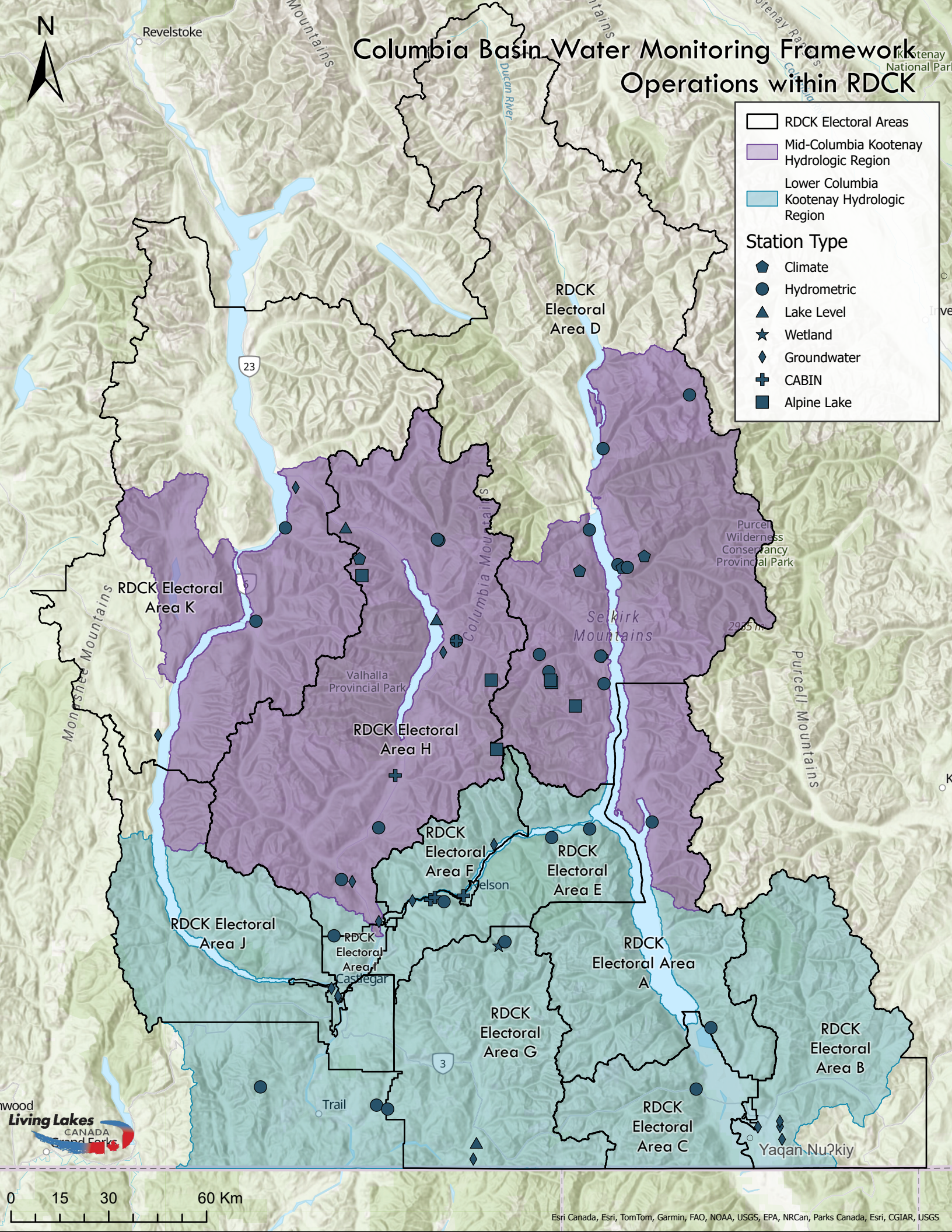
To learn more about the CBWMF, visit www.livinglakescanada.ca/cbwmf.

Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

Operations within RDCK



	RDCK Electoral Areas
	Mid-Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region
	Lower Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region
Station Type	
	Climate
	Hydrometric
	Lake Level
	Wetland
	Groundwater
	CABIN
	Alpine Lake



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
\$1,808.00	\$3,716.00	\$3,616.00		
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
		\$10,075.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$19,215.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$19,215.00	\$46,030.00	\$46,030.00

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:

Project: Creston Valley Fall Fair 2024

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$3,350.00	\$200.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$200.00				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		\$200.00		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$250.00	\$200.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$5,000.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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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 **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
\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$800.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$800.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$27,150.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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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

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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.



Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival

To whom it may concern,

I would like to offer my support for the Kootenay Yoga Festival and Kootenay Wellness Foundation. I believe it fills an important community function here in the Slocan Valley.

In my work to develop an updated Economic Development Strategic Plan for the Slocan Valley, I reached out to a dozen local industry leaders, including Amy Heasman (KYF) from the Wellness sector. Amy helped by providing me with her observations and suggestions how stakeholders might best support the local Wellness industry.

The following recommendations can be found on page 51 of the Strategic Plan, which guides the work of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership;

- Support non-profit organizations that support the Wellness sector.
- Support wellness classes, workshops and community networking opportunities.
- Sponsor community wellness events like the Kootenay Yoga Festival.

Over the past year I have witnessed Amy's initiative and development of the festival and foundation and have supported her, as best I could. I find Amy to be very collaborative, well-organized and community-minded. I have no doubt that her endeavours will prove fruitful and beneficial to the Slocan Valley community.

Additionally, I appreciate KYF's dedication to acknowledging and including meaningful local First Nations involvement.

I encourage other stakeholders to support Kootenay Wellness Foundation's work wherever possible.

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator - Community Futures of Central Kootenay
Serving Slocan, Silvertown, New Denver and RDCK Area H

Autonomous Sinixt

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Box 69 New Denver, B.C.
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To whom it may concern,

Autonomous Sinixt recognizes the Kootenay Wellness Foundation as an important local organization that provides access to barrier-free alternative health services to those in need throughout our local area. We recognize that holistic services are essential for optimal physical, mental & emotional wellbeing and that healthy individuals will make a healthier community for us all to live in. We will be supporting the Kootenay Wellness Foundation as they expand in their endeavors and look forward to the positive impact that it will create across the West Kootenay Region.

We appreciate the Kootenay Yoga Festival's efforts to include Sinixt cultural protocols and teachings in their mission, as a step towards establishing right relations with the land and the water in the Sinixt təmx'wúlaʔx (land) and creating accountability in reconciliation efforts.

Warm Regards,
Marilyn James
Autonomous Sinixt Matriarch



Schedule



SPACES

SPECTRUM FIRE EARTH AIR WATER ETHER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

9.00am - 10.00am	Somatic Yoga Flow / Heather Boyer	Buti Yoga / Tracy Frimpong	Intro to Yoga Philosophy / Stacey Arseneau & Rāj Chahāl	Sacred Breath / Danya Buac	*START AT 10h00am* Beyond Mindfulness Meditation / Terry Sidhu (75mins)	Cultivating Relationship with Green People / Cheryl Cook (90mins)
10.30am - 11.45am	Bhakti Yoga, The Story Inside / Jen Lebedoff (60mins)	Hand Drumming Workshop / Trevor Scott	Discover your Authentic Needs Through Ayurveda / Alison Evin (60mins)	Natural Dyes For a Colourful Future / Owen Nakamura	CLOSED	*START AT 11h00am* Kundalini Yoga / Surya Adi (60mins)
12.00pm - 1.30pm	LUNCH BREAK					
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Hold Yourself Accountable in Sinixt təm̓x̓'úlaʔx̓' / Marilyn James	CLOSED	Heal the Root Cause / Natalie Sawyer	CLOSED	Unpacking Emotional Triggers / Peta Thompson (90mins)	CLOSED
3.00pm - 4.30pm	Full Spectrum Flow with DJ / Leah Brown & Joaquin (75mins)	Tantric Meditation Workshop / Terry Sidhu (75mins)	Introduction to Bio Dynamic Principles & Compost Prep / Surya Adi (60mins)	Forest Play & Flow / Andrea Fox	*START AT 3h30pm* Sexual Healing / Tonya Don (90mins)	Hoola Hoop Workshop / Georgia Aurelia (60mins)
4.45pm - 6.00pm	Intro to Contact Improv Dance / Lena Timmermann	Restorative Yoga with Tuning Forks / Ellissa Crete	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
6.00pm - 7.00pm	DINNER BREAK					
6.15pm	Carolyn Medicine Songs and Flute performance	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
7.30pm - 9.00pm	Dance Journey into your Authentic Self - Elkemist, Dave & Trevor	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

10.00am - 11.00am	Vinyasa Krama for Sustainable Daily Practice - Stacey Arseneau	Awaken The Wild Within - Erin Thomson	Regenerative Gardening within Rural and Urban Environments / Owen Nakamura	Deep Relaxation Journey / Andrea Fox	Reclaiming Ourselves Meditation Journey - Shelley Tomelin	Walking the Circle / Emma Cardinal (90mins)
11.30am - 12.30pm	The Art of Walking / Leah Carnahan	The SOMA Energized Meditation / Nicolas Auger-Chrétien	Moving Beyond Performative Allyship / Cheryl Cook	Magic and ritual for the modern mystic / Amber Tree	Awakening to a Deeper Belonging / Tahini Fornes	*START AT 11h30am* Sensory Meditation - Onasis Lama & Alison Evin (60mins)
12.30pm - 2.00pm	LUNCH BREAK					
2.00pm - 3.30pm	Harmonic Flow: Yang-Yin Yoga / Lisa Cyr, Trevor Scott & Dave	Vocal Alchemy / Carolyn Wall (60mins)	Unveiling Karma: Connecting Money and Mindfulness / Rāj Chahāl (75mins)	CLOSED	Sacred Sexuality / Tonya Don	Sacred Elements Ritual - Florence Gérin Beaulac
4.00pm - 5.30pm	*START AT 3h45pm* Embodied Liberation: Unleashing Authentic Movement - Lena Zimmermann	*START AT 3h30pm* Embodied Anatomy & Functional Movement / Heather Boyer (60mins)	*START AT 3h45pm* The Zodiac Wheel / Luna Veronica (60mins)	*START AT 3h30pm* Exploring Your Wilderness: Yoga for Recovery / Jen Lebedoff (75mins)	Community building through the eyes, heart and mind / Amber Tree	CLOSED
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Open Dance Space - Joaquin Klein	Yoga Nidra & Sound Journey Dave & Erika	CLOSED	CLOSED	Introduction to Circling - Jase Aether	CLOSED
6.00pm - 7.00pm	DINNER BREAK					
6.15pm - 7.15pm	Heart Opening Melodie's - Molly Jo	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
7.30pm - 8.30pm	Inclusive Concert - Avery Florence	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$17,500.00

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.

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.

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.

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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).

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).

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.



January 4th, 2024

ATTN: Creston Valley Services Committee

Re: Support for the 100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project, and U18 Tier 4 Provincial Championships

Dear Members of the Creston Valley Services Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Creston Valley Tourism Society representing local businesses, stakeholders and community members to express our support for the Creston Valley Minor Hockey's "100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project" and the upcoming U18 Tier 4 Provincial Championships.

The "100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project" serves as an acknowledgment of our region's history and cultural ties to ice sports. It not only honors past accomplishments but also lays a foundation for future athletes.

Additionally, hosting the U18 Tier 4 Provincial Championships is an opportunity to showcase our community's outstanding sports facilities at the Creston & District Recreation Complex. Perhaps most importantly, the tournament will bring numerous teams and their friends and family to Creston for the tournament, where they will stay at local accommodations, eat at local restaurants, and shops at local small businesses, generating significant economic benefits for our community.

Considering these factors, I respectfully urge the Creston Valley Services Committee to support Creston Valley Minor Hockey and their initiatives. Your endorsement will significantly bolster the success of these initiatives and reinforce our community's steadfast dedication to nurturing youth sports and fostering economic growth.

