

Organization **Kaslo Concert Society**

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Concert Venue Rental**

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$850.00	\$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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$1,250.00

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

Project: Concert Venue Rental

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375

Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Food Cupboard**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$23,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Food Cupboard

\$23,000.00	\$152,000.00	\$152,000.00
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1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues:

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

Opportunities:

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

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

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

Project: Food Cupboard

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

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

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

Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-Kind

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$500.00			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$2,500.00	
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	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

1. The project will provide:

Project: Infant Radiant Warmer for the Maternity Ward

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Not applicable

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

9.0 Parks and Natural Areas

9.1 Purpose

To provide passive outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting and preserving natural areas.

9.2 Objectives

1. To retain, maintain, connect, and improve existing parkland, open space, and trails.
2. To strive for parks and natural areas to be available indiscriminately to all members of the community regardless of ability, income, age, background, gender, or orientation.
3. To preserve and enhance the local biodiversity in natural areas.
4. To encourage low impact recreational opportunities on trails, parklands, and open spaces.
5. To make public parks welcoming, accessible places for community celebrations, festivals, and gatherings.
6. To recognize the importance of Kaslo's boulevard trees as natural amenities that enhance the urban environment, improve the local climate, and link natural areas.
7. To protect, maintain and enhance natural areas and watercourses through municipal asset management and recognize their role in mitigating the impacts of climate change.
8. To cooperate with the Regional District in developing and maintaining regional parks and trails to encourage active living and accessibility for residents and tourists alike.
9. To advocate for Crown land surrounding the Village to be used only in ways that support the sustainability and climate resiliency of our region in consultation with residents, the

Community Forest and Indigenous communities.

10. To protect the Village's sources of drinking water.

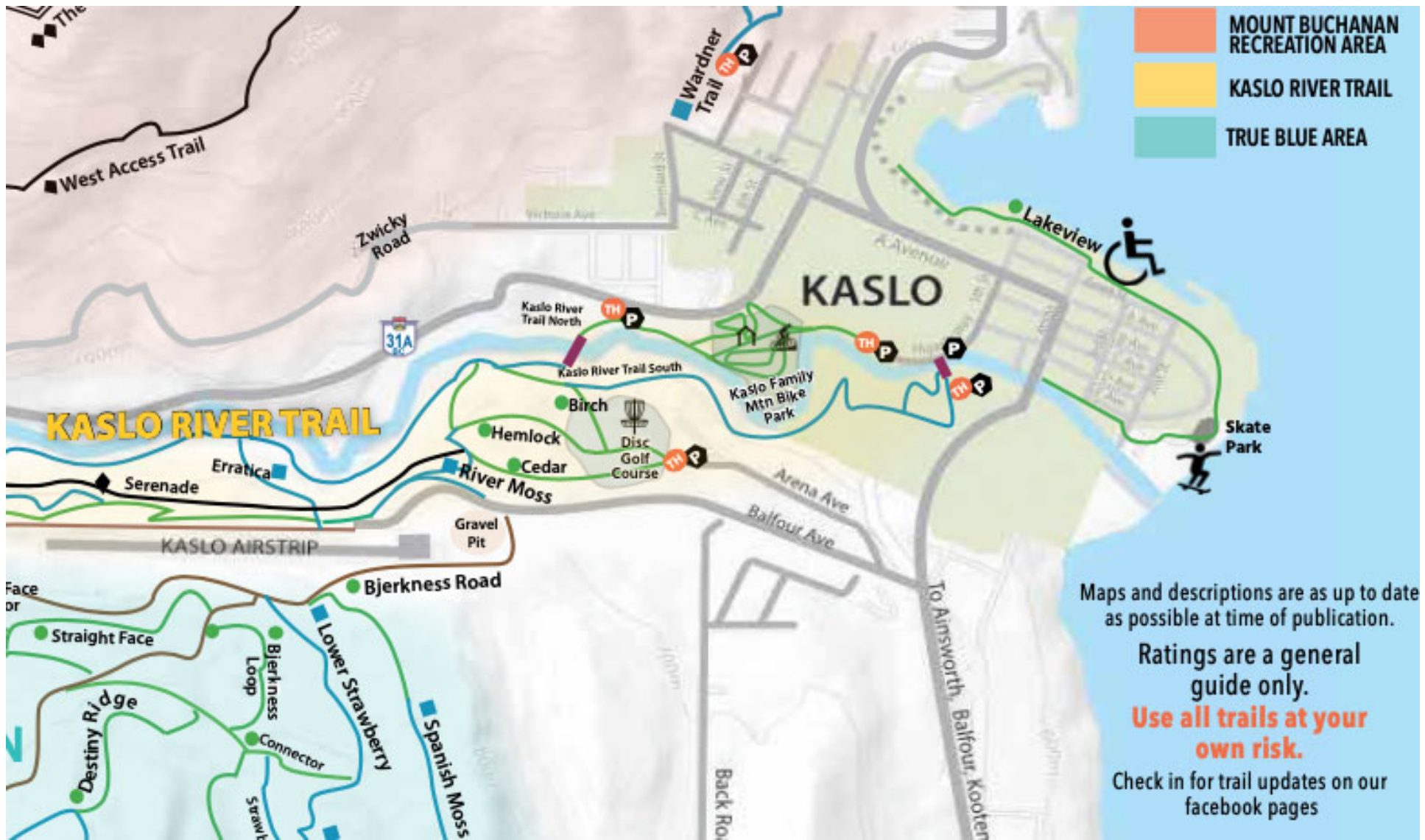
9.3 Policies

The Village will:

1. Designate parks, beaches, trails, dikes, lakefront and riverfront areas Parks and Natural Areas as shown on Map 'B' - Land Use Designations Map.
2. Work with local groups to establish, improve, and maintain a system of trails as set out on Map D - Transportation & Trails Map.
3. Establish and maintain the Stream Protection and Lakefront Protection Development Permit Areas to protect natural areas and riparian zones.
4. Preserve the public lands along lakefront and riverfront areas for parks, trails, and public use.
5. Preserve the village-owned land outside the municipal boundary for natural areas, trails and public uses.
6. Require that public access be provided along key waterfront lands to achieve a linked multi-use trail system between major parks, greenbelts, dikes, and other recreational features throughout Kaslo and area.
7. Provide support to the Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society to:
 - a. provide interpretive facilities, improve park facilities and public amenities along the lakefront and riverfront areas

- b. maintain, improve, and expand the network of trails throughout the Village.
8. Encourage linkages between trails, parks, lakefront areas, open spaces, and beaches within the village, and those that extend





Maps and descriptions are as up to date as possible at time of publication.

Ratings are a general guide only.

Use all trails at your own risk.

Check in for trail updates on our facebook pages

KASLO FAMILY MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

This Park is yours to enjoy. Have fun while you practice your trail riding skills. Many volunteers put in hundreds of hours to create this bike park. Please take care of the park and respect other users.



-  Green Trails - Easy
-  Blue Trails - Intermediate
-  Kaslo River Trail
-  Access Trails



Protect Your Brain, Wear a Helmet **Bicycles Only, No Motorized Vehicles** **No Drugs or Alcohol**

- This park is unsupervised. Use at your own risk
- Look out for each other. In case of emergency call 911
- Please take your garbage to the Trailhead trash bin
- Open dawn to dusk
- Report any damage to KORTS at kortsbc@gmail.com or the Village of Kaslo at admin@kaslo.ca

Thank you to the Sponsors and Significant Volunteers of the Family Mountain Bike Project:

Doug Roberts, Charles De Pape, Ian McKinnon & Jason Remple. With special thanks to Kaslo Youth: Naia, Gwyndon, Tieghan, Colton, Luca, and friends.



Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375
Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Saturday Market 2024**

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

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

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because it will:

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

Who will benefit from this project?

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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Who will benefit from this project?

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

Project: Kaslo Saturday Market 2024

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

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

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

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

Registration # 118819036RR001

520 C Falls Street, Nelson BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Spay-Neuter & Medical Assistance**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of Salmo, Village of Kaslo

The Project takes place and starts at the Nelson BCSPCA including our local vets.

Importance to the community:

There is an ongoing trend of animal owners requesting assistance from the program. Due to rising cost of Vet care, animals owners do not always have the resources to seek spay neuter, vaccines and permanent identification. Funding for the Project will prevent more unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. As well the added protection of a vaccine and parasite prevention lowers the risk of illness/spread of disease like Parvo virus, distemper, FIV, FIP. The public also benefits from the decreased conflict with stray at large animals.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2024 Project End: 6/1/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$600.00			\$330.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$300.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$800.00	
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
			\$2,400.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,980.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,980.00	\$14,420.00	\$14,420.00

1. The project will provide:

The BCSPCA will identify families/persons in need of Spay Neuter/ Medical Assistance via walk-ins, Out Reach workers speaking on behalf of clients, phone calls and referrals. The purpose of the project is to reduce the number of unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. Included in the Project is a standard vaccine, parasite treatment, and permanent lifetime microchip registration with the BC Pet Registry. This will be achieved by working with local Vets, social workers, engaging with the public, educating on the importance of spay neuter and vaccines, vet visits.

2. Organization Mandate:

To protect and enhance the quality of life for domestic, farm, and wild animals in British Columbia.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

There is an ongoing trend of animal owners requesting assistance from the program. Due to rising cost of Vet care, animals owners do not always have the resources to seek spay neuter, vaccines and permanent identification. Funding for the Project will prevent more unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. As well the added protection of a vaccine and parasite prevention lowers the risk of illness/spread of disease like Parvo virus, distemper, FIV, FIP. The public also benefits from the decreased conflict with stray at large animals.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We are addressing the problem of pet overpopulation, due to unexpected litters of kittens and puppies. These are identified by owner surrender requests, social media posts of puppies/kittens needing homes, roaming intact animals disrupting neighbourhoods. We also get requests from animals owners that can not afford the cost of the procedure of spay/neuter.

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

Our organization is well know in the community and surrounding areas, providing outreach with our pet food bank, emergency boarding and general education to the public. We have a great relationship with local vets and we work together to make the project run smoothly. We connect to with animals owners and keep it all about helping the animal owner and build a trusting relationship.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The BC SPCA Animal Centre Manger, staff, Volunteers of the Nelson BCSPCA, local Vets, their staff and animal guardians are all involved in the process.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Our Veterinary partners offer us a discount on all procedures including microchip implantation, vaccines and treatments, pain management and aftercare items.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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

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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

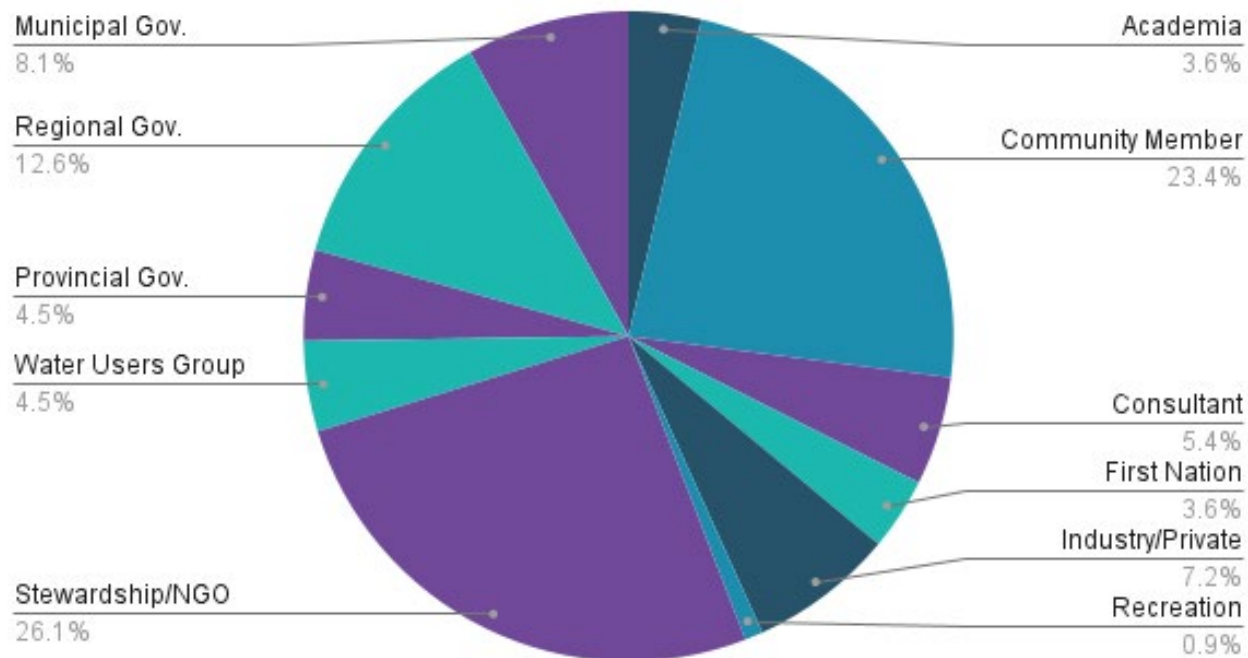


Figure 1: Participation in the Lower Columbia-Kootenay LRG across sectors and demographics.

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?

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 Slokan 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

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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.

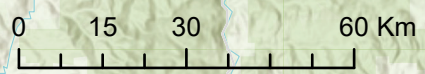
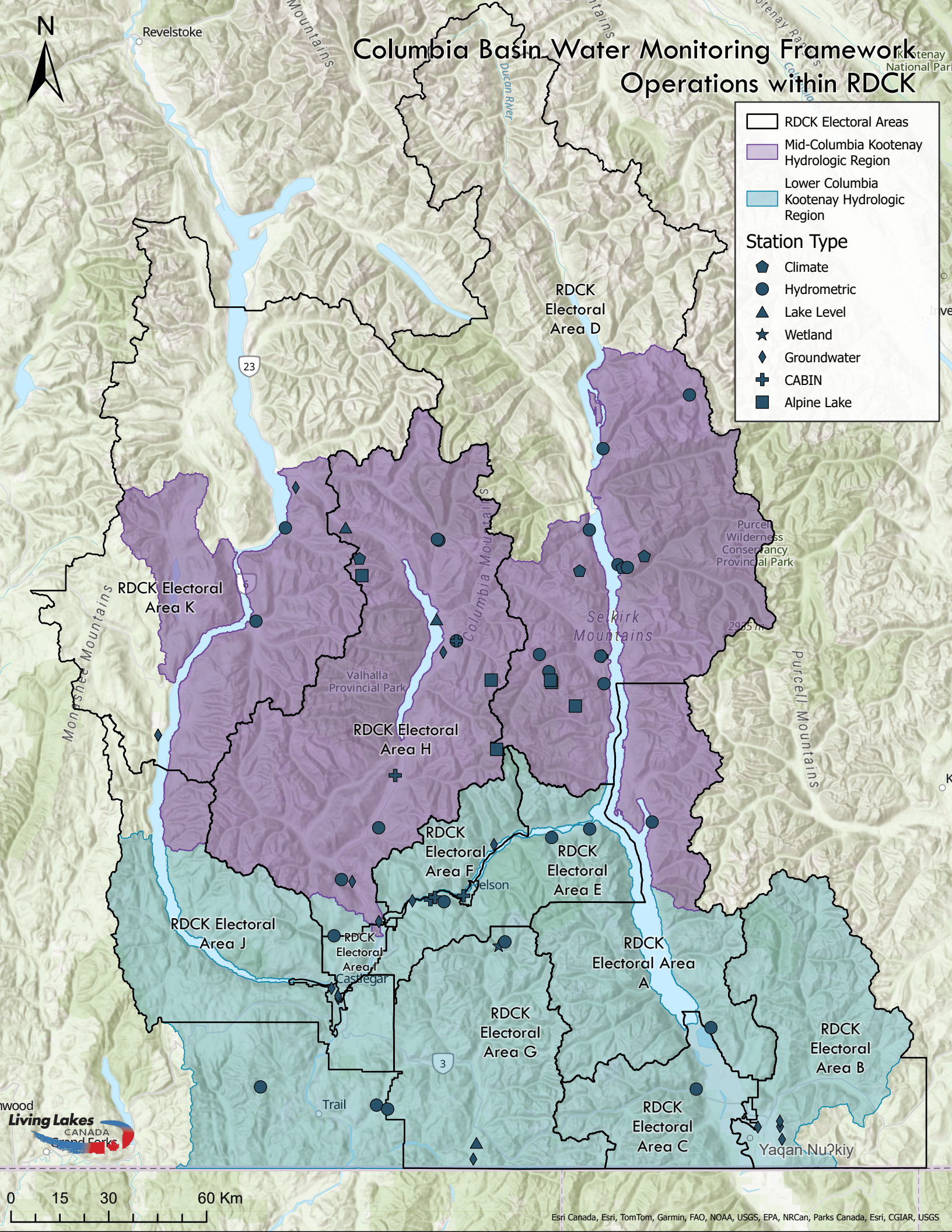
To learn more about the CBWMF, visit www.livinglakescanada.ca/cbwmf.

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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 **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

Project: Kootenay Yoga Festival

volunteer program which provides free entry as an exchange. By offering year-round events at an accessible price, we can also increase community involvement at our local gatherings & workshops. In addition, we will be using mobile outreach to bring events closer to those in rural communities and providing transportation options for those who may have difficulty traveling to our festival.

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

Our team is a group of hard working individuals who are committed to improving our community through the vision of our foundation. Each person has the capacity to manage their time appropriately, complete important tasks successfully and use their valuable skills to make this project a reality. Our current team consists of Event Coordinator, Fundraising Director, Finance Assistant, Website Designer, Digital Marketing & Communications Manager, Sound & Tech Coordinator and Executive Director. We have had a very successful outcome from previous year's festivals and events, with lots of positive feedback and collaboration from our community. This has allowed us to grow a lot as an organization since the initial conception of this project. We are certain that we will be able to have the same kind of success in 2024 and we are very motivated by how we can truly impact the wellbeing of those living in our region.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Our KYF team of skilled individuals has been generously volunteering their time & energy for the start up of this project, however, this is an initiative that requires support from our entire community. We have a detailed plan for volunteer involvement with clear roles to support the planning & production of our events. We have also assembled an advisory board with members who have expertise in relevant areas and we regularly engage with them for guidance and feedback on how to successfully complete our project. Our sponsorship program also allows local businesses to be involved in and support the event.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

- Over 400 volunteer hours from staff positions,
- 50 hours consultation time from advisors

In-Kind Donations

- The Hume Hotel - \$100.00
- Yasodhara Ashram - \$110.00
- Oso Negro Coffee - \$115.50
- Ralcomm - \$213.00
- Happy Gut Pro - \$215.28
- Kootenay Co-Op - \$250.00
- Kootenay Bakery - \$257.75
- Viva Cacao - \$300.00
- Kootenay Kombucha - \$336.00
- Hall Printing - \$100.00
- Mountain Valley Media - \$600.00
- The Jam Factory Co-working space - \$1,929.38
- Retreat Guru - \$1,617.00
- Life Untethered Coaching - \$1,500.00

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Top Knott - \$600.00
Embracing Life - \$800.00
Love of Shiva - \$220.00
RONA/Maglios - \$397.98
Shady Spaces Corp - \$697.50
Radio Winlove - \$600.00

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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

Smum iem
Box 69 New Denver, B.C.
V0G 1S0



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

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park Trail Upgrade & New Infrastructure**

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

Importance to the community:

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

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/6/2024 Project End: 8/23/2024

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,500.00	\$6,050.00	\$6,050.00

Project: Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park Trail Upgrade & New Infrastructure

1. The project will provide:

The trails and ride features within the KFMBP have always been visioned as rider progression friendly and suitable for multi-age and multi-skill development. Design involving consultants and specialists began in 2015 with construction following from 2016 - 2020. If approved, a separate ReDi Grant will enable KORTS/KMBC to design higher level progression features to create a full multi-level bike park environment. This project will focus on building the higher level progression features, and upgrading an existing downhill trail built in 2018 that is in need of rehabilitation to improve bike rider flow, corner and jump safety.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The opportunity addressed is to further the construction of the original vision of the Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park as a multi-age, multi-skill, multi-level trail and mountain riding location for Kaslo residents and visitors. Materials and equipment for construction of progressive jump series, "challenge" trail features, and upgrades to the downhill portion of the park

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

KORTS is the volunteer based umbrella Society / organization in Kaslo that is directly involved in trail development and maintenance of both Village of Kaslo lands and RDCK/Crown land in Woodlot 494 and the Community Forest Mt Buchanan recreation area (Kaslo Interpretive Forest). KORTS has been involved in the construction and maintenance of trails in and around Kaslo and Area D since 2005 and relies on a strong volunteer base (over 14,000 volunteer hours since inception) along with local business support. KORTS is recognized in the Kaslo Official Community Plan (2022, Section 9) to provide and maintain trails and park facilities.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Unconfirmed Village of Kaslo fill material

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

KASLO FAMILY MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

This Park is yours to enjoy. Have fun while you practice your trail riding skills. Many volunteers put in hundreds of hours to create this bike park. Please take care of the park and respect other users.



Protect Your Brain, Wear a Helmet **Bicycles Only, No Motorized Vehicles** **No Drugs or Alcohol**

- This park is unsupervised. Use at your own risk
- Look out for each other. In case of emergency call 911
- Please take your garbage to the Trailhead trash bin
- Open dawn to dusk
- Report any damage to KORTS at kortsbc@gmail.com or the Village of Kaslo at admin@kaslo.ca

Thank you to the Sponsors and Significant Volunteers of the Family Mountain Bike Project:

Doug Roberts, Charles De Pape, Ian McKinnon & Jason Remple. With special thanks to Kaslo Youth: Naia, Gwyndon, Tieghan, Colton, Luca, and friends.



9.0 Parks and Natural Areas

9.1 Purpose

To provide passive outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting and preserving natural areas.

9.2 Objectives

1. To retain, maintain, connect, and improve existing parkland, open space, and trails.
2. To strive for parks and natural areas to be available indiscriminately to all members of the community regardless of ability, income, age, background, gender, or orientation.
3. To preserve and enhance the local biodiversity in natural areas.
4. To encourage low impact recreational opportunities on trails, parklands, and open spaces.
5. To make public parks welcoming, accessible places for community celebrations, festivals, and gatherings.
6. To recognize the importance of Kaslo's boulevard trees as natural amenities that enhance the urban environment, improve the local climate, and link natural areas.
7. To protect, maintain and enhance natural areas and watercourses through municipal asset management and recognize their role in mitigating the impacts of climate change.
8. To cooperate with the Regional District in developing and maintaining regional parks and trails to encourage active living and accessibility for residents and tourists alike.
9. To advocate for Crown land surrounding the Village to be used only in ways that support the sustainability and climate resiliency of our region in consultation with residents, the

Community Forest and Indigenous communities.

10. To protect the Village's sources of drinking water.

9.3 Policies

The Village will:

1. Designate parks, beaches, trails, dikes, lakefront and riverfront areas Parks and Natural Areas as shown on Map 'B' - Land Use Designations Map.
2. Work with local groups to establish, improve, and maintain a system of trails as set out on Map D - Transportation & Trails Map.
3. Establish and maintain the Stream Protection and Lakefront Protection Development Permit Areas to protect natural areas and riparian zones.
4. Preserve the public lands along lakefront and riverfront areas for parks, trails, and public use.
5. Preserve the village-owned land outside the municipal boundary for natural areas, trails and public uses.
6. Require that public access be provided along key waterfront lands to achieve a linked multi-use trail system between major parks, greenbelts, dikes, and other recreational features throughout Kaslo and area.
7. Provide support to the Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society to:
 - a. provide interpretive facilities, improve park facilities and public amenities along the lakefront and riverfront areas

- b. maintain, improve, and expand the network of trails throughout the Village.
8. Encourage linkages between trails, parks, lakefront areas, open spaces, and beaches within the village, and those that extend

Organization **Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society**

Registration # S0072104

PO BOX 818, Kaslo British Columbia V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project takes place at St. Andrew's Heritage Hall on 4th Avenue, a downtown location. The clinic strives to be as inclusive as possible and we have wheelchair access.

Importance to the community:

All residents of Kaslo and Area D, of all ages and income levels are welcome and can benefit from our clinic. Bi-weekly acupuncture treatment helps build healthier, more resilient community by reducing preventable ailments through consistent treatment. Acupuncture is an ancient, well-researched complementary practice that improves health and wellness. Both practitioners are well trained and experienced. They provide gentle and caring treatment based on listening with compassion to clients' needs.

There has been consistent interest during the first 4 years of operation and frequently we have to turn away prospective clients because we reach capacity of our clinic. At this point, with appropriate personnel and funding, the clinic could expand the hours of service and increase to a weekly clinic.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 6/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$9,922.00	\$9,922.00
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	\$19,844.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic

\$19,844.00	\$34,704.00	\$34,704.00
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1. The project will provide:

The project is designed to help build a healthier, more resilient community by providing regular, consistent acupuncture treatments to all residents of Kaslo and Area D. The project provides barrier-free, bi-weekly access to acupuncture treatments for low income, and otherwise less able, residents of Kaslo and Area D. Barrier-free means that no person is turned away because of inability to pay. Acupuncture and related Traditional Chinese Medicine treatments are available by donation (\$20-\$40) or MSP supplementary payments, in a central, accessible location in Kaslo.

Community acupuncture is provided in a group setting, in 5 reclining chairs, where healing may be enhanced by being in a community setting.

Acupuncture is a successful treatment for addiction, mental health, pain, trauma, recovery, mental illness, and many other ailments. This clinic serves to enhance and improve the health and well-being of the community by providing treatment for preventable and imminent health situations, allowing patients to be proactive about their health solutions. Early intervention is a key to healthier outcomes.

The project, January 2020 to present, has demonstrated the need and popularity of this complementary medical modality. An average of 5 patients per hour are treated, totalling approximately 390 treatments administered per year.

2. Organization Mandate:

KCAS was formed to provide a community resource through barrier-free treatment and prevention within the framework of Traditional Chinese Medicine (including acupuncture) and related practices.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

All residents of Kaslo and Area D, of all ages and income levels are welcome and can benefit from our clinic. Bi-weekly acupuncture treatment helps build healthier, more resilient community by reducing preventable ailments through consistent treatment. Acupuncture is an ancient, well-researched complementary practice that improves health and wellness. Both practitioners are well trained and experienced. They provide gentle and caring treatment based on listening with compassion to clients' needs.

There has been consistent interest during the first 4 years of operation and frequently we have to turn away prospective clients because we reach capacity of our clinic. At this point, with appropriate personnel and funding, the clinic could expand the hours of service and increase to a weekly clinic.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our community deals with addiction, chronic pain and mental health issues. Income levels are below the provincial mean. To address these issues, and improve health and well-being outcomes, our acupuncturists suggested the community acupuncture model. Patients self-identify and are counselled and treated as confidentially as possible within the calm, quiet group setting.

The opportunity to access regular complementary/alternative medicine by donation has been welcomed by the community. Acupuncture has a wide scope of treatment, from acute and chronic pain, to addiction, digestive issues, trauma, mental health, women's health and fertility, as well as immune system health.

One barrier we have identified regarding access is transportation. As the public bus does not operate on Fridays to/from the Lardeau Valley, Lardeau Valley residents require private transportation to attend our clinic. We plan to provide gas vouchers at \$20 / return trip.

Project: Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic

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

Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic (KCAS) is the only community acupuncture clinic north of Nelson. In the community format at least 15 people can be treated daily. Our practitioners, volunteers and administrative assistants provide the necessary supports to administer the project.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society is governed by a Board of Directors: Laura Douglas, Victoria Mcallister, Dawn Precious, Nicole Brown and Sarah Evans. Acupuncturists Elise Arnaudin, Registered Acupuncturist, and Leni Neumeier, TCM.P, Diploma of Doctorate in Traditional Chinese Medicine, provide treatment. A volunteer and clinic administrative assistant set up and take down equipment, and care for reception. We also have a KCAS administrative assistant, who tends to background operations.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer hours: 26 annual clinics, 105.25 hours total, totaling approximately \$2105

9 Board Meetings with 5 board members for 1.5 hrs each, 71 hours total, totaling approximately \$1420

1 AGM with 7 board members for 1.5 hrs, 10.5 hours total, totaling approximately \$210

Total... \$3735

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

February 19th 2024

Shannon Isaac
Kaslo Community Services Society
423 Front St
Kaslo BC, V0G 1M0

Hello,

I am writing in support of the grant application submitted by the non-profit organization Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society and their barrier-free biweekly community acupuncture clinics in Kaslo. It is my understanding that regular and consistent acupuncture treatments can significantly improve one's mental health and wellbeing, as well as curb addictions and assist in substance use cessation.

In my work as the Kaslo Youth Coordinator and the Freedom Quest Substance Use Counselor, I can attest to the lack of resources for youth struggling with substance use and mental health disorders in Kaslo. Youth struggling with persistent and severe mental health disorders are referred to Nelson (which is one hour away) to seek treatment. The availability of barrier-free acupuncture clinics in Kaslo has allowed me to refer youth to this adjunct health service.

I believe that addressing substance and mental health issues through somatic-based approaches such as acupuncture is especially beneficial for young people, who sometimes have reservations towards talk therapy. Having the community acupuncture clinic in Kaslo helps to address a gap in services and creates an essential resource for youth struggling with substance use and mental health in Kaslo and surrounding area.

Sincerely,
Shannon Isaac
Kaslo & Up the Lake Youth Network Coordinator
Kaslo Community Services Society
Email: Shannon.isaac@kaslo.services

Organization **Ainsworth Recreation Association**

Registration #

PO Box 1341, Ainsworth Hot Springs BC V0G 1A0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Replacement of worn/broken infrastructure**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
3540 hwy 31, Ainsworth Hot Springs, Area D

Importance to the community:

Built in 1891 as a Government Building and Jail, the Hall survived both major Ainsworth fires making it the oldest building in the oldest Community on Kootenay Lake. The building was abandoned in 1914 and sold to the Community in 1949, at which point it became the Community Hall. 75 years later it is still a major asset to the community as its used for community events and meetings.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$4,485.00	
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	\$4,485.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,485.00	\$4,485.00	\$4,485.00

Project: Replacement of worn/broken infrastructure

1. The project will provide:

Environmental and Safety upgrades.

Replace broken bathroom sink with vanity, replace broken toilet seat, replace worn stove and add hood fan, repair drywall, replace kitchen sink.

This will clean up deficiencies in the Hall, which will allow us to safely use the bathroom and kitchen. The kitchen upgrades will allow the community to resume having potlucks and our yearly Christmas diner.

Will also allow for opportunity to allow other functions in the hall such as weddings, celebrations of life, birthdays, tea and coffee meetings and rentals.

We are a small community of about 30 residents with very limited human and financial resources. We believe this will help us to create more usage of the building by becoming a viable option for all residents of North Kootenay Lake. We need to hire a contractor to do the work.

2. Organization Mandate:

To operate and maintain the Community Hall for the benefit of the Community of Ainsworth Hot Springs

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Built in 1891 as a Government Building and Jail, the Hall survived both major Ainsworth fires making it the oldest building in the oldest Community on Kootenay Lake. The building was abandoned in 1914 and sold to the Community in 1949, at which point it became the Community Hall. 75 years later it is still a major asset to the community as its used for community events and meetings.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues addressed would be of human safety and comfort. Once addressed, this would allow us the opportunity to hold events in the Hall that the Community and general public can safely partake in.

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

We are the caretakers and managers of the Hall and we have the capacity.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Board Members of the Ainsworth Recreation Association and members of the community

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Mushroom Festival**

Registration # n/a

137 Wardner Street, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Mushroom Festival**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo

The Festival is held in Kaslo, BC, with walking forays into the surrounding forest trails. Venues for social, market and educational sessions include the Legion, Langham Hall, the Seniors Centre, Vimy Park and local church halls. The dinner social will be held in a local restaurant.

Importance to the community:

Kaslo benefits from the influx of weekend visitors, which our surveys tell us rent hotel rooms and campsites, and purchase meals locally. We rent several venues throughout town for the Festival and hire local restaurants, caterers and brewers to provide the food and drink. We connect with local restaurants who offer mushroom specials. Local growers, artists and crafters benefit from the market opportunity, and visitors and locals enjoy these offerings. Our attendees love the sense of community that the Festival brings for people who come together to learn about a topic they find intriguing. Festival-goers come away armed with knowledge that will make their forest and fungi explorations safer and more responsible. In the Post-Covid world, it's been an honour to "curate" the sense of connectivity we've seen evolve between people who want to be stewards learning to access and care for the resources in this beautiful place.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/25/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

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
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Project: Kootenay Mushroom Festival

\$4,999.00	\$12,499.00	\$12,499.00
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1. The project will provide:

The format is a weekend festival in Kaslo, including forays, educational and creative sessions featuring topics like toxicity, ID, basket-weaving, dying fabrics with mushrooms, growing, processing, and cooking mushrooms, and medicinal mushrooms. Kootenay experts lead forays into the woods and learning sessions for 100-120 people at local venues. We plan an evening mushroom-themed dinner social, ideally with live music and an art show component. We will repeat our successful and bustling mushroom-themed market, which complements the last seasonal Kaslo farmer's market. We hope to have the "Chanterelles" children's choir back. Many visiting attendees stay in Kaslo overnight and enjoy its services. The Festival is growing into a truly local celebration. We strive to instill in our many visiting attendees that they are here to learn and engage, and must tread lightly and not over-collect. Attendees overwhelmingly tell us we have created a warm, social atmosphere of connection over this common interest and that they love the learning. As volunteers, we want to continue those goals of bringing people together and providing valuable, scientific information. This year we hope to do so with a more precise approach, by hiring temporary coordinators for the Festival and Market. The Festival is a labour of love for a few people, but we need help.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Kootenay Mushroom Festival has been held in Kaslo, BC, for the past two years. Our mandate is the creation of access to learning in a fun and social format, from locals who have spent years studying mushrooms. Its purpose is educating the public about the safe, respectful, and enjoyable identification and collection of edible mushrooms. We deliver a ticketed weekend festival and free market in Kaslo annually in October. Our operating budget is funded completely from ticket sales, and last year it was close to \$12,000.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Kaslo benefits from the influx of weekend visitors, which our surveys tell us rent hotel rooms and campsites, and purchase meals locally. We rent several venues throughout town for the Festival and hire local restaurants, caterers and brewers to provide the food and drink. We connect with local restaurants who offer mushroom specials. Local growers, artists and crafters benefit from the market opportunity, and visitors and locals enjoy these offerings. Our attendees love the sense of community that the Festival brings for people who come together to learn about a topic they find intriguing. Festival-goers come away armed with knowledge that will make their forest and fungi explorations safer and more responsible. In the Post-Covid world, it's been an honour to "curate" the sense of connectivity we've seen evolve between people who want to be stewards learning to access and care for the resources in this beautiful place.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our biggest issues have been budgeting and labour. We've come out ahead each year, reinvested profit and paid all of our expenses. Last year, when we tried to grow, we came out just on budget. We have no extra budget to properly compensate participating artists. The Festival is funded by ticket sales to pay/comp our presenters, artists, music and food providers, and pay expenses like insurance and venue rental. But our free labour supports the Festival in remaining low-cost. The small group of volunteers who started it find ourselves short of reliable help, making the job of coordinating the Festival feel reactive to issues that arise and full of long days. We want to continue the beautiful thing we started, but without a consistent lead person, we're struggling to maintain the momentum. We want to have someone whose job it is to create a more thorough, thought-out plan.

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

Project: Kootenay Mushroom Festival

We have successfully run two mushroom festivals on budget with the same core group of volunteers. Some of our volunteers have strong connections in the "mushroom community" to draw on for booking speakers, and for assessing the value of resources and topics. Our volunteers are Kootenay-based, with a few in Kaslo who have intimate knowledge of the community and the surrounding area (valuable for planning foray sites and venues). We have volunteers with arts community contacts who help us access talent for the displays and market. We have learned a lot from our "near-misses" (oops - we need a liquor license, better get that) and our planning processes, and we've kept detailed records. Each year we add to our planning road map, from how to set up the Eventbrite page to providing vegan meals. We've done this with only our volunteer time and our ticket sales as funding.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A core group of volunteers runs the festival. We were brought together by Robin Mercy, who operates a mushroom growing facility in Kaslo and teaches mushroom identification courses for Selkirk College. Consistent committee members are Robin plus Caroline McChesney, Sydney Smith-Brinkman, Niesz Koziol, Leanne Reitan, and Monique Gottlieb. Several others have contributed. Speakers and foray leaders include Tyson Ehlers, a published local expert, and Robert Macrae, a former Selkirk science professor specializing in mushroom identification, as well as other professional local mushroom growers and teachers. The volunteers include people with event planning, legal, graphic arts, media and marketing experience.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteers on the committee donate their time, some supplies, and provide their own transportation and accommodation costs while in Kaslo. We sometimes receive donations like coffee or pastries but cannot count on these. Additional Festival Day volunteers have received complimentary entrance to some events in exchange for volunteering.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE**

Registration # 119219814RR0001

3400 Lake City Way, Burnaby British Columbia V5A 4Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Maintaining the Stocks of HELP Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar

This project will benefit clients who borrow equipment in Castlegar (the Hub), Nelson, Kaslo, and Trail. The system works on a hub-and-spoke model; repair and maintenance is performed in Castlegar, while equipment is transported by van to and from the outlying offices depending on need.

Advantages of hub-and-spoke are:

1. A shared pool of equipment allows for allocating equipment as demands change; and
2. A high-temperature washer in Castlegar guarantees infection control for returned equipment.

Alongside a request to the RDCKB, this project will potentially impact every municipality, electoral area, and First Nations community in the West Kootenays.

Importance to the community:

There are four main groups of clients who access the HELP service:

1. Seniors who have been temporarily disabled (usually post-surgery) and require short-term loans while they recover;
2. Clients of all ages who are permanently disabled and already fully reliant on a mobility device but are undergoing corrective surgery that requires a short-term loan of additional equipment;
3. Seniors who have become permanently disabled and borrow from the HELP office in the period before they purchase their own mobility device. For some, the process of adopting a full-time device can be difficult; a loan can ease them in;
4. Palliative patients spending their final days at home cared for by loved ones. HELP not only supports these patients, but also their family members and caregivers as they struggle to help their father, mother, or grandparent spend that time in comfort and safety, and with dignity.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$840.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I

		\$625.00	\$840.00	
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
	\$4,375.00		\$5,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,880.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,880.00	\$11,880.00	\$11,880.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will support Kootenay seniors by purchasing approximately 124 articles of replacement medical equipment to stock the HELP offices of the RDCK. Each year, as much as 10% of equipment stocks leave the system as it reaches the end of its service life.

At the same time that RDCK equipment stocks are being naturally depleted, the demand for HELP medical equipment loans steadily ticks upward alongside the growth in the RDCK senior demographic. Between 2016 and 2021, the number of seniors in the RDCK increased by more than 2500. In addition, a larger proportion of seniors in rural BC communities use the HELP service to access medical equipment compared to seniors in urban population centres. In Greater Victoria for example, 1.94% of the population accessed HELP last year. In the RDCK, that number jumps to 2.57%.

A fresh injection of equipment into the HELP system through the RDCK ReDi, and proportional requests through the RDKB (\$8120), will ensure that volunteers can continue providing thousands of mobility, toileting, bedroom, and bathing equipment to Kootenay seniors in need.

2. Organization Mandate:

The mission of the Canadian Red Cross is to help people and communities in Canada and around the world in times of need and support them in strengthening their resilience. CRC operates in two areas: Emergencies and Community Health. Emergency responses ranges from remediating the impacts of natural disasters that affect whole communities to individual disasters such as house fires. Community Health services differ across the country responding to local needs and gaps. Through these two fields of work, the Red Cross supports Canadians when help is needed most.

For RDCK residents recovering in their homes following injury, illness, or surgery, the RDCK Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) program provides no cost, by-donation only, short-term medical equipment loans allowing community members to safely recover, to participate in community life, and get back to their lives. Upon referral from a healthcare professional, the equipment is loaned to the recipient for up to six months.

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Especially important is that the HELP offices of the RDCK are local, and strategically situated in towns to provide the easiest access for the largest number of people. This network allows seniors to borrow the equipment from a facility that is close to home. Without this convenience, some may decide to go without the equipment they need to guarantee their safety as they recover in their homes.

While the largest group of clients are over 65 years and recovering from hip or knee replacement surgeries, RDCK HELP volunteers loan medical equipment to community members young and old. The remaining clients are those who have been ill, in car accidents, or are recuperating from disease-related surgeries. Even for the young and healthy who will recover quickly, purchasing a wheelchair for a one-month recovery period is not only inefficient, but often unaffordable. By facilitating community sharing of specialized medical equipment distributed from offices primarily managed by local volunteers, HELP operations are lean, efficient, cost-effective, and accessible.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

There are four main groups of clients who access the HELP service:

1. Seniors who have been temporarily disabled (usually post-surgery) and require short-term loans while they recover;
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4. Palliative patients spending their final days at home cared for by loved ones. HELP not only supports these patients, but also their family members and caregivers as they struggle to help their father, mother, or grandparent spend that time in comfort and safety, and with dignity.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

HELP primarily loans equipment to seniors who do not have extended healthcare insurance and live on a tight fixed income. Accessing HELP equipment is more involved than renting equipment from a company. All HELP clients must be referred from a healthcare professional so it first requires communication with the healthcare system and then communicating with the HELP team. Because of this, most HELP clients are seniors on fixed incomes who would have to pay for a rental out-of-pocket.

There are many BC seniors who live in poverty or straddle a fine line between paying bills and buying food. Many are property-rich but live on very strict incomes.

At up to \$350 a month to rent a wheelchair, raised toilet, shower bench, and a two-wheeled walker following a hip replacement surgery, HELP may be the only option for RDCK seniors that doesn't hurt them financially.

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

Last year, the three programs of the BC HELP service loaned more than 197,000 articles of medical equipment to more than 100,000 British Columbians from HELP offices and hospital locations across the province. BC HELP is the largest no-cost, by-donation only, medical equipment loan service anywhere in the world. HELP is uniquely positioned to deliver this essential service. The competence and determination of HELP leadership, staff, and volunteers have ensured the program has continued even through the darkest times.

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

While there is a single employee based out of the Castlegar HELP office, volunteers alone open and close HELP offices in Castlegar, Nelson, and Kaslo. In 22/23, 24 local volunteers spent 2644 hours giving back to the RDCK

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community through the HELP service. If paid at minimum wage, their time and energy equals a donation of more than \$44,000.

Given that the largest group of RDCK HELP volunteers is seniors, many of whom were once HELP clients themselves, this level of volunteerism is especially admirable.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Hands down, the most significant contribution to the RDCK HELP program is from local volunteers who contributed work worth more than \$44,000 by:

1. Opening and closing each of the outlying HELP offices
2. Providing front desk customer service, maintain records, and enter data into the database
3. Working directly with clients and health care professionals to fulfill equipment requests
4. Accepting donations - receipting, reconciliation, and banking
5. Assisting with the disinfection and repair of returned equipment in Castlegar.

Key partners also include the health care professionals who refer clients to HELP services. Referrals make certain that clients get exactly the equipment they need, prescribed by a specialist. Because all HELP loans require a referral from a health care professional, and every physical therapist in the RDCK knows the program well, anyone in need of equipment will be directed to the HELP program.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

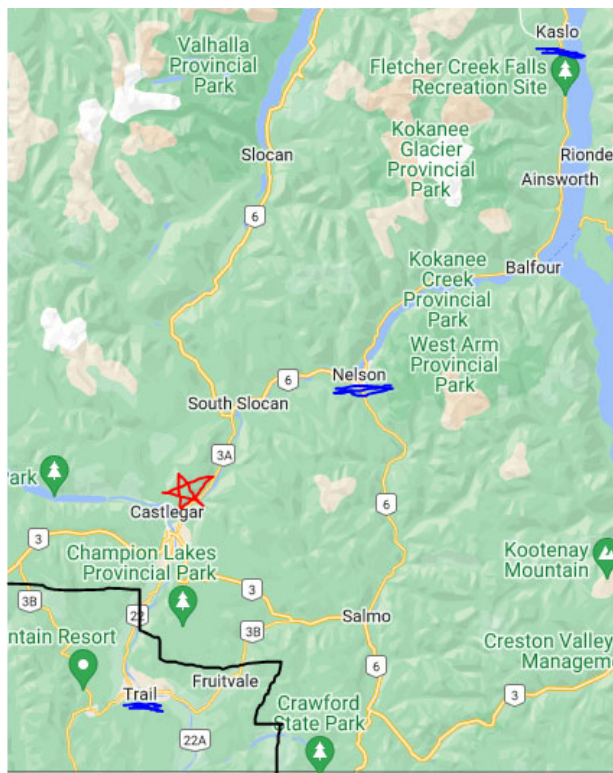
Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Service Statistics - RDCK HELP Offices: Nov 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2023 (one year)*

RDCK HELP Offices	Total Clients Served	Articles Loaned
Castlegar	388	893
Nelson	551	1253
Kaslo	50	100
TOTAL	989	2246

The HELP Service Region vs. the RDCK and RDKB ReDi Grant Boundaries



At left is a rough map of the HELP service region comprised of four HELP offices: Castlegar, Nelson, and Kaslo in the RDCK, and the Trail office in the RDKB. The stocks of medical equipment available for loan is shared between the four offices of the service region.

You will also notice that that the HELP service region overlaps the funding areas of the RDCK ReDi Grant stream *and* the RDKB ReDi Grant stream. Thus, we will submit funding requests to both streams ensuring that they are exactly proportional to the service provided.

In the geographic centre, the Castlegar office serves as the maintenance and repair hub for the service region. Clean and returned equipment is transported by van to and from the hub out to the surrounding offices in Nelson, Kaslo, and Trail.

How Each RDCK Funding Request Was Determined

To achieve full transparency in our funding requests across the CBT, we have used one year of service statistics (Nov 1 – Oct 31) to show how each funding area has benefitted from the HELP service. We have used this data to guide our requests and justify the amounts we have put forward.

The total funding request of \$20,000 for the HELP service region was determined by the ongoing need for new medical equipment for loan from the three RDCK HELP offices. The request submitted through the RDKB ReDi Grant stream of \$8120 is exactly proportional to the service provided in each of the HELP locations.



RDCK Funding Requests by Area

To determine the exact proportional requests, we added up the total clients from each funding stream who visited any of the three RDCK HELP offices.

Funding Area	Clients Served (one year)	Percent of Total Clients Served	Funding Request
City of Castlegar	366	21%	4375
City of Nelson	444	25%	5200
Town of Creston*	0	-	0
Village of Nakusp	2	-	0
Village of New Denver	7	-	0
Village of Slocan	21	1%	0
Electoral Area A	10	-	0
Electoral Area B	0	-	0
Electoral Area D/Kaslo	69	4%	840
Electoral Area E	14	-	0
Electoral Area F	1	-	0
Electoral Area G/Salmo	48	3%	625
Electoral Area H	67	4%	840
Electoral Area I	1	-	0
Electoral Area J	22	1%	0
Electoral Area K	1	-	0
Total RDCK ReDi Requests			11,880
Trail	691	39%	8120
Total RDCKB ReDi Request			8120
Towns in the RDEK	1	-	0
Outside of the CBT	14	2%	0
TOTAL	1779		\$20,000

*The Creston HELP office shares medical equipment with the HELP hub to the east located in Cranbrook. Therefore, no funding request is being submitted to the Creston RDCK ReDi Grant stream.

When reading the chart above, please note that we have limited our requests to funding areas that served at least 3% of the total clients over the reporting period. This means that we have not made requests of less than \$625.

So how did we fairly determine how much to ask from each city, town, and electoral area?

First, we added up the clients served from each funding area in the HELP service region, then we determined the percentage of total for each. For example, Castlegar served 366 clients of a



total of 1779 clients in the service area. This translates to 21% of clients and therefore 21% (\$4200) of the \$17,000 funding request.

However, because we did not request funds from areas with less than 3% of clients, \$800 of the \$17,000 equipment ask remained unallocated. Thus, we distributed the \$800 remaining funds proportional to each region by clients served. e.g., \$800 x 21% for Castlegar = \$175 (approximately). The total request to the City of Castlegar is then \$4375:

21% of \$17,000 = \$4200
21% of \$680 = \$175
Total request = **\$4375**

All told, we are requesting \$11,880 from the ReDi Grant streams of the RDCK and \$8120 from the RDKB (Trail).

The Purchase Budget

The attached budget describes the equipment needs across the RDCK at the time of writing. That said, needs can change rapidly in the world of equipment loans. While it is likely there will be minor amendments to the final purchase budget, the spirit and substance of this proposal will not change.

Recognition



The volunteers at each RDCK HELP office will continue to prominently display the RDCK and CBT logos at the reception desks. For years, we've found this to be a fantastic way to recognize a local funder because it ensures every client and family member picking up or returning equipment sees *exactly* who is supporting the program.

Organization **Kaslo and Area Youth Council**

Registration # S0035283

PO Box 476, 2 - 404 Front St, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Pride Celebration**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo

The first event, Pride Crosswalk Paint party will take place at the rainbow crosswalk located between the Bluebelle and the Kaslo Pharmacy.

The second event, community celebration will take place at Legacy Park.

Importance to the community:

In community the sense of belonging sits at the root of our well being. I think it is important to acknowledge the 2SLGBTIQ+ community, an invisible minority, as this gesture can lend to their sense of belonging to community. There are very few images or reflections that society provides for queer community to feel included and considered as part of the community. We believe the community as a whole will benefit from taking the opportunity to show their support toward inclusivity and diversity.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 6/10/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,869.00	
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	\$2,869.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,869.00	\$3,369.00	\$3,369.00

1. The project will provide:

We will invite the whole community of Kaslo and Area D to join us in celebrating cultural diversity and inclusivity for the 2SLGBTIQ+ community.

We will host 2 community events. The first event will be painting the community pride crosswalk, and the second event will be a public Village of Kaslo proclamation toward the 2SLGBTIQ+ community, to raise the pride flag, and to host some fun activities for the community to engage with.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purposes of the Kaslo and Area Youth Council is to provide programs, activities and events for youth (ages 12-18) living in Kaslo and surrounding area, from Ainsworth to Howser BC. The priorities of the Kaslo and Area Youth Council are as follows:

1. To establish and maintain a youth specific space in Kaslo and Area D for youth between the ages of 12 - 18yrs.
2. To provide weekly drop in programs i.e. Self Identified Girls Drop In, Friday Night Drop In, Dungeons and Dragons Adventure Club
3. To ensure staff and volunteers adhere to harm reduction approach and inclusive practices of care for youth living in Kaslo and Area D.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

In community the sense of belonging sits at the root of our well being. I think it is important to acknowledge the 2SLGBTIQ+ community, an invisible minority, as this gesture can lend to their sense of belonging to community. There are very few images or reflections that society provides for queer community to feel included and considered as part of the community. We believe the community as a whole will benefit from taking the opportunity to show their support toward inclusivity and diversity.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This will be an opportunity to express allyship and to support the 2SLGBTIQ+ community in Kaslo and surrounding area.

The 2SLGBTIQ+ community continues to experience discrimination based on their gender & sexual orientation. This is an opportunity for the queer community to witness and experience the support of their community, and to provide a safe space to socialize and foster positive queer culture and community. The need for visibility is one of the primary issues facing the 2SLGBTIQ+ community.

These issues have been identified by youth & adults who identify as 2SLGBTIQ+ living in Kaslo and the surrounding area.

For years youth approached me, Shannon Isaac Kaslo and Area Youth Council Manager, to attend Kootenay Pride from 2014 to 2018. In 2019, a local youth approached me to express their idea of painting a rainbow crosswalk with the hopes of acknowledging and conveying acceptance and support toward the 2SLGBTIQ+ community.

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

Our organization is best suited to deliver the project because it has been supporting queer youth and community over the last 11 years. It was the first organization to gather youth volunteers to paint the crosswalk, and to develop and deliver a community celebration for the queer community.

We have committed staff and volunteers who will ensure the project goals and tasks are completed.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Shannon Isaac will oversee the project goals and tasks, Miranda Halliday youth assistant will help with coordination and tasks.

Project: Kaslo Pride Celebration

We will also invite volunteers to help paint the rainbow crosswalk, and set up and take down for the community celebration.

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer work for the Pride Crosswalk 15ppl x 3hrs x \$20/hr = \$900
Volunteer work for Set Up and Clean up at Community Celebration 4ppl x 3hrs x \$20/hr = \$240.00
Pride paraphernalia & supplies for community celebration (flags, stickers, shoe laces) = \$200.00
Pin Making Machines

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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\$19.99

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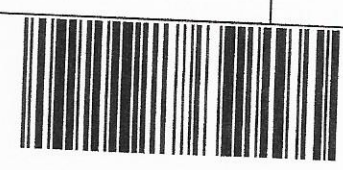
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828-6635	LINER TRAY PAINT FOR T180	4.000	EA	5.490	21.96 FP
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Organization **West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative**

Registration # S0077239

7025 Beggs Road, Nelson BC V1L 6S5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Branching Out for Watershed Understanding**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson

Specific sites for presentations are still to be determined dependent on space and scheduling. Preliminarily: Kaslo-Langham, Crawford Bay, Harrop-Proctor, and Nelson/Taghum Hall

Importance to the community:

This project is important to communities in the RDCK because they require the tools and knowledge provided by cutting-edge science to participate in land use decisions that affect them. The Central Kootenays have more domestic surface water sources than many other areas of the Province. Millions of dollars of real estate and infrastructure lie at the mouth of creeks, streams and brooks. The threat of drought, wildfire and landslides is expected to increase with climate change. Kootenay Lake and River residents have high property assessments yet the average RDCK individual income in 2020 (after tax) was the lowest in the Columbia Basin. Funds to repair water system damage and to conduct risk assessments are limited. These workshops will deliver easily digestible information to residents and ratepayers to increase their knowledge and participation in decision making. This will assist community members in responding to requests for input.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,500.00			\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,200.00	\$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
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$1,500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$10,700.00

Project: Branching Out for Watershed Understanding

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$10,700.00	\$13,400.00	\$13,400.00

1. The project will provide:

"Branching Out," wants to inform residents dependent on surface water for both drinking and agriculture on the latest science and thinking around watershed defense, resilience and quality. In a series of four workshops/presentations we will support our mutual interests by staying current and active in our need to protect local resources. These discussions will be recorded and considered in looking for subjects of ongoing and urgent issues. Collaborative practices require that we as an organization listen and weave into our project the real concerns of our evolving communities. This will take place at 4 distinct and diverse locations situated in the RDCK to maximize community input and participation.

2. Organization Mandate:

To support, connect and share resources with communities along Kootenay Lake to the confluence at the Columbia River, as they create and enact long-term, cohesive and kincentric plans to protect, restore and utilize their community watersheds.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to communities in the RDCK because they require the tools and knowledge provided by cutting-edge science to participate in land use decisions that affect them. The Central Kootenays have more domestic surface water sources than many other areas of the Province. Millions of dollars of real estate and infrastructure lie at the mouth of creeks, streams and brooks. The threat of drought, wildfire and landslides is expected to increase with climate change. Kootenay Lake and River residents have high property assessments yet the average RDCK individual income in 2020 (after tax) was the lowest in the Columbia Basin. Funds to repair water system damage and to conduct risk assessments are limited. These workshops will deliver easily digestible information to residents and ratepayers to increase their knowledge and participation in decision making. This will assist community members in responding to requests for input.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In exploring the larger landscape; inclusive of existing housing developments, we are attempting to get an on the ground assessment of the public's understanding of both what a watershed is and how it is impacted by human activities on the landscape. The issues were identified through the WKWC's own experiences over the past 3 years. Public commentary and the real exhaustion accompanied with tears and searching for other ways to address the losses motivates this project for public education and outreach. Taking direction from the RDCK's own collected stories in the Watershed Governance Initiative we are engaging the new science of attribution to effectively address community concerns.

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

The WKWC is unique in that its geographic focus is delivering information and education to the communities on Kootenay Lake and Kootenay River to the confluence of the Columbia River. We have and will continue to forge relationships with local groups working on land-use education and recently contributed to the Nelson Museum: Archives and Gallery Show "Elevate."

Our organization is relatively new, participating in the Healthy Watersheds Initiative (HWI) prior to our incorporation. Through that project some of our board members were involved in taking part in project development for Community in Nature as part of the HWI. Since incorporation in the fall of 2022, we have sponsored Dr. Younes Alila

Project: Branching Out for Watershed Understanding

PhD UBC at a public information session at the North Shore Hall, had community information tables in front of the Kootenay Country Store Co-operative, and held a successful Organizational Launch on a snowy December Day.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

In parallel with our work the Board of WKWC and our speakers/organizations: The UBC Hydrology Lab of Dr. Younes Alila, Wildfire and Water Presentation led by Fire Ecologist Robert Gray BSc and a Forest Ecologist to be determined.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The WKWC is a working Board and will be hands on for both the planning and development stages of the project. In addition, Board members will report on the meetings, provide transportation and conduct the final project accounting to Redi Grant.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Nelson Disc Golf Society**

Registration # S0070725

1613 WARD ST, NELSON BC V1L 1V7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Slocan

The course is located on Blewett Road, next to Bonnington Falls, on lands owned by Teck Metals and BC Hydro, with whom the Nelson Disc Golf Society (NDGS) have negotiated long-term licenses of occupation. It's located roughly 20 minutes from Nelson, Castlegar and Winlaw.

Importance to the community:

The proposed enhancements at Highwater will transform it into a more accessible and inclusive facility, purposefully designed for families and equipped to host community gatherings and world-class tournaments. Nearby businesses and the local economy will benefit from increased traffic, because recreation is the heart of liveable West Kootenay communities which attract talented people to our region and power economic development and cultural diversity.

Highwater Disc Golf Course, a free public recreational facility, is the most played disc golf course in the RDCK being 20 minutes away from Nelson, Castlegar, and Winlaw.

The inclusion of an 18 x 24-foot Picnic Shelter and a vault toilet in the enhancement of the course helps cater to a variety of needs beyond the primary activity of disc golf offering more accessibility to public space protected and cared for.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/14/2024 Project End: 5/14/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$5,000.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$5,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$5,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$50,000.00

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$50,000.00	\$236,400.00	\$236,400.00

1. The project will provide:

The primary goal of this project is to increase accessibility and usage of the Highwater Disc Golf Course. We propose the installation of an 18 x 24-foot picnic shelter and a vault toilet to promote inclusivity by providing families with the means to enjoy the public space for extended periods.

The project will improve accessibility for new players by introducing an easier alternate course layout. The addition of 18 new pads and 18 new baskets will immediately enhance the satisfaction of players seeking a quicker or simpler round of disc golf.

The project will include landscaping to improve accessibility for individuals with reduced mobility. This will be achieved by smoothing rough areas in the fairways. Additionally, we aim to increase the climate change resilience of the course by protecting and establishing trees for shade and beauty. Our plan includes planting native conifer trees to provide more shade on the course and selectively pruning existing shade trees to protect against wildfires.

The picnic shelter will enhance the public access experience at the disc golf course by providing a space for socialization, protection from the elements and a venue for community events.

2. Organization Mandate:

Encourage new people try disc golf, and strive to develop a disc golf community that is open to all people.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The proposed enhancements at Highwater will transform it into a more accessible and inclusive facility, purposefully designed for families and equipped to host community gatherings and world-class tournaments. Nearby businesses and the local economy will benefit from increased traffic, because recreation is the heart of liveable West Kootenay communities which attract talented people to our region and power economic development and cultural diversity.

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

By enhancing the Highwater Disc Golf Course, we create an environment that embraces players of varying expertise. Novices can feel comfortable learning the game, while seasoned players can continue to hone their skills, thus fostering a sense of inclusivity and encouraging more people to participate.

The addition of a picnic shelter and a vault toilet transforms the course into a versatile venue and will provide accessibility for individuals of all ages and abilities. Local events, such as birthday parties, staff gatherings, and

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

fundraisers, can now be hosted amidst the natural beauty of the course creating lasting memories in this communal space.

The Highwater Disc Golf Course aims to become one of Canada's premier disc golf destinations. Its scenic location, thoughtful amenities, and commitment to inclusivity position it as a standout course, drawing enthusiasts from across the country and benefiting the tourism industry with the potential to host internationally recognized tournaments.

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

Building on the momentum from our 2020 installation of the 9-hole family course in Nelson and the 2021 installation of Highwater, the first complete 18-hole course in this region, our network of directors, volunteers, contractors, and sponsors is enthusiastically moving forward to complete the enhancement. NDGS has earned recognition for its successful collaboration with Teck Metals and BC Hydro, ensuring the use and stewardship of this excellent site for disc golf in the heart of the Nelson-Castlegar corridor.

Remarkably, no other non-profit organization is currently working to develop free disc golf courses in this region. NDGS is actively working to engage local governments in the development of regional disc golf courses, and at present, it stands as the primary driving force behind this commendable effort. In 2021, NDGS secured a CBT grant under the community development program, achieving success in both the execution and reporting phases of the project.

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

The Nelson Disc Golf Society has established a Highwater Enhancement Committee, comprising NDGS directors, members, and volunteers. This committee will oversee and execute all aspects of the project, providing regular monthly reports to the Board of Directors. The Committee comprises a diverse and talented group with backgrounds spanning environmental consulting, communications, real estate and education.

Our directors have worked on past community recreation projects including the Lillooet disc golf course, the Art Gibbon disc golf course, and establishing the Highwater disc golf course in 2021. The NDGS maintains good standing and financial accountability as a registered society in BC.

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

Donated professional project management fees 200 hours x \$55/hour = \$11 000

Donated construction labor fees 32 hours x \$50/hour = \$1600

Donated landscaping labor fees 200 hours x \$30/hour = \$6000

Donated professional arborist fees \$1200/day x 2 days = \$2400

Donated meeting rental space 14 months x \$120/month = \$1680

Total estimated in-kind value= \$22 680

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



**Mount Sentinel
Secondary School**

PO Box 99, 1014 Playmor Road, South Slokan BC V0G 2G0
Tel 250.359.7219 mtsentinel.sd8.bc.ca

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to extend my enthusiastic endorsement for the proposed enhancements to the Highwater Disc Golf Course as put forth by the Nelson Disc Golf Society. In my capacity as an educator, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the profound positive effects that disc golf has had on the physical and socio-emotional development of my students. Beyond its obvious benefits for physical fitness, disc golf serves as an invaluable platform for nurturing teamwork, strategic thinking, and a deep appreciation for outdoor recreation. I firmly believe that sustained investment in disc golf initiatives will not only enrich the educational landscape but also contribute significantly to the holistic well-being of our youth.

Your support for the Nelson Disc Golf Society's endeavors is pivotal in realizing the vision of a more accessible and inclusive disc golf experience for our community. By supporting this cause, we are collectively investing in the creation of a free, public disc golf facility that will serve as a cornerstone for fostering healthy lifestyles and community engagement among local youth and their families.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Jake Hildebrand
Teacher, Physical and Outdoor Education
Mt. Sentinel Secondary School

February 12, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Nelson Disc Golf Society's proposal for the expansion of the Highwater Disc Golf Course and area.

The creation of the Highwater pro Disc Golf Course has been a wonderful addition to our community. It has brought many adults together for recreation, personal development, and wellness. It has been well maintained and is a beautiful addition to a popular multi-use area. The only thing Highwater is lacking is a youth/beginner friendly layout, and some amenities that would make Highwater equally accessible to all ages.

Being an elementary school teacher has given me the opportunity to introduce the growing sport of disc golf to my students. Our parent group has generously purchased a class set of discs and a practice basket for my class. Disc golf is becoming very popular in our school. With the plans put forward by the Nelson Disc Golf Society to upgrade the course at Highwater, I foresee Highwater becoming a fantastic outdoor education destination for school groups. The location is perfect for this.

I urge you to please consider supporting the proposal presented to upgrade the facilities at the Highwater Disc Golf Course. I believe that the Nelson Disc Golf Society has a clear vision to make this area welcoming and accessible to people of all ages. It will bring youth and families together from the surrounding communities, and provide opportunity for healthy recreation, goal setting, and outdoor education opportunities for youth in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Radridge', written in a cursive style.

Laura Radridge

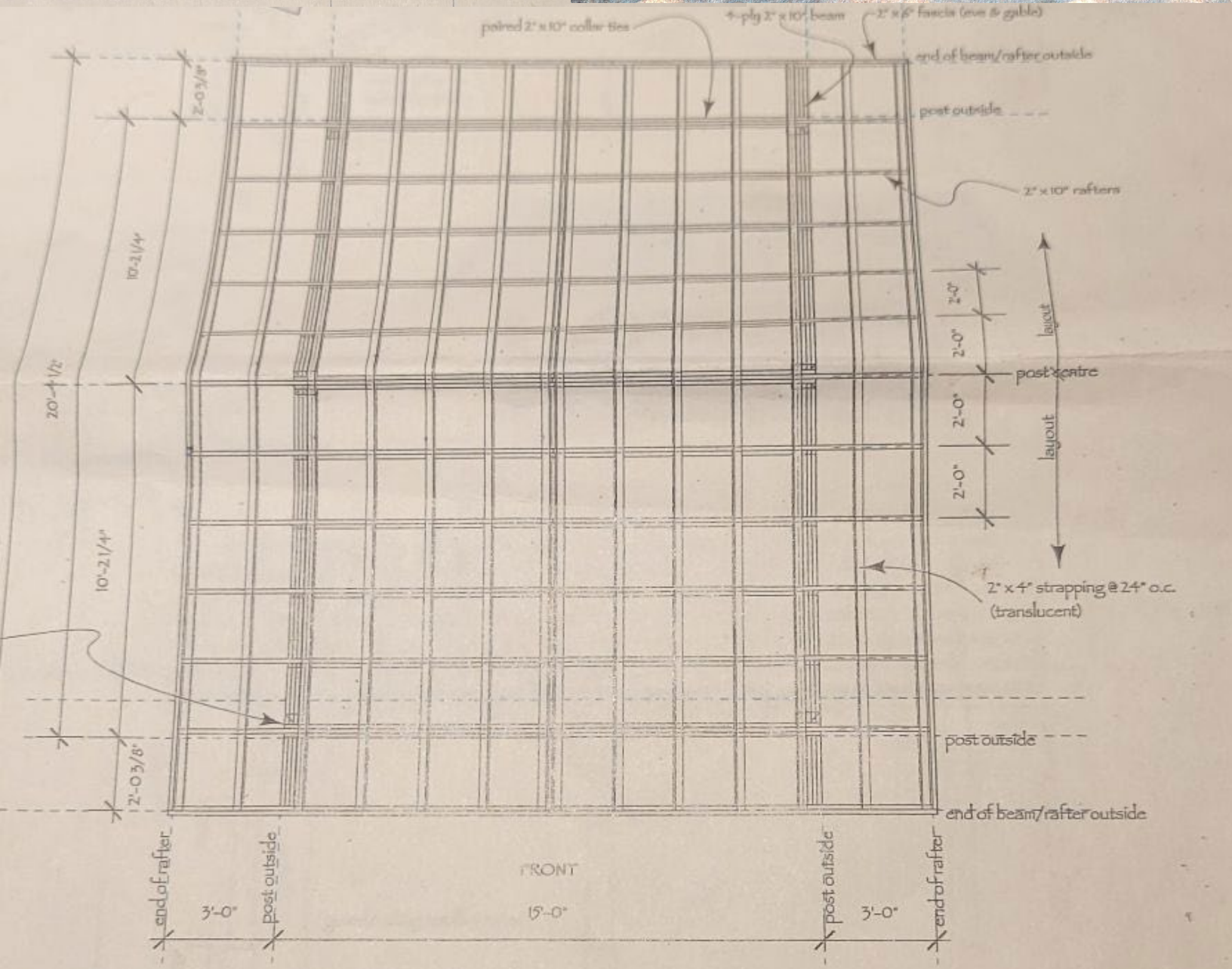
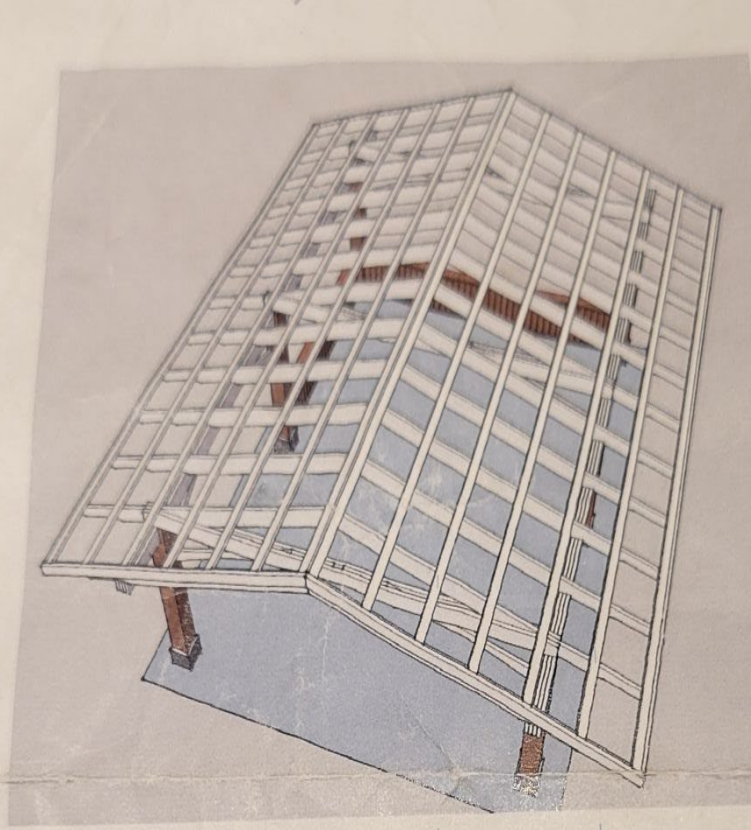
Classroom Teacher, Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Box 40 - 1092 Highway 6 Crescent Valley, BC

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the enhancements to the Highwater Disc Golf Course Proposed by the Nelson Disc Golf Society. As a teacher working at Rosemont Elementary, I've been lucky enough to have access to the course at Art Gibbons, and have seen the positive ways that my students have responded to disc golfing. First, it's accessible. If you can go through a walk in the forest, you can disc golf. Second, it gives them a safe environment to be active, to be challenged, and to be independent. I believe that continued support for disc golf initiatives will help broaden our physical education curriculum and bring this sport to students who would otherwise not experience it. Your support for the Nelson Disc Golf Society will help build a free public disc golf course that will benefit local children and their families

Yours Truly,

Eli Geddis
Grade 5/6 Teacher
Rosemont Elementary School
eli.geddis@sd8.bc.ca



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,

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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.