Thank you for your attention and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

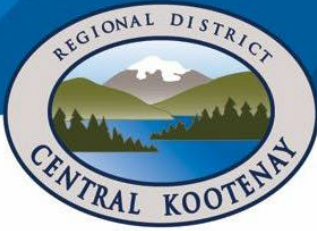
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Jesse Willicome

Executive Director - Creston Valley Tourism Society

jesse@explorecrestonvalley.com

250-402-3030



Roger Tierney
Director of Electoral Area B

February 18, 2024

To Whom it May Concern

RE: 100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project

On behalf of Electoral Area B within the RDCK, I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association and 100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project.

Electoral Area B includes communities within the Creston Valley including - Canyon, Erickson, Lister, Huscroft, Rykerts, Arrow Creek, Yahk, Goatfell, Kingsgate, Kitchener, Glenlily, Goat River Bottom, Lower Kootenay Band in which approximately 4800 people reside.

The Regional District of Central Kootenay was incorporated in 1965 and is a local government that serves an estimated population of 60,000 residents. Our region consists of 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities.

The mission of the Regional District of Central Kootenay is to provide area residents and communities with services, governance and representation in a manner that supports the economic, social and environmental goals of the region.

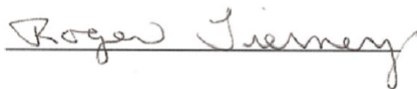
The 100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project stands as a testament to the rich history and cultural significance of ice sports in the Creston Valley. This project not only commemorates the achievements of the past but also paves the way for future generations of athletes to build upon this proud legacy. By supporting such initiatives, we actively contribute to the preservation of our community's identity and values.

I would like to highlight the numerous benefits that this initiative brings to our community:

1. **Youth Development:** Celebrating sport encourages participation in organized sports, such as minor hockey and figure skating, which play a crucial role in the physical, emotional, and social development of our youth. It instills values such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience.
2. **Community Engagement:** The 100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project provides opportunities for community members to come together, celebrate shared achievements, and create lasting memories.
3. **Infrastructure Investment:** The exhibit will improve our community's sports infrastructure, ensuring that it remains a hub for athletic excellence and pride.

I am confident that, with our support for this project, the Creston Valley will continue to be a thriving hub for ice sports and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,



Roger Tierney

Director of Electoral Area B

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100 YEARS OF ICE SPORTS LEGACY PROJECT

CRESTON VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 7, 2024 –
Community Engagement
Session

February 28, 2024 –
Community Engagement
Session

March 16, 2024 – Hockey,
Our History, Our Heroes
Banquet (VIP only)

March 17, 2024 – U18 Tier
4 Hockey Provincials
Opening Ceremonies and
Ribbon Cutting for Legacy
Project

March 17-20, 2024 –
Hockey Exhibit and
Community Engagement
Session

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

The Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association (CVMHA) is excited to announce our 100 Years of Ice Sports Legacy Project. As part of Creston's Centennial, this legacy project will showcase the history and voices of ice sports in the

Creston Valley, located on the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa Nation and Yaqaan Nukiy People. The CVMHA will partner and collaborate with interested participants to create a visual and comprehensive exhibit spanning the last 100 years. The U18 Tier 4 Hockey Provincial Championships will officially kick off planning for the exhibit and will highlight our hockey heroes.

We want to celebrate those who have given so much to our valley, as CVMHA and minor hockey in our valley would not exist without the hard work and contributions of our heroes, volunteers and officials. They are coaches, team managers, safety coordinators, referees, mentors and other positions that play various roles providing leadership to our young athletes. They are our hockey heroes, including Hockey Hall of Famers Johnny Bucyk, and Oldest Female Hockey Player and Creston resident, the late centenarian Jet Fumerton and many others.



OUR PROJECT COMMITTEE

Our Committee includes six members who are excited and dedicated to bringing this project to life. The Committee members are Kala Hooker, Shannon Veitch, Chris Luke, Kelly Vandenberghe, Denise Dumas and Bienka Rosch. The committee makes recommendations to the Project Director Kala Hooker and champions the project in both the community and their organizations and other initiatives they are involved with.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We will be hosting a series of community engagement sessions throughout 2024 to both celebrate our 100 years of ice sports history and to hear from you about what should be included in the exhibit. We

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know there is a rich history of hockey, curling, figure skating and possibly other ice sports and are interested in sharing stories through an oral, textile, digital, print and graphic exhibit that is informed by you. We will be working with our partners and curator Tammy Bradford to bring your ideas to life in a permanent display for our valley. We hope the permanent home for this exhibit will be in the Johnny Bucyk Arena and are working with Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) staff to determine how that can happen in a good way.

Upcoming engagement sessions are:

Wednesday, February 7th 6:30 – 8:30pm

Kootenay Room, Creston and District Community Complex (CDCC)

Wednesday, February 28th 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Kootenay Room, CDCC

Sunday, March 17th to Wednesday, March 20th 10-4pm

Erickson Room, CDCC

PARTNERS AND SPONSORSHIP

We are seeking partnerships and sponsorship because we believe, together we can knit together the fabric of our community, to collectively celebrate our young athletes, community sports heroes and shared history. We want to collaborate with you and draw upon your experience and connections to leave a legacy of storytelling that will be enjoyed by community members, players and visitors to our community for generations to come.

We want to thank our sponsors to-date:



Tier 2 – Roger Tierney,
RDCK Area B Director



Tier 2 – BC Hockey



Tier 2 – Kala Hooker,
Your Wayfinders

Please contact Kala at secretary@crestonvalleyminorhockey.com (250) 643-9088 if you would like to get involved or would like more information.

“The biggest thing we get out of it is seeing the kids smile. And hopefully we will also see that the lessons we’re teaching – not only the fundamentals of hockey, but also the life values – are sinking in.” –

Bobby Orr

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
	\$4,999.00			
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,999.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,999.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

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 **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
	\$4,999.00			
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,999.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,999.00	\$7,425.00	\$7,425.00

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 WYNNEDEL ROAD, WYNNEDEL 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
	\$700.00	\$700.00		
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
		\$700.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$2,100.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,100.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$15,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$400.00	\$2,000.00			
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
		\$1,600.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$22,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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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.

SCHEDULE A

Project: Crawford Bay Community Hall Renovation

A. Project Description

The purpose of the Project is in furtherance of the public purpose of the Trust and is specifically to support the Recipient to install a new roof and complete foundation enhancements to the Crawford Bay Community Hall (Hall) located at 16230 Wadds Road, Crawford Bay.

B. Duties and Deliverables

The Recipient will be responsible for all aspects of the supervision and administration of the Project, including:

1. installing a new roof and completing foundation enhancements to the Hall in accordance with the Recipient's 2022 application (Application) to the CleanBC Communities Fund, which was approved in principle on November 17, 2022;
2. securing all funding required to complete each phase of the Project before the associated phase has started;
3. a board member or staff of the Recipient must participate in asset management training at least once every two years;
4. ensuring all necessary regulatory permits and approvals are acquired for the Project and adhered to; and,
5. paying for a minimum of 80% of the final Project costs using funding sources other than the Grant.

C. Reporting Schedule

The Recipient will report as follows:

1. Interim Report due by March 30, 2024 which must include, but not be limited to:
 - a. an outline of the Recipient's progress in achieving the Duties and Deliverables outlined above;
 - b. confirmation that all funding is in place to complete the foundation enhancements as described in the Application; and,
 - c. a financial report outlining revenues and expenses for the Project to date.
2. Interim Report due by March 30, 2025 which must include, but not be limited to:
 - a. an outline of the Recipient's progress in achieving the Duties and Deliverables outlined above;
 - b. confirmation that all funding is in place to complete the new roof as described in the Application; and,
 - c. a financial report outlining revenues and expenses for the Project to date.
3. Final Report due on or before November 30, 2025, which must include, but is not limited to, a completed Final Report on the template provided by the Trust.

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PHASE 5 - SUMMARY REPORT - INFOGRAPHIC

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Roth IAMS uses infographics, with clean and easy to understand graphs and tables to replace what are typically wordy Executive Summaries that simply regurgitate content that can be found in other areas of a report. The infographic provides a concise and easy to consume overview of the data on which the AMP was based. Additionally, infographics can easily be updated on an annual basis in the intervening years between formal AMP updates (usually done on a 5-Year schedule).

Roth IAMS will review the format and content of the proposed infographic with the CBDHPA as part of the preparation of the final AMP document.

PHASE 6 - PRESENT THE SUMMARY TO THE CBDHPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Roth IAMS will also prepare a Society Board-Level Presentation demonstrating an overview of the project and the key points of the final AMP upon submission of the initial draft version.

Following the presentation, comments and feedback from the Society Board will be integrated into the AMP, and a second presentation will be delivered based on the final AMP.

SCHEDULE

Roth IAMS will work with CBDHPA to determine a schedule that fits within their timeline.

FEE

The fee for the condition assessment and asset management plan is included in Table 2 below:

Table 2 – Roth IAMS Proposed Fees	
Item	Proposed Fee
Craford Bay Community Hall and Site FCA	\$3,890.00
Crawford Bay Community Park FCA	\$4,580.00
Crawford Bay Public Boat Launch FCA	\$3,145.00
Asset Management Plan	\$33,875.00
Total Cost (Excluding Taxes)	\$45,490.00

This evidence may be in the form of:

- Approval letter(s) from other funding program(s), including approval date, conditions (if applicable), and contact info;
- Council/Board/Band Council resolutions or staff reports from the applicant and partners, where applicable, committing the use of reserve funds or borrowing;
- Recent bank statements showing available reserves;
- Letter of approval for bank loans (for non-local governments);
- Letter of investor intent or commitment and any associated conditions;
- Local Government loan authorization bylaw that has passed Third Reading and/or dated proof that borrowing has been approved through a formal public approval process, plus Liability Servicing Limit Certificate indicating that borrowing is within a local government's assent-free borrowing limit (separate from submission for approval by the Inspector of Municipalities);
- Not-for-Profit/For-Profit entity, Financial Statement (prepared internally for projects with eligible costs up to \$500,000 or reviewed by an independent public accountant for projects with eligible costs over \$500,000); or,
- Other evidence as agreed through discussion with Program staff.

Construction Permit NOT on First Nations Reserve Land

Prior to payment in excess of 25% of the approved funding amount, the Recipient must submit to the Province:

- A copy of the approved construction permit or other applicable local equivalent; and,
- Confirmation that required permits have been received and that design and construction meets associated regulatory requirements.

Asset Management

Prior to payment in excess of 50% of the approved funding amount, the Recipient must submit to the Province an Asset Management summary for the asset group that was funded (e.g., for an EV Charging Station project, the asset group would be 'all electrical vehicle charging assets'), including:

- Organization's current and planned asset management practices and activities in reference to the Asset Management BC Roadmap and/or Asset SMART 2.0 (<http://assetmanagementbc.ca>), including any links to asset service levels; and,
- Brief summary of energy management system and/or demand side management strategies

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00		
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
		\$3,000.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00

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.



Date	2024-02-08
PO#	

Sullivan Stone
 501 Helen St.
 Creston BC V0B 1G6
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West Creston Community Hall
 1350 West Creston Road, Creston BC
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Estimate

Scope of Work:

- Includes demo and prep of existing wood deck – Including temporary block support for roof over patio.

Sub Total	\$2,400.00
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Scope of Work:

- Includes all equipment for digging soils and prep of slab sub grade.
- Includes all labour and prep of compact under slab rock material.
- Includes 3/4” WGB road crush – delivered.
- Includes all concrete 32mpa for 10’ x 40’ x 4” front patio area, 4’ x 40’ x 4” side area with landing steps.
- Includes 1’ x 1’ thickened edge for front slab.
- Includes 10m rebar 20” o/c.
- Includes all labour to install form work, strip and pour.
- Includes all pour, place and finish – broom finish.
- Includes control cuts.

Sub Total	\$8,800.00
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Sub Total	\$11,200.00
GST	\$560.00
Total	\$11,760.00

***Preliminary estimate – Pricing may change pending final drawings**

This Quote is valid for 90 days from the date of issue.

Customer Signature:

Date:

Contractor Signature:

Date:

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
\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
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
		\$1,500.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,000.00

Project: Multi-Sport Skating and Training

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,000.00	\$44,500.00	\$44,500.00

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$400.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,100.00		
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
		\$3,000.00		

Project: Wildlife Connectivity with Wildsight Creston

Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$8,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,000.00	\$17,961.00	\$17,961.00

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.

Project: Wildlife Connectivity with Wildsight Creston

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

Wildsight - Creston Valley Branch

RDCK File No. 196-2024

Project: Wildlife Connectivity with Wildsight Creston

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.



February 16, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Letter of Support for - Wildsight Creston Valley Branch

The Kootenay Columbia Discovery Centre Society's (KCDCS) would like to support the application by the Wildsight Creston Valley Branch for funding of their Wildlife Connectivity Program through the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants in 2023/24.

Wildsight Creston Valley Branch's program for 2024-2025 will include projects around watershed connections in the Creston Valley. WCVB will do community-based 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 data, and engage community members in citizen science. The data will be included on the Columbia Basin Water Hub. This project will be expanded to include Creston Rod and Gun volunteers for Summit Creek.

WCVB will also do nature walks. The nature walks will take place at different trails around the Creston Valley, and expand on local ecology and history of the area. WCVB will also organize volunteers to help maintain the turtle fence at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area to reduce road mortality. WCVB will also organize barbed wire fencing work bees to remove derelict fencing in the CVWMA.

Wildsight Creston Valley Branch has partnered with KCDCS on previous nature walks, as well as with the Creston Valley Bird Festival. Both organizations deliver environmental education and advocate for the rich biodiversity of the Creston Valley. We look forward to partnering with them again this year.

Thank you for your consideration of Wildsight Creston Valley's programming in 2024/2025.

Sincerely,

Carla Ahern

Senior Manager, KCDCS

education@discovery-centre.ca

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
	\$4,999.99			
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,999.99

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,999.99	\$4,999.99	\$4,999.99

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	\$500.00	\$200.00		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$400.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$400.00				\$300.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,400.00	\$2,050.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,750.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,750.00	\$32,103.00	\$32,103.00

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:

Project: Wild Voices for Kids in RDCK

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.

Trafalgar Middle School,
% School District 8, Kootenay Lake
Nelson, BC
V1L 1X8

February 9, 2023.

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) and the Wild Voices program, representing Aboriginal Education in School District 8, Kootenay Lake. The workshops that I have participated in with students in indigenous education have been nothing short of astonishing.

This year, our school groups participated in Winter Survival Skills, Plant Medicine, and A Tree Story with the incredible knowledge-sharer Shanoon Bennett. The students, other teachers, and I learned an incredible amount of information that each of us will carry forward in our teaching repertoire to the extreme benefit of the future generations of this fortunate community. It is not hyperbole to state that these programs have educated me as a teacher in what I consider some of the most valuable ways in my 17 year long teaching career.

Having the next generations learn on the land, with the land, and from the land, with a caring Wild Voices educator has been an incredibly invaluable gift for students and teachers alike. If this program is defunded, I cannot imagine the loss to this community, including the crawlers, the flyers, the swimmers, the four-leggeds, the two-leggeds, especially considering the trickle effect of these teachings down through generations. It seems that the necessity of continuing these programs could not be more relevant in order to inspire future generations to steward these lands. Please continue to make these programs a priority—our children need them, our animals, and bugs, and fish, and birds, and trees need them. We are so grateful for these programs, it would be an extraordinary loss for us all to lose them.

With love and gratitude,

Jaclyn Dexter
Aboriginal Educator
School District 8, Kootenay Lake

What Teachers are saying

The information we had been studying was given a personal **perspective** from which now to attach this information. The real and **hands-on experience** made a big impact.

- Sheena, Robson Community School, Robson on *Agriculture & the Environment*



[The educator] **captivated** the students and got them making deep and **insightful connections** about our learning.

- Kyoko, Lucerne Elementary Secondary, New Denver on *Homing in on Habitat*



Having a **biologist** available to answer questions about wildlife was important as ... I think it is important for students to **learn from the experts.**

- Anita, Nakusp Elementary, Nakusp on *Avalanche Skills*

[The program] fit into the Grade 2 science, social studies, and health with a **strong Indigenous** component overall. The students were very engaged in foraging, tasting, and playing **plant resources games.**

- Catherine MacKinnon, Kinnaird Elementary, Castlegar on *Incredible Edibles*



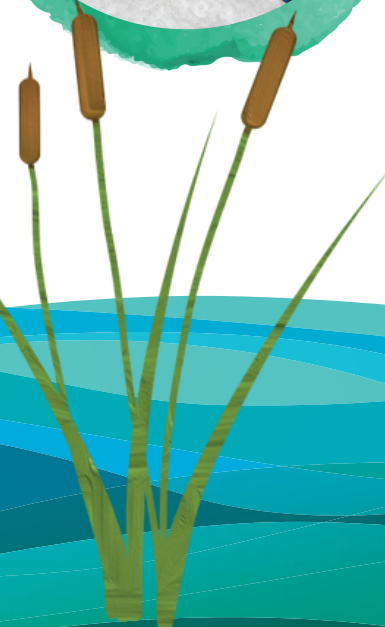
[The program] focused on behavioural adaptations of animals in our local environment and how they survive in winter and natural features of our environment. Building tarp shelters gave students the opportunity for **cooperative group work.** Patty also taught us many of the indigenous names of the animals.

- Susan Potter, Kootenay Orchards, Cranbrook on *Animal Survival*



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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
\$1,500.00	\$4,999.00	\$4,999.00		
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
		\$4,999.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$16,497.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$16,497.00	\$18,497.00	\$18,497.00

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$900.00	\$11,846.00	\$940.00		
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
		\$11,554.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$25,240.00

			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.

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.

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		
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
		\$4,000.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

Project: Creston Valley Hospital Healing Garden - Phase 1

			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$13,000.00
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00

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.

Project: Creston Valley Hospital Healing Garden - Phase 1

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 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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,250.00	\$4,750.00	\$4,750.00		
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)

		\$3,750.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$14,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$14,500.00	\$181,638.00	\$181,638.00

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.



LOWER KOOTENAY BAND

3425 Hwy 21/Old Community Rd, Creston, BC V0B 1G2 Ph:250-428-4428

August 16, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre's Wetland Education and Awareness Programs (WEAP)

I Norm Allard would like to offer my support to the Kootenay Columbia Discovery Centre Society's (KCDCS's) Wetland Education and Awareness Programs (WEAP) at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) in 2024 and beyond.

Since 2018, KCDCS has delivered high quality environmentally focused education programs, continuing the tradition of programming that has been ongoing at the CVWMA since 1974.

The WEAP delivers engaging, informative and fun environmental education programs and events related to wetland ecosystems and wildlife to a variety of audiences. They offer school programs (PreK-12), summer nature camps, guided tours, stewardship programs, special events and more.

KCDCS is seeking funding to continue to deliver its programs and events and operate the Discovery Centre, home to a variety of hands-on educational displays and information about the area and wildlife. Since 2018, KCDCS has hosted over 25,000 visitors in its Centre, delivered school programs to over 10,000 students and offered guided tours, summer camps and special events thousands of participants.

Having accessed many programs like this to help with restoration the wetlands restoration work Lower Kootenay Band is doing I believe they are a critical service to communities. WEAP has been great for helping educate my own children on the importance of their environment and we often will visit for a tour and to learn what the program has to offer.

I strongly support KCDCS's mission to continue these exceptional environmental education programs and I believe they are very worthy of receiving your financial support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Norman Allard Jr.

Community Planner

Lower Kootenay Band

3425 Old Community Rd/Hwy 21,

Creston BC, V0B 1G2

Phone: 250-428-4428 ext. 3922

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August 24, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre's Wetland Education and Awareness Programs at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area

Wildsight Creston Valley would like to offer its support to the Kootenay Columbia Discovery Centre Society's (KCDCS) Wetland Education and Awareness Program (WEAP) at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) in 2024 and beyond.

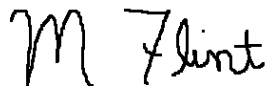
The WEAP delivers engaging, informative and fun environmental education programs and events related to wetland ecosystems and wildlife to a variety of audiences. Programs include: school (PreK-12), summer nature camps, guided tours, stewardship, special events and more! The WEAP creates an understanding and appreciation for the natural world so that participants can make informed decisions and actions related to the environment. Volunteers, community members and other organizations have the opportunity to partner with and participate in initiatives related to wetland conservation, stewardship and research in the Columbia Basin through working with KCDCS.

Wildsight Creston Valley has partnered with KCDCS through the Creston Valley Bird Festival and other various programs. Both organizations have mandates that include promoting and delivering environmental education and awareness opportunities and we look forward to partnering with them again in the 2024 season.

We hope that you can support KCDCS's WEAP through your granting program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Melissa Flint
Project Director-Coordinator



Erickson Elementary

August 27, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre's Wetland Education and Awareness Programs (WEAP)

I would like to offer my support to the Kootenay Columbia Discovery Centre Society's (KCDCS's) Wetland Education and Awareness Programs (WEAP) at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) in 2024 and beyond.

Since 2018, KCDCS has delivered high quality environmentally focused education programs, continuing the tradition of programming that has been ongoing at the CVWMA since 1974.

The WEAP delivers engaging, informative and fun environmental education programs and events related to wetland ecosystems and wildlife to a variety of audiences. They offer school programs (PreK to Grade 12), summer nature camps, guided tours, stewardship programs, special events and more!

As a teacher, I have participated in CVWMA/KCDCS's programs for the past 20 years with my classes. I have participated in the WEAP programs with children in grades 1-7. My students have always been very excited to visit the wetlands and to participate in the programs. Many students are excited to come back to visit with their parents and families after attending the program with our class.

The programs meet many BC curriculum learning outcomes for students in all grades, are engaging, hands on opportunities for the children and provide learning connections to our local environment. The KCDCS plays an important role in our science learning each year.

I strongly support KCDCS's mission to continue these exceptional environmental education programs and I believe they are very worthy of receiving your financial support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Lavallee

Grade ¾ Teacher, Erickson Elementary School
(stephanie.lavallee@sd8.bc.ca)



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File: 0220-04

August 30, 2023

Re: Support for the Wetland Education and Awareness Programs delivered by KCDCS

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Council for the Town of Creston, this letter is in support for the wetland education and awareness programs delivered by the Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society (KCDCS). KCDCS has successfully delivered these well received programs at the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA) since 2018, continuing a tradition of environmental education that dates back to 1974. The CVWMA and KCDCS's Centre and programs are an economic driver for the region, bringing tourists and visitors from around the province, country and internationally to this area for recreational pursuits and educational opportunities. They are an incredible asset to the greater Creston Valley community and a gem to residents and visitors alike.

KCDCS delivers school programs, summer camps for kids, guided canoe and walking tours and a variety of other special events. Program participants get a hands-on experience in the wetland as they learn about a variety of subjects from the value of the wetland's ecosystem services to bird migration to the importance of insects to a healthy ecosystem and everything in between. Since 2018, KCDCS has delivered school programs to over 10,000 students. Thousands of visitors have participated guided canoe and walking tours and special events over the years and over 25,000 people have visited the Discovery Centre which is home to a variety of educational displays and information about the area and wildlife.

From 2018 to 2022, KCDCS received core funding from Columbia Basin Trust's Community Development Program as well as the CVMWA to build a temporary facility (as the old Centre was permanently closed after the 2017 season and demolished in 2020) and to operate the facility and deliver environmental education programs. In 2023, KCDCS diversified their revenue stream, obtaining financial support from 11 different organizations, foundations and corporations.

The Town of Creston fully supports KCDCS's mission to continue to offer environmental education and awareness program at the CVWMA. Moving forward into 2024 and beyond, they are seeking to renew and find new funding opportunities to ensure these high-quality, well attended programs continue into the future. We hope that you are able to support their initiative.

Sincerely,

Arnold DeBoon
Mayor



Adam Robertson Elementary School

August 18, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

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The WEAP delivers engaging, informative and fun environmental education programs and events related to wetland ecosystems and wildlife to a variety of audiences. They offer school programs (PreK to Grade 12), summer nature camps, guided tours, stewardship programs, special events and more!