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.

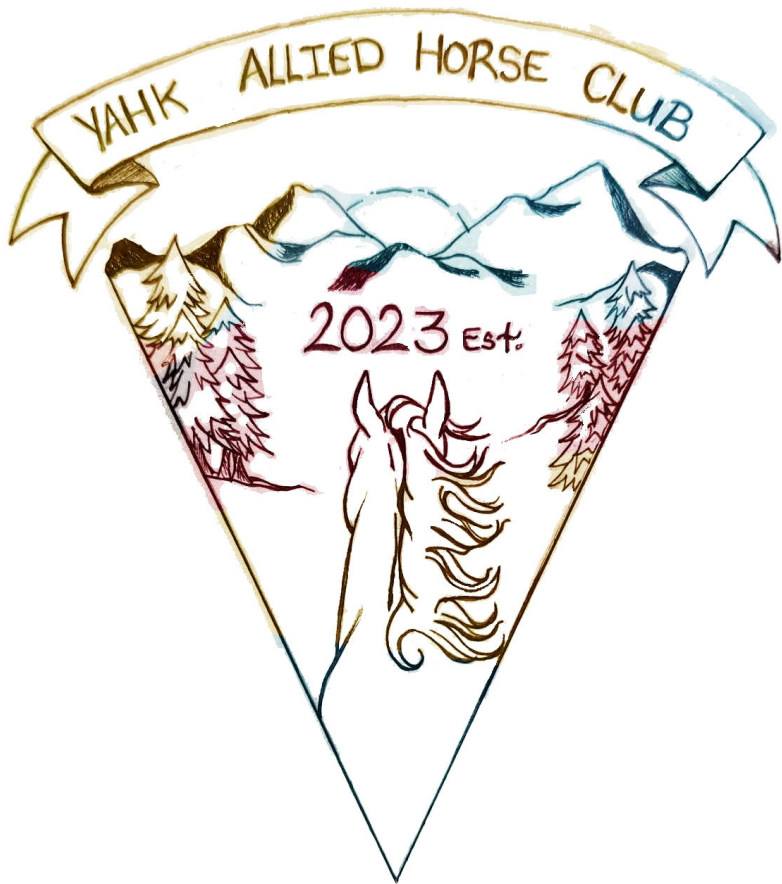


Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting can help individuals develop essential life skills. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can improve balance, coordination, and muscle strength. Furthermore, the non-judgmental nature of horses creates a safe and supportive environment, facilitating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

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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:

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Graham Community Service Society is helping us

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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 **KASLO TO SANDON RAILS TO TRAILS SOCIETY**

Registration # S0039831

PO BOX 347, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society Brochure and Advertising Campaign**

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

All work on this project will take place from Kaslo to Bear Lake along the 28km BC recreation trail REC6115. This trail provides off highway access from Zwicky Rd in Kaslo to the property border of LOT456 at Bear Lake.

Importance to the community:

The original K&S wagon trail has been an important piece of West Kootenay history for over 125yrs. For over 20 years our society has been responsible for maintaining the trail, from small scale projects such as rock picking to large projects like complete bridge replacements. We do this so the residents of the West Kootenay's and beyond have a trail that can transport them back in time. It is important to us to ensure safety as our number one priority.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,759.00	
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	\$2,759.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,759.00	\$3,159.00	\$3,159.00

1. The project will provide:

2024 Project - Advertising and Information Signage. This year we want to work to increase user knowledge and enjoyment. Updating our brochures and adding new information signage along the trail, will increase usership and enhance the trail experience. The new brochures will be distributed at visitor centers and key locations throughout the West Kootenay Region. The new information signage will be placed along the trail with "You are Here" identifiers. High Quality maps and historical information will give the user a sense of what it was like over a 100 years ago.

2. Organization Mandate:

To manage and maintain the K&S Wagon trail from Kaslo to Bear Lake. Keeping it safe for all users who wish to explore.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The original K&S wagon trail has been an important piece of West Kootenay history for over 125yrs. For over 20 years our society has been responsible for maintaining the trail, from small scale projects such as rock picking to large projects like complete bridge replacements. We do this so the residents of the West Kootenay's and beyond have a trail that can transport them back in time. It is important to us to ensure safety as our number one priority.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We want to enhance the user experience and bring additional users in to the mix. Advertising through our brochure campaign will increase this. Information signage will provide details on how far key points of interest are to allow with user to decide how long their journey might take.

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

On November 19 th 2013, the Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society entered into a partnership agreement (PA13RDKB-33) with the Kootenay Boundary Recreation District to maintain the Kaslo River Trailway (REC6115) Recreation trail also known as the K&S Wagon Trail. As this agreement states, no funding will be provided by the government for this maintenance. All members of the society volunteer our time to maintain the trail per the agreement. Understanding the time estimated to complete the tasks and the desire of the society members to take on these projects, we have the volunteer capacity to take these to completion.

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

We are relying on volunteer labour from the members of the Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society as well as friends of society members.

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

Vehicle usage including fuel to access to the projects will be donated by society members and volunteers. All tools, including generators, saws, hammers etc will be volunteer owned.

Rec and Trails BC will be donating 4 kiosks for the society to use as part of this project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

13429 Hwy 31, PO Box 108, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Swimming Lessons**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project will take place at Glayco Beach in Howser, BC.

Importance to the community:

The children and youth of Lardeau Valley and Kaslo will benefit from the project, as will the rest of the community. Children and youth who know what to do in and around water ways reduces the number of drowning injuries and deaths.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 8/2/2024

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,500.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00

Project: 2024 Swimming Lessons

1. The project will provide:

LVCC hosts swimming lessons at Glayco Beach in Howser, BC every year. The purpose of the project is to teach water safety to children and youth that live in the area. We hire a certified water safety instructor to teach the lessons over a two week period.

2. Organization Mandate:

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The children and youth of Lardeau Valley and Kaslo will benefit from the project, as will the rest of the community. Children and youth who know what to do in and around water ways reduces the number of drowning injuries and deaths.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Lardeau Valley is surrounded by two lakes, two major rivers, and numerous other water ways (creeks, streams, ponds, etc). Because of the number of water ways in the valley, it is vital that children and youth are comfortable in and around water and know what to do should they hit the water unexpectedly, such as from falling out of a boat or off of a bank.

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

LVCC has been organizing the swimming lessons in Lardeau Valley for many years.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

LVCC will hire a certified water safety instructor and take registrations.
The water safety instructor will set the lesson schedule and teach the lessons.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Board directors will be volunteering their time to oversee and manage the program.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

13429 Hwy 31, PO Box 108, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Programming 24/25**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Workshops and programs will take place in the building and on the property of Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

Importance to the community:

All community members that participate in the workshops/programs will benefit from this project. Being able to provide local programs with local facilitators saves community members travel costs to attend similar programs/workshops in other locations.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$1,000.00	\$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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,000.00	\$8,300.00	\$8,300.00

Project: Programming 24/25

1. The project will provide:

The project is to provide cultural, educational, and social programs and workshops to the residents of Lardeau Valley and Kaslo. The objective is to reach out to locals who have knowledge/skills in a variety of areas who are interested in teaching others. We anticipate being able to put on 1-2 workshops/programs a month from September through May.

2. Organization Mandate:

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

All community members that participate in the workshops/programs will benefit from this project. Being able to provide local programs with local facilitators saves community members travel costs to attend similar programs/workshops in other locations.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Living in a remote location like Lardeau Valley, we do not have ready access to STEAM programs, educational workshops, and the like. Being able to provide workshops and programs that people are interested in would be a great asset to the community.

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

LVCC is a large building with a lot of acreage. We have various rooms inside the community centre, so we could theoretically hold multiple programs/workshops at the same time. We have a dedicated manager and Board of Directors to pursue workshop/program opportunities.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Lardeau Valley Community Centre Board of Directors
LVCC Programming Committee
Various program and workshop facilitators

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The LVCC Programming Committee is a group of volunteers that commits 10 hours/month towards sourcing and providing quality programming to residents in the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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 Slokan			
\$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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We confirm that the above-referenced firm is active, in good standing, and has met WorkSafeBC's criteria for advance clearance. Accordingly, if the addressee on this letter is the prime contractor, the addressee will not be held liable for the amount of any assessment payable for work undertaken by the above-referenced firm to April 01, 2024.

This firm has had continuous coverage with us since February 18, 2013.

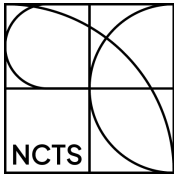
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Nelson Civic Theatre Society

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eleanor Stacey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eleanor Stacey
Executive Director

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

PO Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Seniors and Mobility Challenged**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Throughout both the Lardeau Valley community for the Family Freezer Meals and for the seniors and mobility challenged this would include the Kaslo area in addition to the Lardeau area.

Importance to the community:

Through this project, community members of the Lardeau Valley are able to learn how to economize without sacrificing nutrition by creating a large number of meals for their family. In addition with the new "freezer meals on wheels" program, an ageing seniors group as well as physically challenged group will benefit from this new extension of the Freezer Meals program as well as how to economize and create their own set of meals within their own home.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 10/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$1,660.00	\$3,875.00
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	\$5,535.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,535.00	\$7,035.00	\$7,035.00

Project: Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Seniors and Mobility Challenged**1. The project will provide:**

To provide an environment in a certified Kitchen to prepare Freezer meals to some of the economically challenged families in this area. In the past we presented Freezer Meals within our Project/Programming program, however due to its popularity we felt it was important to separate this grant front he Projects/Programming grant. This program was extremely popular and due to limited funding we had to create a lottery system for applicants to apply for attendance. The part 2 being that with the large ageing senior community in the Lardeau Valley and with the success of previous Freezer Meal programs, we were able to fulfill requests to do a "freezer meals on wheels" type program for the older seniors and some of the physically challenged members of Area D. Due to the number of people who have registered to be a recipient of this part of the program we view this as necessary to continue to offer this under this grant.

2. Organization Mandate:

To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Through this project, community members of the Lardeau Valley are able to learn how to economize without sacrificing nutrition by creating a large number of meals for their family. In addition with the new "freezer meals on wheels" program, an ageing seniors group as well as physically challenged group will benefit from this new extension of the Freezer Meals program as well as how to economize and create their own set of meals within their own home.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Due to the continued current economic environment this program will allow families to not only attend a fun workshop but will provide a small supplement to their food budget. In addition the Freezer Meals class provides skills to show families how to not only create healthy meals and extend their food supply without sacrificing nutrition. The "Freezer Meals on Wheels" portion will provide a variety of nutritious meals for seniors and the physically challenged throughout the Lardeau Valley community. In addition, detailed information on doing these meals at home independently and personalized to the individual's skill set will be provided

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

Lardeau Valley Community Club's hall has ample space with its IHA-certified kitchen to provide the Freezer Meals workshops and provide a certified space in which to prepare the Freezer Meals on Wheels. In addition there are a group of local volunteers familiar with this kitchen facility who have signed up or who have indicated that they wish to help with Freezer Meals on Wheels program so we would be not short of any knowledgeable help to execute this part of the project. The hall is also centrally located in Meadow Creek.

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

Valerie Smith - co-ordinator.

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

Project: Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Seniors and Mobility Challenged

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The co-ordinator will be donating 200 hours volunteering both for prep and the hosting of this event, as well as driving and delivering the freezer meals on wheels portion of this project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Lake Independent School Society**

Registration # S0035801

PO Box 1136, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Periwinkle Children's Centre Roof Repair**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
503 First St, Kaslo, BC (beside Vimy Park)

Importance to the community:

Periwinkle provides high quality child care to families in Kaslo and RDCK Area D, 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, which is essential to many working families. This project will help Periwinkle continue to provide a high level of care to local children in a well-maintained building.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/15/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			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	\$10,768.00	\$10,768.00

Project: Periwinkle Children's Centre Roof Repair

1. The project will provide:

The project will repair the roof over the older portion of Periwinkle's building by replacing the plywood sheeting, membrane and shingles. A new addition was added to Periwinkle Children's Centre in 2023 that increased the number of daycare spaces that Periwinkle could offer the community, but the original building needs some maintenance work to be done.

2. Organization Mandate:

Kootenay Lake Independent School Society is a registered charity and non-profit society that operates Periwinkle Children's Centre as its sole purpose. Periwinkle provides high quality child care for children aged 30 months to school age of families in Kaslo and RDCK Area D, and is the only registered daycare serving this area. It offers 20 Group child care spaces, is open 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, and has an operating budget of about \$280,000.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Periwinkle provides high quality child care to families in Kaslo and RDCK Area D, 5 days per week, 7 hours per day, which is essential to many working families. This project will help Periwinkle continue to provide a high level of care to local children in a well-maintained building.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Periwinkle Children's Centre recently completed a 600 sq ft building addition that increased its size to 1,600 sq ft and now supports 20 licensed child care spaces to serve the families of Kaslo and RDCK Area D. The need to repair the roof on the original building was identified during the expansion construction project.

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

Periwinkle Children's Centre has served the community as a registered daycare and non-profit society since 1996, and has a long-term lease commitment with the Village of Kaslo for its current building and occupied lots. Periwinkle has maintained the building, the grounds, and its own capital assets for more than 20 years by working with local contractors and suppliers, by soliciting in-kind services and donations when appropriate, and by fundraising.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A local contractor will repair the roof, and Periwinkle's manager will supervise the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer grant writing and grant administration.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

PROPOSAL

To: Kootenay Lake Independent School Society
Village of Kaslo
Contact Liaison: Heike Reeg-Smith

Date: February 13, 2024

The undersigned proposes to arrange all materials and labour necessary to re-shingle the roof of the Periwinkle Daycare, 1st Avenue, Kaslo, BC. This does not include the roof of the 2023 addition, or the metal porch roof.

The contractor and crew will:

- Strip old shingles from building
- Sheet the roof with 1/2 inch standard plywood
- Install Resisto roof membrane
- Install white roof edge
- Install Malarkey Highlander or comparable shingles
- Remove all garbage from site

All of the above work to be completed in a good and workmanlike manner for the sum of

Ten thousand, two hundred dollars (\$10,200.00) plus GST

Payments to be made as follows:

- \$3,200.00 (plus GST) on acceptance of contract
- \$7,000.00 (plus GST) on completion of contract.

Any changes in the work and the price to be charged for same shall be made in writing.

Respectfully submitted,

Contractor

ACCEPTANCE

You are hereby authorized to furnish all materials and labour to complete the work mentioned in the above proposal, for which the undersigned agrees to pay the amount mentioned in said proposal, and according to the terms thereof.

Date: _____

Periwinkle Representative

Organization **Kootenay Christian Fellowship / Our Daily Bread**

Registration # 889369906RR0001

520 Falls Street Nelson, NelsonBC BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Our Daily Bread Food Security Program**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Food Security Program will take place at the Nelson location of Our Daily Bread on Falls Street. Members of our community will be invited to pick up non perishables/ frozen foods and non perishables including diapers and infant foods on Thursdays 10-11:30am.

Importance to the community:

ODB's Food Security program will play a critical role in promoting food security, reducing hunger, and fostering community well-being by providing essential food assistance to those in need and mobilizing resources and support to address underlying issues of poverty and inequality. Residents of Nelson will benefit from the project including children and youth, low income individuals, seniors, people living with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and residents from other rural and isolated communities. Nelson is a core city and quite often, we have residents outside of Nelson from Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp, Balfour, Slocan Valley and other areas across the Basin to access services. This project is important to our community because it will address the current gap and shortage in food security programs on the weekends by providing additional resources to those in need.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 5/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
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
	\$500.00		\$7,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$250.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$10,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

\$10,000.00	\$24,810.00	\$24,810.00
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1. The project will provide:

Our Daily Bread will create a community-based program that will help to address food insecurity in Nelson, BC. Our Daily Bread plans to pilot a food security program to provide food resources such as meals, groceries and frozen food packages to individuals and communities who are facing hunger and food insecurity. The project will forge partnerships with local grocery stores, farms and food suppliers to secure donations or discounts on food items. We will collaborate with other nonprofit organizations, churches, and community centers to leverage resources and reach more people in need. Our Daily Bread will use our existing location to create the food security program and train volunteers to assist with food storage, handling and safety regulations. We will recruit volunteers from the community to help with food collection, sorting, packaging, and distribution. This project will set up systems for collecting donated food items from partners and ensure their proper storage and handling. We will work with community partners to establish regular distribution days or times when community members can access the food program (tentatively Thursdays 10-11:30am). There is a food resource shortage in Nelson and area and this pilot program will help to alleviate hunger and food scarcity by providing nonperishables to our vulnerable community members in our current economy.

2. Organization Mandate:

Our Daily Bread in Nelson, BC is a community organization that focuses on providing meals and support services to those in need. Our Daily Bread aims to address issues related to food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness within our community. We strive to provide immediate relief to those in need and contribute to long term solutions that promote equity, justice, and well-being for all members of our community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

ODB's Food Security program will play a critical role in promoting food security, reducing hunger, and fostering community well-being by providing essential food assistance to those in need and mobilizing resources and support to address underlying issues of poverty and inequality. Residents of Nelson will benefit from the project including children and youth, low income individuals, seniors, people living with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and residents from other rural and isolated communities. Nelson is a core city and quite often, we have residents outside of Nelson from Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp, Balfour, Slocan Valley and other areas across the Basin to access services. This project is important to our community because it will address the current gap and shortage in food security programs on the weekends by providing additional resources to those in need.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our Daily Bread is Nelson's only hot meal program. We have been serving members of our community for 22 years. Five days per week, ODB offers a hot nutritious meal, social space and resource connections to provide immediate relief to those facing food insecurity and homelessness. Since covid-19, numbers of people requiring food, shelter and clothing are increasing and the demand for food is expected to increase by 60% by 2050. Most of our clients are young adults and seniors who cannot keep up with the rates of inflation and increasing cost of living. According to the 2022 Nelson Committee on Homelessness report, Nelson has the 2nd highest rate of homelessness in British Columbia's Interior and this is an undercount. This means that for every 1,000 people in Nelson, a minimum of 8 people are confirmed to be experiencing homelessness.

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

Our Daily Bread has been serving this community since 2002. The organization has previous experience in addressing food insecurity and serving vulnerable populations in our community. We have an existing building to deliver this type of program along with the community networks and partnerships that can be leveraged to launch

Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

and sustain a food security program effectively. Being rooted in the Nelson community, Our Daily Bread has a deep knowledge of local needs, resources, and community services. This local knowledge can inform the development and delivery of the pilot food security program and tailor the program to suit community needs, Our Daily Bread has established trust and credibility among community members, volunteers, donors, and partners through our previous work in the community. This is instrumental in building support for the food security program and attracting volunteers and donors.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A project manager will oversee the implementation process, supported by Our Daily Bread staff members and volunteers who will be responsible for various tasks such as project coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach, and program evaluation. The involvement of community members is crucial for the success of the pilot project. This includes individuals and families who will benefit from these services, as well as local residents who may volunteer their time, donate food items, or provide support in other ways.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Food Donations, Volunteer support, Food Storage Space, Transportation Services picking up food from donors, fuel cost and professional services.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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Executive Summary

Introduction

Household food insecurity (HFI) is when a household worries about or lacks the financial means to buy nutritious, safe, personally acceptable foods. Monitoring household food insecurity is a priority for the BC regional health authorities and the Population and Public Health (PPH) program at the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). Household food insecurity prevalence is one of the 52 provincial health equity indicators developed by PHSA and one of 13 preliminary indicators identified by the BC health authorities in the first phase of a process to prioritize indicators to monitor food security in BC.

This report is an update to the August 2016 *Priority health equity indicators for British Columbia: Household food insecurity indicator report*, published by the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) in collaboration with the PROOF research centre at the University of Toronto.

This report:

- Shares literature on household food insecurity, health and evidence-based responses
- Monitors trends in the prevalence of people who live in households experiencing household food insecurity in BC
- Reports on two indicator areas prioritized in a preliminary phase of a project to refine evidence-based indicators for food security monitoring in BC: **household food insecurity and income** and **household food insecurity and mental health**
- Summarizes data on concern for food security during the COVID-19 pandemic

The data in this report helps monitor household food insecurity in the province and can inform planning and policy development to address household food insecurity. This report focuses on household food insecurity, which is distinct from the broader issue of food insecurity, and it should be interpreted alongside monitoring and surveillance of other food insecurity indicators.

Household food insecurity refers to the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints.

Food insecurity exists when factors outside an individual's control negatively impact their access to enough foods that promote wellbeing. Economic, social, environmental, and geographical factors influence this access. Food insecurity is most acutely felt by those who experience the negative impacts of structural inequities, such as discrimination and on-going colonial practices.

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

The negative impacts of food insecurity on people's physical and social wellbeing have been well documented. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses further demonstrate the associations between food insecurity and adverse health and wellbeing outcomes in child, youth, adult and senior populations. Children who live in food insecure households have increased likelihood of various adverse physical health, development, social and academic outcomes. Among adults and seniors, household food insecurity is linked with poorer dietary intake, diabetes management, cognitive health and mental health outcomes.

Household food insecurity is primarily an income-based issue that requires income-based solutions. Household income is a robust predictor of food insecurity in Canada and is tightly linked to other forms of material deprivation, as illustrated by data from several socioeconomic indicators, such as income source, housing/homeownership and employment. Sociodemographic factors, such as place of residence, education, employment status, Indigenous identity, race/cultural group, immigration status and household composition, are also tightly linked to household food insecurity prevalence and severity, as well as poverty. People with these social identities disproportionately experience food insecurity and poverty due to structural factors such as racist and colonial policies, practices and norms that have restricted access to opportunity and upward mobility; thus addressing food insecurity requires addressing the structural drivers of health and its determinants. Evidence for the relationship between household food insecurity and health provides a compelling case for interventions that improve household incomes and economic security.

Indigenous Context and Data

Understanding key challenges around food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples requires centering Indigenous contexts and lived experiences. While the analyses in this report do not include data on household food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples, the report provides historical and current context and complexities of food security and food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples, shares available data, acknowledges the importance of broader, more holistic approaches in Indigenous contexts, and identifies the need for further work to find respectful ways to include Indigenous data and ensure interventions and policies address the needs of those experiencing the highest rates of food insecurity.

Methods

The prevalence of household food insecurity in BC was assessed using data from the 2017-2018 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), a cross-sectional survey administered by Statistics Canada. The relationships between household food insecurity and various economic and sociodemographic factors were examined using bivariate analyses.

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

Worry about running out of food and/or limited food selection due to a lack of money for food

Moderate food insecurity:

Compromise in quality and/or quantity of food due to a lack of money for food

Severe food insecurity:

Miss meals, reduce food intake, and at the most extreme go day(s) without food

Key Findings

- In 2017-2018, 1 in 8 (12.5%) people 12 years of age and over in British Columbia lived in households that experienced some level of household food insecurity during the previous 12 months.
 - ◆ 2.8% of people lived in households classified as severely food insecure.
- The rate of household food insecurity varied within the province, from 10.4% in the Vancouver Coastal Health region to 16.6% in the Northern Health region.
- Household food insecurity rates in BC differ depending on different economic and sociodemographic characteristics.
 - ◆ Household food insecurity was most prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintile of income distribution at 26.9%, including 8.1% reporting severe food insecurity, compared to 3.5% in the highest quintile for income.
 - ◆ Among people living in food insecure households, more than three quarters (75.7%) reported their main sources of income were wages, salaries or self-employment.
 - ◆ People whose main source of household income is from social assistance had the highest rate of household food insecurity (57.9%), including 32.3% experiencing severe food insecurity.
 - ◆ Renters in BC experienced disproportionately high rates of household food insecurity (23.7%) compared to those who reported owning their home (7.9%).
- Household food insecurity is associated with adverse mental health outcomes in BC.
 - ◆ Compared to people living in food secure households, those living in food insecure households reported lower rates of positive perceived mental health (93.0% vs 79.1%).

Supplement: COVID-19 and concern for food security in BC

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes to social and economic life, including job losses and reduced work hours, which have resulted in financial hardship. The BC COVID-19 Survey on Population Experiences, Action and Knowledge (SPEAK) collected information about BC residents' experiences and measure impacts on social, economic, physical and mental wellness during the COVID-19 pandemic, including concern for food security, or worry that food would run out before having money to buy more. Data from this survey show that concern for food security in BC in April/May 2021 was most prevalent among populations that faced inequities stemming from structural drivers of health and wellbeing prior to the pandemic.

- People living in remote communities reported the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%).
- People who identified as Black had one of the highest rates of concern for food security (19.9%), compared to those who identified as white, who had the lowest rate (10.0%).
- Almost half (47.4%) of people with no legal immigration status or who are refugee claimants were worried that food would run out before they had money to buy more, followed by almost one third of those who are on work or study permits (32.3%).
- Single parents living with children aged under 18 (22.5%) and unattached people living with others (27.4%) reported higher rates of concern for food security compared to parents living with a spouse/partner and children (11.3%), people living with a spouse/partner (8.5%), and unattached people living alone (15%).
- Concern for food security was most prevalent among those aged 18-34 and 35-49 (18.4% and 14.0%), and rates decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates of food insecurity (5.7% and 4.1%).
- 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed reported concern for food security.
- Prevalence of concern for food security was highest among people reporting the lowest annual household incomes; 40.7% of those reporting annual household incomes less than \$20,000/year and 22.9% of those reporting household incomes between \$20,000-59,000/year worried that food would run out before they had money to buy more.
- People who experienced an employment change during the pandemic had higher rates of concern for food security compared to the overall rate in BC. Nearly a third (30.4%) of those who were reported being out of work for 7 months or longer reported concern for food security.

Discussion

When considered alongside other evidence on household food insecurity in Canada, our findings support conclusions made elsewhere that dominant responses to food insecurity, such as charitable food responses, do not address the structural drivers nor the symptoms and outcomes of the issue. It is broadly recognized that reducing household food insecurity at a population level requires policies that improve household incomes. Research is needed to examine the impact of income supports on household food insecurity, and ultimately, health, including relief measures that were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. The data reported here also highlight the need for accessible, consistent data on household food insecurity to monitor the extent of the issue and to evaluate health and social policy responses. There is also a need to better understand challenges around food security among Indigenous Peoples to inform policies and programs that centre Indigenous contexts and lived experiences.

Conclusion

This report is an update to the August 2016 *Priority health equity indicators for BC: Household food insecurity indicator report*. It includes household food insecurity data specific to the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of BCCDC's commitment to ongoing monitoring and surveillance of household food insecurity. The data demonstrates that household food insecurity continues to disproportionately affect people and households that are marginalized due to social, economic, geographic and structural inequities.

This report is intended to increase understanding of the drivers of household food insecurity and inform policy solutions that address the intersecting inequities at the root of household food insecurity.

Introduction

Context for this report

Using the work of Davis and Tarasuk, Health Canada defines household food insecurity (HFI) as “the inability to acquire or consume an adequate diet quality or a sufficient quantity of food in socially acceptable ways or the uncertainty that one will be able to do so”, which is most often the result of inadequate income (1). PROOF defines household food insecurity as “the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints” (2). Simply put, household food insecurity is when a household worries about or lacks the financial means to buy nutritious, safe, personally acceptable foods, and it is driven by multiple exacerbating factors (3).

Food insecurity is a significant public health issue in British Columbia (BC). The BC Ministry of Health identified food security as one of its core public health programs in 2006, and monitoring food insecurity is a priority for the BC regional health authorities and the Population and Public Health (PPH) program at the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), a part of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). The PPH program at BCCDC has developed a conceptual framework - the *Conceptual Framework for Food Security Indicators* - which articulates evidence-based indicators to monitor intersectoral action on food security and its determinants. Household food insecurity is one of 13 possible new indicator areas identified by the BC health authorities in the first phase of a process to prioritize indicators to monitor food security in BC. Household food insecurity is also one of the 52 indicators included in the suite of indicators developed by the PHSA to monitor health equity (4).

This report focuses on household food insecurity, which considers the economic and financial dimensions of food insecurity and is distinct from the broader issue of food insecurity as it does not look at other factors which impact food insecurity as articulated in the BC Food Security Definitions (see Box 1) (5). As such, this report on household food insecurity should be interpreted alongside the monitoring and surveillance of other food insecurity indicators.

Box 1

Household food insecurity refers to the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints.

Food insecurity exists when factors outside an individual's control negatively impact their access to enough foods that promote wellbeing. Economic, social, environmental and geographical factors influence this access. Food insecurity is most acutely felt by those who experience the negative impacts of structural inequities¹, such as discrimination and on-going colonial practices.

Food security means that everyone has equitable access to food that is affordable, culturally preferable, nutritious and safe; everyone has the agency to participate in, and influence food systems; and that food systems are resilient, ecologically sustainable, socially just, and honour Indigenous food sovereignty.

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¹ Structural inequities: Unfair and unjust systemic biases present in institutional policies and day-to-day practices that disadvantage certain social identities over others based on race, gender, class, sexual orientation and other domains

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

Household food insecurity is a serious public health issue in Canada. This section provides evidence on the impacts of food insecurity on health, then describes the circumstances that create household food insecurity and evidence-based interventions.

The impact of household food insecurity on diet and health

The negative impacts of food insecurity on people's physical and social wellbeing are well documented in previous reports (3). This section highlights findings from systematic reviews and meta-analyses² on the known impacts of household food insecurity on health and wellbeing.

Household food insecurity in children and youth

- There is evidence for increased likelihood of having some birth defects, anemia, lower nutrient intake, asthma, and poorer general health and hospitalization among children who are food insecure versus those who are food secure (6). Children under five years old living in food insecure households are also more likely to experience developmental delays, poorer cognitive outcomes in vocabulary and math, and challenging behavior (7).

Household food insecurity in adults and seniors

- Food insecurity is inversely associated with adult dietary quality, particularly for intakes of vegetables, fruits and dairy products. There is more evidence for the impact of food insecurity on the dietary intake of women than for men (8,9).
- While there is some evidence indicating an association between household food insecurity and diabetes control and management, the significant heterogeneity among studies limits the strength of the association (10,11).
- There is some evidence that household food insecurity in early and later life is associated with poorer global cognitive function in middle age and in older adults (12).
- There is strong evidence for an association between household food insecurity and an increased likelihood of depression, anxiety, stress and sleep disorders (13,14).

² Systematic reviews use replicable methods to identify and synthesize all possible studies on a given topic, and in some cases, critically appraise the strength of the studies included in the review. A meta-analysis is a type of systematic review where the quantitative results from several studies are combined and summarized to create a pooled estimate of an effect. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses are considered 'gold standards' among research methods because they draw conclusions from the overall body of evidence on a topic or question.

Circumstances that create household food insecurity

Household food insecurity and economic factors

Income

Research consistently demonstrates that household food insecurity is primarily an income-based issue. Household income is a robust predictor of food insecurity in Canada and is tightly linked to other forms of material deprivation (15–18), as demonstrated by data from several socioeconomic indicators summarized below.

Income source

A household's source of income is a strong predictor for household food insecurity. Households whose main source of income is from social assistance are three times more likely to be food insecure than households who have income from wages or salaries (17). By design, social assistance programs do very little to build assets that could buffer an economic shock, making households vulnerable beyond their income alone (19). Household food insecurity, however, is sensitive to changes in income supplementation programs. In BC, overall rates of household food insecurity and rates of severe food insecurity decreased following a modest enhancement to social assistance benefits between 2005-2012 (18).

Housing and homeownership

Evidence indicates disparities in household food insecurity based on homeownership status and levels of housing assets. Most food insecure households are market renters, and among homeowners, those with a mortgage on a home valued in the lowest decile of home values are most likely to be food insecure (19). Lack of affordable housing in BC is a compounding stressor for food insecurity. Housing affordability is poor or worsening across several indicators of affordability, and this is especially true among the province's four largest urban regions: Okanagan Valley, Fraser Valley, Victoria and Greater Vancouver (20). These affordability challenges are particularly concerning given research that suggests protective effects of home ownership in relation to household food insecurity (21).

Employment

While income source plays a role in susceptibility to household food insecurity, working in paid employment does not prevent household food insecurity (22). While the prevalence of household food insecurity among households that receive wages from salaries or self-employment as their main source of income is low, 51.9% of food insecure households report wages or salaries as their primary source of income (15). This indicates that earning income through paid employment is not always sufficient to prevent household food insecurity. Changes to the labour market over the last 40 years have concentrated jobs at the top and bottom of the wage distribution and contributed to a growth in low-wage and precarious work, which is a concern for economic security and a potential driver of food

insecurity. In Canada, job losses and reduced hours during the COVID-19 pandemic were largely concentrated among people in low-paid and precarious work (23).

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

In Canada, the probability and severity of the experience of household food insecurity depends not only on economic factors such as income, source of income, homeownership and employment, but also on sociodemographic factors (which are closely linked to poverty) such as place of residence, education, Indigenous identity, race/cultural group, immigration status and household composition (2,15). For example, Canadian data shows that food insecurity is more prevalent among households with children. 20.9% of male lone parent households and 38.1% of female lone parent households reported household food insecurity in 2021, compared with 15.6% of couples with children in the home and 9.1% of couples without children (15).

Systemic racism: a structural driver of household food insecurity

At the root of poverty are economic factors that fail to deliver or secure an adequate income to meet basic needs. In Canada, where structural factors such as racist and colonial policies, practices and norms restrict access to opportunity and upward mobility for racialized people, household food insecurity is most prevalent among households where the respondent identifies as Indigenous (30.7%), Arab/West Asian (27.6%) or Black (22.4%) (15). In 2020, the proportion of people living in poverty among racialized groups was 13.2% compared to 8.0% for non-racialized groups in BC (24). In Vancouver, over 66% of persons living in poverty were from racialized groups in 2020 (24). While there has been a downward trend in the poverty rate in Canada, disparities between racialized and non-racialized groups continue to persist. Addressing food insecurity requires attention to the structural drivers – or ‘causes of the causes’ – that drive health and its determinants.

Evidence-based interventions to address household food insecurity

Evidence for the relationship between household food insecurity and health provides a compelling case for interventions that improve households’ economic security. Research has shown that household food insecurity is primarily an income-based issue that requires income-based solutions, and there is evidence from Canada and the United States indicating that social protection policies and interventions that provide income to households improve both household food insecurity and health (2,25).

In Canada, cash transfers in the form of children’s and seniors’ benefits have been associated with reductions in household food insecurity, particularly effective at reducing severe food insecurity among low-income families (18,25–27). Similarly, in the United States, income supplementation programs, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, have been shown to be associated with decreased household

food insecurity and improved health outcomes (18,26–27). In-kind financial benefits, which are non-cash monetary benefits or supplemental benefits typically restricted to spending on particular goods (e.g., food, medical or housing benefits/subsidies), are designed to augment households' material resources. In the United States, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamps Program), which provides targeted food purchasing assistance to eligible low-income people and families, has been shown to reduce poverty and household food insecurity (6). A systematic review of in-kind subsidies and child food insecurity found some evidence for reductions in food insecurity and poor health among recipients of programs like SNAP and WIC, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; however, evidence was mixed and limited in scope and quality (28). There is no evidence demonstrating that in-kind financial benefits are more effective at reducing food insecurity than cash transfers, and research has identified administrative costs, stigma and barriers to access as hindering the effectiveness of in-kind financial benefits (29). There is consensus that in order for cash transfers and in-kind benefits to effectively reduce household food insecurity, sufficient benefit amounts and program coverage are necessary (28).

Day to day feeding programs are another broad type of intervention that often target specific populations, such as people who are homeless (e.g., soup kitchens), elderly people or people with disabilities (e.g., Meals on Wheels in the United States), or low-income children (e.g., school breakfast or lunch programs). Such targeted feeding programs have been shown to have limited and mixed impacts on household food security (30,31). They have also been associated with stigma and barriers to access (such as means testing) (32), and have been recognized as insufficient for addressing the root causes of food insecurity. A systematic review found that school food assistance and breakfast programs can increase food access and improve dietary intake, while delivering social, behavioural and educational benefits (28). Currently, there is no national school food program in Canada, and the patchwork of school food programs across the country provides inconsistent access to nutritious foods at school for children (33). A recent review of Canadian school food programs identified the need for sufficient resources to deliver high-quality programming, consideration of food systems and environmental impact, and integration of the social determinants of health as key considerations for a national school food policy and program (34), though experts caution that such a program should not be seen as a solution to the broader issues of poverty and food insecurity (35,36).

There is strong evidence for the association between community food programs, such as community gardens or kitchens and box programs, and positive social outcomes such as social connectedness and sense of belonging, as well as some positive impacts on community food security. However, there is limited evidence related to the impact of community food programs on household food insecurity (25).

Overall, there are significant gaps in BC and Canada’s policy response to household food insecurity, and the evaluation of programs that target the economic drivers of food insecurity is limited (37). Charitable food assistance remains the dominant and most prominent public response to food insecurity in Canada.

Food banks emerged in Canada in response to the economic downturn of the 1980s, and have since become institutionalized as a form of social assistance alongside economic and policy trends that have stagnated incomes for those at the bottom of the income distribution (38). While food banks are designed to serve those facing immediate food needs, the vast majority of food insecure families do not access charitable emergency food assistance. Food insecure households report food banks as a last resort after other resource augmentation strategies, and only a small percentage of food insecure households report using food banks (39). Despite the BC and federal governments directing emergency funds to food banks and food security programs to support immediate needs of people facing food insecurity during the pandemic (40,41), the gap between food bank usage and household food insecurity has been even more pronounced during the COVID-19 pandemic. A nationally representative survey to track the economic and health impacts of the pandemic found that only 7.4% of food insecure households reported receiving charitable food assistance in the previous months (42).

Effective and sustained responses to household food insecurity must be evidence-based, address the root causes of the issue and be evaluated for their impact on household food insecurity. Evidence shows that dominant approaches to addressing food insecurity focused on charitable, emergency food responses, such as food banks, do not effectively address the root causes of household food insecurity. Rather, the evidence demonstrates a need to address the conditions that give rise to household food insecurity – inadequate incomes, broader material deprivation and financial insecurity, and the intersecting structural inequities that underlie them – through upstream social policies.

Indigenous Context and Data

Indigenous Peoples' relationships with their traditional territories and food systems provided food security and food sovereignty for millennia. Prior to European contact, Indigenous Peoples' relationships to food were "land-based, holistic and self-determined" (43), and vibrant food trade and sharing relationships existed. While climate disruptions and fluctuating populations of plant and animal food sources caused food availability to vary, prolonged hunger was not a common experience for most Indigenous communities (44).

While the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples, rooted in connection to lands and waters, have never been ceded or surrendered, colonization has disrupted traditional food systems and Indigenous Peoples' relationships to food (44). Forced dislocation from their traditional territories, ecological destruction and decimation of traditional food systems, impacts of residential schools, intergenerational trauma, and more have led to experiences of prolonged hunger and food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples. While Indigenous Peoples have always been resilient in maintaining traditional food systems and practices, these colonial disruptions and ensuing food insecurity have had detrimental impacts on the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health of Indigenous Peoples.

While the analyses in this report do not include data on household food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples, it is well documented that Indigenous people and communities today are disproportionately impacted by high rates of household food insecurity and experience unique barriers to food access and food security.

- 30.7% of First Nations people living off-reserve in the 10 provinces reported experiencing household food insecurity in 2021, the highest percentage among all racial groups (15). This included 8.8% reporting severe food insecurity.³
- Even after accounting for sociodemographic and economic factors, households whose main income earner is Indigenous remain almost twice as likely to be food insecure compared to those with white main income earners (15).³
- On-reserve, 43.5% of First Nations households in BC reported not being able to afford to eat balanced meals in the past 12 months in 2015-2017 (45).

³ These data do not include people living in the territories or on reserve, who experience very high rates of household food insecurity.

- Close to half (48%) of households living on-reserve in Canada experienced household food insecurity in 2008-2018. Regional rates were 3-5 times higher compared to the general Canadian population (12%) (46).
- 47% of families living on-reserve reported running out of traditional food before they could replenish their supplies, and 77% desired to serve traditional food more often (46).
- There is little data available specific to food security and food insecurity among Métis and Inuit people in BC.

Understanding key challenges around food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples requires upholding inherent rights and centering Indigenous contexts and lived experiences. Tensions can exist for many Indigenous households who rely on income and must find a balance between time and energy spent in mainstream economic activities (i.e., participating in the wage economy or paid work), with time and energy for harvesting, preparing and preserving traditional foods from the land and passing food-related knowledge to current and future generations (43). At the same time, many Indigenous Peoples rely on traditional foods and food sources, especially in times where lack of income and rising food costs inhibit their access to market foods. When food from the lands and waters are not harvested, eaten and shared, and knowledge is not transferred, relationships between Indigenous Peoples, food, land and culture are disrupted, and in turn, the health of both current and future generations is impacted deeply (47). Thus, measures to support harvesting, access, exercising land rights, and intergenerational knowledge transfer, in addition to adequate incomes, are critical.

Indigenous scholars and Knowledge Keepers have articulated the need for broader, more holistic approaches in Indigenous contexts: “The criticisms of food security measures clearly point to the need for Indigenous voices, values and beliefs in food and nutrition studies” (48). The Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty has identified that Indigenous Peoples’ ability to respond to their own needs for adequate amounts of Indigenous foods in the forests, fields and waterways requires framing within ecological, cultural and temporal scope and scale of Indigenous food systems (49).

Food security for Indigenous Peoples is intrinsically tied to food sovereignty, self-determination (UNDRIP Article 23) and access to land (UNDRIP Article 26), and requires Nation-to-Nation leadership and decision making. Both the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (50) and BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) (51) recognize

and affirm Indigenous rights to self-determination, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action (52) call for governments to acknowledge the impact of government policies on Indigenous health (18) and take action to identify and close gaps in health outcomes (19). The Province has reaffirmed its commitments to Indigenous Peoples through the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan (Action Plan) (53), which prioritizes the maintenance of traditional foods and systems over the next five years. The Action Plan highlights the following food security related outcomes the Province is striving towards:

- Indigenous food systems are recognized and supported in their foundational and interconnected role in providing cultural, social, environmental and economic well-being; and,
- Indigenous Peoples have meaningful and sufficient access to abundant and healthy traditional foods and have peaceful enjoyment of their harvesting rights.

Further work to find respectful ways to include Indigenous data is essential to ensure interventions and policies meet the needs of those experiencing the highest rates of food insecurity. The First Nations Population Health and Wellness Agenda (54) (a partnership between FNHA and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO)) and Métis Public Health Surveillance Program (55) (a partnership between Métis Nation BC, OPHO and the Ministry of Health) demonstrate commitments to monitor and report on First Nations and Métis indicators including those related to food insecurity, traditional foods and Indigenous food sovereignty.

Methods

Measuring household food insecurity in Canada: The Canadian Community Health Survey

Data used in the main section of this report comes from the 2017/2018 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), a cross-sectional survey administered by Statistics Canada that collects health-related information from approximately 130,000 Canadians. The sample is representative of the Canadian population 12 years of age and over living in the provinces and territories, but it excludes individuals living on First Nations reserves, Crown Lands, or in some Quebec health regions, full-time members of the Canadian military, and persons in prisons or care facilities.

Household food insecurity has been measured in Canada since 2004 using the Household Food Security Survey Module (HFSSM), a standardized and validated scale of household food insecurity that measures inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints. The module monitors households'

experiences of food insecurity of the previous 12 months and consists of 18 questions on a range of conditions, from worrying that food will run out to modifying the amount of food consumed. The questions distinguish between the experiences of adults and children. Households with zero affirmative responses are classified as food secure, while households with one or more affirmative responses are classified as food insecure. Households are further classified as experiencing either *marginal*, *moderate*, or *severe food insecurity*, representing a spectrum of experiences with food insecurity (see Box 2) (2). Marginal food insecurity is defined by no more than one affirmative response, moderate food insecurity by two to five affirmative responses and severe food insecurity by six or more affirmative responses. While Statistics Canada reports on only moderate and severe food insecurity, this report adopts the use of marginal, moderate and severe food insecurity recommended by the PROOF research centre at the University of Toronto and used by BCCDC in the 2016 *Priority health equity indicators for British Columbia: Household food insecurity indicator report* (3).

Box 2

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

Worry about running out of food and/or limited food selection due to a lack of money for food

Moderate food insecurity:

Compromise in quality and/or quantity of food due to a lack of money for food

Severe food insecurity:

Miss meals, reduce food intake, and at the most extreme go day(s) without food

The prevalence of household food insecurity in this report is measured at the level of individuals 12 years of age and older who live in households that experience household food insecurity. Measurement of household food insecurity at the individual level, rather than at the household level, differs from previous reporting of household food insecurity in British Columbia (3) and in Canada (2). This discrepancy is because this report uses data from the CCHS Public Use Microfile (PUMF) rather than the CCHS Masterfile. Due to the risk of disclosure, household weights are not included on the PUMF. By applying individual weights supplied by Statistics Canada on the PUMF, the prevalences reported here reflect the proportion of individuals who reported living in households with food insecurity, and not the proportion of households experiencing food insecurity. Thus, data included in this report should not be directly compared to other reports of household food insecurity measured at the level of households.

Analytical approach

The data were analyzed to 1) determine the overall prevalence of household food security in BC at the provincial, Health Authority, and Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) levels, and 2) to examine, using bivariate analyses, the relationship between household food insecurity and various economic and sociodemographic factors identified in the evidence review as influencing household food insecurity such as geography, income, income source and homeownership. These variables were selected through discussion and engagement with the Health Authority Food Security Committee. The relationship between household food insecurity and mental health, one of the indicator areas prioritized in the initial prioritization phase of the *Developing Provincial Food Security Indicators for BC* project, was also examined using bivariate analysis.

Findings

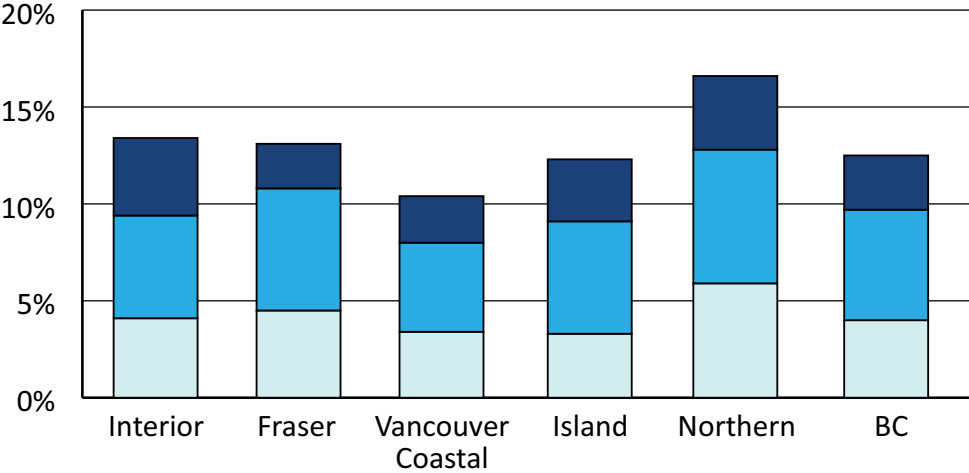
Prevalence of Household Food Insecurity across British Columbia

In 2017-2018, 12.5% of people 12 years of age and over in British Columbia lived in households that experienced some level of food insecurity during the previous 12 months, with 2.8% of people living in households that are classified as severely food insecure. This means that 1 in 8 people lived in households that experienced household food insecurity.

Reporting the total number of people living in food insecure households in BC is not possible with the data used in this report; however, it has been reported elsewhere that there are approximately 732,000 food insecure households in BC (15).

Across BC health authorities, the prevalence ranged from 10.4% in Vancouver Coastal Health to 16.6% in Northern Health (Figure 1). Marginal and moderate food insecurity contributed to Northern Health having the highest overall household food insecurity rate; however, the highest rate of severe food insecurity was in Interior Health, with a prevalence of 4.0%.

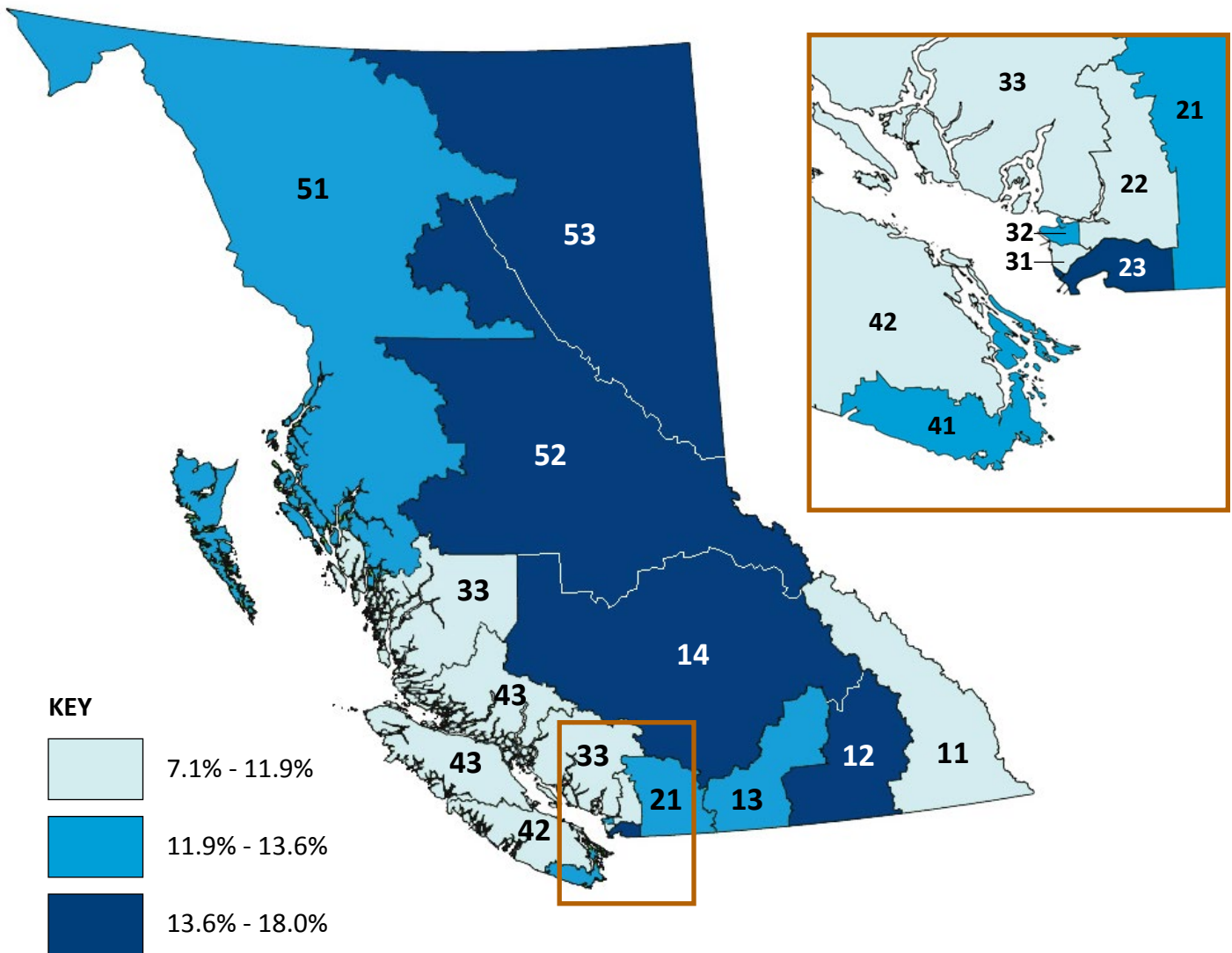
Figure 1. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by Health Authority



	Interior	Fraser	Vancouver Coastal	Island	Northern	BC
Total	13.4%	13.1%	10.4%	12.3%	16.6%	12.5%
Severe food insecurity	4.0%	2.3%	2.4%	3.2%	3.8%	2.8%
Moderate food insecurity	5.3%	6.3%	4.6%	5.8%	6.9%	5.7%
Marginal food insecurity	4.1%	4.5%	3.4%	3.3%	5.9%	4.0%

The rate of household food insecurity varied across the 16 Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs) in BC, with a more than twofold difference between the highest (Northeast, 18%) and lowest (North Shore/Garibaldi, 7.1%) (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia across Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs)



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| 11 East Kootenay | 23 Fraser South | 43 North Vancouver Island |
| 12 Kootenay Boundary | 31 Richmond | 51 Northwest |
| 13 Okanagan | 32 Vancouver | 52 Northern Interior |
| 14 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap | 33 North Shore/Coast Garibaldi | 53 Northeast |
| 21 Fraser East | 41 South Vancouver Island | |
| 22 Fraser North | 42 Central Vancouver Island | |

Which households are most susceptible to household food insecurity?

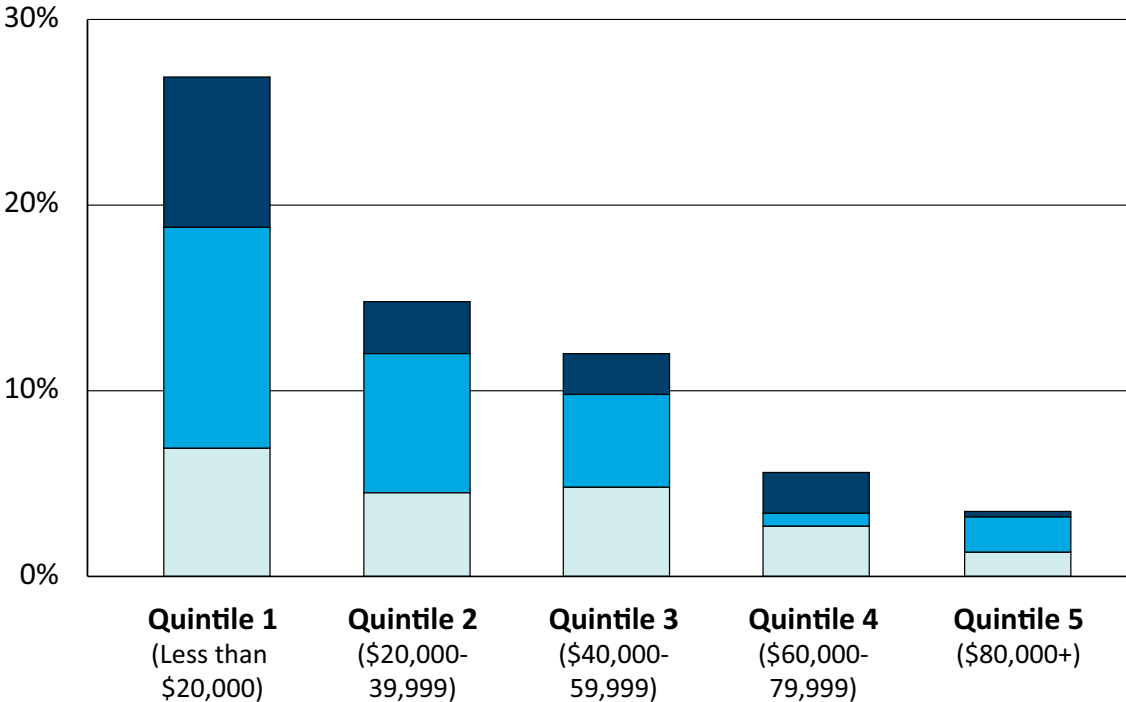
Household food insecurity and economic factors

Household food insecurity is fundamentally a measure of a lack of economic access to food that is tightly linked to other indicators of social and economic disadvantage. Not surprisingly, household food insecurity is related to a household's income, source of income and other indicators of economic security (such as housing).

Household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles⁴ of income distribution, a relative measure of their household income compared to the household incomes of other respondents adjusted for household and community size (Figure 3). Of those in the lowest quintile, 26.9% were food insecure with 8.1% reporting severe food insecurity, compared to 3.5% in the highest quintile.

⁴ Quintile refers to any of five equal groups into which a population is divided according to the distribution of values of a particular variable.

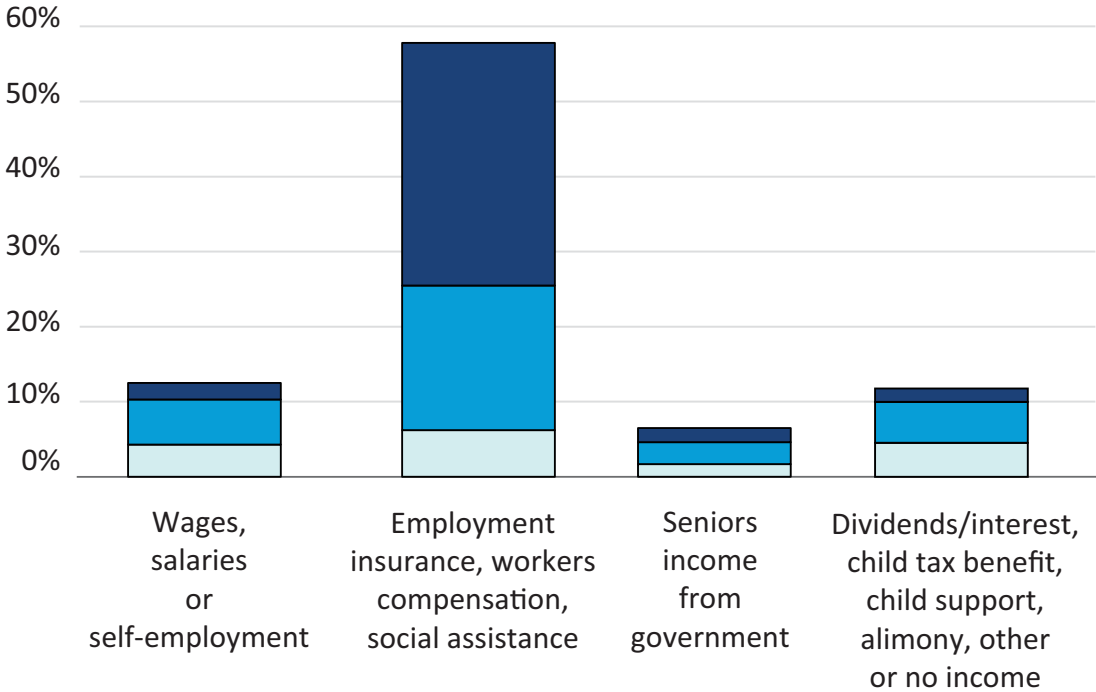
Figure 3. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and household income quintile



	Quintile 1 (Less than \$20,000)	Quintile 2 (\$20,000-39,999)	Quintile 3 (\$40,000-59,999)	Quintile 4 (\$60,000-79,999)	Quintile 5 (\$80,00+)
Total	26.9%	14.8%	12%	5.6%	3.5%
Severe food insecurity	8.1%	2.8%	2.2%	2.2%	0.3%
Moderate food insecurity	11.9%	7.5%	5%	0.7%	1.9%
Marginal food insecurity	6.9%	4.5%	4.8%	2.7%	1.3%

There are marked differences in the prevalence of people experiencing household food insecurity when the main source of household income is from social assistance, with 57.9% reporting any food insecurity, and 32.3% experiencing severe food insecurity (Figure 4). The lowest rates are among people living in households where the main source of income is from government pensions (6.5%). The grouping of different income support programs in the CCHS limit the extent to which firm conclusions can be drawn about the extent to which recent reforms to income support programs (such as the Canada Child Benefit or Canada Workers Benefit) have impacted the prevalence of household food insecurity. This data from 2017-2018 also precedes the introduction of BC Poverty Reduction Strategy actions to increase rates and implement the Child Opportunity Benefit; as such, conclusions cannot be made about the impact of these strategies on household food insecurity.

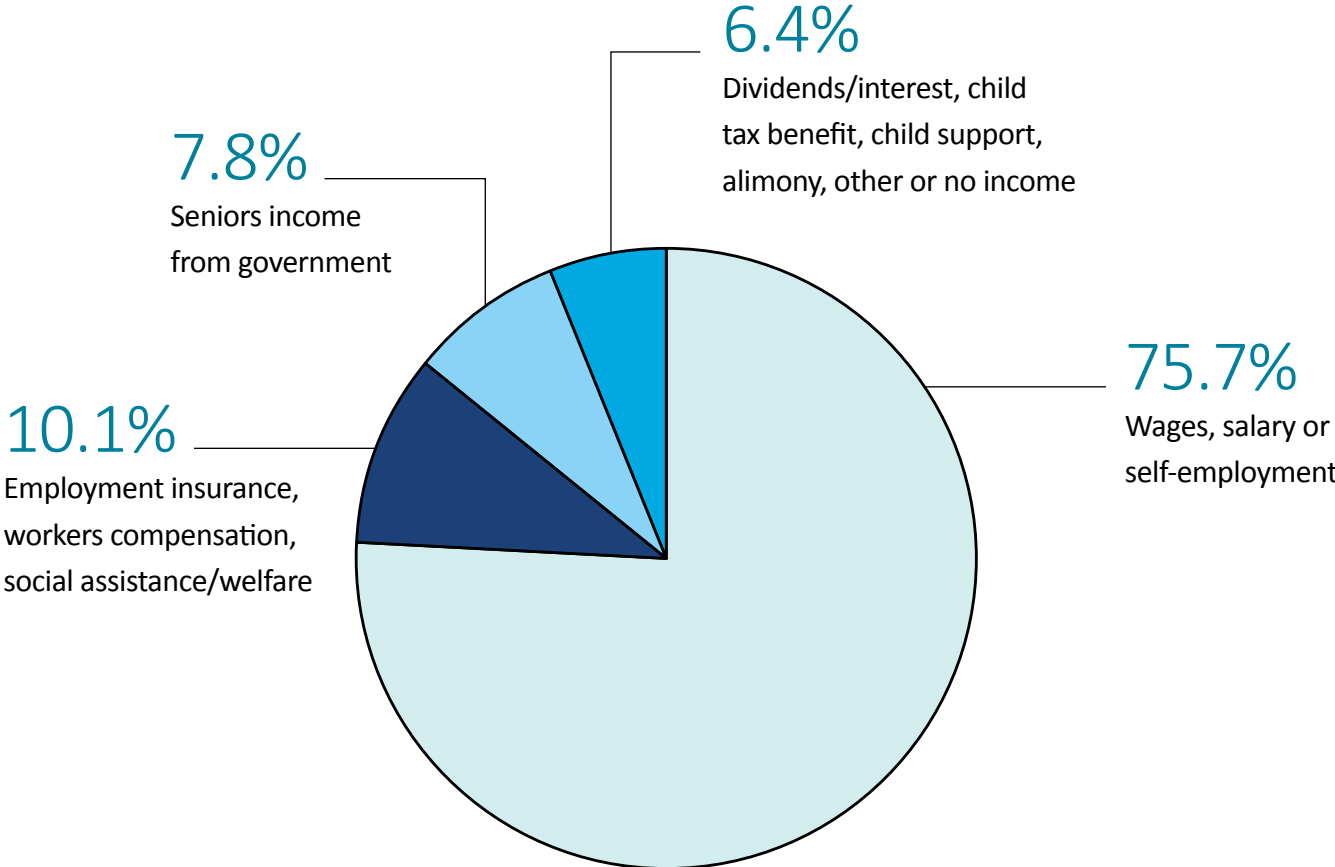
Figure 4. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and households' main source of income



	Wages, salaries or self-employment	Employment insurance, workers compensation, social assistance	Seniors income from government	Dividends/interest, child tax benefit, child support, alimony, other or no income
Total	12.4%	57.9%	6.5%	11.6%
Severe food insecurity	2.2%	32.3%	1.9%	2.1%
Moderate food insecurity	6.0%	19.3%	2.9%	4.8%
Marginal food insecurity	4.3%	6.2%	1.7%	4.6%

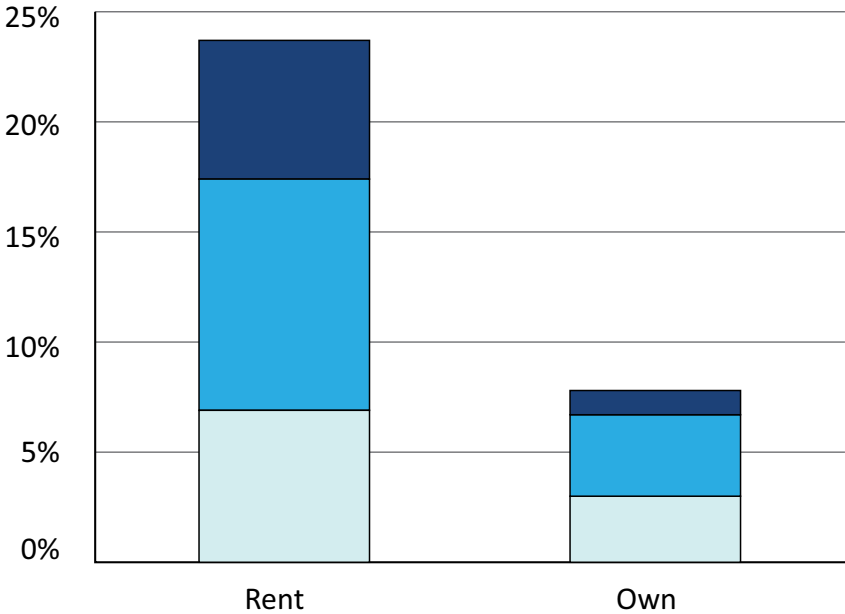
While the prevalence for people living in food insecure households where the main source of household income was from wages and salaries is relatively low, among all people living in food insecure households, 75.7% reported their main source of income were wages, salaries or self employment (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Income sources among people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia



Household food insecurity is much more prevalent among those who rent rather than own their home, with 23.7% of renters and 7.9% of owners affected by some degree of household food insecurity (Figure 6). Among those experiencing household food insecurity, 55.3% rented their home, compared to 44.7% who owned their home.

Figure 6. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by renter/homeownership



	Rent	Own
Total	23.7%	7.9%
Severe food insecurity	6.9%	1.1%
Moderate food insecurity	10.5%	3.7%
Marginal food insecurity	6.3%	3.0%

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

Analysis of sociodemographic factors, such as race, immigration status and household composition (e.g., households with children), in the BC context is not possible with the CCHS Public Use Microdata File (PUMF) that has been used in this report, and which is the most widely available source of national health survey data for public health decision-making. However, it has been well documented elsewhere that food insecurity is strongly related to other forms of social and economic disadvantage. For example, 2021 CIS data analyzed by PROOF shows that racialized groups, and especially Indigenous peoples, experience disproportionately high rates of household food insecurity (15).

Food insecurity is most acutely felt by those who experience the negative impacts of structural inequities, such as discrimination and on-going colonial practices.

Household food insecurity and mental health

People experiencing household food insecurity reported lower rates of positive (excellent, very good or good) perceived mental health compared to those who are food secure, at 79.1% versus 93.0%. This is consistent with the robust evidence for the increased likelihood of depression, anxiety and sleep disorders among those who are food insecure compared to those who are food secure (13). Proposed mechanisms for this relationship include a stress response that may contribute to poorer mental health, or an increased psycho-emotional burden from poorer social relationships given the importance of food to social connection and inclusion in community (14). It should also be noted here that the relationship between mental health and household food insecurity can be bi-directional, as mental health issues can pose challenges to workforce participation and employment, which can, in turn, exacerbate financial stress, poverty and household food insecurity (56).

Supplement: COVID-19 and Concern for Food Security in BC

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes to social and economic life. Measures necessary to contain the virus have led to job losses and reduced work hours, especially among people in low-wage and precarious work in the food and retail sectors in Canada (23), reflecting long-standing inequalities that the current crisis has exacerbated. Loss of income raises concerns about growing household food insecurity. Data from several sources show that the financial hardships brought on by the pandemic may have impacted household food insecurity. For example, early monitoring by Statistics Canada, using the 6-item short form HFSSM⁵, found that between March and May 2020, one in seven Canadians (14.6%) indicated living in households experiencing food insecurity in the previous 30 days (57). Those who were absent from work due to COVID-19 were more likely to be food insecure (28.4%) than those who were working (10.4%). Taking into account differences in how food security was assessed by Statistics Canada early in the pandemic and in pre-pandemic monitoring suggests a 39% increase in the prevalence of household food insecurity during the pandemic (42).

The BC COVID-19 Survey on Population Experiences, Action and Knowledge (SPEAK) (58) was developed by health system partners in the Province of BC to collect information about BC residents' experiences and measure impacts on social, economic, physical and mental wellness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Two province-wide, cross-sectional, web-based population health surveys were conducted one year apart (May 2020 and April/May 2021). Here, BC residents' experience of concern for food security from round two of the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) is reported.

Methods

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 (58) was an observational cross-sectional, voluntary, online survey administered in April/May 2021. The target population was residents of British Columbia aged 18 years of age or older. From a final number of 206,241 respondents, a sample of 188,561 was used in the final analytical dataset⁶. Data was weighted using 2016 Canadian Census data by geography (HSDA, Local Health Area (LHA), and Community Health Service Area (CHSA)) at the level of the individual for age,

⁵ The 6-item short form questionnaire includes 6 questions from the 18-item HFSSM and asks about past 30-day food insecurity experiences, while the full HFSSM on the CCHS asks about experiences based on the past 12 months.

⁶ The final analytical dataset for the BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 (58) only included surveys where a Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) geography, age and sex were assigned and the respondent must have progressed to at least 33% of the survey. Identified duplicate responses and those who withdrew consent after the survey was submitted were removed from the final analytical sample.

sex at birth, education level and ethnicity to ensure a representative sample. Therefore, the data presented in this supplement section represents individual, and not household, experiences of concern for food security.

There are important differences between the measurement of food security concern in the BC COVID-19 SPEAK survey compared to routine monitoring of household food insecurity in Canada. In the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), the experience of food insecurity was measured using a single question from the routine HFSSM measure, compared to the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) that uses the full 18-question HFSSM to measure household food insecurity. For this reason, the experiences of concern for food security reported in this supplement should not be directly compared to household food insecurity data from the CCHS reported in this report.

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) asked respondents to answer the question “Please indicate whether the following statement is often true, sometimes, or never true since the COVID-19 pandemic. You worry that food will run out before you get money to buy more.” Those who selected “often true” or “sometimes true” were classified as having concern for food security, while those who selected “never true” were classified as having no concern for food security. Those who selected “I don’t know” or “Prefer not to answer” or with no selection were excluded from the analysis. Responses to this single question related to worry about food running out should be interpreted as an individual’s experience with food worry or concern for food security, rather than experiences with household food insecurity, which is a complex construct that includes worry as well as compromising food quality and quantity (2).