As a teacher, I participated in KCDCS's programs in 2023. I brought my class to the program called "Water, water everywhere". I really enjoyed the way that the leaders interacted with all of my students. They were very knowledgeable and answered all of their questions. My students really enjoyed the dip netting and using the microscopes and also seeing birds and turtles. This was a new experience for a lot of them who do not come out with their families. Carla was also very organized and helpful. I cannot wait to bring my class back to the program this year and do hands -on outdoor science activities that are not available in the classroom.

I strongly support KCDCS's mission to continue these exceptional environmental education programs and I believe they are very worthy of receiving your financial support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Doeleman

Adam Robertson Elementary School, Grades 3 and 4

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	\$1,500.00	\$800.00		
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
		\$1,800.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,100.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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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.

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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.

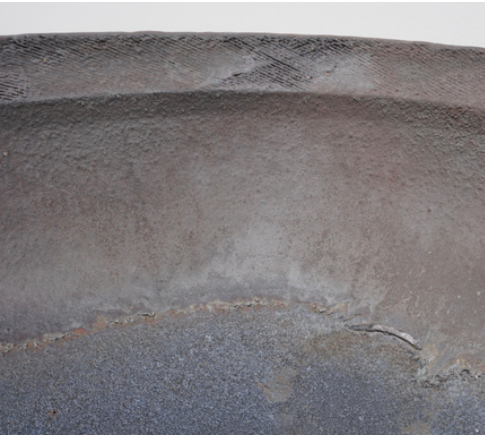
12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



2024 Empire of Dirt ARTIST SERIES

Hosted by Empire of Dirt Residency



JUNE

CLAY WORKSHOP | Grace Boyd
Saturday from 1 to 4pm, June 8

ARTIST TALK | DaveandJenn
Thursday @ 5pm, June 13

OPEN STUDIOS | Grace Boyd, DaveandJenn, and Jay Pahre will open their studios for public viewing of the work created at the residency. Thursday 6 to 8pm, June 12



JULY

FUTURE KITCHEN WORKSHOP | Josephine Lee
Saturday 1 to 4pm, July 6

OPEN STUDIOS | Neelasha Jensen & Reyhan Yazdani.
Thursday 6 to 8pm, July 11

AUGUST

ARTIST TALK | Ryan Smithson + John Ross
Thursday @ 5pm, August 22



SEPTEMBER

WOODCUT WORKSHOP | Jenie Gao
Saturday 1 to 4pm, September 21

WORKSHOP TBA | Kari Woo
Wednesday 1 to 4pm, September 25

OPEN STUDIOS | Jenie Gao, Luke Parady, Kari Woo
Wednesday at 4pm, September 25 following the workshop.



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Supported by the Province of British Columbia

To enquire about the series and/or register, email empireofdirtresidency@gmail.com

2023 SUMMER & FALL WORKSHOP SERIES

Hosted by Empire of Dirt Residency



The Depth of Scents, a DIY Scratch and Sniff Workshop

June 16 / 17

ArtSpace: 116 Northwest Blvd

COST: \$50 (includes all supplies)

Hosted by Alana Bartol and Bryce Krynski

How can visual and media art engage the senses? Participants to explore the possibilities of working with scent through a DIY scratch and sniff workshop. This workshop will teach participants how to make DIY scratch and sniff cards, while exploring: (1) how to work with scent materials (2) the language of scent (3) scent and play (4) history of scent



Cyanotype Drawing Workshop

August 12 / 13

Empire of Dirt Residency: 3426 Goat Mountain FSR

COST: \$50 (includes all supplies)

Hosted by Heather Kai Smith

Smith will offer a cyanotype workshop using a combination of drawing and sun exposure to create unique paper prints. Starting with india ink and grease pencils on mylar, participants will each create images based on collective conversations. Anthotypes using local plant matter as photographic emulsion will also be explored.



Introduction to Eco-Art

October 13 / 14, TBC

Empire of Dirt Residency: 3426 Goat Mountain FSR

COST: \$50 (includes all supplies)

Hosted by Tara Nicholson

This two or three-session workshop would introduce eco-art techniques including hand-made dyes, eco-printmaking and low-carbon art processes. Participants will produce paintings, drawings and collages from self-made inks and papers. The class will include time to produce various eco-prints like anthotypes, spore prints and cyanotypes. This studio-based workshop will include demos, studio time and discussion.

To enquire about the series and/or register, email empireofdirtresidency@gmail.com



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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00		\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		\$500.00		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$27,000.00

Project: The Fundamental Set Up for Equestrian Facility Phase #1 by Yahk Allied Horse Club

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

1.

(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.



File No. 1865
Board Date: 9/14/2023
Resolution: 577/23

September 18, 2023

Yahk Allied Horse Club
7960 Hwy 3
Yahk, BC V0B2P0

By Email: thebedazzledhorse@yahoo.com

Dear: Monika Currier

Funding provided for: Equestrian Facility

I am pleased to advise that the following Regional District Director requested funding support be made to your organization as a contribution towards your noted project.

The Board has authorized Community Development Grant funding of \$5,000.00, and payment will be made to your organization in the coming weeks.

Director	Supporting Area	Total Amount of Grant Funding Provided	Less Holdback (10% on support of over \$5,000)	Final Report Required
Roger Tierney	B	\$5,000.00		Yes

Grants of over \$5,000.00 are subject to a 10% holdback and organizations are required to sign and return a funding agreement prior to the release of funding.

A final report is required if noted above, and the holdback portion of funding shall be released once the applicant has submitted a completed financial report form, including copies of invoices to account for the full grant amount. A copy of the final report template is available on the RDCK website at <https://rdck.ca/EN/main/administration/grants.html>.

Sincerely,

Micah Nakonechny
Grants Coordinator

cc: Roger Tierney

Where did we come from and what are we up to?

A few months ago, a bunch of the horse people in Yahk, got together and started to hatch a plan to making horses, to some extent, easier, & definitely more accessible

We have a vision to showcase the many great things the horse world has to offer. We want to promote horses and all the wonderful side effects of being involved with them.

In this area, we have equestrians competing at all sorts of levels, we have a variety of breeders, we are rich in knowledge and horsemanship, and that needs to be shared.

We want to be seen as a friendly group that's going places, doing things, promoting horses and willing to help others do their journey, no matter what that journey is.

We are NOT discipline specific. Our board is comprised of everything from Dressage, Barrel Racing, Working Equitation, pleasure riders to our non riding board member who is just game to be a part of the group!

Now all that I have just mentioned is not that hard to do, and really, there are a few other clubs that are doing a similar kinda thing. And, I know there are a few, public riding grounds around, such as Canyon Park, Trail Horseman, Nelson & District Riding Grounds, and we would like to start by copying those. So, we are definitely looking for a location we can grow into. We'd like to start with the usual necessary essentials, like an outdoor arena, maybe a cross country/trail course, we hope to

have overnighting corrals and eventually a shedrow/stable set up.

But then, we have a bigger vision, and this is where we're different. This is where it gets exciting... The grounds I just mentioned are all very nice in their own right... BUT... None of them are covered. There is not a single PUBLIC covered arena in the area. There are a few very nice private facilities, but... We want to build, over time and with your help, a Public COVERED facility.

A place where you can drop in most anytime and work on your horse, regardless of weather. Another important offer is that this facility could help evacuees in Wildfire season and other emergencies.

As in most of the Kootenays, winter generally means a halt to all kinds of riding, and sometimes, even the simple things, like just a run around or having the farrier out can be a problem.

How many of the horse folks here tonight, secretly dream about a roof to ride under?

There is so much positivity we can draw on, and so much opportunity to help those who don't frequently interact with horses get involved by looking at the bigger picture, and by showcasing and emphasising the diversity of experiences horses can offer. And if you find yourself thinking, "what am I getting for the membership to the Yahk Allied Horse Club?"

You're building a future for horses, your horse, your riding & your ideas.

This riding club is for all of you and the horse.

Excerpt from the “The Sports Reviewer” Article

The Rise of Equestrianism: A Modern Phenomenon

Equestrianism as a Hobby and Lifestyle

Beyond the realm of competitive sports, equestrianism has also emerged as a popular hobby and lifestyle choice. Many individuals find solace and fulfillment in spending time with horses, whether it be through leisurely rides, trail exploration, or engaging in various equestrian activities.

Riding as a hobby offers numerous benefits, both physical and mental. It provides an opportunity for exercise, improving balance, coordination, and overall fitness. The bond formed between horse and rider promotes emotional well-being and can serve as a therapeutic outlet for stress relief and personal growth.

Equestrianism as a lifestyle encompasses a deeper commitment to the care and well-being of horses. Horse owners dedicate themselves to providing proper nutrition, grooming, and veterinary care to ensure the optimal health of their equine companions. This lifestyle choice also involves learning about horsemanship, stable management, and responsible horsekeeping practices.

Furthermore, equestrianism provides a sense of community and camaraderie among enthusiasts. Equestrian clubs, associations, and events offer opportunities for riders to connect, share experiences, and learn from one another. The equestrian community fosters a supportive environment, encouraging lifelong friendships and mentorship.



Equestrianism in Popular Culture

Equestrianism has made a significant impact on popular culture, influencing various forms of entertainment and media. From movies and television shows to literature and fashion, horses and equestrian themes have found their way into the hearts of people worldwide.

In the film industry, equestrian sports and the bond between humans and horses have been depicted in numerous acclaimed movies. These films, such as "Seabiscuit," "War Horse," and "The Black Stallion," capture the beauty and power of horses while portraying the emotional connections between riders and their equine partners.

Television shows and documentaries centered around equestrianism have also gained popularity. They showcase the dedication, skill, and challenges faced by riders in their pursuit of excellence. Such programs provide insight into the equestrian world, educating viewers about the intricacies of the sport and the profound relationships formed between horse and rider.

Equestrian literature, both fictional and non-fictional, has captivated readers with tales of adventure, triumph, and the indomitable spirit of horses. Classic novels like "Black Beauty" by Anna Sewell and "National Velvet" by Enid Bagnold have become timeless literary works, celebrating the bond between humans and horses.



Moreover, equestrian fashion has made a mark in the industry, with riding attire and accessories becoming popular trends. Equestrian-inspired fashion, characterized by tailored jackets, riding boots, and elegant equestrian-themed jewelry, has found its way onto runways and into the wardrobes of fashion-conscious individuals.

Equestrianism's presence in popular culture serves to inspire and educate audiences, promoting an appreciation for horses, their athletic abilities, and the unique bond shared between horse and rider. As this phenomenon continues to evolve, equestrianism remains a captivating aspect of modern society.

The Benefits of Equestrianism

Physical and Mental Health Benefits

Equestrianism offers a range of physical and mental health benefits, making it a popular choice for individuals seeking an active and fulfilling lifestyle. Engaging in horseback riding regularly can significantly improve both your physical strength and coordination.

Riding a horse requires the use of various muscles, including those in your legs, core, and upper body. As you navigate through different gaits and perform movements, you enhance your balance, flexibility, and overall body awareness. This form of exercise can help build muscle tone, improve cardiovascular fitness, and increase joint mobility.



Moreover, equestrianism has proven to have positive effects on mental health. Spending time with horses and being immersed in nature can have a calming and therapeutic effect on the mind. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can reduce stress and anxiety, promoting relaxation and a sense of well-being. Additionally, the bond formed between rider and horse can boost self-confidence and improve overall mood.

Bonding with Horses

One of the most rewarding aspects of equestrianism is the unique bond that can be developed between the rider and their horse. Horses are highly intuitive animals and have a remarkable ability to sense and respond to human emotions. Through regular interaction and communication, riders can establish a deep connection with their equine companions.

The process of bonding with a horse involves trust, respect, and understanding. Horses are incredibly perceptive and can detect even the slightest changes in body language or energy. This mutual trust and respect between rider and horse create a harmonious partnership, leading to a more enjoyable and fulfilling equestrian experience.

The bond formed with a horse goes beyond the riding aspect. Caring for a horse, grooming, and spending time together outside of the saddle further strengthens the relationship. This connection can provide a sense of companionship and emotional support, enhancing the overall well-being of the rider.

Equestrianism as a Form of Therapy

Equestrianism has gained recognition as a valuable form of therapy for individuals with various physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges. Equine-assisted therapy, often referred to as "horse therapy," is known to have profound effects on individuals with conditions such as autism, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and anxiety disorders.

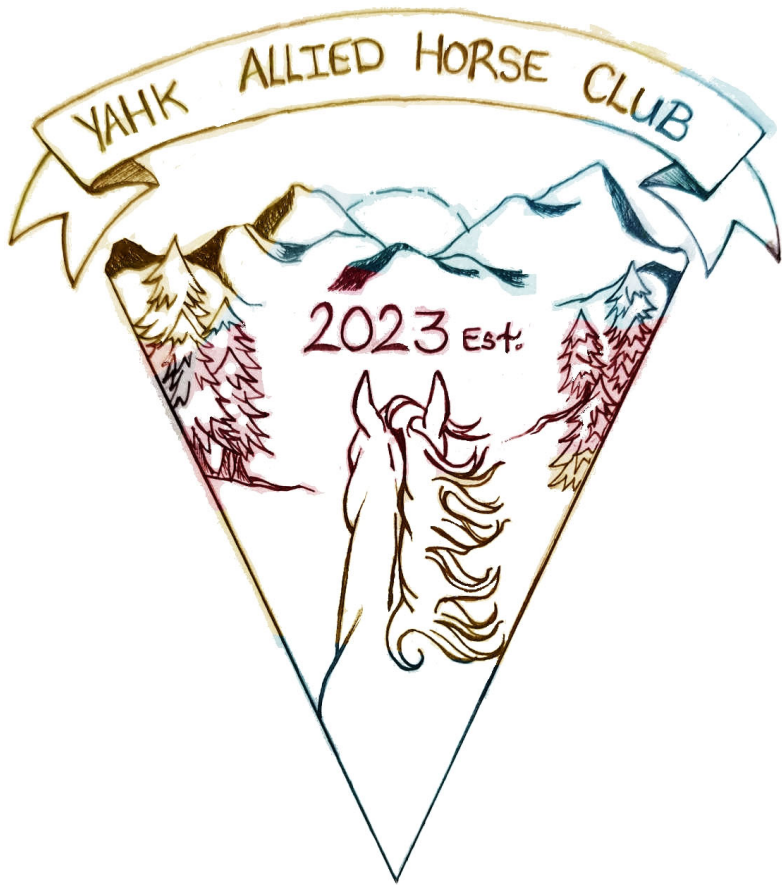


Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting can help individuals develop essential life skills. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can improve balance, coordination, and muscle strength. Furthermore, the non-judgmental nature of horses creates a safe and supportive environment, facilitating emotional healing and the development of trust.

Equine-assisted therapy can also enhance social skills and communication abilities. Horses provide immediate feedback to human actions, teaching individuals to be aware of their own behaviors and non-verbal cues. This increased self-awareness can transfer to interactions with other people, improving relationships and overall social functioning.

In summary, equestrianism offers numerous benefits for both physical and mental well-being. From improving physical strength and coordination to fostering deep connections and providing therapeutic support, horseback riding is a modern phenomenon that continues to positively impact the lives of many individuals.

The rise of equestrianism in recent years is undeniably a modern phenomenon that has captivated people from all walks of life. From its humble beginnings as a means of transportation and warfare, equestrianism has evolved into a beloved sport and recreational activity. This article has explored the various factors contributing to this phenomenon, such as the growing popularity of horse riding lessons, the influence of social media, and the therapeutic benefits of equestrian activities. As equestrianism continues to gain momentum, it is clear that this modern phenomenon will only continue to thrive and attract more enthusiasts. Whether it is the thrill of competition, the connection with nature, or the sense of freedom that comes with riding a horse, equestrianism offers something for everyone. So, saddle up and embrace the rise of equestrianism – a truly remarkable phenomenon of our time.



Brainstorming April 2023

These were the seedlings of our plan...

Why an arena in Yahk?

There are no Public covered arenas within driving distance. Cranbrook does NOT have a covered arena, I can't think of a Public Covered arena in the West Kootenays either.

Cultural, recreational, and fits in with our community's lifestyle.

So many horse owners in the area, and no where to keep horse and rider fit in bad weather/winter/rain etc.

So many people interested in horses.

The Yahk Hall, YKRS, has approached us to put on a demonstration in conjunction with one of their community events.

The East Kootenay Equestrian Association has joined forces with us to provide a Professional Saddle Mapping clinic.

We have a good relationship with many entities.

Yahk is the most central point between East and West Kootenays.

Equine sports are on the rise in popularity. With events like Working Equitation, Cowboy Challenge, Competitive Trail, Liberty as well as the tradition Gymkhanas, English and Western performance, events. This can be a safe, all weather facility for families to learn about horses, as well as do fun events that will bring the community and families together.

Other uses

Dog training, agility, Sheep dog training. Cattle penning, 4H fairs, clinics, common meeting ground for farrier, vet, body workers etc. Farmers market? Under the roof?

Things we need

Land Flat. Minimum acreage? 2acre+ must accommodate truck and trailers.

Outdoor arena (to be Covered once funding in place, may take a while) Start with an outdoor arena 100X200+. This will be the base for a covered "situation". Outdoor arena needs good footing that will accommodate various disciplines. Sand is the preferred material by local equestrians. Hog fuel may limit usage as it's not suitable for many local disciplines.

Lighting perhaps done with Solar panels and a generator if utilities are unavailable

Fencing/Holding corrals? Portable corral panels. To be covered (roof)later. These corrals would hold participating animals safely over the course of an event.

Arena maintenance equipment: Tractor and arena drag

Generate Income

We expect this facility to generate an income that will be reinvested in upkeep and progress. It will be worked to take care of itself. Arena will be available for rental Suggested: Average WEEKEND rental should be \$500 - \$1000 depending on what we have to offer. Also depends on the event with discounts to small clubs? Concessions, Events like Gymkhana, Clinics, etc.

Advertising:

Charge \$500/year to hang a poster in arena.

Sell Merchandise featuring our logo.

We have a website: [Home | Yahk Allied Horse Club \(yahkhorseclub.ca\)](http://yahkhorseclub.ca)

We also have a Facebook page and a Facebook group

Calendar of Events

March 26th : Tack Cleaning fundraiser

April 13th : Tack in Yahk Sale

May 4th: May the Horse be with You

June 8-9th : Equifusion/Barrel Clinic

July 20th : BBQ & Silent Auction

August 17th: Trail Ride

September 14th: Year end trail ride with lunch

October 6th: Obstacle day and trail ride at Lynne Larsens

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

Yaqa 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
\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$3,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$2,000.00	\$2,350.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$47,850.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$47,850.00	\$165,292.00	\$165,292.00

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!

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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.



W.E. Graham Community Service Society
Chantal Smith Executive Director

Wednesday 17 May, 2023

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Slocan, BC
V0G 2C0

RE: SQx & WEGCSS Tidal Wave Partnership

On behalf of W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) we agree to partner with SQx in the development of their new program arts-based Community Development program, Tidal Wave.

Tidal Wave is a new dance performance program aiming to raise awareness about the oscillation between environmental sustainability and climate change with social inclusion.

We want to partner with SQx on this project because Tidal Wave uses creative workshops, performances, learning, teaching, and training to help alleviate rural isolation and lack of social and recreational services for Slocan Valley youth through an environmental & cultural lens.

In partnership SQx & Latséeni Daakahidi (House of Wellness and Strength) - Taku River Tlingit First Nation, and SD67 Okanagan - Skaha, WEGCSS roles and responsibilities include providing:

- On-site monitoring in the Slocan Valley during piloting
- Educator and student survey feedback
- Impact measurement feedback
- Discussion topic feedback
- Thematic feedback

Like WEGCSS, SQx is an established Slocan Valley service provider. SQx has been providing blended social-cultural programming in the Kootenays for more than decade. Therefore, as a like-minded organization we are eager to formalize a relationship between us through Tidal Wave.

Please note, however, that WEGCSS is providing services and support for Tidal Wave, but not financial support. We are a partner; not a funder. WEGCSS is not financially liable for any components of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require further confirmation of our support.

Chantal Smith
Executive Director
W.E. Graham Community Service Society



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

At SQx, we pride ourselves on our ability to advance 9 of the 17 United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) for peace & prosperity for people & the planet.

2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	8 DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
13 CLIMATE ACTIONS 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE, & STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



2 ZERO HUNGER

SQx aims to increase food security & improve nutrition in remote areas in Canada. When touring to remote communities with high food insecurity, we bring fresh produce to make healthy smoothies & snacks for students & staff.

3 GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING

SQx promotes physical activity & boosts the health & well-being of vulnerable youth by increasing access to Arts, Culture, & Sport. In June 2023, we tracked 1,011,160 minutes of physical activity in vulnerable communities in Remote & Northern Canada.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

SQx provides equal access to free, inclusive, & socially-responsible programming that aims to foster positive youth development & civic engagement. From 2020-2023, we presented our Active Inclusion Program (AIP) to 31,015 youth. 218/218 educators said AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, & racism.

5 GENDER EQUALITY

100% of SQx's Leadership Team are women. We empower women & gender diverse people to ensure full & effective participation & equal opportunities for all. Our works (i.e. Cecilia, Anti-Bullying Movement Program, Active Inclusion Program), aim to disrupt all forms of discrimination against women & girls across the globe.

8 DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

SQx provides long-term, inclusive, & sustainable employment for vulnerable artists. By digitizing & diversifying our work, SQx has doubled our artist numbers & contract lengths, meaning we created more jobs for diverse artists. In addition, artists (excluding management), working with SQx across 2 seasons (2022-2023) received an average wage increase of 20%.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SQx promotes the social inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status. We ensure that diverse artists are at the forefront of creation & development to give voice & visibility to vulnerable populations. Each artist brings special knowledge & experiences to increase the social inclusivity outcomes of our works.

13 CLIMATE ACTIONS

Climate actions are at the heart of SQx. We're committed to ending the climate crisis through the development of hybrid program & performance architectures, responsible consumption & production patterns, & the creation of works that raise awareness about climate change & its impacts. From November 2020 - June 2023, we reduced our carbon footprint by 479,557 kg.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE, & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SQx fosters peaceful & inclusive communities through socially-responsible performance & performance programming, & aims to provide justice for all. 232/237 educators said our Active Inclusion Program increased their students' knowledge & ability to show citizenship, selfless gestures, & kindness to encourage belonging within Canada.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

We have strong global partnerships for the sustainable development & growth of SQx. Partnering with CIRCE - Experimental Platform for Dance & Theatre in Tbilisi, Georgia for our "Cecilia" double-bill amplified arts engagement in vulnerable populations, fostering international social change. Additionally, collaborating with Taku River Tlingit First Nation for our "Tidal Wave" project ensures it's culturally safe, respects Indigenous voices, & honours their perspectives.

Organizational Highlights



Our mission is to use contemporary dance to promote kinship, collaboration, and teamwork. 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 and small communities. We use dance to make the world a better place.

Fiscal Responsibility

SQx has 9 years of audited financial statements to ensure we maintain the highest standard of trust with those most affected by our organization's actions (formally known as stakeholders). Additionally, only 5.5% of our annual revenues goes to office and administration. We use dance to make the world a better place, and revenues are genuinely felt in vulnerable communities (rather than an office).

Fair Wages & Sustainable Employment

SQx employees are paid in accordance with the fee and rate standards set by Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists (CADA) Professional Standards. In fact, artists (excluding management) working with SQx across 2 seasons (from 2022-2023) received an average wage increase of 20%.

100% of SQx artists believe that their job with SQx is sustainable. We continue to sustainably improve the well-being of emerging and professional artists across Canada through stable, long-term, and full-time employment.

Positive & Healthy Work Culture

We believe in a culture of respect, inclusion, collaboration, and trust. We prioritize the health and well-being of our employees by leading regular check-ins, and facilitating open communication and collaboration.