Analytical approach

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) data were analyzed to 1) determine the proportion of respondents who reported concern for food security at the provincial, Health Authority, and Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) levels, and 2) to examine, using bivariate analyses, the relationship between concern for food security and various economic and sociodemographic factors identified in the literature and by the Health Authority Food Security Committee as important factors related to food security. Variables of interest included geographic location, self-reported race/ethnicity, immigration status, family composition, age, education, household income and reported changes in employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Equity-based analysis of concern for food security

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) data shows that, in April/May 2021, concern for food security in BC was most prevalent among populations that were facing inequities stemming from structural drivers of health and wellbeing prior to COVID-19:

People who reside in remote communities:

Rates of concern for food security were highest in Northern Health. People in remote regions had the highest rate of concern for food security at 16.9%. Half of remote regions in the province are in the Northeast Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA).

Racialized people:

People who identify as Black had one of the highest rates of concern for food security at 19.9%, compared to 10.0% among those who identified as white, who had the lowest rate. Data specific to Indigenous people are not included in this report based on the need for data sovereignty.⁷

Immigration status:

Almost half (47.4%) of people with no legal immigration status⁸ or who are refugee claimants reported worry that food would run out before they had money to buy more, followed by those who are on work or study permits at 32.3%.

⁷ OCAP® asserts that First Nations alone have control over data collection processes in their communities, and that they own and control how this information can be stored, interpreted, used, or shared. In accordance with Indigenous Data Governance practices in B.C., COVID-19 SPEAK (58) data from Indigenous respondents is provided to the First Nations Health Authority and Métis Nation B.C. to determine how best to use the data in planning and engaging Indigenous communities across the province.

⁸ Are not a Canadian citizen, do not have permanent residency in Canada or do not have a work/study visa

Findings

The overall prevalence of people reporting worry about food running out before having money to buy more in BC was 12.3%. Prevalence was highest in Northern Health, at 15.5%. The prevalence of concern for food security reported here was overall lower than reported in the first round of the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), at 15.6% overall prevalence in BC and 18.4% in Northern Health, in May 2020. The higher prevalence in May 2020 is likely attributed to the emergency context of the early days of the pandemic, while the findings from round 2 (April/May 2021) reported here are likely more reflective of the longer-term, sustained impacts of COVID-19 on food insecurity in BC. Please see the Appendix for statistical results from the BC COVID-19 SPEAK survey.

Rates of concern for food security were relatively consistent across health authorities, ranging from 11.1% in Vancouver Coastal Health to 15.5% in Northern Health. However, they varied more widely across Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs), with North Shore/Coast Garibaldi having the lowest prevalence (8.3%) and the Northeast region the highest (19.9%).

Figure 7. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security in British Columbia by Health Authority

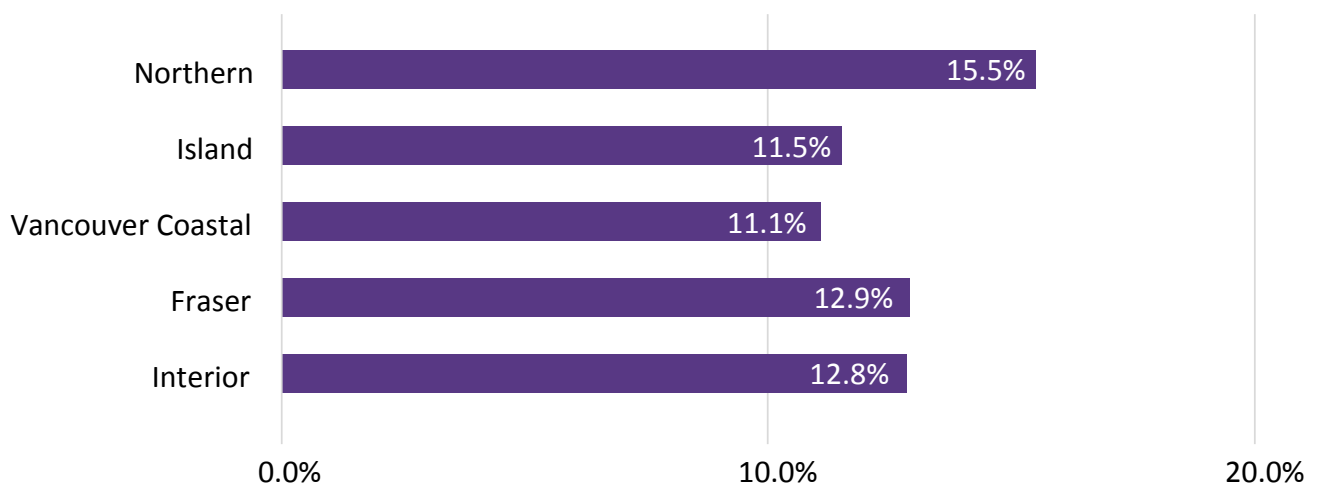
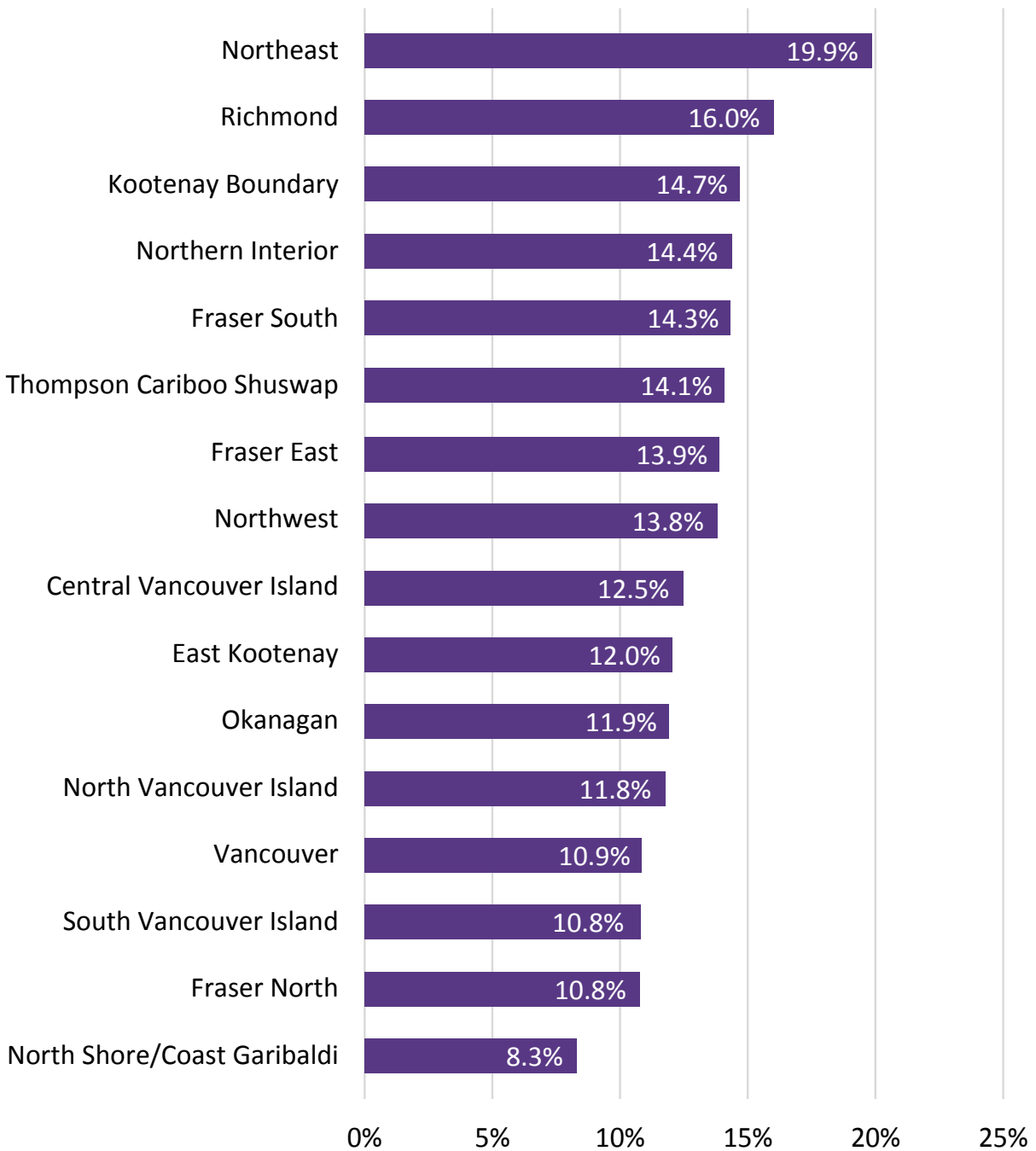
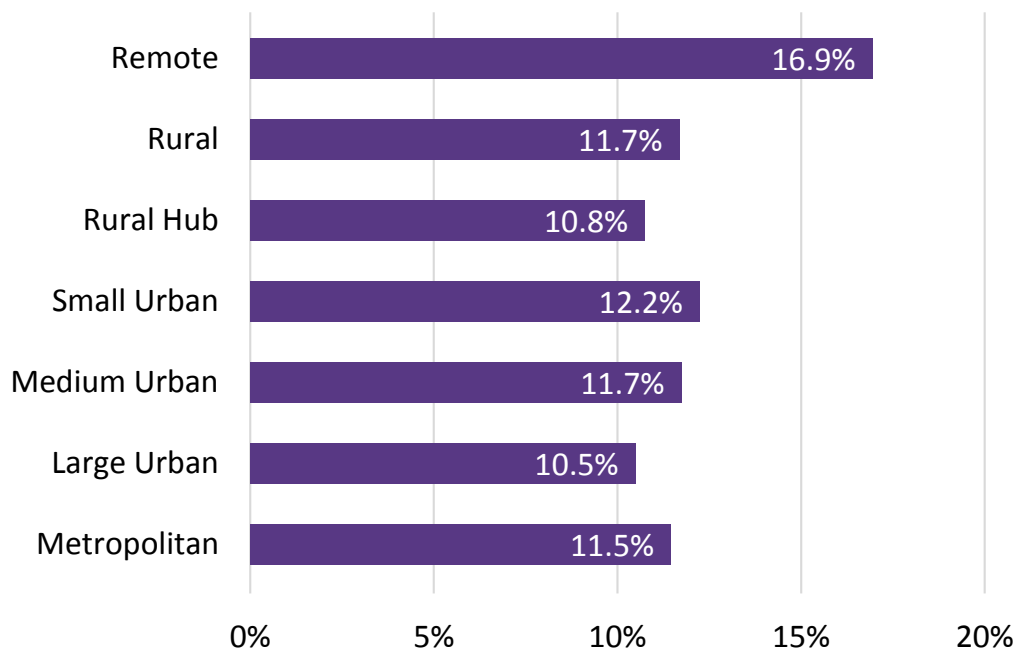


Figure 8. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA)



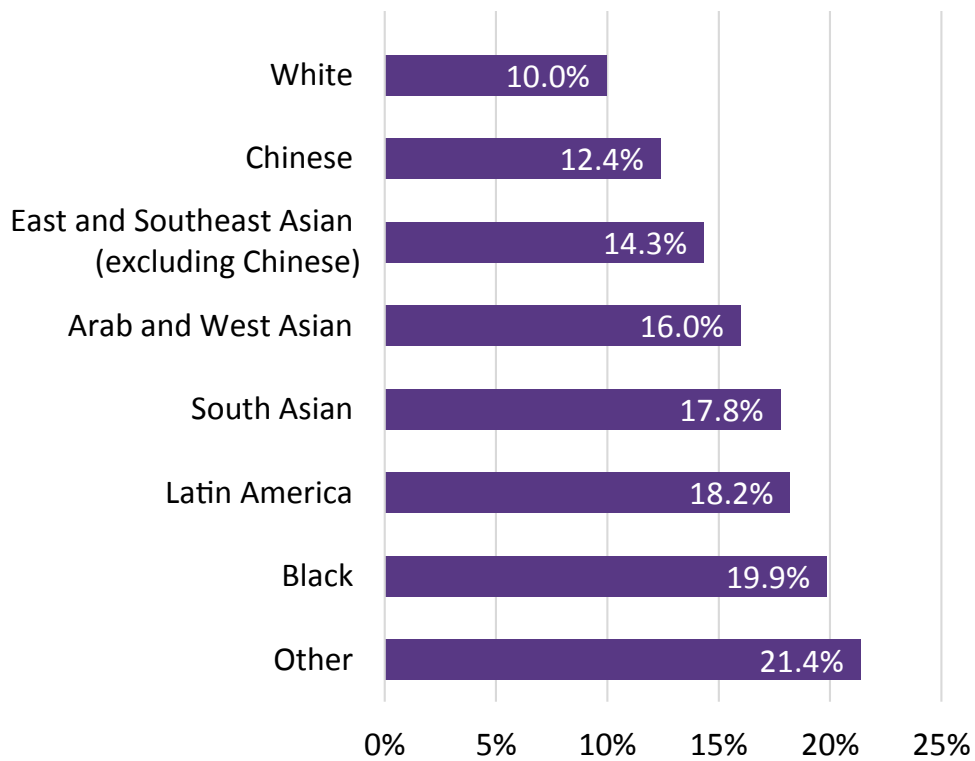
The level of urbanization of respondents' geographic location was classified by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications (metropolitan, large-urban, medium-urban, small-urban, rural-hub or rural or remote). Remote CHSAs had the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%), consistent with existing evidence on the intersecting economic and geographic factors that contribute to food access issues in remote communities (59). Half of the remote CHSAs are in the Northwest HSDA. There were minimal differences in concern for food security between rural and urban CHSAs. This finding is consistent with previous results that report minimal differences between rural/urban residence (17), and may reflect lower cost of housing in rural areas that mitigates the impact of other economic hardships.

Figure 9. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications



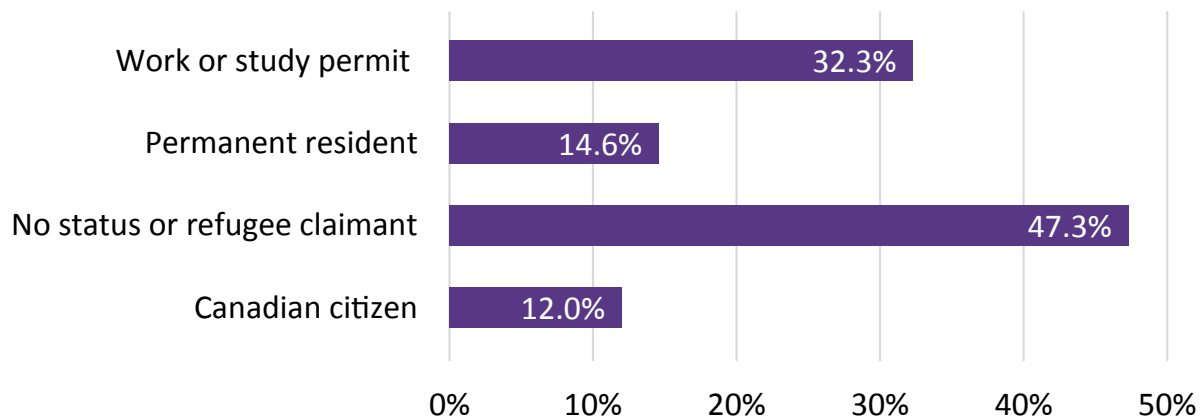
There are marked differences in the prevalence of concern for food security based on self-reported race/ethnicity. Previous research has shown that racialized populations experience higher rates of food insecurity than those who identify as white due to structural racism and social and economic determinants of food insecurity (such as poverty, unemployment and disability) act as significant drivers of racial disparities in food insecurity. In the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), the highest rates of concern for food security were found among people who did not identify with the racial/ethnic categories included in the survey (21.4%) and among people who identified as Black (19.9%). Data specific to First Nations, Inuit and Métis are not reported here, due to need for data sovereignty and community-led decision-making as the foundation of respectful relationships in health reporting (60).

Figure 10. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by race/ethnicity



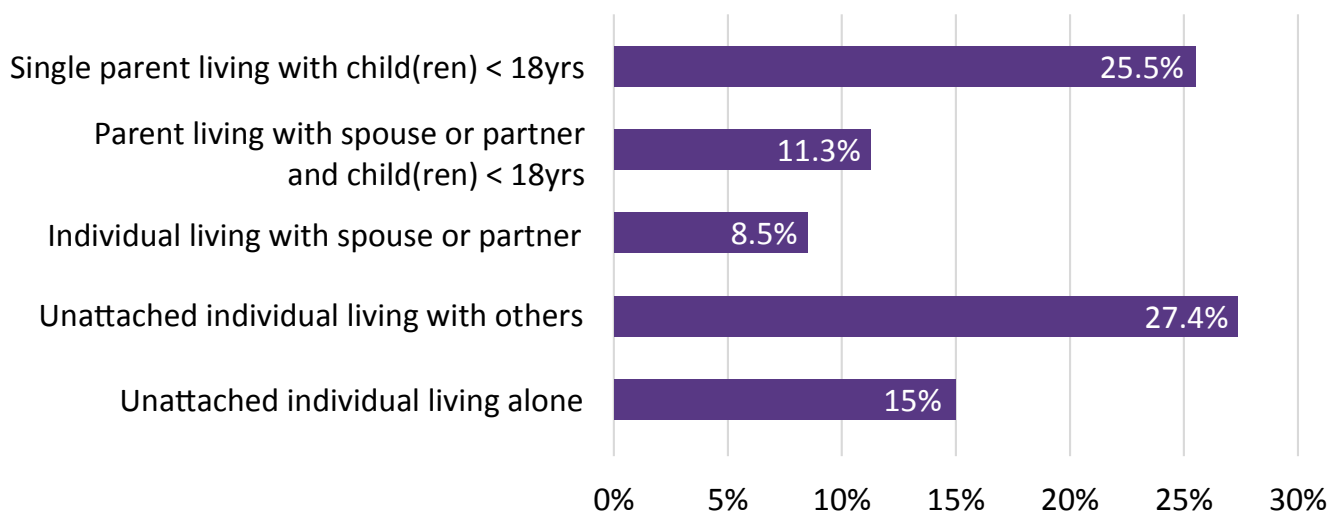
The prevalence of concern for food security differed based on people’s immigration status. People with no status or refugee claimants and those on work or study permits had the highest rates, at 47.3% and 32.3% respectively. This finding is consistent with Canadian studies which have shown that international students experience higher rates of food insecurity compared to their peers (61-63).

Figure 11. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by immigration status



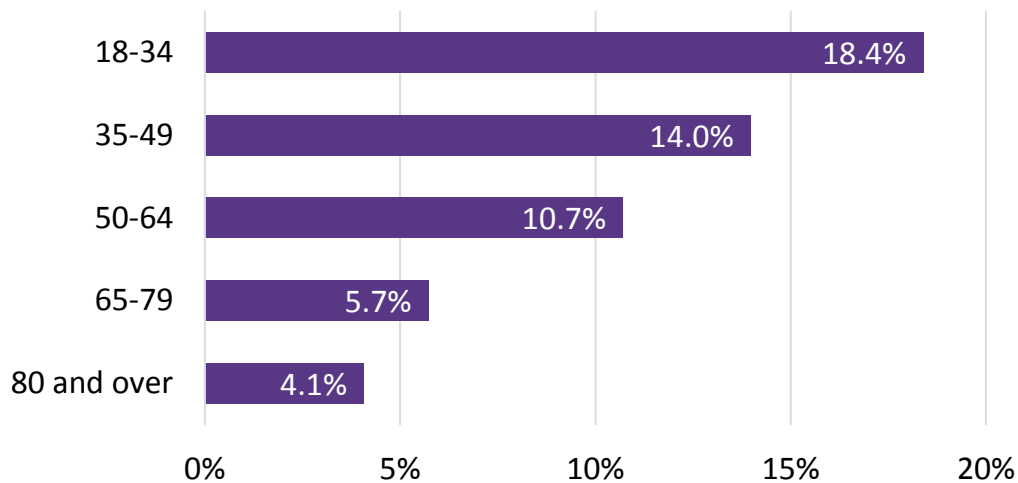
Rates of concern for food security differed by family composition. Prevalence was highest among unattached individuals living with others (27.4%) and single parents living with children under the age of 18 (25.5%). People living with a spouse or partner and no children had the lowest rate (8.5%).

Figure 12. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by family composition



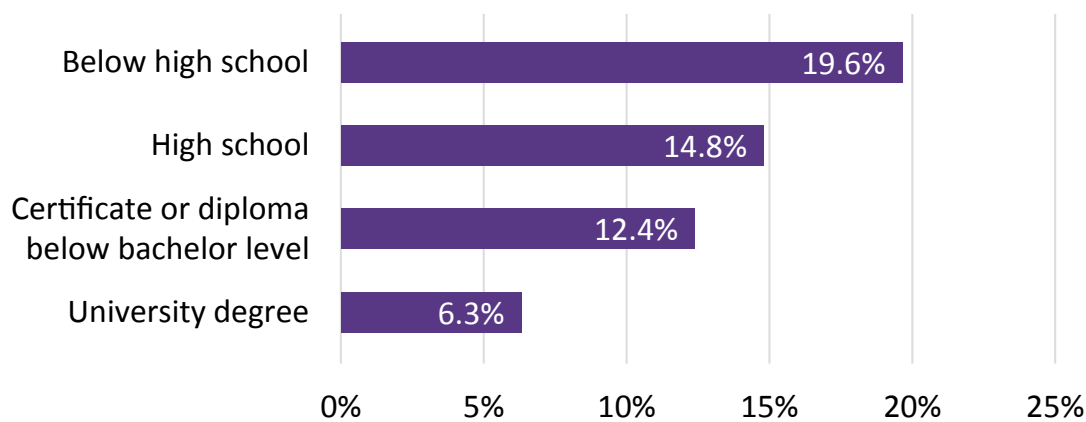
The prevalence of concern for food security was highest among those aged 18-34 and 35-49, at 18.4% and 14.0% respectively. Prevalence decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates at 5.7% and 4.1% respectively.

Figure 13. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by age



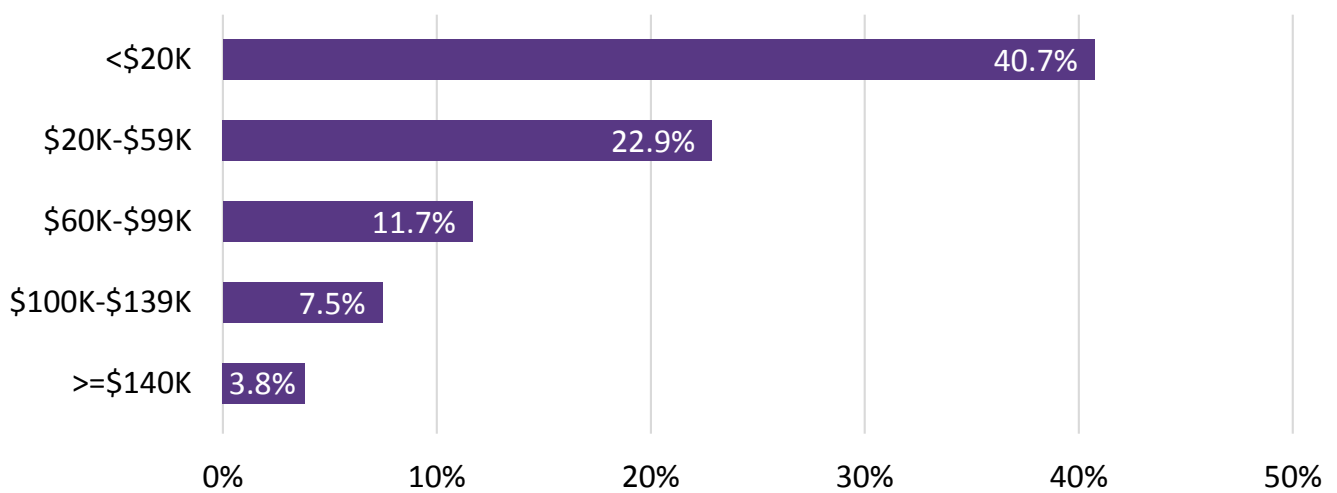
Prevalence of concern for food security also differed based on levels of formal education. While people with a university degree had the lowest prevalence (6.3%), 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed reported concern for food security.

Figure 14. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by education



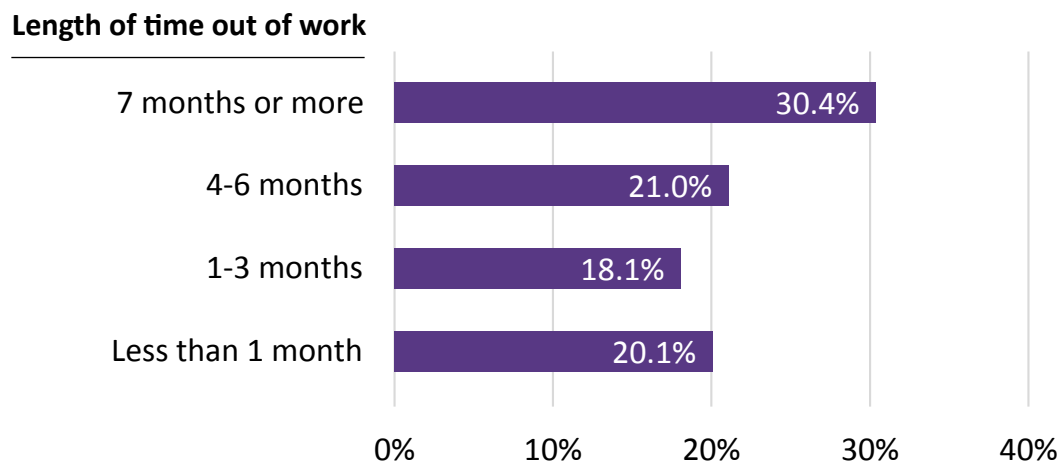
Similar to the CCHS data in this report, which showed that household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles of income distribution, concern for food security was most prevalent among respondents to the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) with the lowest annual household incomes. The highest prevalence of concern for food security was among people with household incomes less than \$20,000/year (40.7%) and between \$20,000-59,000/year (22.9%). The prevalence of concern for food security decreased as income increased, and the rate for those with incomes greater than \$60,000/year was lower than the overall provincial rate of 12.3%.

Figure 15. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by annual household income



People who experienced an employment change during the pandemic had higher rates of concern for food security compared to the overall rate in BC. The rate was highest among those who were out of work for 7 months or longer, at 30.4%. This finding is consistent with the data that has been reported elsewhere on food insecurity among those who were absent from work due to business closure, layoff or personal circumstances (57).

Figure 16. Prevalence of concern for food security among people experiencing an employment change during the COVID-19 pandemic



Summary of findings

- Analyses of 2017/2018 CCHS data show that 12.5% of people 12 years of age and over in BC lived in households experiencing food insecurity. These results are largely unchanged from the previous August 2016 report on household food insecurity in BC; however, changes in the sampling methods of the CCHS between 2015 and 2017/2018 limit the extent to which comparisons can be made over time.
- The sociodemographic profile of people living in food insecure households has remained largely unchanged since household food insecurity has been consistently monitored in Canada, and tracks with other social and economic markers of health and wellbeing. Those most likely to be food insecure include people in households with economic disadvantage and most impacted by the negative impacts of structural inequities. In the April/May 2021 BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), racialized people, refugees, people without legal immigration status and those currently unemployed reported concern that food will run out before they have money to buy more at disproportionately high rates.
- The prevalence of food insecurity varied across the province in 2017/2018, with Northern and Interior Health regions experiencing the highest rates. The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) provides additional insights into the role of geographical region of residence. Remote regions had the highest rate of people reporting concerns about food security, while there were fewer differences between urban and rural areas.
- Results from this report suggest lower rates of positive perceived mental health for those who experience household food insecurity, and the negative impacts of household food insecurity on overall health are well documented elsewhere.

Discussion

Food insecurity in BC is a significant public health concern and a key indicator of health equity. When considered alongside other evidence on household food insecurity in Canada, our review of the literature and analysis of the CCHS 2017/2018 and the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), a survey of the experience of BC residents during the pandemic, support conclusions made elsewhere that dominant responses to food insecurity, such as charitable food responses, do not address the structural drivers nor the symptoms and outcomes of the issue. Only a small proportion of food insecure households utilize food banks, which were the focus of several policy initiatives to respond to the unintended and immediate consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is broadly recognized that reducing household food insecurity at a population level requires policies that improve household incomes. Recent Canadian evidence shows that household food insecurity is sensitive to policies that increase economic security, such as the Canada Child Benefit. More research is needed to examine the impact of income supports on household food insecurity, and ultimately, health, including relief measures that were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is a need for accessible, consistent data on household food insecurity to monitor the extent of the issue and to evaluate health and social policy responses. Since 2004, Statistics Canada has systematically monitored household food insecurity at the household level using the Household Food Security Survey Module (HFSSM) in the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS). Between 2015/2016 and 2021/2022, the HFSSM is included as 2-year themes in alternating biennial CCHS survey cycles. On the off cycles, it is optional content where the provinces and territories decide whether or not to collect the information for their jurisdiction. In BC, the health authorities and the Ministry of Health determine the optional content. In 2017/2018 and 2021/2022, HFSSM was 2-year theme content. In 2015/2016 and 2019/2020 when it was optional content, BC selected HFSSM for 2015/2016 but opted out for 2019/2020 in order to balance other data needs. Since 2019, food insecurity information has been collected in the Canadian Income Survey, an annual cross-sectional survey examining income and income sources of Canadians. More precise measurement of income will improve the monitoring and surveillance of one of the key drivers of household food insecurity and allow for evaluation of the impact of policies that improve economic security.

This report does not include analyses specific to Indigenous Peoples and recognizes limitations and gaps in data related to household food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples. It also acknowledges some of the limitations of income-based approaches to addressing the complex issue of food insecurity, particularly

within Indigenous contexts in which food security is inherently tied to food sovereignty and self-determination. Further work is required to better understand and centre Indigenous contexts and lived experiences in order to inform policies and programs to support food security for Indigenous Peoples in BC while respecting and upholding inherent rights.

Conclusion

This report is an update to the August 2016 *Priority health indicators for BC: Household food insecurity indicator report*. It includes household food insecurity data specific to BC from the 2017/2018 Canadian Community Health Survey, as well as data specific to concerns about food security during the COVID-19 pandemic. This report is part of BCCDC's commitment to ongoing monitoring and surveillance of household food insecurity in the province.

The data in this report demonstrate that household food insecurity continues to disproportionately affect people and households that are marginalized due to structural, social, economic and geographic inequities. The provincial rate of people living in households experiencing food insecurity is concerning given the known impacts of household food insecurity on health and wellbeing. The data and literature in this report are intended to increase understanding of the drivers of household food insecurity and inform evidence-based policy solutions that address the intersecting inequities at the root of household food insecurity.

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Appendix

95% Confidence Intervals (CI) for BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 – 2021 data

Table 1

Food Security	%	95% CI
Food Secure	87.7	(87.1, 88.2)
Concern for food security	12.3	(11.8, 12.9)

Table 2 data for Figure 7

Health Authority	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Northern	15.5	(13.3, 17.7)
Vancouver Island	11.5	(10.8, 12.3)
Vancouver Coastal	11.1	(10.3, 11.9)
Fraser	12.9	(11.7, 14.1)
Interior	12.8	(11.9, 13.8)

Table 3 data for Figure 8

Health Service Delivery Area	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Central Vancouver Island	12.5	(11.0, 13.9)
East Kootenay	12.0	(9.6, 14.5)
Fraser East	13.9	(11.4, 16.4)
Fraser North	10.8	(9.6, 11.7)
Fraser South	14.3	(12.0, 16.6)
Kootenay Boundary	14.7	(11.9, 17.4)
North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	8.3	(7.4, 9.2)
North Vancouver Island	11.8	(9.8, 13.7)
Northeast	19.9	(15.2, 24.5)
Northern Interior	14.4	(11.3, 17.5)
Northwest	13.8	(9.5, 18.2)
Okanagan	11.9	(10.7, 13.1)
Richmond	16.0	(12.7, 19.3)
South Vancouver Island	10.8	(9.9, 11.7)
Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	14.1	(12.0, 16.1)
Vancouver	10.9	(9.9, 11.8)

Table 4 data for Figure 9

Community Health Service Area urban-rural classification	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Remote	16.9	(11.2, 22.6)
Rural	11.7	(10.7, 12.7)
Rural Hub	10.8	(9.6, 11.9)
Small Urban	12.2	(11.1, 13.4)
Medium Urban	11.7	(10.8, 12.6)
Large Urban	10.5	(9.7, 11.3)
Metropolitan	11.5	(10.9, 12.1)

Table 5 data for Figure 10

Race/Ethnicity	% with concern for food security	95% CI
White	10.0	(9.6, 10.3)
Chinese	12.4	(10.5, 14.3)
East and Southeast Asian (excluding Chinese)	14.3	(12.4, 16.3)
Arab and West Asian	16.0	(12.0, 20.0)
South Asian	17.8	(12.3, 23.2)
Latin American	18.2	(14.9, 21.5)
Black	19.9	(11.5, 28.2)
Other	21.4	(15.7, 27.1)

Table 6 data for Figure 11

Immigration Status	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Work or study permit	32.3	(22.2, 42.5)
Permanent resident	14.6	(12.0, 17.2)
No status or Refugee claimant	47.3	(19.4, 75.2)
Canadian citizen	12.0	(11.5, 12.5)

Table 7 data for Figure 12

Household Composition	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Unattached individual living alone	15.0	(13.8, 16.2)
Unattached individual living with others	27.4	(21.1, 33.6)
Individual living with spouse or partner	8.5	(8.0, 8.9)
Parent living with spouse or partner and child(ren) < 18yrs	11.3	(10.4, 12.2)
Single parent living with child(ren) < 18yrs	25.5	(20.1, 30.9)

Table 8 data for Figure 13

Age	% with concern for food security	95% CI
18-34	18.4	(17.3,19.5)
35-49	14.0	(12.9, 15.1)
50-64	10.7	(9.5, 11.9)
65-79	5.7	(5.0,6.4)
80 and over	4.1	(2.4, 5.8)

Table 9 data for Figure 14

Education	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Below high school	19.6	(13.9, 16.8)
High school	14.8	(13.8, 15.8)
Certificate or diploma below bachelor level	12.4	(11.9, 12.8)
University degree	6.3	(6.1, 6.6)

Table 10 data for Figure 15

Household Income	% with concern for food security	95% CI
<\$20K	40.7	(34.8, 45.7)
\$20K-\$59K	22.9	(21.2, 24.5)
\$60K-\$99K	11.7	(10.7, 12.6)
\$100K-\$139K	7.5	(6.8, 8.2)
>=\$140K	3.8	(3.3, 4.4)

Table 11 data for Figure 16

Employment Change (Length of time out of work)	% with concern for food security	95% CI
7 months or more	30.4	(28.4, 32.3)
4-6 months	21.0	(18.4, 23.5)
1-3 months	18.1	(16.4, 19.7)
Under 1 month	20.1	(17.5, 22.6)

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

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spectators, over three events. A higher standard bathroom facility is critical for accommodating this kind of visitation and usage, and ensuring sanitary conditions onsite.