100% of SQx artists believe that SQx provides a safe work environment that supports artists mental health. We provide various employee wellness programs, including monthly team lunches and weekly yoga classes to boost team morale and promote physical, emotional, and mental prosperity.

A Great Place to Work

100% of SQx artists feel their work at SQx is meaningful and creates transformative meaningful change both for employees and recipients of SQx's work.

100% of SQx artists feel SQx's response to COVID (including pandemic and post pandemic response) positively impacted their career and experience as an employee.

100% of SQx artists feel they have accomplished a career goal in the last 6 months.

100% of SQx artists believe SQx is dedicated to diversity and inclusiveness and they consistently make efforts to ensure everyone at work feels respected, supported, and included.

100% of SQx artists think SQx is successful at accommodating diverse work styles.

"I'm really proud to work for an organization that is seeking to make the world a better place. It's also evident that management cares about the well-being of their employees and are working hard to make positive changes for the health and well-being of us artists."

"SQx is an inclusive and caring environment. Everyone is here to lend a helping hand to fellow coworkers AND to any student teacher or school that needs it. You can see how much everyone at SQx is willing to put themselves on the line to support people in need."

"SQx strives to find connection between their work and the community (beyond that of the contemporary dance community). In my opinion, SQx creates meaningful change within the contemporary dance community and the broader community."

"What stands out to me about working with SQx is being able to work with women who are so well-rounded and truly intelligent. We're not only dancing, but we're all actively participating in important discussions and are quickly learning new skills to contribute to the organization in various ways. I work with people who are brave, resilient, and creative -- and that, is very inspiring and makes me incredibly happy!"



ACTIVE INCLUSION PROGRAM (AIP)

AIP is an interactive performance program that uses dance to disrupt discrimination, intolerance, racism, and hate.

Participant Demographics

76%

Multi-Barriered

70%

Low-Income

50%

Minoritized Ethnicities

35%

Remote/Rural

21%

Indigenous

15%

Official Language Minority

14%

Newcomers

From September 2020 to June 2023, we presented AIP to

31,015 YOUTH



MISSION & IMPACT

AIP empowers youth to recognize Canada's diversity as a source of strength, and encourages youth to show citizenship, selfless gestures, and kindness to increase belonging within their communities for the full and meaningful participation of all. AIP also brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to share and learn about reconciliation and decolonization in Canada.

100% of educators (Grade 3 and above) feel AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, and racism.

99% of educators feel AIP increased their students' knowledge and ability to work collaboratively and as a team.

97% of educators feel AIP inspired their students to become more physically active and express a positive attitude towards being physically active.

96% of educators feel AIP inspired their students to become positive role models and leaders within their community, family, and school.



"Loved how involved, engaging, and responsive the instructors were. Their abilities to make connections with the students are incredible!"
Arts Education Director, WP Bate, Saskatoon, SK

"Thank you so much for everything that you've done for our classroom and community. You had 100% participation the entire time and my students were so excited to dance with you every morning. This program is incredible. I'm a huge fan of your mission. Kukwstsétsemc!"
Educator, Sk'elep School of Excellence, Kamloops, BC

"A program that reaches the body, heart, and head, and has an impact."
Educator, École South Pointe School, Winnipeg, MB

"AIP was amazing! I enjoyed myself so much! [...] I made so many memories and connections about the history about Canada. [...] The only thing that I wish is that the AIP dance was longer."
Student, Osoyoos Elementary, Osoyoos, BC



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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$20,000.00

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.

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

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:**

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

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.

Words of Support for the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI)

I've been an independent filmmaker for the past 8 years and there have certainly been challenges and barriers I have experienced along the way being a woman. It seems like most film crews are dominated by males and not always open to have women join their team. In some situations, my safety and well-being was threatened and I certainly hoped I could have learned from other female mentors. After talking to some of my peers, I have realized it is a common experience for women in the industry. Having worked in the adventure and sport filmmaking industry, it is heavily male-dominated. I've witnessed that men tend to hire other men, and favour men on-set. Some of my most valuable experiences as a filmmaker have been working with other inspirational female creatives. Women understand each other and uplift each other.

I am impressed by all that The Civic Theatre is doing to keep film alive and support artists...I think they are doing amazing work and wholeheartedly support their creative vision to continue supporting local screen-based industry workers and artists, especially those that are women. This was a valuable mentorship experience for me and it is so clear that mentorship is such an impactful learning experience, helping those emerging learn from the more experienced. The need for these learning experiences and opportunities to connect with other females in the field are more prominent than ever.

It is great to see such a local initiative take strides to provide these types of learning opportunities, especially for underrepresented females in the industry.

~ Agathe Bernard, www.agathebernardphotography.com, www.carvinglandscapes.ca, www.agathebernard.com

Kootenay Rockies Tourism...is in full support of economic development opportunities in our region, and recognize that The Civic Theatre's goal to cultivate a strong screen-based industry closely aligns with our existing work in Destination Development, Media Relations and marketing the region on behalf of our stakeholders.

NCTS has already demonstrated outstanding drive, purpose, commitment and cultural leadership in our region with this project...We have continued conversations and see real opportunities for the emergence of a strong film region in interior BC with continued support. Their vision to develop this sector further is innovative and holds very promising potential to benefit the quality of all residents throughout the Kootenay region. We believe this project has a strong potential to become an economic asset to our region through increasing creative collaboration between the media arts and tourism sectors. Please consider this proposal as it is an exciting stepping stone to great opportunities for the film and tourism economy to flourish.

~Kathy Cooper, CEO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism

Our 2016 Nelson Innovation Centre Feasibility Study recommended that the NIC explore a strategic alliance with The Civic Theatre because of the work that they were already undertaking

to identify and support the local screen-based industry (SBI)...We believe that the KSBI program supports local business interests and that it will be a great economic benefit to the community through their work in conducting industry research and development. This work is pertinent at a time where the potential for economic development in our region is ripe and the more we can support initiatives like this, the more benefit our community gains, culturally and economically.

~Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director, Community Futures Central Kootenay

NCTS has given digital artists and filmmakers like me huge incentives and resources to continue growing here, in the Kootenays. They have given me and my peers opportunities to share information and connect with people in our work-spheres. As an independent filmmaker in Nelson, it has been a game-changer to meet people who are experts in their field, as well as motivated creatives who want to collaborate and support each other. There is a healthy brew of talented independent filmmakers working in the region, and we would benefit, and greatly appreciate, mentorship from these experienced professionals.

~Jonathan Robinson, Director, FMRL Productions

Having worked as a freelance filmmaker for the past few years in this community has shown me the importance of mentorship in any occupation...Having access to education and information taught by experts in their field is an invaluable resource. The workshops and mentorship opportunities that The Civic would provide would be amazingly useful to any aspiring filmmakers in the area, and also provide an opportunity for professionals to connect with future colleagues.

The KSBI meetups have played a large part in connecting the filmmaking community in the Kootenay Columbia region. I'm hopeful that the expansion of this program will help ignite the fire of the filmmaking community that exists in this area. There's so much local talent here, and with the help of KSBI we can bring that together to create something truly special.

~Tucker Anderson, Freelance Filmmaker, Tucker K Anderson Films

I am writing to express my support for the Civic Theatre's proposal for their Kootenay Screen-Based Industry Momentum Masterclass Workshop Series. In their last series, I enrolled in a Masterclass on lighting and sound, taught by an industry professional with many years of experience. Besides learning technical skills I made some really great connections which led directly to me finding work.

Living in a rural area has huge challenges for anyone wanting to work in the screen based industry, one of them being a lack of resources to further careers. Another Masterclass series here would be a great benefit to the filmmaking community and would help me grow my skills and make more connections in the industry.

~Carlo Alcos



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February 20, 2024

Person/Business : NELSON CIVIC THEATRE SOCIETY
Account number : 905844

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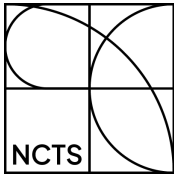
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Nelson Civic Theatre Society

719 Vernon Street

Suite 103

Nelson, BC V1L 4G3 CA

February 20, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Nelson Civic Theatre Society (NCTS), I am pleased to submit our request to The City of Nelson in support of our **economic project *Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI)***. This project is based in Nelson but has regional impact, so we are also making requests to the other communities in our area.

This funding will be used to support the continuation of the KSBI program this year. When we begin this program through support from the BC Rural Dividend Fund, we expected fully that the conversion of The Civic Theatre into a three-screen venue would have been completed within 2-3 years, and that the income derived from that new model would support this role. As the renovation project has continued to be delayed, we are not yet in a position to support the staffing needs of this program through earned income, as planned. Accordingly, this funding request is critical to the continuation of the KSBI program, which, in addition to stewarding many initiatives for KSBI workers in our region, is now a key driver and complementary feature to the Kootenay Regional Film Commission, a joint program of NCTS and Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association. Without the KSBI Regional Program Manager specifically, it would be very challenging for NCTS to continue this exciting and growing economic initiative.

This project supports Nelson's Path to 2040 through the following focus areas:

Arts, Culture and Heritage

ACH1: Promote artistic and cultural expression and celebration in the community to help support a vibrant centre and identity.

ACH2: Preserve and celebrate the authenticity and heritage of our community.

ACH3: Engage the creative energy of the community in strengthening a cultural vision for Nelson.

ACH4: Integrate the Arts, Culture and Heritage sector with others to enrich and build a stronger community.

Outcome: The KSBI Regional Program Manager and Events and Communications Coordinator cultivate relationships with screen-based industry (SBI) workers and companies in our region, managing our social media content and outreach, organizing and facilitating meetups, and continuing to gather feedback from the community on how to better serve SBI interests in the

region, leading to more locally-generated film, video and divergent media projects, and better exchange between people, companies, and communities.

Energy and Climate Change

ECC2: Promote and support activities and infrastructure, such as buildings and transportation, which reduce energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and are carbon-neutral.

Outcome: The KSBI supports local sharing of gear, venues, and services, reducing the need to source and bring these items from outside of the region or travel elsewhere to complete projects. Our nascent gear rental program will improve this effect further, by making technical equipment available to local filmmakers. As a result, transportation and travel costs to complete projects can be substantially reduced. Networking through the KSBI Facebook group and in-person meetups facilitates new professional connections, increasing the opportunities to collaborate with or employ people who are in our area on aspects of projects that would otherwise need to be sourced elsewhere.

Healthy Living and Social Wellbeing

HLSW2: Foster an inclusive & respectful community where all citizens have opportunities for meaningful participation in social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the City.

HLSW4: Maximize opportunities for intergenerational connections, in particular as they support family development.

HLSW5: Sustain an attitude of openness and a culture of learning that adapts positively to change.

HLSW6: Support economic development activities that incorporate social justice considerations such as: affordable and acceptable childcare, housing and transportation; living wages; sufficient employment; and workplaces free of discrimination and harassment.

Outcome: There is substantial activity on our Facebook group and at our meetups, both of which are open to the public. Valuable and supportive exchanges between emerging and established SBI workers cultivate intergenerational learning and cross-pollination, resulting in more local projects engaging more local people in a variety of capacities. There is already ample evidence of this through many local projects forged out of new collaborations.

Local Economy

LE1: Proactively attract, retain, expand and foster businesses and investment in Nelson.

LE2: Foster and support entrepreneurial leadership in the community.

LE3: Maintain and further develop our diverse economy by identifying and supporting key sectors.

LE4: Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown and waterfront and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles.

Outcome: The KSBI Program is contributing substantially to the development of the local film sector - this can be seen by the exchanges on the Facebook group, the number of new members that join on a steady basis, the many collaborations between film professionals and other artists, and the engagement at meetups and within workshops, masterclasses, and mentorship programs. Our hand in supporting the Kootenay Regional Film Commission cannot be understated - the entire purpose of the commission is centred around bringing film projects to our region to make significant economic impacts. It is already beginning to see outcomes, with the first major commercial feature completed in 2022 in Fernie, and many inquiries and considerations for films in communities across the region underway on an ongoing basis.

Our project also aligns with CBT's strategic priorities in Arts, Culture and Heritage, Community Priorities, Economic Development and Non-Profit Support.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Stacey
Executive Director

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$500.00		\$500.00		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$18,000.00

			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

Project: Kootenay Motocross Bathroom Upgrades

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.



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Kootenay Motocross

Valid Through: 2023-03-03

Phone:	Cell:	Cust PO:	Terms: DUE ON RECEIPT		
Fax:	Cell:		Salesperson: JANENE		
Stock Code	Description	Weight	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended
P2000	Parks Style Toilet Building (No Floor Slab)	12,280	1.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
P2001	6'4" x 9' 6" Parks Concrete Floor Slab (Vault)	3,700	1.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
P2007	750 Gallon Capacity Vault	4,500	1.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
P2020	On Site Assembly/Setup	0	1.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
DLT	Delivery - Truck and Trailer , LOA (Ootischenia, BC)	0	1.00	5,900.00	5,900.00

Leko Precast shall not be responsible for site excavation and backfill. Customer to supply clean, compactable 3/4" minus onsite prior to vault installation by Leko Precast (approximately 18 cubic yards per vault).

Cost of delivery and LOA subject to change depending on location and quantity of buildings ordered.

Floyd Babiak
 Kootenay Motocross
 fwbabs@outlook.com

Total weight: 20,480 lbs	SubTotal:	23,400.00
	PST:	1,463.00
	GST:	1,170.00
	Total:	26,033.00

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February 18, 2024

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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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,352.03	\$1,352.03	\$1,352.03		
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
		\$1,352.03		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,408.12

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.



Service Provider- Partnership Form

The responsibilities listed below indicate intent, not legal obligation, and are agreed upon in the spirit of effective collaboration.

Support Partner: S/Sgt. Brandon Buliziuk et al

Organization: Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Creston Detachment

Contact information: brandon.buliziuk@rcmp-grc.gc.ca Date: 2024-02-13

With respect to Kootenay Employment Services' *Community Quest* proposal, I would like to offer my support by agreeing to commit to the following in-kind contribution.

Challenge Participation: As a Service Provider, you can create or sponsor challenges related to your service, offering hands-on experiences and insights into the services and supports you offer within the community.

Informational Booths: Set up a booth to provide information about job opportunities and career paths within your organization, offering a direct and informative resource for interested participants.

Networking Sessions: Personally engage with participants during designated networking sessions, offering advice, answering questions, and sharing your experiences to provide guidance and encouragement.

Job Opportunity Announcements: Utilize the event as a platform to announce job openings or internship opportunities within your organization, creating awareness and potential opportunities for the participants.



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Promotional Materials: Distribute brochures, flyers, or promotional materials about your company and the services you offer, ensuring participants have tangible information to take away.

Prize Sponsorship: Contribute to the event's success by sponsoring prizes, recognizing participants' achievements, and encouraging excellence in various categories to motivate and inspire the youth.

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Support Partner Signature: S/Sgt. Brandon M.J. Buliziusk #53740



Service Provider- Partnership Form

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Support Partner: Walter Felitsyn - Director Clinical Operations, Creston

Organization: Interior Health

Contact information: Vladimir.Felitsyn@interiorhealth.ca Date: Feb. 19, 2024

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Support Partner Signature: _____

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Service Provider- Partnership Form

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Support Partner: __Valley Community Services Society

Organization: _ Valley Community Services Society

Contact information: __Justine Keirn__ Date: __February 20, 2024__

With respect to Kootenay Employment Services' *Community Quest* proposal, I would like to offer my support by agreeing to commit to the following in-kind contribution.

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Service Provider- Partnership Form

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Support Partner: Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce

Organization: _____

Contact information: Melanie Joy Date: Feb 16/24
president@creston-valleychamber.com

With respect to Kootenay Employment Services' *Community Quest* proposal, I would like to offer my support by agreeing to commit to the following in-kind contribution.

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Support Partner Signature: 

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
\$750.00	\$750.00	\$500.00		
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
		\$3,000.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

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.

It was a cold day last January when we had hard news. Pregnant with our fourth child we had gone to Calgary to assess some abnormal results from an ultrasound. We got the worst news we could ask for, our baby could not survive on its own once born. Our son was diagnosed with congenital heart disease. He had Transposition of the Great Arteries. We needed to relocate to Edmonton to have the baby where help could support him immediately and prepare him for an open heart surgery to save his life. The stay was estimated for two months. Our heads were spinning as we drove home from Calgary just shells of the people who had driven up that morning. We were overwhelmed with the journey ahead of us. The last thing we wanted to be worrying about was how to keep our expenses paid for through it all. We wanted our family together to support each other through the hard time. We were told by some friends and family about Friends Of Children and that we should contact them because they help families like us out. We did, and once our son was born they took us on and helped fund our accommodations and fuel expenses so we wouldn't have to stress about one more thing than we needed to be focused on. Thanks to them our experience was less stressful. The Friends of Children continue to help our family with our frequent trips out of town to Calgary and Edmonton giving us financial support for the fuel and accommodations as necessary.

Thank you

The Dalke Family



Baby Westley had heart surgery at birth and continues to travel to follow-ups for monitoring and assessments with the assistance of Friends of Children.

I am a single mother living in Cranbrook, BC and this is my story.

I had an emergency birth with my second child in October of 2022 at BC women's hospital in Vancouver. My daughter was ten weeks premature and born with bilateral club feet. It was scary: I was alone and with a very small, vulnerable baby.

My relationship with Friends of Children began when Aubrie was transferred to Kelowna General Hospital November of 2022. I understood we had a long hospital journey ahead of us, and unfortunately, our window of time with alternate support was quickly closing. I was also getting increasingly worried about having the means to stay in close proximity to my daughter whom I visited every minute that I could.

Just about the time that I had exhausted my accommodations and temporary support, Jackalin from Cranbrook Infant Development Center reached out to me and put me in contact with Friends of Children to ask for help in my situation and circumstance. I was so grateful to Sheila Hall who put me at ease immediately. Sheila quickly went to work securing me more time at the hotel I had previously acquired. Sheila also provided me with groceries and fuel for my small car. This came at the right time for me and allowed me to focus on being present for my small baby who was still very much fighting for her life.

With the help and support of Friends of Children I was able to maintain accommodations close to the hospital, feed myself and my 2yr old son, and juggle as much time as I could at the NICU for another month and a half. This venture would have ultimately been a terribly heavy struggle if not for the support I received.

Aubrie was discharged from the KGH NICU in late December of 2022. We made it out in time to celebrate Christmas with my parents, who live a two hour drive from the Kelowna Hospital. Aubrie still had numerous weeks of treatment and serial casting for her club feet ahead of her. I decided to stay at my parents for this duration of time so we would be comfortable and close to the hospital while we made weekly trips for casting appointments. Friends of Children was there for me then, also. Support for groceries and fuel for the grueling winter drives to and from the hospital took the worry out of life so I could dedicate myself to Aubrie and her brother Boh.

Our winter of 22/23 went by with many trips around the Okanagan for casting appointments. Aubrie made progress. She received her orthotics in early February of 2023. This marked the end of two months of weekly serial casting! We were finally given the green light and we were GOING HOME!

At this point my children and I had been away from home for almost four and a half months! I can very honestly say that without the help of Friends of Children, circumstances would have been very dire indeed.

Friends of Children helped me through the toughest of trials, allowing me the time to be the mother my children needed. The organization has been by my side through all the appointments.

It had been over a year now of therapy for Aubrie's feet and support for Aubrie's journey is still on-going!

We now have an Orthopedic Surgeon in Calgary, Alberta, at the Alberta Children's Hospital. Aubrie continues to make progress, however it's slow. Aubrie has received three surgeries in this short, first year of her life. She has endured three, six-week, serial casting routines and we have made over 20 trips to Alberta Children's Hospital in a time frame of eight months. Friends of Children has graciously assisted me with this multitude of ventures to Calgary. We still have a long way to go and treatment with orthotics is expected until she is four years of age, however we are seeing a calm to the storm. Aubrie's appointments are spreading out over longer periods of time and the work she has received has paid off and we are seeing great results that will absolutely allow her a normal life, with normal feet!

At this point I would be in unimaginable debt, entirely way over my head if not for their help. When we need to stay overnight for an early morning appointment, or we need to rent a car to take us safely over the passes in winter conditions, even the fuel costs of these trips have been generously compensated by the help of Friends of Children.

At Christmas time of 2023, Friends of Children generously included our family in the Secret Santa program! I was lost for words when 7 boxes of gifts arrived for my children and I still don't quite know how to express my overwhelming gratitude for the gesture that it was. My children felt so special. It made Christmas have that magic we are always hoping for as parents. It completed Christmas. Thank you, Friends of Children, for the smiles on their tiny faces that morning.

Aubrie recently received walking orthotics to allow her to develop her walking skills in a timely fashion. My little Aub is the strongest person I know, and she doesn't even know her own grit, yet. Such a thirst for life. She is so excited to begin walking, climb on everything and just be free to move around. Speaking with motherhood prejudice, she is absolutely the happiest child that has ever lived! She lights up a room with her giggles and most of the day has a permanent grin that cannot be shadowed. Her big brother, Bohdi is her hero. The bond they have grown is my biggest joy! Bohdin has been beside her at every stage of this game. He's my hero, too!

As we continue this journey and keep moving in the path of restorative healing, I am confident that Aubrie will make full recovery. It is going to take us some time; time that I can now face confidently, day by day, regarding Aubrie's successful recovery. This is a very heart felt, peace-of-mind, gift that Friends of Children has given me. I will remain forever grateful of the kindness and financial support given to me and my children by the Friends of Children. Thank you.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$300.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,300.00		
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
		\$4,900.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,000.00

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:

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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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Project: Therapeutic Riding Program

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 **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
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
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
		\$3,700.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$7,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,700.00	\$16,100.00	\$16,100.00

Project: Hop to Vine Hustle

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$400.00	\$800.00	\$800.00		
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
		\$1,800.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,800.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,800.00	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$29,500.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00

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.

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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.

Project: Dads Matter. Families on a Tuesday . Supporting Families With Diverse Needs. Families Housing That Fits

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.

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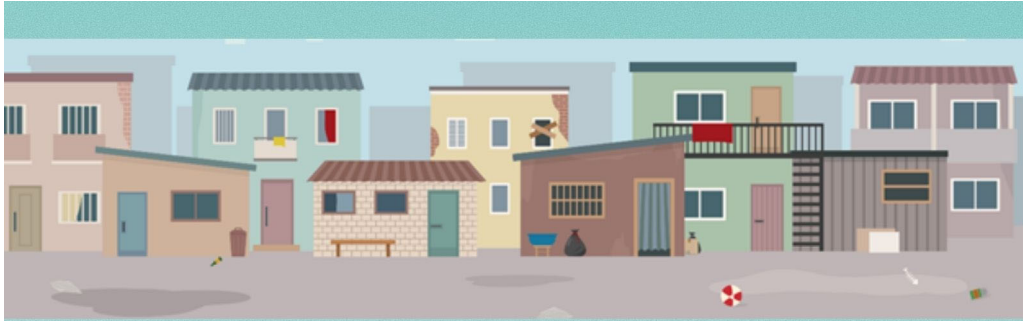
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- Sharing
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Organization **Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital & Health Foundation Society**

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$8,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$32,000.00
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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

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

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:

File No. 73-2024

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

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.

Cindy Ferguson
Manager Clinical Operations OR & ACU
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital
cindy.ferguson@interiorhealth.ca

April 3, 2023

KBRH Health Foundation
Attn.: Lisa Pasin
1200 Hospital Bench
Trail, BC V1R 4M1

Dear Lisa,

I am writing to request funding to support the Orthopedic Enhancement Project at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH).