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

WKR DAS operates the KMX and tree hugger trails and the Rover Creek trail network. KMX is a volunteer run motocross track and Trail system. KMX Features a full MX Track, Kids MX Track and a 23km trail loop. Rover Creek has ~50km of trails. We have been successfully maintaining these facilities as volunteers since 2004 and are confident in our long term ability to deliver on this project. We maintain a license of occupation with the Provincial government for the maintenance and operation of the KMX track and trails, and a water license for our watering system. The trails at Rover Creek are managed through a BC Rec Sites and Trails partnership agreement.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will be led by board member Floyd Babiak with support from president Jessica Foster. Vernon based Leko Precast will prepare, deliver and install all materials and supplies. Society volunteers will assist as needed.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Project co-ordination will be volunteer in-kind time.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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Quote #:	9155
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Customer #:	949

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Contractor

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

GST # 10304 4053 RT0001 PST # 1011 5723
 All returns subject to a 10% restocking fee.
 Interest charged at 2% compounded monthly on all over due invoices.
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PO Box 1961
ROSSLAND, BC V0G 1Y0

February 18, 2024

Person/Business : LEKO PRE-CAST LTD
Account number : 116946

This letter provides clearance information for the purposes of Section 258 of the Workers Compensation Act.

We confirm that the above-referenced firm is active, in good standing, and has met WorkSafeBC's criteria for advance clearance. Accordingly, if the addressee on this letter is the prime contractor, the addressee will not be held liable for the amount of any assessment payable for work undertaken by the above-referenced firm to April 01, 2024.

This firm has had continuous coverage with us since December 30, 1968.

Employer Service Centre
Assessment Department

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Organization **Kaslo and District Community Forest Society**

Registration # 873501241
Box 789, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Winter in the Forest**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
On the Village of Kaslo land near the airstrip.

Importance to the community:

It has become a cherished tradition in the community and everyone is welcome at this free event. All community members in Kaslo and Area D can feel warmth from the bonfire, nourishing soups, live music and community spirit. Families, especially those with young children, enjoy the activities that include a human dog sled race, giant jenga, snow painting, street hockey and cross country skiing. Everyone in the area, there has been lots of people from Nelson coming out as well. Typically the Housing Society collects donations for the free food and beverages at the event.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$6,000.00	\$1,725.00
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	\$7,725.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,725.00	\$14,075.00	\$14,075.00

Project: Winter in the Forest**1. The project will provide:**

The Winter in the Forest Festival is an event that brings residents of Kaslo and Area D together to cherish the winter season and family, celebrating our diverse and inclusive community on Family Day each year.

By bringing families together for a day of outdoor enjoyment, entertainment and education, Winter in the Forest celebrates community connections. These activities include free food, live music, snow sculpture creation, human dog sled races and a woodsman competition, which provide opportunities for residents and visitors alike to connect, learn and celebrate community and the beautiful place we call home.

The Kaslo Community Forest has typically sponsored the event financially, while the Kaslo Housing Society has organized the event. Due to rising event costs and challenging timber markets while we still try to salvage dead timber from the Briggs Creek fire in 2022, KDCFS is seeking grant funding to facilitate the 2025 Winter in the Forest Festival on Monday, February 17th.

2. Organization Mandate:

Manage the diversity of values of the Community Forest in an ecologically responsible and fiscally accountable manner on behalf of the people of Kaslo and Area D

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

It has become a cherished tradition in the community and everyone is welcome at this free event. All community members in Kaslo and Area D can feel warmth from the bonfire, nourishing soups, live music and community spirit. Families, especially those with young children, enjoy the activities that include a human dog sled race, giant jenga, snow painting, street hockey and cross country skiing. Everyone in the area, there has been lots of people from Nelson coming out as well. Typically the Housing Society collects donations for the free food and beverages at the event.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We are addressing the issues of community connectedness and education by providing a day where people can come out and enjoy themselves listening to music, eating free food, sledding, all while connecting with old and new friends and learning about what KDCFS is up to , as well as FireSmart activities, the local volunteer fire department and Search and Rescue. The event has been held for over 20 years and every year there is a great turnout, from new born babies to seniors coming out.

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

KDCFS has been sponsoring and helping to organize the event since 2002! The event embodies the mission and values of the KDCFS by supporting community and celebrating the environment around us. KDCFS has decades of experience successfully applying for and administering grant funded projects of various magnitudes making it the best suited organization to lead this application and project.

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

KDCFS staff and Board members will facilitate funding the festival, advertising and help with setup and take down. The Kaslo Housing Society will organize and execute the event. Several other community groups will volunteer at the event including Kaslo Community Services with youth centred activities, Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society facilitating cross country skiing, Kaslo Volunteer Fire department help with parking and community engagement, Village of Kaslo public works time and equipment for site preparation and clean up, all contributing towards a tremendous example of a community working together.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No**

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Many volunteer hours by people making soups, chili and hot chocolate and serving them all day. KDCFS Board members and staff helping to organize the event, setup, run it and clean up after.

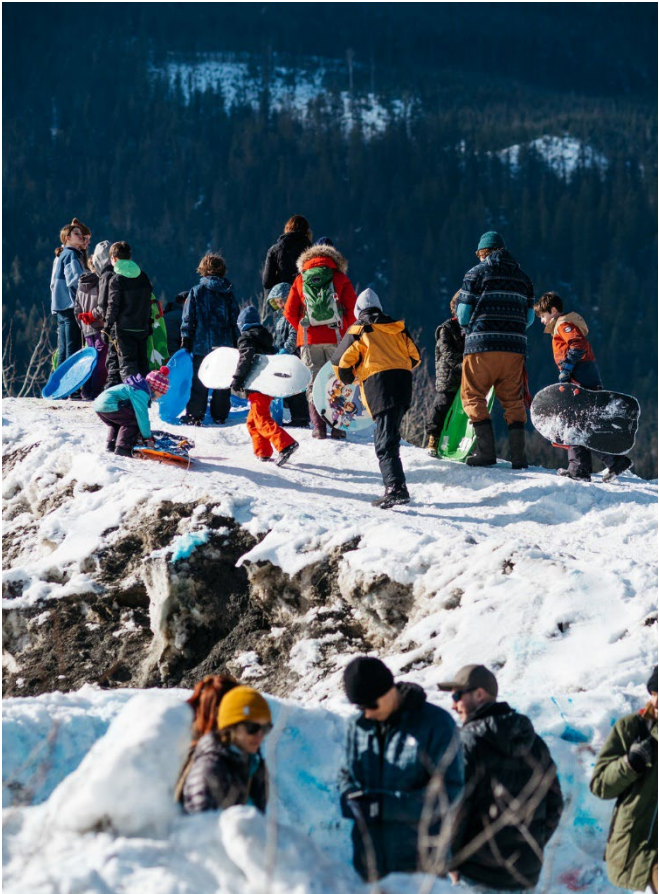
Many local non-profits, fire department, search and rescue come to show their trucks, equipment and share knowledge. Kaslo Youth Centre has a tent to play games and do crafts.

Village of Kaslo donating time and equipment for site preparation.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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









Organization **Castlegar and District Community Services Society**

Registration #

1007 2nd Street, Castlegar BC V1N 1Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Driver Program 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The program operates all over the West Kootenays. There are some other volunteer driver programs however our program serves the widest catchment area and the most clients. We accept clients and will transport clients from Castlegar, Trail, Nelson, RDCK Area D, E, F,G,H,I,J, K and we also will travel to and return from Vernon, Revelstoke and Kelowna.

Importance to the community:

This program has a significant impact on our communities. It is hard to imagine what our communities would be without this type of service. Unfortunately our communities are severely lacking in accessible transportation, both in the public sphere and also in a customized/care areas like transportation to and from medical appointments. In Castlegar, there is only one busy cab and the price is unaffordable for many. Our whole community benefits from the program. Firstly, the clients in need of medical and health supports because they are able to attend their commitments, the volunteers through providing these services, friends and family of the clients as they now do not have to worry about their loved ones who are now able to attend appointments. Many families do not have the means to support their relatives and they feel tremendous responsibility and guilt if they can't support to get them there.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$3,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$8,000.00		\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$23,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$23,500.00	\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The West Kootenay Driver Program will provide daytime, Monday to Friday, volunteer driver services for citizens of Trail, Castlegar, Nelson, Nakusp, and surrounding areas who are unable to access transportation to attend medical appointments. The service is intended for essential, non-emergency appointments only. Main program outcome is community members being able to attend medical service appointments. The people using this service would otherwise be challenged to make these appointments or not attend at all. Another benefit is providing volunteer opportunities and connecting members of the community. The program achieves its goals by hiring a Program Coordinator who recruits and maintains a pool of volunteer drivers from different communities, meets clients in need, coordinates drives between drivers and oversees the administration of the program. Clients are charged on a sliding scale based on financial need; sometimes free or range up to a small fee per drive depending on income. Some clients receive subsidies through Interior Health to pay for a portion of their drives. The volunteer drivers are offered flat fees per trip to cover mileage. We are operating the program currently, so we are not in need of start-up costs. However due to a gap in funding, we are in need of financial support to pay for subsidies for clients, payments for volunteer drivers and client expenses, and program supplies.

2. Organization Mandate:

We improve the quality of people's lives by providing assistance, counselling and support, and by working for social change in our communities.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This program has a significant impact on our communities. It is hard to imagine what our communities would be without this type of service. Unfortunately our communities are severely lacking in accessible transportation, both in the public sphere and also in a customized/care areas like transportation to and from medical appointments. In Castlegar, there is only one busy cab and the price is unaffordable for many. Our whole community benefits from the program. Firstly, the clients in need of medical and health supports because they are able to attend their commitments, the volunteers through providing these services, friends and family of the clients as they now do not have to worry about their loved ones who are now able to attend appointments. Many families do not have the means to support their relatives and they feel tremendous responsibility and guilt if they can't support to get them there.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Many issues are being addressed with this program, firstly being the lack of transportation services for our communities in the West Kootenays. Many people do not have the means or ability to drive themselves to and from commitments. Not every city has the necessary equipment and resources that individuals need for medical reasons, therefore many are needing to go back and forth between cities. Other issues being addressed are poverty. Opportunities being addressed are primarily volunteerism and enabling seniors to stay in their homes longer. The program provides meaningful positions to people in the community wanting to help out and the drives allow someone to continue living where they may have, their whole life, and not relocate to be closer to medical services. Handy Dart is a similar service however, it only drives within communities, not between cities and has limited hours.

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

Castlegar and District is best suited to deliver this project as we are already running the program and we require no start up costs. Additionally we have a long history of running this program, our coordinators and drivers know these

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communities and clients. They have built interpersonal relationships. We have accumulated knowledge of how to best run volunteer driver programs in and throughout each community. Been doing it since 2006 and expanding area out

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The hired Program Coordinator, contracted Volunteer Drivers, the Executive Director of CDCSS (oversight) and administration and Finance staff to support the program. They are available to answer inquiries of the program by phone or in-person, and process payments to drivers and collect fees that come in from a portion of the rides.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

There is a lot of administration involved with this project that there is little funding to cover - like utilities, mortgage payments, phone bills, internet and the organization pays for most of these costs. Staff also promote the event at different avenues and their time is donated. Volunteers are also not reimbursed their whole mileage when they do drives, so the gas not covered is donated and also their time doing the drives and coordinating their schedules.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**

Registration # BN 769710328 RR 0001

Box 14, 518 Lake Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4C6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Strengthening the Heart of the Kootenays: KERPA's Emergency Response Boost**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Kaslo

This project will span across the electoral areas of Nelson and the surrounding region, encompassing the 11 electoral areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K) & nine member municipalities within KERPA's mandate. The project aims to improve our emergency response coverage & service efficiency for residents across the broader Kootenay region, fostering a more resilient and responsive healthcare system in both urban & rural communities.. Specifically, the RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo & Village of Kaslo.

Importance to the community:

This project is instrumental for the residents of communities & areas we serve, as it significantly enhances KERPA's emergency response capabilities. The proposed upgrades ensure that our emergency response vehicle ('ERV2') & medical equipment are optimally maintained, directly benefiting residents in rural and urban settings alike.

In rural areas, where access to timely medical assistance is often challenging, the improvements will result in quicker response times & increased capacity for advanced medical interventions. By securing funding for this project, we ensure that all community members, regardless of their location, have equitable access to enhanced emergency medical care, addressing the specific needs of the diverse regions served by KERPA.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,250.00		\$1,250.00
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
	\$3,200.00		\$3,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$20,800.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00

1. The project will provide:

Our project is a multifaceted initiative aimed at fortifying our emergency response capabilities & infrastructure in the Kootenays. We are strategically focused on these key areas:

V-Scan Technology: Introducing advanced V-Scan technology ensures our volunteer physicians have cutting-edge diagnostic capabilities during emergencies, expediting on-site assessments & improving patient outcomes.

Body Armour & Ballistic Helmets: Enhancing the safety of our emergency responders is paramount. The grant will fund state-of-the-art body armour & ballistic helmets, providing crucial protection during high-risk situations.

Office Furniture: With our planned expansion into Castlegar in 2024, the grant will support the purchase of necessary office furniture.

Medicine & Equipment: The funding will be instrumental in acquiring advanced medicines & medical equipment, including kit bags, allowing our physicians to deliver comprehensive & effective care in various emergency scenarios.

Survival Equipment & Truck Maintenance Equipment: Investing in survival equipment & truck maintenance tools is crucial for sustaining our emergency response fleet, ensuring they are well-equipped & operational for any mission.

This comprehensive approach addresses critical needs, from cutting-edge medical technology to personnel support, ultimately strengthening KERPA's ability to provide timely and effective emergency care in our region.

2. Organization Mandate:

Founded by Dr. Nic Sparrow in 2016, Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association (KERPA) is a registered charity with a clear mission: saving lives and assisting the most critically ill and injured patients in West Kootenay communities while supporting emergency services. Currently in its 9th year, KERPA operates as a Canadian Registered Charity, dedicating its efforts to the Kootenay Region.

KERPA's unique approach involves dispatching volunteer EMS physicians in a dedicated ground unit equipped with advanced medications and state-of-the-art tools, enabling critical interventions like anaesthetic and surgical procedures at the roadside. The organization selectively responds to life-threatening 911 calls within the region's 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities, attending to various emergencies ranging from motor vehicle accidents to cardiac arrests.

With a comprehensive Surface Standards Policy Document, KERPA underscores its commitment to the local community and patients in emergency responses. The policy emphasizes the high standards expected of ERP vehicle operators, reminding them to consistently uphold their role as public servants dedicated to saving lives, assisting critically ill and injured patients, and supporting emergency services. This commitment defines KERPA's unwavering dedication to its mission.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is instrumental for the residents of communities & areas we serve, as it significantly enhances KERPA's emergency response capabilities. The proposed upgrades ensure that our emergency response vehicle ('ERV2') & medical equipment are optimally maintained, directly benefiting residents in rural and urban settings alike.

In rural areas, where access to timely medical assistance is often challenging, the improvements will result in quicker response times & increased capacity for advanced medical interventions. By securing funding for this project, we ensure that all community members, regardless of their location, have equitable access to enhanced emergency medical care, addressing the specific needs of the diverse regions served by KERPA.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The grant addresses several vital issues, gaps & opportunities within KERPA's emergency response framework. KERPA's volunteers' firsthand experiences have uniquely positioned them to identify the pressing need for the resources we are seeking funding for in this proposal.

The acquisition of the V-Scan technology modernizes our diagnostic capabilities & expedites on-site assessments. Investment in body armour & ballistic helmets enhances the safety of our emergency responders, recognizing the potential risks they face.

The expansion into Castlegar presents an opportunity to establish a secondary dispatch hub, requiring the purchase of essential office furniture. Additionally, funding for medicine & life-saving tools & equipment ensures comprehensive, efficient emergency care delivery. The allocation for survival & truck maintenance equipment fortifies our emergency response fleet, addressing concerns of equipment readiness & vehicle maintenance.

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

KERPA stands out as the most suitable organization for this project due to our extensive track record in delivering successful emergency medical services in the Kootenays. Our proposal is specifically aligned with our work. With a proven history of operational efficiency, our dedicated team, composed of skilled volunteer emergency responders, possesses the expertise needed for seamless project execution.

Our existing partnerships with local authorities & healthcare institutions further amplify our capacity to implement & manage the proposed upgrades. KERPA's in-depth understanding of the region's specific needs & our established infrastructure uniquely position us to ensure the success of this vital project, enhancing emergency response capabilities for the residents we serve.

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

Dr. Nicholas Sparrow, as President & Medical Director, takes a leading role in overseeing operations and collaborates closely with Mr. Kai Schirp, KERPA's Vice-President. Mr. Schirp is instrumental in spearheading initiatives to enhance our emergency response vehicle and medical equipment, managing the orchestration of seasonal maintenance schedules. Working seamlessly in tandem, Dr. Sparrow and Mr. Schirp jointly spearhead the implementation of the proposed project. Their collaborative efforts ensure a holistic approach to project management, combining medical expertise with operational efficiency to fortify KERPA's emergency response capabilities.

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

We have no in-kind contributions identified for this project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Special Operations Medical Retrieval Service



**Kootenay Emergency Response
Physicians Association**

Annual Report 2023

Canadian Registered Charity - 769710328 RR 0001
Special Operation Medical Retrieval Accredited Service #091907

Aim

The aim of this report is to provide a review of the Special Operations Medical Retrieval Service - Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association (KERPA), in the Kootenay Region of British Columbia. This report is intended for key stakeholders including the Ministry of Health, Provincial Health Services Authority, Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues, Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia, Interior Health, the British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and other relevant agencies involved in the prehospital and emergency care of critically ill and injured patients in the province.

Background

The service began approximately **10 years ago** with the key objectives of supporting the emergency services and providing on-scene physician support and care to the most critically ill or injured patients in the Kootenay Region. KERPA also helps provide additional capacity and expertise to the existing pre-hospital and emergency services in the region. KERPA has had a long-standing collaboration agreement with the BCEHS and assists the emergency services at immediate threat-to-life 911 calls where patients require immediate emergency lifesaving interventions.

KERPA dispatches a locally trained rural EMS Physician in a dedicated, non-transporting, rapid response vehicle directly to the scene of life-threatening emergencies. Our physicians possess comprehensive understanding of the relevant patient, geographic, and local healthcare resource situation. In addition, they have knowledge of the communities and the terrain we respond in. KERPA provides this service for FREE and our rural physicians volunteer their time.

Our dedicated Board of Directors donate their time, and we have one paid, part-time office staff, who supports our charitable responsibilities. Provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) is not billed for the care we provide – we provide this at no cost. We are funded through grants, community sponsorship and public donations.



KERPA's Emergency Response Vehicle & Physician

In 2016, KERPA became a Canadian Registered Charity and, in 2021, we became the **1st Canadian Physician Ground Based EMS Service** to be awarded full **Special Operations Medical Retrieval Certification** by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). This accreditation marks the stringent international standards of medical retrieval, quality, safety and patient care KERPA provides (Appendix 1).

Calls Attended

Since May 2014, KERPA has been available to respond to **1283 calls**. These are the highest priority calls assigned by BCAS Dispatch and include primary missions (where our physician arrives on scene and makes contact with the patient), standbys and cancelled calls.

The level of care provided by the Emergency Response Physician (ERP) has varied from minimal, to critical lifesaving interventions. On a number of occasions, the ERP, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, has been instrumental in changing the clinical course and outcome of critically ill patients in the Kootenay Region. For example, in 2019 KERPA was dispatched to a young female stabbed multiple times in the City of Nelson. The patient survived and is enjoying life with her family in the Kootenay area.



CBC News · Posted: Sep 23, 2019 7:07 AM PDT – Woman stabbed at least 5 times in apparent random attack in Nelson, B.C

In 2023, KERPA was available to respond to **313** immediate threat-to-life calls. This was KERPA’s busiest year to date, supporting the Emergency Services at more calls and helping more patients in the Kootenay Region. Of these calls:

- We were placed on ‘standby’ for 93 calls and subsequently stood down
- We were dispatched on 194 and cancelled on 71 (as calls were downgraded or our assistance was not required)
- We attended **123 Primary Missions** where patient contact was made
- At **75** of these calls KERPA medical expertise and or equipment was utilized
- KERPA directly assisted all levels of paramedics in the escorting and transport of high acuity and critical patients to the appropriate designated hospitals in the Region.
 - **Transporting 12 patients to Kootenay Lake Hospital**
 - **Transporting 7 patients Kootenay Boundary Hospital**
 - **Transporting 1 patient to Kelowna by helicopter**
- KERPA also followed ambulance crews to hospitals (in our response vehicle) on 32 occasions to ensure the safe transport of patients and assist crews in the event of patient deterioration.

Types of calls KERPA was available to respond to in 2023:

TRAFFIC INCIDENTS	53
TRAFFIC INCIDENTS – PINNED/TRAPPED VICTIM	2
INACCESSIBLE INCIDENT - ENTRAPMENT/AVALANCHE	2
STAB/GSW/PENETRATING - CENTRAL WOUNDS STAB	3
CONVULSIONS/SEIZURES	20
DROWNING/NEAR DROWNING	2
UNCONSCIOUS	43
OD/POISONING	32
PSYCHIATRIC	8
ALLERGIES - NOT ALERT	2
FALLS	12
TRAUMA - VARIED MECHANISM	14
PREGNANCY - HEAD VISIBLE/OUT	1
CARDIAC ARREST	47
OTHER MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	72

Early Advanced Diagnostics /Medical /Surgical Interventions - 2023:

HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

DIRECT PRESSURE	2
HEMOSTATICS APPLICATION	1
TOURNIQUET USE	1

AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS

NASO-PHARYNGEAL AIRWAY	1
ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE INSERTION	3

BREATHING INTERVENTIONS

BAG VALVE MASK VENTILATION	4
CONTINUOUS POSITIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION	1
FINGER THORACOSTOMY (SINGLE / BILATERAL)	2
CHEST NEEDLE DECOMPRESSION (BILATERAL)	2
CHEST TUBE / DRAIN INSERTION	1

CIRUCLATION INTERVENTIONS

PERIPHERAL INTRAVENOUS ACCESS PLACEMENT	5
INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS - TIBIA	10
INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS - FEMOR	1
PELVIC SPLINT	2
FEMORAL SPLINTING (SINGLE)	2
IV FLUID RESUSCITATION	10
PERICARDIOCENTESIS	1

OTHERS INTERVENTIONS

FAST US SCAN & TRAUMA	22
CARDIAC US	12
LUCAS 3 DEPLOYMENT	14
ZOLL MONITOR APPLIED	46
12 LEAD EKG PERFORMED	9

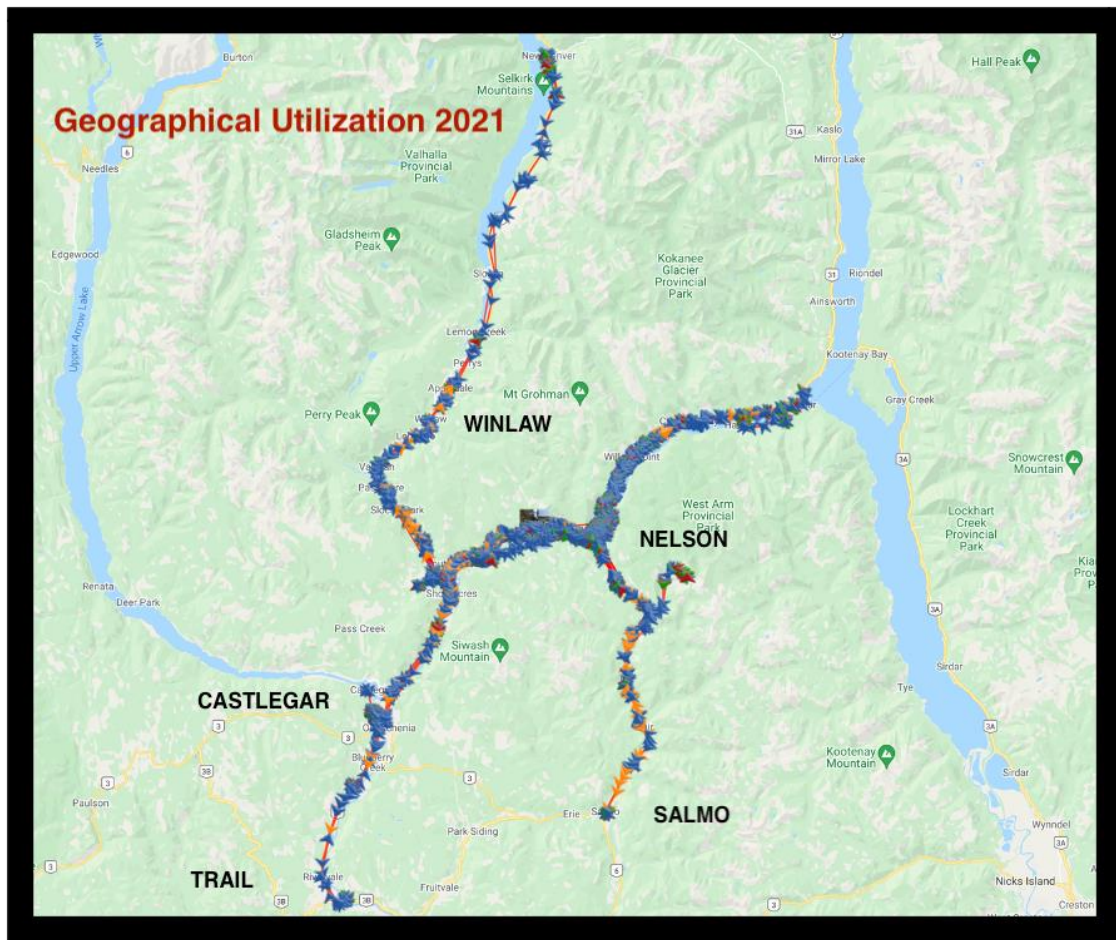
MEDICATIONS

MIDAZOLAM (SEIZURE) / (SEDATION)	1
KETAMINE (ANALGESIA & SEDATION)	1
EPINEPHRINE 1:10,000	12
PUSH DOSE PRESSORS	1
MORPHINE (ANALGESIA)	6
OTHER MEDICAL DRUGS e.g., TXA, ASA, GTN	11

Response Area

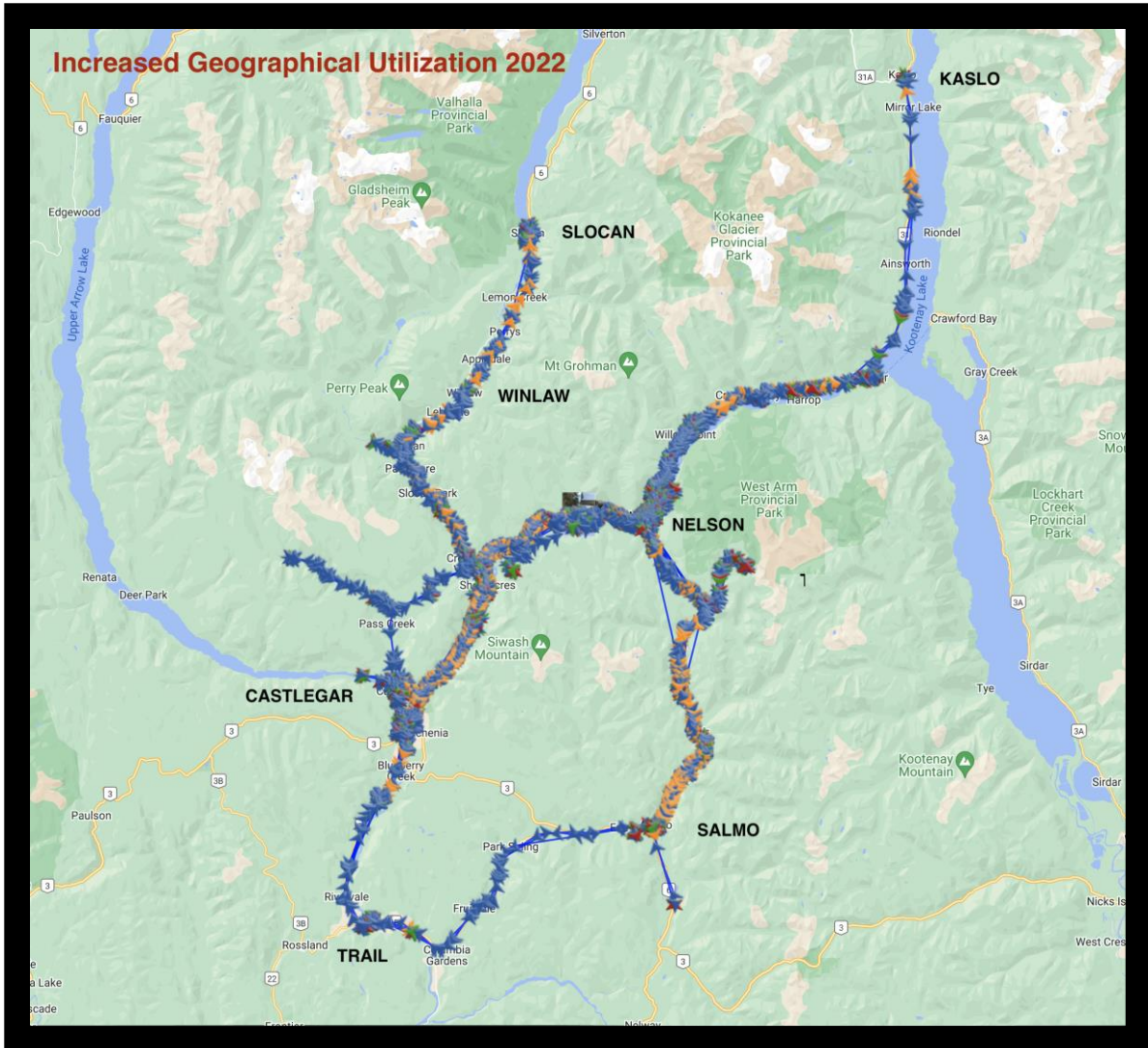
The Maps 1 & 2 below show the geographical locations KERPA responded to in 2021 and 2022. In 2022 BCEHS started to dispatch KERPA to a larger geographic area and as a result we have been able to assist many more critically ill and injured patients in the Kootenays.

Map 1 shows the geographically dispatch area for KERPA in 2021



Satellite Tracked Locations of ERP1 Response Vehicle

Map 2 shows the increased geographical dispatch area for KERPA in 2022



Satellite Tracked Locations of ERP1 Response Vehicle

Service Documentation

The ERP completes a paper Patient Care Record (PCR) only when direct intervention and provision of a higher level of care to patients is required. On calls where this is not needed, the ERP or paramedic records KERPA's attendance on the notes section of the paramedic's electronic PCR and does not complete a separate PCR.

Program Developments

A number of improvements have been made to the ERP Program, since it began in May 2014, to enhance its effectiveness in the community.

- **Safety & Quality** - KERPA has a robust Safety and Quality Committee that meets quarterly, overseeing our operations. This has helped facilitate numerous improvements to ensure full Special Operations International Standards are met. We report to the BCEHS Medical Programs twice a year.
- **Physicians** - a second volunteer physician has joined KERPA and will be ready to respond by the summer of 2024 increasing our capacity in the Region. As part of KERPA's Special Operations Accreditation, we have stringent internal policies pertaining to the qualifications and training requirements of any physician wishing to work with the charity.
- **Scope of Practice** -The scope of medications KERPA provides continues to expand along with critical care and surgical equipment. In 2024 all KERPA vehicles will be carrying the Z Vent Transport Ventilators and our physicians are currently undergoing training for the use of these machine. Our ERPs participate in quarterly "Critical Skills Training" to practice all critical airway and surgical interventions, as well as scenario-based training.



- **Additional Response Vehicle** - KERPA has purchased a second emergency response vehicle. This will be fully equipped and operational by the Summer of 2024. During 2022, KERPA was unable to respond to a major incident due to scheduled maintenance on our vehicle. Numerous patients were injured at this call and one patient was fatally injured. A second response vehicle would have enabled us to respond in the event of scheduled maintenance or mechanical issues. This second vehicle will be able to be used as an additional resource for the region.



ERV1 and ERV2 Vehicles in Nelson

“Our vehicles provide the Province of British Columbia with physician critical emergency care response to support the emergency services in the Kootenay Region.”

Total assets value & infrastructure = \$450,000.00

Discussion

KERPA has proven to be a needed and valuable service in the Kootenay Region. With over 1283 calls answered since 2014, there has undoubtedly been benefit to patients in our community. In 2023 there were numerous cases where KERPA significantly impacted clinical care, patient outcomes, and family experiences. Out of the 123 primary missions KERPA attended in 2023, 30% of patients were in a severe to critical condition requiring early advanced and critical care interventions by the ERP.

**Critical Emergency Care Dispatches 2023
(37 patients)**

Number of Patients	Type of Call	Additional Information
14	Cardiac Arrest – Medical	x4 Drug overdose related
4	Cardiac Arrest - Traumatic	All motor vehicle related x1 Pediatric
5	Medical Emergencies	Seizure, Allergic Reaction, Overdoses
14	Trauma Related Dispatches	x1 Avalanche x10 Traffic Incidents x1 Massive Hemorrhage x1 Gunshot Wound x1 Drowning

A specific case is included below to demonstrate the service KERPA is able to provide:

Chain Saw Accident – Massive Hemorrhage

KERPA was able to respond to a remote incident by helicopter to assist a patient who accidentally cut one of their limbs with a chain saw.



KERPA mobilizing to a remote incident by helicopter

The patient, in critical condition, had fastened a bungee cord around the limb to halt a severe arterial blood. On arrival our physician assessed the patient, and a hemostatic dressing and CAT tourniquet was applied. The bungee cord was subsequently removed to preserve as much circulation to the patient's limb as possible. Our physician then administered intravenous morphine to the patient and, after discussion with dispatch & local hospitals, decided best to fly the patient directly to Kelowna General Hospital, escorted by a primary care paramedic.



Flying to a remote location in the Kootenay Region

The patient was monitored continuously throughout the flight using our cardiac monitor and given additional analgesia. The patient's limb was saved and they are now at home with their family rehabilitating.

“KERPA unquestionably played a pivotal role in preserving this patient's limb, alongside the other responding agencies.”

Areas with potential for growth

1) Service Support

KERPA has received some program support from the BCEHS and local BC Ambulance Paramedics. However, communication and regional dispatch delays over the years have created additional administrative work for KERPA. This has negatively impacted our operational capacity and reach. Increased transparency, communication and service support would improve our ability to help critical patients and assist the Emergency Services.

Increased awareness and the establishment of collaborative partnerships with the Ministry of Health, Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues and Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia could help in ongoing support and development of our reach as a Special Operations Medical Retrieval asset for the Province in the Kootenay Region.

2) Dispatch & Geographical Response Area

The current system for KERPA's dispatch is an automated cell phone text alert. On receiving the text alert, the ERP telephones Kamloops' dispatch to find out the call details and address of the location.

With the current system, the quickest time KERPA can respond from pager to being enroute is 4-5 minutes.

A Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) laptop, as used by local supervisors, would greatly speed up our ability to identify, and dispatch to, life threatening 911 calls in the Region.

3) Geographical Response Area

KERPA provides the highest level of ground pre-hospital critical care in the Kootenay Region. Over the years KERPA requested to be dispatched more regionally, being notified of all red and purple calls. Whilst this was slow to happen, we are thankful that as of April 2022, the BCEHS increased our reach to other nearby communities. The current system is working well and

we hope KERPA will be increasingly utilized as an additional resource and greater collaboration will lead to more lives saved.

Conclusion

Over the past decade, KERPA has responded to numerous emergency calls in the Kootenay Region, demonstrating our commitment to patient-centred care.

Our efforts have resulted in significant positive outcomes for critically ill and injured patients, with over 250 direct medical or critical interventions conducted since the program's inception. Additionally, we've provided invaluable assistance to emergency services on numerous occasions, directly escorting over 180 patients alongside BC Ambulance Paramedics to local or regional hospitals.

Our presence has had a profound impact on both patients and their families within the community, as well as providing crucial support to paramedic crews during challenging calls.

Furthermore, our Emergency Response Physicians have extended their help to other single-handed ER physicians upon arrival at rural emergency departments.

Strategic provincial authorization for KERPA physicians to utilize local helicopters to assist in reaching a targeted group of critically ill or injured patients, including confirmed motor vehicle entrapments, cardiac arrests, and other specified trauma calls, could extend the reach of our critical care services, benefiting a larger number of individuals.

Although KERPA's service in British Columbia has not always been fully embraced, the outcomes it has achieved are undeniable. We hold optimism for the future, anticipating enhanced support and collaboration at the provincial level, as we continue to deliver critical care to patients in the Kootenay Region.

At the heart of our service lies a commitment to save lives, help critically ill and injured patients and support the Emergency Services.

Appendices:

Appendix 1

The Board of Directors of



hereby awards accreditation to

Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association

From July 17, 2021 to July 17, 2024

Presented in recognition for substantial compliance with CAMTS Accreditation Standards in quality care and safety for patients requiring medical transport in the following categories:

<u>Modes of Transport</u>	<u>Patient Types (Care and Transport)</u>	<u>Patient Types (Transport Only)</u>	<u>Levels of Service</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Wing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Critical Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotorwing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PICU	<input type="checkbox"/> PICU	<input type="checkbox"/> Intensive Critical Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Critical Care	<input type="checkbox"/> IABP	<input type="checkbox"/> IABP	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground ALS	<input type="checkbox"/> Perinatal	<input type="checkbox"/> Perinatal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground BLS	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal	<input type="checkbox"/> ALS (Ground)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Escort	<input type="checkbox"/> ECMO	<input type="checkbox"/> ECMO	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS (Ground)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inhaled Nitric Oxide (INO)	<input type="checkbox"/> Inhaled Nitric Oxide (INO)	

The Medical Transport Service is granted this Certificate of Accreditation by the authority of
Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems

An organization with equal representation from each of the following member organizations:

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| <i>Aerospace Medical Association</i> | <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i> |
| <i>Air Medical Operators Association</i> | <i>European HEMS and Air Ambulance Committee</i> |
| <i>Air Medical Physicians Association</i> | <i>International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics</i> |
| <i>Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association</i> | <i>International Association of Medical Transport Communications Specialists</i> |
| <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i> | <i>National Air Transportation Association</i> |
| <i>American Association of Critical Care Nurses</i> | <i>National Association of EMS Physicians</i> |
| <i>American Association of Respiratory Care</i> | <i>National Association of Neonatal Nurses</i> |
| <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i> | <i>National Association of State EMS Officials</i> |
| <i>American College of Surgeons</i> | <i>National EMS Pilots Association</i> |
| <i>Association of Air Medical Services</i> | <i>United States Transportation Command</i> |
| <i>Association of Critical Care Transport</i> | |

The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems is dedicated to improving the quality of patient care and safety of the transport environment for services providing rotorwing, fixed wing and surface transport systems.

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Organization **Nelson History Theatre Society**

Registration # S - 43909 CRA # 865206734 RR0001
3210 Heddle Rd., Nelson British Columbia V1L 6M3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay History Education Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson
The website creation will take place at Touchstones Nelson Museum and the home/offices of participating summer students and the storytelling/workshop presentations will take place throughout SD#8 schools

Importance to the community:

Education and knowledge of local history is an important ingredient in the creation of a well-rounded education. Participating students will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/3/2024 Project End: 2/28/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$300.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
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
			\$1,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00

Project: Kootenay History Education Project

1. The project will provide:

Our project is the continuation of our work to educate the general public and students of School District #8 about Kootenay history. This is done by annually adding to our website kootenayhistory.com and through storytelling in schools. The website portion is carried out by secondary and post-secondary students funded through Canada Summer Jobs (which in turn contributes to their further education. The storytelling in Schools is performed by professional storyteller Mike Funergy who offers story presentations and workshops .

2. Organization Mandate:

To support the creation and performance of original theatrical productions and school presentations based on the history of Nelson, BC and the Kootenays and to support and administer tours of these productions throughout the Kootenays.

To support and administer the creation and performance, in Nelson, of other theatrical productions and school presentations and to support and administer tours of these productions throughout the Kootenays.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Education and knowledge of local history is an important ingredient in the creation of a well-rounded education. Participating students will benefit.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Kootenay students will learn about their regional history through access to the websites and story presentations. Schools have identified the need for art and performance activities as part of a full educational curriculum.

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

We have been successfully doing this for over twenty years

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will be supervised by NHTS administrator Richard Rowberry with two Canada Summer Jobs hires and storyteller Mike Funergy.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Employee home/office space and equipment
Touchstones Nelson Museum archive resources

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Johanna Strom <Johanna.Strom@sd8.bc.ca> Wed, Feb 14, 12:02 PM (7 days ago)

Hi,

I just wanted to reach out and ask if we can organize a writing workshop for 2 different classes with Mike Funergy. There is a 2/3 class and a 4/5 class who are interested. We thought maybe a one-hour workshop with each class?

Thanks so much,
Johanna Strom

Mike Funergy Mon, Jan 29, 9:59 AM

Hi Richard,

Just letting you know we're confirmed for the following:

Mike

Monday March 11th

Solomon/Podovelnikoff 9:10-10:10 (grades 3-5

Recess 10:20-10:40

Johnson / McRann 10:40-11:40 (Gr 5/6)

Tuesday March 12th

Long and Koorbatoff 9:10-10:10 (Multiage 1-4)

Recess 10:20-10:40

Marken//Christie 10:40-11:40 K-2

For over twenty years Nelson History Theatre has been creating theatre with both professional and youth performers, storytelling in regional schools and building heritage based websites. Recently we have also taken to supporting local artists with their projects. One such is Mike Funergy and here's his introduction....

Mike is a teller of personal & traditional tales and workshop host who has worked with all ages, from schools to seniors homes.

He has told stories at storytelling events in BC and Ontario, has appeared on podcasts and radio stations, at the Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver Science World, Toronto International Storytelling Festival, and various other events. He has performed in public and private schools throughout Metro Vancouver and Nelson.

He is the host of 'That's Another Story' on Kootenay Co-Op Radio, which is a show about 'stories and the stories behind the stories'. He is passionate about bringing storytelling to wide audiences who may not realize the power of stories, especially younger generations who grew up with the internet.

Mike hosts workshops for adults who wish to learn how to use personal stories to improve their communications skills, those who want to improve the presentation of their ideas and business pitches, and in schools to get kids excited about storytelling.

He is also the representative for Storytellers of Canada for British Columbia, and resides in Nelson BC.

For website information go to www.kootenayhistory.com

Organization **Ainsworth Recreational Society**

Registration #

Box 1285, Ainsworth Hot Springs BC V0G 1A0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Website**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Ainsworth Community Hall

Importance to the community:

Project is important for community usage and for hall usage.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 6/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,600.00	
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	\$2,600.00

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

1. The project will provide:

Project: Website

Website development, domain name, contact tab, online calendar and photo gallery. A 4K projector for meetings and entertainment.

2. Organization Mandate:

Ainsworth Community Hall is a gathering place for community members and non-members for meetings, special events, and fellowship.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Project is important for community usage and for hall usage.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The hall currently does not have a web presence and no means of public contact.

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

Our Board of Directors have been tasked to improve the community hall and to make it more visible and accessible.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Webmaster under contract and Board of Directors.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**

Registration # S0058938

5811 Taghum Frontage Rd, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6X9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Install new 4-Bay High-Gain VHF antenna at Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D

Mount Lavina forestry lookout site, located south end of Duncan Lake. This is a mountain top site (at 7300 feet in elevation) that hosts the WKARC radio repeater.

Importance to the community:

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF radio coverage for the Kootenay Lake, Duncan Lake, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Mount Lavina repeater site.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,200.00			\$2,500.00	
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00

Project: Install new 4-Bay High-Gain VHF antenna at Mount Lavina Radio Repeater Site

1. The project will provide:

Replace the existing VHF antenna with a VHF antenna with about twice the RF gain, to provide better range for the users. This should provide user range from all of Kootenay Lake and Duncan lake.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF radio coverage for the Kootenay Lake, Duncan Lake, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Mount Lavina repeater site.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Better (longer range) operating range for the VHF repeater. NOTE: Being a Solar/Battery operated radio repeater, this radio has a low power output, and thus need the best antenna possible to get the longer usage range.

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

WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the Mount Lavina site.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Technical support personnel from the WKARC society members.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kaslo Search and Rescue**

Registration # S-45540

PO Box 592, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Ascending to Excellence: Rope Rescue Training**

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

- Our coverage area is as follows; Southernmost tip is Balfour; West is up through half of Kokanee Glacier Park, then to Fish Lake on Hwy 31A; North to Trout Lake; Northern most part is the southern boundary of Glacier National Park in the Duncan River drainage; East is all the drainages running into the Duncan River and then south down through the Purcell Mountain range to Gray Creek Pass.

- We also responded to 6 calls for mutual aid in 2023 throughout the West Kootenays with neighbouring SAR teams.

Importance to the community:

This project is vital for our community as it directly enhances Kaslo's emergency response capabilities, ensuring the safety and well-being of community members in challenging terrains. Kaslo Search and Rescue (SAR) serves as a critical lifeline in emergencies, and the high-angle rope rescue training addresses identified skill gaps, enabling swift and effective responses to incidents such as mountainous or wilderness rescues. The entire community benefits from this project, including residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and visitors who may find themselves in distress. The trained SAR team becomes a cornerstone of community safety, ensuring that professional volunteers are equipped to handle complex rescue situations. By investing in this training, we empower our SAR team to be at the forefront of community safety, providing invaluable support in times of need.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/7/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$2,500.00			\$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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,498.00

Project: Ascending to Excellence: Rope Rescue Training

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,498.00	\$16,275.00	\$16,275.00

1. The project will provide:

- The project entails a six-day, 44-hour high-angle rope rescue training program for Kaslo Search and Rescue (SAR) conducted by Ronin Safety and Rescue Inc. The objective is to equip Kaslo SAR with additional Rope Rescue Technician 1 (RRT1) and Rope Rescue Technician 2 (RRT2) certifications, aligning with the Provincial Operating Guidelines (POGs) 3.02a BC SAR Wildland Rope Rescue Competency Matrix.
- The training structure involves a weekend for content delivery and a subsequent weekend for student evaluation, ensuring a comprehensive grasp of competencies. RRT1 focuses on foundational skills like knots, anchor systems, and stretcher rigging, emphasizing teamwork for SAR missions. RRT2, tailored for those completing RRT1, delves into advanced personal skills and cohesive team performance.
- Ronin commits to EMCR standards and strict adherence to the POGs, employing experienced instructors through a robust quality assurance process. The project's success relies on effective collaboration, ensuring Kaslo SAR members are proficient and safe in executing high-angle rope rescues. The outcome will be SAR team members equipped with essential skills, certified to operate confidently and effectively in challenging terrains.

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide professional Search and Rescue services to anyone who finds themselves lost, injured or stranded in our surrounding areas.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is vital for our community as it directly enhances Kaslo's emergency response capabilities, ensuring the safety and well-being of community members in challenging terrains. Kaslo Search and Rescue (SAR) serves as a critical lifeline in emergencies, and the high-angle rope rescue training addresses identified skill gaps, enabling swift and effective responses to incidents such as mountainous or wilderness rescues. The entire community benefits from this project, including residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and visitors who may find themselves in distress. The trained SAR team becomes a cornerstone of community safety, ensuring that professional volunteers are equipped to handle complex rescue situations. By investing in this training, we empower our SAR team to be at the forefront of community safety, providing invaluable support in times of need.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This high-angle rope rescue training project ensure KSAR will maintain the competencies required to maintain our rope rescue capability with EMCR but also enhances community safety through the deployment of highly trained professional volunteers. The identified issues stem from the need for continued training of new members within Kaslo Search and Rescue to respond effectively to high-angle rope rescue scenarios. The opportunity lies in transforming SAR members into certified Rope Rescue Technicians, contributing to a community safety framework. This was identified through collaboration with Kaslo SAR's Training Officer, underscoring the project's dual impact: increased rescue capabilities and a dedicated team of professional volunteers standing by to bolster community safety during emergencies.

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

In 2023, our team collectively dedicated more than 6,300 volunteer hours, underscoring our steadfast commitment to upholding our proficiency in various operations. This substantial investment of time reflects our dedication to ensuring a safe, efficient, and effective response across a spectrum of search and rescue disciplines. From Ground and Canine Search, Tracking, Rope Rescue, and Mountain Rescue to Helicopter Operations, Winter Response, and

Project: Ascending to Excellence: Rope Rescue Training

Swiftwater and Flatwater Rescue operations, our team remains devoted to maintaining the skills required for diverse and challenging scenarios. This significant volunteer effort highlights our ongoing commitment to readiness, ensuring that we can reliably respond to the dynamic needs of our community with competence and dedication.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Kaslo Search and Rescue volunteers

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteers have committed to 24 hours of total instruction time and 20 hours of evaluation time over the course of 6 days - along with pre-reading and additional personal training time. Twelve members for just the 44 hours at only \$25 an hour = \$13,200 value of volunteer time.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



SENT VIA EMAIL ON JAN 10, 2024 VR2

Miriam.halliday@kaslosar.com

COMPANY: Kaslo Search and Rescue

ADDRESS: 529 Arena Ave, Kaslo,
BC

ATTENTION: Miriam Halliday, Training Officer

RE: Training Proposal: EMCR Wildland Rope Rescue Program

1. INTRODUCTION

Ronin Safety and Rescue Inc. (Ronin) is pleased to present our proposal for the provision of training services for Kaslo SAR (CLIENT) at a location located in Kaslo, BC, in response to a request from Miriam Halliday.

Ronin Safety and Rescue, Canada's premier safety and rescue company is headquartered in Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada, and is currently operating worldwide.

Ronin has a proven approach to quality assurance and client satisfaction. Our OHS/HSE client list includes Governments, Heavy Industry, Regional Authorities and Emergency Services.

Our team consists of professionals with extensive backgrounds in their fields. Our specialists identify and develop strategies in partnership with our clients for workplace safety, training, equipment, and rescue with a focus on providing customized solutions.

Our team has global experience having operated in the Middle East, Arabian Gulf, Southeast Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and Canada – including the arctic region of Canada.

2. BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

Ronin understands that Kaslo SAR would like to be instructed in the competencies as presented in the Provincial Operating Guidelines (POGs) 3.02a BC SAR Wildland Rope Rescue Competency Matrix. Ronin Rescue has been requested to provide a proposal for a simultaneous Rope Rescue Technician 1 and 2 training for the team. This will require two instructors (one for each level).

3. SCOPE OF SERVICE

Based on information provided by the CLIENT, Ronin proposes to provide a 6 day, 44-hour program that includes the elements listed below. The first weekend will be the delivery of the training content to the students and the second weekend will be the evaluation for the students.

Ronin Safety & Rescue conducts all our Rope Rescue Training Courses to EMCR standards, and we strictly follow the Provincial Operating Guidelines (POGs) 3.02a BC SAR Wildland Rope Rescue Competency Matrix.

ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN 1 (RRT1)

Course Duration: 6 days

Course Format: Classroom and practical exercises; evaluation

Certification: Certificate of Attendance upon successful completion

Pre-requisites: Online Test

This course is delivered over 3 days spanning across a weekend, with a Friday evening/Saturday all-day/Sunday all-day format. If the CLIENT would like to do a custom schedule, please consult with Ronin for a revised proposal. This course is intended for Ground Search and Rescue Technicians that may be working as, with, or around Rope Rescue Technicians. This training will meet and exceed the minimum competencies set by EMCR, with an emphasis on strong personal skills and working cohesively as a team on SAR missions. The course consists of classroom lectures, hands-on training, practical scenarios, and an evaluation.

The instruction course is to be completed over a minimum of 24 hours. Evaluation is 20 hours.

Topics covered, in accordance with the competency matrix:

Chapter 2.1 – Introduction to Rope Rescue

Chapter 2.2 – Knots, Bends & Hitches

Chapter 2.3 – The Mechanics (Physics) of Rope Rescue

Chapter 2.4 – Anchor Systems

Chapter 2.5 – Communication

Chapter 2.6 – Dual Capability Two Tensioned Rope Systems

Chapter 2.7 – Edge Management

Chapter 2.8 – Stretcher and Attendant Rigging

Chapter 2.9 – Subject Packaging and Securement

Chapter 2.10 – Slope Rescue

Online Test

Please be advised, pre-reading and a successful attempt at the online quiz will be required before a member may participate in the training. Students may have two attempts.

There is also be an online exam we require students to complete before the Assessment Weekend. We can certainly make this test available as well. Students may have two attempts

ROPE RESCUE TECHNICIAN 2 (RRT2)

Course Duration: 6 days

Course Format: Classroom and practical exercises; evaluation

Certification: Certificate of Attendance upon successful completion

Pre-requisites: Online Test

This course is delivered over 6 days spanning across 2 weekends, with a Friday evening/Saturday all-day/Sunday all-day format. If the CLIENT would like to do a custom schedule, please consult with Ronin for a revised proposal. This course is intended for Ground Search and Rescue Technicians that may have completed a the Rope Rescue 1 Program. This training will meet and exceed the minimum competencies set by EMCR, with an emphasis on strong personal skills and working cohesively as a team on SAR missions. The course consists of classroom lectures, hands-on training, practical scenarios, and an evaluation.

The instruction course is to be completed over a minimum of 18 hours, while the RRT2 evaluation will be completed over a minimum of 18 hours.

Online Test

Please be advised, pre-reading and a successful attempt at the online quiz will be required before a member may participate in the training. Students may have two attempts.

There will also be an online exam before the Assessment Weekend. Students may have two attempts.

Ronin will work with the Kaslo SAR Team to ensure that the specific teaching practices, techniques, and methodology pertaining to Technical Rescue remain consistent with those already established by the CLIENT and EMCR.

Each participant will receive a digital copy of the workbook, access to the online tests, and a certificate, upon successful completion.

Exams will be administered by Ronin before the training session and evaluation. Students can have two attempts and the highest score is kept. Each test has a time limit. The exam before the assessment weekend is worth 20% towards final grades.

4. PROJECT TEAM

The primary Project Manager for this project will be Mark Pfeifer, Ronin Safety and Rescue Inc.

To ensure standards of quality, safety and consistency of program delivery, Ronin has developed strict standards for instructor selection, orientation, training, and oversight. All of Ronin's instructors must be third party certified as instructors and participate in Ronin's two-day instructor training program as a first step. Upon completion of the instructor-training program, the potential instructor must attend as a student and co-teach every course he/she would like to instruct – while being monitored, assessed, and mentored by the Ronin Chief Instructor. Once cleared by the Chief Instructor (Ronin's Chief Instructor has over one thousand hours of instruction time) after co-teaching, the potential instructor must pass Ronin's "competent person" test for the particular topic. Once the test is complete the instructor is audited within one of their first five classes and again once a year in accordance with our quality assurance procedures.

Ronin recruits its instructors from the ranks of professional organizations such as OHS professionals, public safety professionals or the military. Any potential instructors must have a background in adult education as well as verifiable hours in multiple training environments.

Ronin may utilize other instructors as required to fulfill its contract commitments. Ronin will ensure any unlisted instructors possess similar skills to any staff listed above.

5. SCHEDULE

Training will be delivered on dates required by the CLIENT. Project logistics and requirements, including the training schedule, will be confirmed with the CLIENT to ensure required resources have been allocated for successful training completion. Ronin is open to working with Kaslo SAR re dates.

A minimum of ten (10) business days' notice will be given to either party prior to any required deadlines, including transmission or transfer of any information related to this proposal. Ronin reserves the right to re-negotiate deadlines or schedule, and charge accrued project costs (including disbursements), due to scheduling conflicts due to unforeseen circumstances, delays, or any cancellations by the CLIENT.

Course participant numbers must be finalized and confirmed with Ronin at least ten (10) business days in advance of the training date for administrative preparation. Minimum number of participants will be 4 people, with the maximum determined by how many instructors are on site (EMCR requires a 6 student to 1 instructor ratio). If attendee numbers or list revisions are not provided to Ronin at least ten (10) business days prior, disbursements will be fully charged to the CLIENT regardless of the number of participants (i.e. less than 4). As this is a RRT 1 and 2 program, Ronin will need 2 instructors. Each instructor can accommodate 6 students.

6. PROJECT RESOURCES

Training resources will be required for successful completion. The CLIENT agrees to provide:

- Student Personal Rescue Personal Protective Equipment (harnesses, helmets, gloves etc.)
- Locations suitable for classroom and scenario training, this may include but not be limited to buildings and austere environments etc.

Ronin will provide:

- 2 Instructors with personal protective equipment and personal rescue equipment
- Team rescue gear in accordance with the EMCR Rope Rescue Kit Manifest (ropes, rigging equipment, patient packaging devices, other rescue equipment).
- Online testing platform

Advanced notice will be given to the CLIENT should other resources be required to complete the training. If the CLIENT is unable to provide all the items listed above, a request to provide equipment will be provided to Ronin at least five (5) days in advance. Additional fees may apply.

7. DELIVERABLES

Upon completion of the training, Ronin will provide the following document deliverables:

- Student roster
- Report of results (Pass/Fail)
- Certificates of Attendance

Certificates will be sent to the CLIENT within seven (7) to ten (10) business days after the last training session. Electronic copies of the course/instructor evaluations may be provided upon request.

8. PROJECT FEES/INVOICING

Ronin offers to provide the above services as per the cost breakdown below (including GST):

44-HOUR RRT1 & 2 TRAINING & EVALUATION (Both programs over 2 weekends, 6 Students Max per group, 1 INSTRUCTOR PER GROUP – 1 instructor for RRT1 and 1 instructor for RRT2):	\$15,500
DIGITAL WORKBOOKS AND ONLINE TESTS:	INCLUDED
TOTAL	\$15,500

Terms

This proposal is valid for 30 days from date on document. Due to travel and accommodation costs, if the booking date is over 30 days from proposal date, Ronin reserves the right to resubmit proposal based on current market pricing.

Upon acceptance of this proposal, an invoice will be submitted for payment. Booking of training is only considered finalized on payment of invoice or provision of a PO. All funds are payable in Canadian currency.

9. PRIVACY, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND INSURANCE

The Ronin offices maintain a strict policy and set of procedures regarding visitor access, data security (paper and digital), and privacy. All staff and associates have signed confidentiality agreements, and all working files are kept securely under lock and key.

Ronin is fully and currently insured for: commercial comprehensive general liability (\$5,000,000), cross liability and errors and omissions (\$5,000,000). We will fully maintain all this insurance for the duration of this project. Details of insurance and registration can be supplied on request.

We are fully registered with WorkSafe BC and have a positive safety record.

10. QUALITY ASSURANCE

At Ronin, we firmly believe that customer service and the consistent, reliable delivery of quality services and products are the foundation of sound business practices. To further enhance and formalize our corporate approach to quality assurance Ronin has a formalized quality management system.

Of interest to our clients, our quality management system formalizes, documents, and tracks our approach to:

- Customer needs and our approach to meeting those needs
- Design, development and assessment of our services and products
- Customer and student confidentiality
- Care, control and protection of customer data, resources, and equipment
- Measurement, analysis and improvement of our services and products
- Prevention of, and response to, issues of non-conformity of services and products, and concerns raised by customers and students

At Ronin, we are serious about our commitment to consistently provide quality services to each client. In those rare instances where there is a concern raised by a client or a student, Ronin follows a standard documented and proven process to identify the problem, respond to the client needs, and take steps to ensure the problem does not occur again. Specifically, we:

1. Work with those involved to clearly identify the problem, its root causes, client concerns, and impact on those involved
2. Check with the client and those involved to ensure we have clearly identified the points in number one above
3. Identify and implement an immediate and remedial plan of action that best meets the needs of the client
4. Follow-up with the client, and those involved, immediately afterwards to ensure the steps taken have appropriately addressed the initial concerns
5. Follow-up once more, later, with the client and those involved to ensure the original response is working and still appropriate
6. Debrief those staff involved, identify, and implement a plan to ensure the original issue or concern does not occur again.

As a part of our quality management system, when a concern is raised, either by a client, student, supplier, or one of our own staff, we immediately begin tracking the concern and our response to it through the use of our “*Action Report*”.

We believe that this approach meets the needs of our clients and learners, prevents further similar concerns, and ensures lasting and positive relationships with all our clients.

11. PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE

Training details and fees outlined in this proposal is based on the Scope of Training previously defined. Should the CLIENT request or require changes to the scope of Ronin’s involvement other than explicitly stated in this proposal, Ronin reserves all rights to re-negotiate the above terms, including the schedule, project fees etc.

Please indicate the CLIENT’s acceptance of this proposal and the outlined terms and conditions by emailing to mark@roninrescue.com a written authorization to proceed or purchase order as soon as conveniently possible.

Ronin thanks you for this opportunity and your consideration. Should you have any questions, need further clarification, or require additional information regarding this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Mark Pfeifer

CEO

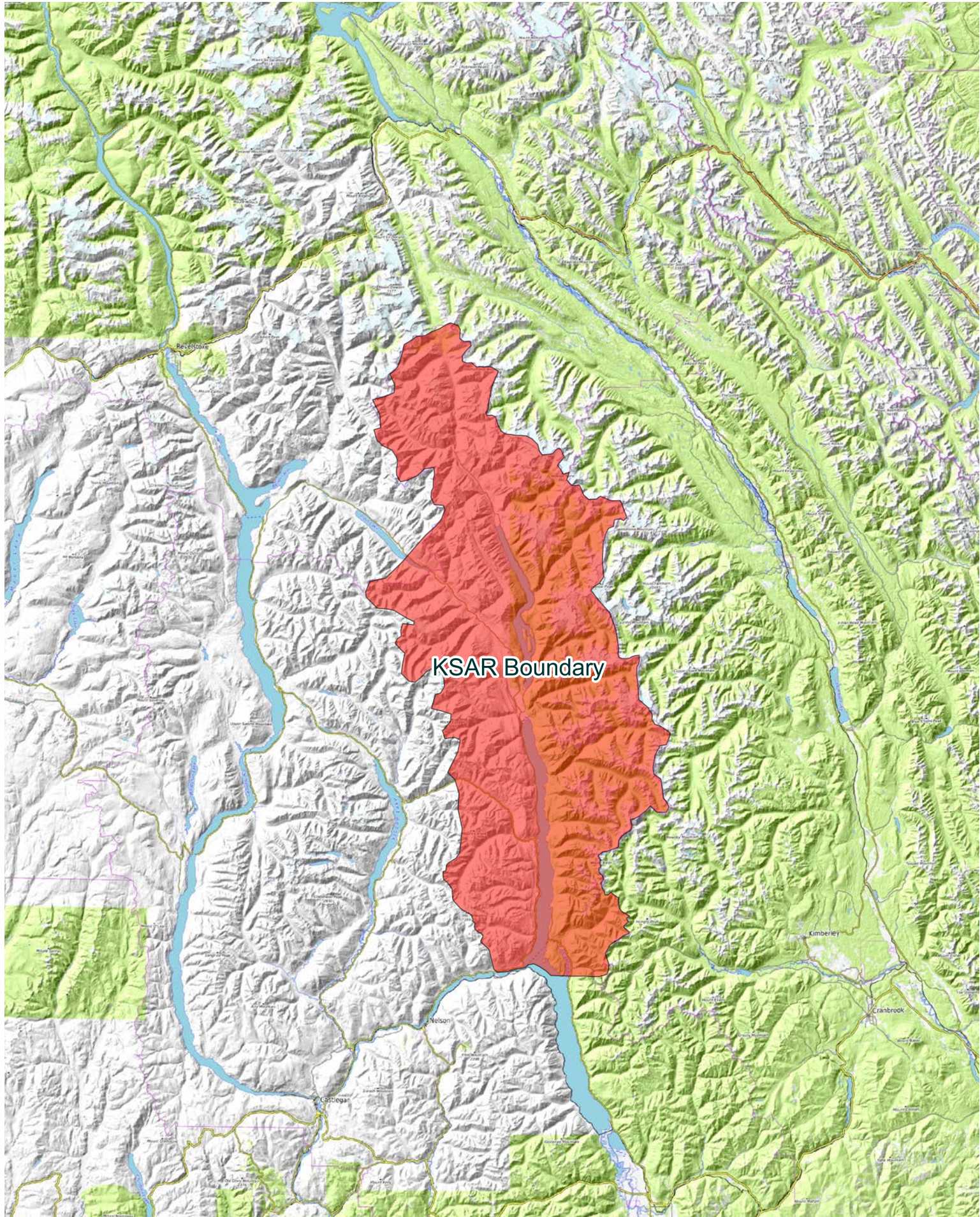
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Kaslo Search and Resuce Response Area



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KSAR Rope Rescue Technician 1 & 2 Training Budget

Rope Rescue Technician 1 and 2 Training for up to 12 students	\$ 15,500
Administration (5%)	\$ 775
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	\$ 16,275

Sources of Funds

ReDi Grant	\$ 12,498
Kaslo Municipal Grant	\$ 500
KSAR	\$ 3,277
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	\$ 16,275

Organization **The Kaslo Board of Trade o/a Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce**

Registration # 000485-5

Po Box 329, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **May Days 2024**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo

The Village of Kaslo

Importance to the community:

May Days holds paramount importance for our rural community deeply connected to the tourism industry. Drawing visitors to Kaslo is essential for the economic prosperity of local businesses. The project's significance lies in its role as a magnet for tourists who may not have considered the area otherwise. Beyond the direct economic impact, May Days fosters social positives, creating a sense of community belonging. Documented evidence supports that hosting events enhances the overall environment of the community. The benefits extend to local businesses, including vendors, artisans, craftspeople, restaurateurs, hoteliers, and innkeepers, all experiencing an upswing in activity. May Days serves as a catalyst for community resilience, economic vitality, and an enriched social and cultural fabric, making it a pivotal initiative for the well-being of the entire Kaslo community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 5/20/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,500.00	\$21,900.00	\$21,900.00

1. The project will provide:

May Days is a three-day event dedicated to welcoming the arrival of summer. The primary objective is to foster community engagement by uniting residents and visitors through a vibrant celebration featuring music, vendors, sports, and various festivities. The project will be executed through collaborative efforts, with volunteers joining forces with the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce, specifically serving as Event Coordinators.

The festival will be realized through planning and coordination of diverse activities that cater to different interests. A hallmark tradition of May Days is the Logger Sports event, a perennial favorite among spectators. Additionally, the Show 'n' Shine Car show, an enduring part of the festivities for over 25 years, adds a classic touch to the celebration. Other highlights include North America's Longest Running May Pole Dance, Softball Tournament, Rubber Duck Race, Old Time Parade, Music in the Park, and various events contributed by local businesses and organizations.

By seamlessly integrating these elements, the May Days Celebration aims to create a lively and inclusive atmosphere that not only entertains but also strengthens the sense of community within the Village of Kaslo. Through this project, we aspire to enhance community bonds, promote local businesses, and provide a memorable experience for residents and visitors alike.

2. Organization Mandate:

Since 1898, the Chamber's mandate is to help our members prosper and succeed in Business activities. Through a proactive working partnership with all levels of government and community organizations, we strive to achieve a strong and healthy local economy.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

May Days holds paramount importance for our rural community deeply connected to the tourism industry. Drawing visitors to Kaslo is essential for the economic prosperity of local businesses. The project's significance lies in its role as a magnet for tourists who may not have considered the area otherwise. Beyond the direct economic impact, May Days fosters social positives, creating a sense of community belonging. Documented evidence supports that hosting events enhances the overall environment of the community. The benefits extend to local businesses, including vendors, artisans, craftspeople, restaurateurs, hoteliers, and innkeepers, all experiencing an upswing in activity. May Days serves as a catalyst for community resilience, economic vitality, and an enriched social and cultural fabric, making it a pivotal initiative for the well-being of the entire Kaslo community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

May Days addresses community disconnection by promoting participation, skills development, and volunteering, fostering a sense of belonging. The celebration offers opportunities for economic growth, benefiting local vendors, artisans, and businesses. May Days serves as a nexus for social and cultural development, addressing a need for diverse community activities. The event strategically aligns with identified issues of limited engagement and economic stagnation, aiming to strengthen community bonds and contribute to local vitality. The influx of visitors during the celebration amplifies its impact on the local economy, providing a boost to various sectors over the long weekend. May Days is a multifaceted initiative addressing specific community needs, enhancing the overall well-being and resilience of the Village of Kaslo.

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

With a track record of coordinating successful community events, we have established expertise in event planning, logistics, and community engagement ensuring a seamless execution. Leveraging strong local connections, we can mobilize resources efficiently. Collaborating with businesses, organizations, and local authorities is a strength, allowing us to navigate the complexities involved. Committed to community well-being, our organization aligns with the project's goals of fostering economic growth and social cohesion. With a deep understanding of the local culture

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Project: May Days 2024

and a history of impactful initiatives, we have the capacity and dedication to make May Days a thriving and memorable event for the Kaslo community.

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

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

The Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce will coordinate with the help of many many local volunteers

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

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

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

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

Volunteer hours to organize the May Pole Dance, Parade and Car Show

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

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

2024 May Days Budget

Sources of Funds

Vendor Fees	\$	9,400.00
Village Grant	\$	5,000.00
NKLT Event Sponsorship	\$	2,500.00
CBT Sponsorship Grant	\$	1,500.00
ReDi Grant	\$	3,500.00
Total	\$	21,900.00

Uses of Funds

Event Coordinator/Administrator	\$	5,000.00
Advertising	\$	750.00
Portable Toilet Rental	\$	2,700.00
Entertainment - musicians, performers	\$	6,850.00
Audio Equipment & Audio Engineer	\$	1,000.00
Electrical	\$	2,000.00
Insurance	\$	1,000.00
Security & Clean Up Crew	\$	1,000.00
Supplies & Prizes	\$	500.00
Miscellaneous	\$	1,100.00
Total	\$	21,900.00

Organization **Kaslo and District Arena**

Registration #

Box 543, Kaslo. British Columbia British Columbia V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Learn to Skate**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project will take place at the Kaslo Arena at 517 Arena Avenue, Kaslo, BC

Importance to the community:

The project is important because there seems to be a desire to learn to skate and support our home facilities. Last year we started figure skating which is increasing in numbers but we lack a program for beginner skaters to give them the skills. It will benefit people of all ages who want to learn to skate and possibly play hockey later on.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 10/8/2024 Project End: 3/16/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$1,520.00	
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	\$1,520.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$1,520.00	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00

Project: Learn to Skate

1. The project will provide:

The project is aimed at giving beginning skating and skill lessons to people of all ages. We will have an instructor present to teach the skating skills. The aim is to increase our users and encourage people to get out of their comfort zone and learn a new skill. We had some new and beginner adults join hockey this year and we are encouraging more use of our facility .