Our appeal is directed towards the KBRH Health Foundation, seeking assistance in acquiring advanced medical equipment and instrumentation to be used in the Operating Rooms at KBRH. This equipment and instrumentation will be dedicated for use by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

The project specifically calls for cutting-edge equipment, including a Self Retaining Hip Surgery Retractor System, Universal Lateral Positioner, Collinear Reduction Clamp Set, Orthopedic Hana Table, and other essential tools. This project will significantly enhance the capabilities of our surgical team, reduce patient wait times, and elevate the overall standard of orthopedic care, providing enhanced accessibility and convenience for patients close to home in the Kootenay Boundary.

The newly acquired equipment will advance techniques used in all current procedures performed at KBRH, including hip and knee replacements, ankle, shoulder, hand, and wrist repairs, along with trauma surgeries. Notably, it will introduce a 24 hour or less discharge process for patients undergoing hip and knee replacements, as well as support two new orthopedic surgeons being recruited to the surgical team at KBRH.

On behalf of the dedicated medical professionals delivering care to orthopedic patients, which includes our most vulnerable senior citizens, at KBRH, we extend our gratitude for consideration of funding for this transformative initiative. Your support will undoubtedly make a profound impact on the well-being and quality of care for individuals in our communities.

Sincerely,

Cindy Ferguson
Manager of Clinical Operations OR, ACU, MDR & Surgical Services
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

City of Nelson Addendum to CBT-ReDi Grant Application 2024: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project is a regional initiative that positively impacts Nelson's Path to Sustainability Strategy Goals and Objectives in the priority areas of: Prosperity and Resiliency, and the Focus Areas of Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Economy.

The majority of funding for the Orthopedic Enhancement Project will be derived from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, including support from residents (individuals and families), auxiliaries, corporations, and municipalities throughout Trail, Warfield, Rossland, the Beaver Valley and the Electoral Areas A & B. Funding has been requested from the RDKB CBT-ReDi program totalling \$42,500. For proportional funding requests within the RDCK, please see the full CBT-ReDi submission documents. Every area/municipality in the RDKB and RDCK has been asked for funding support through the ReDi Grant process.

\$430,000.00 in community donations have been raised to date for the Orthopedic Enhancement Project. Fundraising for this project commenced September 2023 and is expected to conclude by December 2024.

Prosperity & Resiliency:

- The Orthopedic Enhancement Project supports existing healthcare infrastructure and personnel. Interior Health employs over 600 employees within our areas. Nelson residents that require orthopedic care will benefit from this project. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic surgery and trauma services in the Kootenay Boundary and provides over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. Ensuring that KBRH can provide orthopedic surgeries closer to home, rather than travelling outside of our region, for Nelson residents meets the City of Nelson's goal to ensure healthy and affordable lifestyles for their residents.
- Our hospitals (KBRH and KLH) play an important leadership role in maintaining regional hospital services. This role includes providing our citizens with the best healthcare possible and thus investment in this existing healthcare model is imperative. Our citizens expect a high level of healthcare provision and it is our responsibility to facilitate an improved level of health care whenever possible, which will benefit all residents across the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.
- Economic security and meaningful employment are benefits that can be derived from improvements in our regional healthcare system. As our facilities are improved, through capital projects and expansion of services, the importance of our healthcare system when considering regional referral services also increases.
- When we expand services to include cutting edge, state of the art services, it also supports staff and specialist recruitment and retention.
- The medical equipment purchases requested in this grant will provide the Orthopedic Surgeons with the critical equipment necessary to continue their excellent work providing hip and knee replacement; hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, hand and wrist repair; and trauma surgeries. As well, two new procedures will be introduced including total ankle replacements - currently patients are travelling to Kelowna or Vancouver for this procedure and one-day hip and knee replacements - ensuring patients can heal in the comfort of their homes, sooner, when possible.

Please see the grant application itself for full details on the Orthopedic Enhancement Project.

Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Local Economy:

- Supporting our healthcare system and improving our access to advanced healthcare strengthens our social and economic systems, and will benefit the entire West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District during challenging times.
- Maintaining our current hospital system provides stable employment opportunities for many citizens and is an important economic driver for our communities.
- In times of healthcare treatment and crisis, it is beneficial for our citizens to receive care locally and to have the fullest array of services available in our local communities. The benefits include: patients remain closer to home and receive a greater level of support from their friends and family; intergenerational connections will be maintained; patients employment will not be jeopardized through required absences from work while they travel out of area for medical care if treatment is not provided locally; and reduced cost of travel for patients who would typically be referred to larger city centres to receive care often requiring extended stays and the expense of accommodations, meals, etc., further increasing the burden on rural families.

We **thank you** for considering a contribution for the Orthopedic Enhancement Project through the RDCK CBT-ReDi Program. We appreciate contributions of any value. Your participation will enhance healthcare and maintain good health for all those who choose to live and work in the City of Nelson and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,



Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00		
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
		\$1,200.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$2,200.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,200.00	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00

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 **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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$950.00	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$950.00	\$900.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$950.00	\$950.00		\$500.00	\$950.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,400.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$3,500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$17,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$17,000.00	\$50,500.00	\$50,500.00

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 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.

From: cvc-recreation@chantellegroup.com
To: "[Raymond Aucoin](#)"
Subject: RE: Concerts in Care Online - your access info
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:58:18 PM

To Whom it May Concern

Castlevue Care Centre wanted to thank you for the amazing concert performed. Concerts in Care is always a lovely and well put together performance that makes everything run smoothly for staff and residents in the facility. Our residents always appreciate Concerts in Care coming in and they enjoy the performance as well as the social interaction of seeing the performers. The performance is always talked about with staff and residents after about how well done it was. We at Castlevue Care Centre would like to see many more Concerts in Care performances in the future and look forward to it.

Best Regards,

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February 5, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is in support of the Concerts in Care provided by the Health Arts Society at Mountain Lake Seniors Community. The residents of Mountain Lake have been enjoying Concerts in Care for a number of years and continue to benefit greatly from the talented musicians who perform at our home on a monthly basis.

Each month we are provided a poster advertising the upcoming performance, which allows us to look forward to the event and plan for specific residents to be in attendance, who we know will appreciate and benefit from the musical genre/instruments involved.

The quality of musicians and the performances they share are of such a high standard and we feel so fortunate to share these performances with our residents who are no longer able to make it to our local theatre or venues. With Nelson being an "arts" town, we have many residents living in our home who have been musicians themselves and/or have enjoyed local musical performances before moving into care, and the fact that they are still able to enjoy such high-quality shows from highly talented musicians is a great treat; keeping them connected to their local community and providing enriching and meaningful opportunities that they can share with loved ones.

We are grateful to and appreciate the Health Arts Society for bringing this program to our residents and our home and hope we can continue this relationship for the future.

Thank you,

Sandra Grochowich
Life Enrichment Coordinator
Mountain Lake Seniors Community
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Enriching the Lives of Seniors through Innovation and Creativity

DUNCAN ~ BURNABY ~ COQUITLAM ~ SURREY ~ PORT COQUITLAM ~ MAPLE RIDGE ~ KAMLOOPS
SQUAMISH ~ SALMON ARM ~ KELOWNA ~ PENTICTON ~ NELSON ~ CALGARY ~ EDMONTON ~ MEDICINE HAT



February 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this letter on behalf of Concerts in Care to show my support. I believe the programme is deserving of the funding because it provides the need for high quality, live, professional arts programmes for elders in residential care including our residents here at Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo - Long Term Care. Our residents love each performances and they are always looking forward every month to see and hear these professional musicians. The smiles and joy that they bring to our residents are precious and greatly appreciated.

For these reasons, I hope you consider their application for funding. If you have any questions feel free to reach me at 250-353-2731.

Thank you,

Mary Ricablanca

Recreation Coordinator

Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo

Health Arts Society-Concerts in Care
 CBT ReDi Grant Application February 10, 2024
 Attachment 1

Alignment with City of Nelson planning documents

Document	Focus Area & Objective	Health Arts Society
Path to 2040	<p>Arts, Culture and Heritage</p> <p>ACH1: Promote artistic and cultural expression and celebration in the community to help support a vibrant centre and identity.</p> <p>ACH2: Preserve and celebrate the authenticity and heritage of our community</p>	<p>Enriches community life in Nelson by creating opportunities for small musical performances. Supports Nelson's reputation as a cultural centre.</p> <p>Encourages artists to participate in Nelson's cultural sector; providing a conduit between the arts community and seniors in care. Assists professional musicians to remain living in Nelson by providing opportunities for employment.</p>
	<p>Local Economy</p> <p>LE4: Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown and waterfront and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles.</p>	<p>Identified a gap in type of musical performances. Creates employment opportunities for local professional musicians.</p>
	<p>Healthy Living and Social Well-being</p> <p>HLSW2: Foster an inclusive & respectful community where all citizens have opportunities for meaningful participation in social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the City.</p>	<p>Seniors living in long-term care suffer isolation as they are no longer able to access live music or theatre. These events offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and a feeling of inclusion.</p>
Comprehensive Cultural Policy	<p>Value Statement 5.2.1: Our authentic identity as a community with well-preserved and abundant heritage architecture, and professional and practising artists.</p>	<p>Health Arts Society-Concerts in Care increases performance opportunities for local professional musicians who struggle to make a living and often have to travel out of town to perform.</p>

	5.2.3: The cultural sector's ability to contribute to the community's identity.	We are providing cultural events of a type currently not often found (chamber music and similar small ensembles) which enhances Nelson's identity as an arts community.
	5.2.5 Collaboration both within the cultural sector and with all sectors of Nelson's and the regional economy.	We are working with other musical organizations in Nelson such as Nelson Overture Concerts and Selkirk Pro-Musica. to coordinate evening performances in Nelson as well as the communities of, Castlegar, and Kaslo to maximize performance opportunities for artists.
	5.2.9: Professionalism and best practices in the cultural sector.	Only professional musicians perform concerts in Care programs. It is our goal to bring high quality music to seniors isolated in care.
	5.2.10: Innovation within the cultural sector.	Concerts in Care concerts are unique in that they provide professional level performances for seniors in care. Most public health authorities do not have mandated standards or budgets for these types of concerts..

From: "Kate Hansen" <khansen@glm.ca>
Subject: RE: Concerts in Care - Health Arts Society
Date: February 23, 2019 at 1:30:10 PM PST
To: "Nicola Everton" <nicola@healtharts.org>

Crest View Village looks forward to Concerts in care every month! Residents faces light up, and their toes are tapping. They enjoy the amazing music from a variety of styles and Genres that are brought to us.

Concerts in Care is something special for residents to look forward to and that we are privileged enough to experience.

Thank you for supporting Concerts in care and making it available to us.

Crest View Village

Kate Hansen

Recreation

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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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00		
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
		\$14,000.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$34,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$34,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00

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.



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To whom it may concern

As President of the Rotary Club of Creston and as a long-time Creston resident I wish to emphasize the importance of this event to our community.

Blossom Festival is the premier event of the year for Creston. With its traditional Victoria Day long weekend date in May it is a homecoming event, attracting many former residents to return to visit family and friends. It brings in visitors who want to enjoy the attractions of the Blossom Fest and enjoy the valley's natural attractions (including blossoms, of course). For visitors and residents alike it is a celebration of the spring and the promises of summer in a small town in a beautiful valley.

Our Rotary Club supports the Blossom Festival by marshalling the parade and manning the barricades along the parade route. We get to feel the excitement in the air and see the smiles on the faces of both participants and spectators.

I know that increasing costs and tight budgets are an ongoing issue for the Blossom Festival Committee. I urge your organization to financially support the event to the fullest extent of your capacity to do so. It is money well spent.

Yours truly,

Don Low, President
Rotary Club of Creston



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Re: Application for C.I.P. Grant by Creston Valley Blossom Festival Committee

The Creston Lions Club fully supports the application being submitted for C.I.P. Grant funding by the Creston Valley Blossom Festival Committee.

The Blossom Festival was first organized by the Creston Lions Club about 1940 and our Members have been involved since inception. This weekend of events for the whole family draws visitors from all over the Kootenays and beyond and is an economic stimulator for our businesses and various non profits.

The Blossom Festival Committee is a dedicated group of VOLUNTEERS in an age where people seem less and less motivated to get involved. These volunteers deserve all the support we can give them.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,

Ken Sommerfeld
Treasurer
Creston Lions Club