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide winter activities such as skating, hockey and curling to participants of all ages in Area D.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The project is important because there seems to be a desire to learn to skate and support our home facilities. Last year we started figure skating which is increasing in numbers but we lack a program for beginner skaters to give them the skills. It will benefit people of all ages who want to learn to skate and possibly play hockey later on.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

With an increase in operating costs and increase in fuel costs we are trying to promote amenities in our area. By providing lessons to beginning skaters it will provide some winter recreation as well we some skills for future use of the arena. There seems to be a drive to increase outdoor activities. We are also seeing an increase in our Minor Hockey registration and giving some extra skating lessons will help. The lessons will be free and sponsored by the arena and the grant so there is no barrier financially

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

We are the only arena in Kaslo and surrounding area. The closest to our arena is NElson an hour away on sometimes very treacherous roads. We also have people in the area who are qualified to teach skating.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Kaslo and District Arena board will implement the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer instructors and parents to help with managing children as well as providing a snack after. The Kaslo and District Arena is a volunteer run organization.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kutenai Art Therapy Institute**

Registration # 89127 4037 BC0001

191 Baker St 2nd floor, Nelson BC V1L 4H1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Land-Based Art Hive**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, City of Nelson

This project will take place in Nelson BC, based out of our art studios on 191 Baker Street. We are fortunate to have three large studio spaces, with art materials floor to ceiling. Many of the art materials are donated and saved from the landfill.

Importance to the community:

The community has a treasured resource in the KATI art space. The project has a broad community impact. Anyone can come and make art. You do not have to be an artist.

"I have tried various therapists in the past and none have worked long term for me until I tried art therapy. I like that it is not just talking and that the art can start discussions and help with understanding my mental health."

Public art initiatives contribute to building vibrant, connected, and resilient communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 12/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	
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
			\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00

1. The project will provide:

An Art Hive is a public art studio that welcomes everyone as an artist. "It's a welcoming place to talk, make art and build communities. Responding in creative ways to things that matter" - Art Hives.

Participants can collaborate, find support, and contribute to the growth and vibrancy of our communities through art making.

We would like to offer a Land-Based Art Hive series. Saturday afternoons from early summer 2024 through December 2024 (slowing down in the summer). Accessibility is a core value of Art Hive. We would see this service as free or by donation. Art Hive would be supervised by a professional art therapist that prioritizes working with natural materials and bringing the land into the studio and beyond. We will explore the question "what can nature teach us?" This is a drop-in format, accessible, low barrier, and meant to strengthen community relations, and relations to the land.

Some of the outcomes participants can expect include:

- Creating art in a supportive community
- Stress relief, self-expression, and personal growth
- Improved sense of personal and community wellness
- A connection to land-based healing practices

Land-based art therapy has the potential to inspire hope, increase emotional resiliency, and facilitate individual and collective healing in the face of the environmental crisis we all face.

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission Statement: The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) believes that the creative process is healing and life-enhancing, and that the expressive arts can contribute therapeutically to both individual and community health. KATI is dedicated to training culturally sensitive and responsive art therapists, and to providing art therapy as a community service.

Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) is dedicated to the interplay between creativity, land-based practice, and collective care, expressed through transformative education and community service.

For over 25 years, KATI has been providing art-making opportunities for the local community. Every year, KATI offers thousands of hours of free or by donation art therapy services to people of all ages with a wide range of concerns. KATI hosts weekly Open Studios for the community.

Since the Institute's inception, KATI has been funded by the Ministry of Child and Family Development to work with families, providing support to parents, adolescents and children. Community well-being and mental health are central to our work.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The community has a treasured resource in the KATI art space. The project has a broad community impact. Anyone can come and make art. You do not have to be an artist.

"I have tried various therapists in the past and none have worked long term for me until I tried art therapy. I like that it is not just talking and that the art can start discussions and help with understanding my mental health."

Public art initiatives contribute to building vibrant, connected, and resilient communities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The key issues that will be addressed are mental health and resilience. We appreciate that the City of Nelson consulted locally, and mapped out priorities. This project aligns well with City identified priorities, including:

1. Cultural Strength - KATI is a low-barrier public art asset in our community that enriches the quality of life for all citizens. This project will allow us to connect and promote artistic expression and support healthy living.
2. Resilience is identified by the City of Nelson's path to 2040 as maintaining and enhancing the social and ecological systems that strengthen our ability to withstand challenges. This project is focused on resilience through relationships, art, community, and the land.

Nelson does not currently have many low-barrier arts and cultural spaces where art making is inclusive, non-technical, and simply for the joy of the creative process.

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

KATI has been in this community for almost 30 years. For most Nelson and area residents, whether it's yourself, a loved one, or an acquaintance, you are likely to know someone who has benefited from art therapy, or community art making at KATI. We are accessible to people from all walks of life, and folks come to KATI with a wide range of concerns and needs. We are a truly affordable and accessible community art-making and art therapy space. We have the personnel, the experience, as well as a central space to carry out this project well.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute KATI staff and art therapy students.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

KATI student interns will contribute countless volunteer hours to this project. An estimated total volunteer hour contribution is 100 hours valued at \$40 per hour is \$4000 in volunteer support.

The KATI Board is an active volunteer board, their work will support this project as well.

Rental of the KATI studio is offered in kind, the rental rate is \$125 per half day X 22 days of service = \$2750 value.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **KORTS Public Outreach and Awareness**

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

Importance to the community:

These public events raise awareness about the Kaslo and Area trail system and the benefits of active engagement in outdoor recreation activities, promoting environmental and climate change awareness. Kaslo and Area D residents and visitors benefit from this project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$600.00	
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	\$600.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$600.00	\$800.00	\$800.00

Project: KORTS Public Outreach and Awareness

1. The project will provide:

KORTS currently is involved throughout the calendar year in a number of public events and outreach awareness activities that require funding for materials, supplies, and rentals, including BC Trails Day, KORTS Winter Solstice Celebration and Social, May Days booth, Winter In the Forest Family Day, Public Speaker presentations, and new trail and/or facility grand opening events (Friendly Giant Trail 2024).

2. Organization Mandate:

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

These public events raise awareness about the Kaslo and Area trail system and the benefits of active engagement in outdoor recreation activities, promoting environmental and climate change awareness. Kaslo and Area D residents and visitors benefit from this project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

These events connect Area D and Kaslo residents with outdoor recreation and trail opportunities available locally.

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

KORTS has been involved in the construction and maintenance of trails in and around Kaslo and Area D since 2005 and relies on a strong volunteer base (over 14,445 volunteer hours since inception) along with local business support. In 2023, 52 KORTS volunteers provided 1027 volunteer hours on trail work and KORTS activities. In 2023 KORTS membership was 267 active members, with an 11 member Board of Directors.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

KORTS & Club volunteers plan, organize and present the Events and Outreach program. Kaslo Mountain Bike Club, Kaslo Nordic Ski Club, Kaslo Disc Golf Club.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Ski equipment, tents and banners, string lights, volunteer provided edibles, refreshments

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



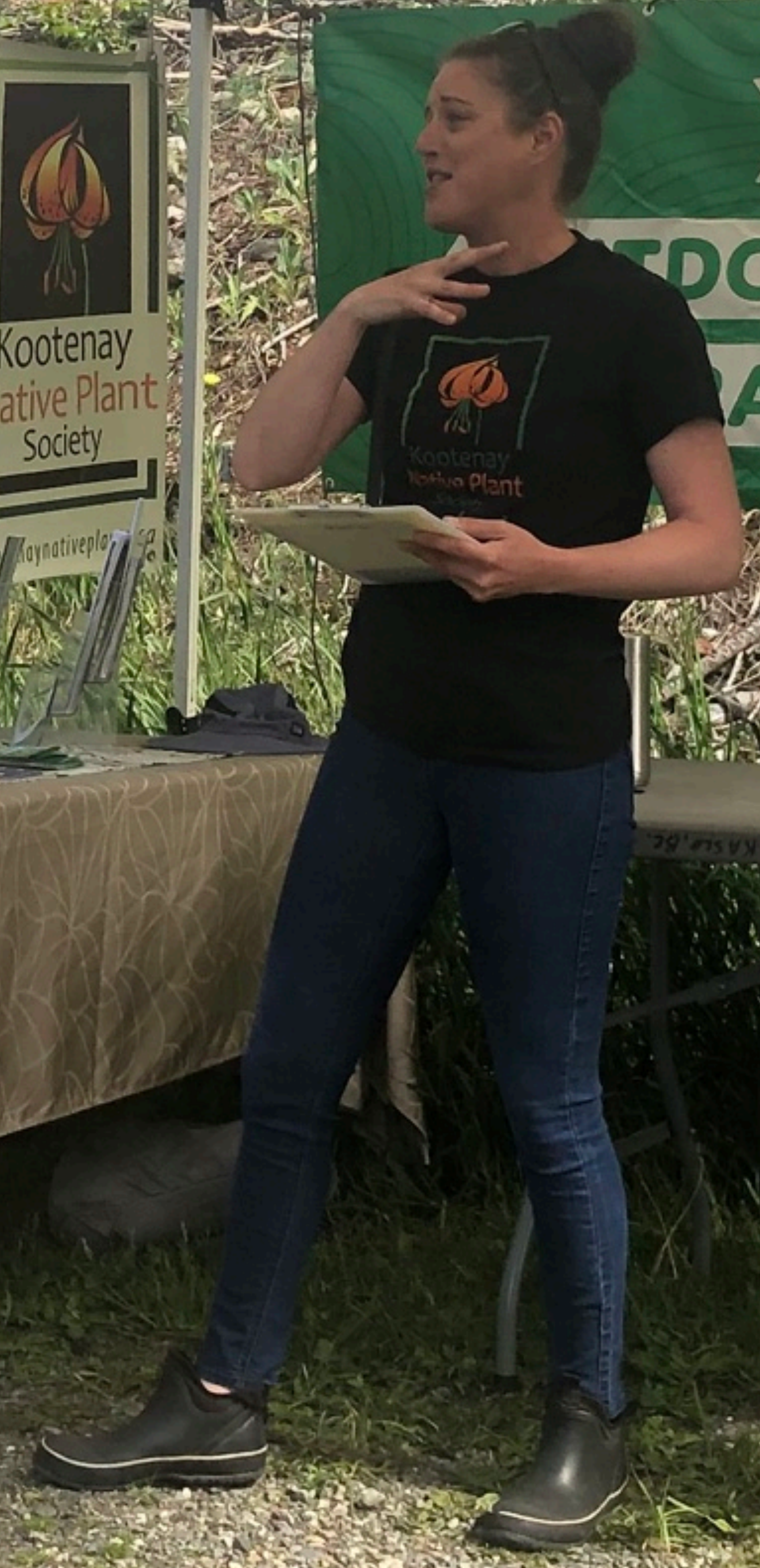
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Organization **North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council**

Registration # S - 41607
444 C Ave, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Front Street Banner Project**

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

Importance to the community:

Along with the newly painted mural, the banners beautify the main street in Kaslo with non- commercial colour, creating a festive air which is much welcomed during tourist season. The individual artists will be identified by banner.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/30/2024 Project End: 5/16/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$1,340.00	\$1,860.00
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	\$3,200.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00

1. The project will provide:

Project: Front Street Banner Project

The banners project will provide hand painted banners by local artists to be hung from light standards along Front St., 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue in Kaslo. This will be achieved through an agreement with the Village to hang and take down the banners. The banners will be painted by individual artists who will receive a nominal honorarium to cover the cost of materials. We will make a 'banner map' to identify individual artists.

2. Organization Mandate:

To encourage and initiate arts and heritage related events in the North Kootenay Lake region.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Along with the newly painted mural, the banners beautify the main street in Kaslo with non-commercial colour, creating a festive air which is much welcomed during tourist season. The individual artists will be identified by banner.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We had an opportunity to beautify downtown Kaslo for the summer by displaying local themes in an artistic fashion. When we first did this project it was met with much approval from locals, merchants and tourists, and continues to be an important summer display.

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

North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council initiated the banner project and it has been self-funding for the most part. We auction off the banners after two years and commission new ones. We have the expertise and experience to deliver this project.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Front Street Banner Project has been ongoing for several years and is a partnership between our arts council, local artists, and the village.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

All ordering of materials, outreach to artists and agreements with the Village are done by the NKLAHC Board on a volunteer basis. We will do 22 banners as per our agreement with the Village. Each artist will paint one banner and receive an honorarium of \$50 to cover expenses. This project is viable even if the full funding request isn't met.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

Registration # Incorporation #:S0048677 Business #:86305 1181 BC0001
PO Box 1024, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Trail Upgrade Machine Support**

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

1. Village of Kaslo. Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park
2. Area D. Kaslo Interpretive Forest. Mt Buchanan. Managed and operated by Kaslo & District Community Forest Society with a recreation tenure associated with Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society and the K & S Rail Trail Society.

Importance to the community:

The trail enhancement projects will assist in the on- going upgrading, improvement, and development of existing and new trails in Kaslo Village and the RDCK. Outdoor recreation opportunities provided to the community provide many benefits to the health of its citizens and visitors alike. Trails are an important aspect of BC Tourism and the Community Businesses directly benefit from tourism dollars being spent locally.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 8/23/2024

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,250.00	\$6,375.00	\$6,375.00

Project: Trail Upgrade Machine Support

1. The project will provide:

This project involves funding trail building machinery and equipment with operators to support the CBT / KORTS funded approved 2024 Summer Job Experience Trail Crew. The trail crew is a 2 person crew (1 Lead/Supervisor and 1 Crew Member) for 14 & 13 weeks respectively. Funding support for mini track hoe and other motorized trail equipment including operator will assist the trail crew to achieve the trail upgrade goals set for 2024.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Purposes of KORTS are to:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The trail enhancement projects will assist in the on- going upgrading, improvement, and development of existing and new trails in Kaslo Village and the RDCK. Outdoor recreation opportunities provided to the community provide many benefits to the health of its citizens and visitors alike. Trails are an important aspect of BC Tourism and the Community Businesses directly benefit from tourism dollars being spent locally.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Rehabilitation of existing trails

Construction of complimentary trail infrastructure

These were identified within the operational planning process of KORTS, Kaslo Mountain Bike Club, and Kaslo Nordic Ski Club that includes maintenance needs assessment, market driven needs assessment, and long-term planning outcomes.

KORTS average annual maintenance material and supply cost is approximately \$25,000 and KORTS does not charge any Administration fees. All Admin is done on a volunteer or donation basis. This project will directly financially assist trail maintenance, development, upgrades, and rehabilitation costs incurred on an annual basis by KORTS and will support a 2024 KORTS Summer Trail Crew.

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Kaslo Outdoor Recreation & Trails Society (KORTS) including Kaslo Mountain Bike Club (KMBC), Kaslo Nordic Ski Club (KNSC).

KORTS is the umbrella Society that includes: KMBC, KNSC, Kaslo Disc Golf Club, Kaslo Trailblazers

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

Project: Trail Upgrade Machine Support

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Recreation Sites and Trails BC \$5000 materials.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council**

Registration # S - 41607
POB 1045, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Art in the Market**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo
This activity takes place on the Front Street Stage in the park where the Saturday market is held.

Importance to the community:
This project benefits the community economically, artistically and socially. Art in the Market draws a crowd, and surveys we have done indicate that almost all attendees of the market also spend money at nearby stores and restaurants. Providing a venue for artists who might otherwise be unknown is a stepping stone for them, and their willingness to engage with children and artisans at the market creates the possibility for enhanced social connections.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/8/2024 Project End: 10/12/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,000.00	\$2,875.00
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	\$4,875.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,875.00	\$4,875.00	\$4,875.00

Project: Art in the Market**1. The project will provide:**

This project offers a venue for artists and musicians to share their talents at the Village of Kaslo Front Street Park stage where the weekly Saturday Market is held. We will have a coordinator who will reach out to local artists and musicians to perform, hold workshops and hold art oriented events for children. In co-operation with Kaslo Community Services we will hold a total of 15 sessions during market hours (every Saturday from June 8th through October 12th).

2. Organization Mandate:

To encourage and initiate arts and heritage related events in the North Kootenay Lake region.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project benefits the community economically, artistically and socially. Art in the Market draws a crowd, and surveys we have done indicate that almost all attendees of the market also spend money at nearby stores and restaurants. Providing a venue for artists who might otherwise be unknown is a stepping stone for them, and their willingness to engage with children and artisans at the market creates the possibility for enhanced social connections.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Local artists benefit as they become more widely known; the village economy benefits because special events in the market attract tourists and locals alike; since all of these activities are suitable for children families benefit because their children can be engaged in a supervised activity while their parents shop.

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

We are the only organization in Kaslo focused only on the arts. Our board is composed entirely of persons in the Kaslo art community, and have a wide range of contacts throughout Kaslo and Area D.

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

Along with the NKLAHC board (all members of the Kaslo and Area D artistic community) a hired coordinator will assure the project runs smoothly.

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

volunteer hours on the part of the NKLAHC Board; mentoring by past president of the board, cooperation with Kaslo Community Services, The Food Hub, Farmer's Saturday Market, and Village of Kaslo.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Diverse Family Roots Society**

Registration # 711389619

Po Box 461, Fruitvale BC V0G 1L0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo

These will take place virtually and in person in each community . Each region has its own unique identities and needs. The project encompasses the RDKB, RDCK, RDKB.

Importance to the community:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/24/2024 Project End: 5/17/2025

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

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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.

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues of isolation, addressing the fact that Dads/ Families are not alone in their journey . Connection- connecting like families, meaning to connect families that have similar challenges. Whether it's ASD, ADHD, FASD, OCD, Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome and more we will connect, support those.

Not in school because of the challenges of their son/ daughter.

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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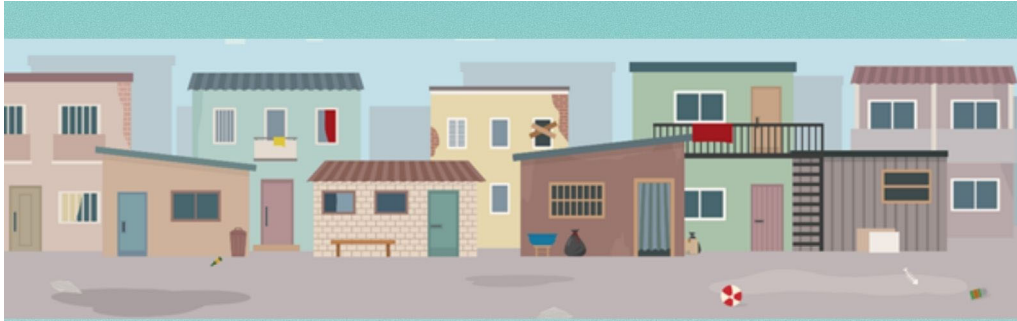
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Families Supporting Families

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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

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Presentations to municipalities (50 hours)= \$1,750.00

Time spent on grant application (10 hours)= \$500.00

Time spent with IH on administration and ordering process (15 hours)= \$525.00

Time spent completing final reporting for the grants, if successful (4 hours)= \$140.00

Total In-Kind = \$2,915.00 depending on presentations.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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 **Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**

Registration #

320 Vernon Street, 3A, Nelson BC V1L 4E4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Oxygen Art Centre has leased a 900 sq. ft. renovated warehouse space in downtown Nelson since 2005 from Liz Cohoe, of Lillie & Cohoe millinery, with whom the building is shared along with three other commercial tenants. The space is managed by the Centre's Executive Director and is used year-round for the organization's programming.

Oxygen's facilities are well suited for this project as it is easily transformed and is ideally located in downtown Nelson. It features a wheelchair ramp and access notes. Oxygen's O2 satellite enhances community engagement with the arts, located along Stanley and Baker St. (downtown Nelson, BC).

Importance to the community:

Oxygen's structure as an artist-run centre acts as a catalyst for community development. To date we've directly engaged over 32,000 people with our exhibition and residency program, including regional members and tourists alike.

As an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines and professional levels in the West Kootenay and Columbia Basin, Oxygen provides professional development and critical research opportunities for artists from this region and beyond, many of whom have gone on to have robust art careers.

Oxygen presents exhibitions as space for exchange, as an opportunity for inciting dialogue. This is an essential approach to stimulate critical engagement and debate, especially in our unique, regional context.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$50.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$200.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$400.00	
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
			\$4,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$5,000.00

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$123,862.00	\$123,862.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will provide 25 weeks of contemporary arts programming at our facility, as well as in person and online adjunct programming.

Free for the public to attend, this project includes 3 exhibitions and 3 residencies, as well as 2 collaborative community-based installations in Oxygen's bathroom and 5 exhibitions in our satellite exhibition window space entitled "O2- featuring regional, emerging artists.

The project includes adjunct programming through events, school tours, talks, performances, reading groups, film screenings, and participatory workshops, as well as produce and disseminate 3 catalogues and 2 zines.

The artists involved in this project represent a diverse mix of emerging, professional, local, and regional talent with a focus on supporting BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+ artists. The 2024-2025 program explores biodiverse agrarian practices, textiles, plant-based medicines, and harvesting, cooking, and gathering according to seasonal, land-based rhythms.

Through this free public programming we anticipate engaging approximately 2,200 people at our main facility and 5,000 people at O2. Further, the project will involve 18 artists, 32 professional contracts, with approximately 26 volunteers.

This project creates vital economic opportunities for the local creative sector and, engages and inspires the community through creative processes that contribute to the rich cultural fabric of our regional identity and help create an inclusive sense of place.

Please refer to program attachment for more information.

2. Organization Mandate:

Oxygen Art Centre is an artist-run centre situated on the tum xula7xw of the snl"Ê•ayl"ckstx (otherwise known as Nelson, B.C.). Fundamental to the regional cultural landscape, Oxygen Art Centre is a rural artist-run centre that nurtures contemporary professional practices while engaging the wider community through multi-disciplinary programming.

Rurally located, Oxygen serves our immediate Nelson community of 10,000 people, as well as our regional communities of around 70,000 people living in remote outlying areas. Our online programs and events have expanded our audience, better serving regional, rural communities and communities provincially and nationally.

Oxygen is an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines with a focus on emerging and youth artists in the West Kootenays and the Columbia Basin. Oxygen provides meaningful professional development opportunities to local artists and brings artists of national and international repute to our communities. Through education, residencies, exhibitions, and events Oxygen advances rural cultural development and achieves experimental, accessible, and inclusive programming.

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

In addition to contemporary arts programming, our artist-run centre is actively researching and developing intersectional feminist and decolonial policies to support three- and five-year organizational strategic plans by which to better serve historically marginalized communities including 2SLGBTQQA+ and BIPOC communities.

Oxygen Art Centre's mandate is to act as a catalyst and incubator for the development of the arts community and its audience(s). Oxygen Art Centre is an artist-run centre that considers accessibility at all levels of our organization, one that continues to learn and shape how our facility and programs serve diverse communities. This practice is based in reciprocity, dialogue, policy development, and ongoing research to create accessible public spaces to engage with contemporary art practices.

These commitments extend to all aspects of our programming, including in person and online experiences, materials, and events, which includes the provision of accessible opportunities for artists and audiences of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Our goal is not only to build an accessible and inclusive environment at Oxygen, but also to work toward a more inclusive and accessible arts and culture sector more broadly. Our approach to accessibility is community-informed and continues to develop in consultation and collaboration.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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As an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines and professional levels in the West Kootenay and Columbia Basin, Oxygen provides professional development and critical research opportunities for artists from this region and beyond, many of whom have gone on to have robust art careers.

Oxygen presents exhibitions as space for exchange, as an opportunity for inciting dialogue. This is an essential approach to stimulate critical engagement and debate, especially in our unique, regional context.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This project highlights our region, and as such, supports B.C. artists and cultural practitioners. Specifically, we are responding to our place-historically, institutionally, and physically-as well as topics pertaining to climate change, agrarian practices, and decolonization. This project supports an equity-lens, bringing cross-generational and diverse backgrounds into dialogue.

This project fosters a diverse, value-added program that includes meaningful employment opportunities for professional and emerging artists and creatives according to CARFAC rates, as well as service agreements with regional businesses. Both aspects stimulate rural economic development through myriad of channels.

This project creates thought-provoking and stimulating experiences for our regional community that celebrates and embraces our diverse artistic and cultural values.

Oxygen supports professional practices, exposure, and sustainability of our local art scene through critical engagement with local and visiting professional artists.

This project is open to all and provides accessible, free programming.

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

Oxygen Art Centre was founded as the Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society in 2002 by former writing and visual arts faculty at the Kootenay School of the Arts. The centre spent its first two years establishing its educational focus and in January 2005, the society opened the Oxygen Art Centre in downtown Nelson.

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

Oxygen has now completed 22 years of successful arts education programming and 19 years of full season programming including: 643 courses since 2002, 61 exhibitions since 2005, 42 artist residencies since 2005 and over 423 events hosted through our presentation series.

Oxygen is known for challenging and experimental programming. We value the curatorial, research, and production of contemporary art programming that support diverse artists in all stages of their careers. We are particularly interested in contemporary art practices that are interdisciplinary, process-based, and socially engaged.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Oxygen is an artist-run centre governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, of which the majority are practicing artists.

Oxygen's Executive Director, Julia Prudhomme (PhD-c, MFA) has over ten years' experience working and volunteering at arts and culture organizations across Canada. Prudhomme is concurrently completing her doctoral thesis on feminist curatorial practice with a focus on rural arts organizations.

Importantly, this project will create 50+ contracts for professional artists and creatives at CARFAC rates. This project will also involve volunteers, consisting of a dedicated pool of artists and community members who give 600 volunteer hours every year.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Our Exhibition & Residency program can keep doors open to the public for free admission due to a committed crew of volunteers who host gallery open hours and events, averaging 400 hours per year (400hrs volunteer labour @ \$20/hr = \$8000).

Residency artists are billeted with local community members while in Nelson. At \$150 per night x 3 months of residencies, this in-kind contribution is valued at \$13,500.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

**Oxygen Art Centre's Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025
DETAILED WORK PLAN / SCHEDULE:**

Oxygen Art Centre's main facility:

Artists	Project Definition and Activities	Dates and Events	Contracts	Volunteers And Outreach
Bathroom Installation (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Research</u> <u>Design</u> <u>Zine</u>	1 June – 30 June 2024 + Collaborative project + Installation + Artist statement + Zine production	1 Project Coordinator 3-4 Artists (Collective) 1 Designer + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on installation thematics, Informative zine available for free
Chris Dufour (Vancouver, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Residency Exhibition</u> <u>Community-based workshops</u>	1 July – 18 August 2024 Residency Exhibition + Exhibition opening + Artist talk + Workshops + Interactive gallery hours + Publication + School Tours + Social media updates	1 Project Coordinator 1 Guest Writer 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing, Co-Host	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on land-based practices, natural dyes, printmaking, textiles, and gardening
S F Ho (Vancouver, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Residency Exhibition</u> <u>Community-based workshops</u>	18 November 2024 – 8 February 2025 Residency Exhibition + Exhibition opening + Reading nook + resources + Artist talk + Open Studio + Online: Reading group + Film screening + Workshops + Art Book + Guided Tours + Social media updates	1 Project Coordinator 1 Guest Writer 1 Mentor 1 Translator 1 Poet 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing, Website designer, Co-Host	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussions on traditional Chinese medicine, plant-based medicine, immigrant experiences, gentrification of Chinatowns in B.C., slowness, writing and poetry, and gardening
Manuel Axel-Strain (Vancouver, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Residency Exhibition</u> <u>Community-based workshops</u>	5 April – 3 May 2025 + Exhibition opening + Artist talk + Open studio + Workshops + Publication + School Tours + Film screening + Social media updates	1 Project Coordinator 1 Guest Writer 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing, Co-Host	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on decolonization, contemporary Indigenous artistic practice, installation and sculpture

Bathroom Installation (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Research</u> <u>Design</u> <u>Zine</u>	1 June – 30 June 2025 + Collaborative project + Installation + Artist statement + Zine production	1 Project Coordinator 3-4 Artists (Collective) 1 Designer + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on installation thematics, Informative zine available for free
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O2: satellite window exhibition space

Artists	Project Definition and Activities	Dates and Events	Contracts	Volunteers And Outreach
Hannah DeBoer-Smith (Nelson, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	9 August – 9 October 2024 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists
Samonte Cruz (Nelson, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	11 October – 13 November 2024 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists
TBD (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	14 November 2024 – 5 February 2025 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists
TBD (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	7 February – 16 April 2025 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists

<p>TBD (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)</p>	<p><i>TBD</i></p> <p><u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public</p>	<p>18 April – 11 June 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic 	<p>1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist</p> <p>+ other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing</p>	<p>Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists</p>
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29 January 2024

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Oxygen Art Centre's (Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants for the 2024 intake.

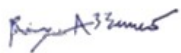
As a recent guest curator for "The Hungry Mist (*A Névoa Faminta*)" residency and exhibition project (November 2023 – February 2024), I endorse the artist-run centre's support of critical contemporary art research for visiting and local, emerging and professional artists. My curatorial practice has greatly benefitted from their programming, and I was excited to be welcomed by and immersed within the Nelson community during my time in residence (November 2023).

The team at the artist-run centre welcomed The Hungry Mist project with great dedication, articulating the engagement of the Nelson public and cultural agents in the activities and workshops I proposed as a curator, as well as sparing no effort to make the project, which had an international reach, happen as smoothly as possible.

As their collaborator, I could acknowledge how Oxygen Art Centre is a vital contributor to the arts and culture sector and to the Columbia Basin regional community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,



Rodrigo D'Alcantara

Sessional Lecturer & PhD Candidate in Art History

Department of Art History

Concordia University, Tiohtià:ke/Montréal

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6 February 2024

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Oxygen Art Centre's (Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants for the 2024 intake.

As a Nelson resident, professional interdisciplinary artist, active Oxygen board member, and contributor to Oxygen's Exhibition & Residency committee, I support the artist-run centre's support of critical contemporary art research for visiting and local, emerging, and professional artists. I have benefitted from their programming and continue to be excited to take part in their offerings within the community.

Oxygen Art Centre is a vital contributor to the arts and culture sector and our region's community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurel Terlesky', with a stylized, cursive script.

LAUREL TERLESKY, M.F.A.

<http://laurelterlesky.ca>

*Grateful to create in the traditional territories of the Sinixt, the Syilx, and the Ktunaxa peoples
(Nelson, B.C.)*

Oxygen Art Centre Exhibition and Residency Project 2024-2025:

Oxygen Art Centre's Exhibition and Residency project corresponds to an overarching program that composes our organization's three-year curatorial vision. The goal of this project is to provide professional artists with the resources to create and exhibit new works, and to provide contemporary and professional arts programming to the public.

Oxygen enacts feminism(s) as an instituent practice; a foundation to counter colonial, patriarchal infrastructures. Through reciprocal practices our artist-run centre commits to the everyday work of radical care. By reclaiming care, we acknowledge the complexities of our positions as a public contemporary art organization that contributes and responds to social, environmental, and political ecologies from our rural contexts. We believe that this work is critical as a non-profit artist-run centre to foster decolonial, anti-capitalist relations and the practice of contemporary art programming and research. Oxygen Art Centre attends to intersectional feminist and queer concerns of interdependency and a politics of care as approaches to all aspects of our operations.

Oxygen is known for challenging and experimental programming. We value the curatorial, research, and production of contemporary art programming that support diverse artists in all stages of their careers. We are particularly interested in contemporary art practices that are interdisciplinary, process-based, and socially engaged. Oxygen's programming is primarily focused through two core programs: the Exhibition and Residency Program and the Education Program. This application will support the Exhibition and Residency Program, presented at Oxygen Art Centre's Nelson, BC, Canada facility from 2024-2025.

Oxygen's Exhibition and Residency program supports process-based projects that encourage experimentation and push conventional practice. Oxygen produces 2-3 exhibitions per year featuring work by emerging and professional artists. Oxygen hosts one artist-in-residence annually. The program supports artists by offering time, space, and resources to deeply explore their practice(s) or a project. Residencies are one-year in length, including remote and in-person components.

Alongside this program, we offer adjunct programming such as artist talks, open studios, film screenings, performances, school tours, and readings groups, as well as the publication of catalogues and printed matter. Adjunct programming provides multiple methods to engage with artists and practices via online, in person, and hybrid formats.

This curatorial trajectory is more focused and responsive to our context than in the past. During the selection process we focused on our organization's goal to support work with regional relevance, particularly how our programming could both galvanize and unsettle our regional identity and our organization's contribution to the regional and national cultural landscape.

Oxygen focuses on supporting artists that challenge themselves to experiment with new processes due to our unique context. Oxygen is also a supporter of local and regional artists and creative professionals. By evenly distributing support to local and visiting artists and creative professionals, Oxygen is a vital agent in providing contemporary arts and cultural programming to Nelson and the regional district.

Additionally, this project includes consistent exhibition publications, another advancement for the centre. Publications or catalogues directly reflect Oxygen's mandate to be a conduit for art and arts education by providing thorough critical and contextual information to our exhibitions. Publications also fund local writers, poets, designers, photographers, and printers, as well as contribute to a larger archive for both the organization, community, and participating artists to advance their careers.

Through these projects we seek to create space for the voices and creative practices that have not previously been given opportunities for artistic presentation and support.

The following will be featured during this project:

Staff + Collaborators

Julia Prudhomme (she/her, b. 1989, Mississauga, ᑭᓄᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ, and Haudenosaunee territories otherwise known as St. Catharines, ON) is a white settler curator, scholar, and artist who lives and works on the traditional territory of the sn̓šay̓ckstx (Sinixt) peoples. She is developing an intersectional feminist curatorial practice that focuses upon artistic process, experimentation, and care within (and against) institutions. In addition to curatorial projects Julia holds a Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at University of British Columbia (2013). Her artistic practice is often collaborative, working in video and installation, zines and mixtapes, and has presented this work across Canada, United States and Europe.

Julia has contributed to public art galleries and artist-run centres in numerous capacities for over ten years and continues this work as a PhD candidate at McMaster University (PhD-c ABD in Communications, New Media, and Cultural Studies, 2017-present) and Executive Director at Oxygen Art Centre in Nelson, BC (2019-present). Julia also volunteers for numerous organizations including, Cultural Development Committee (City of Nelson, 2019-present), Secretary for Pacific Association of Artist-Run Centres (2020-present), and Director for Slokan Valley Community Arts Council (2021-present).

Natasha Smith holds a BA Hons. in Fine Art Printmaking and has been a practicing visual artist for over 20 years. Natasha's personal and physical environment inspires her most recent semi-abstract works, which combine printmaking, collage, painting and assemblage. She is a self-defined teaching artist and has taught at KSA (Kootenay Studio Arts at Selkirk College), Oxygen Art Centre, Red Deer College, Metchosin International School of the Arts, and Malaspina Printmaking Studio. Natasha works from her studio in beautiful Krestova, BC. and is the Education Coordinator at Oxygen Art Centre.

Creative Professionals

Hall Printing

Hall Printing has a long and rich history of providing print to the communities of the West Kootenay. Hall Printing was founded in 1920 and has made many transformations in equipment and staff in the 100 years of print. We have some cases of letterpress type next to a windmill letterpress which is still used for numbering, scoring and perforating. In the modern print shop, heavy lead type has given way to massive amounts of network cable to connect all the computer controlled production machines.

Ingrid and Ron Hope are the current owners of Hall Printing after purchasing the business from Dave and Gail Chartres in 2005. When Ingrid started at Hall Printing in 1990 as the front office receptionist, the shop consisted of one slow copier, three presses and no computer. Now the two shops in Trail and Nelson depend on 6 copiers, 3 large format printers, 3 presses and 21 computers to print on tons of paper every year.

Large capital investments every year keep equipment current and improve the environmental footprint of Hall Printing. All our platemaking is chemical free, we use vegetable oil based ink, most of our house stock is FSC® certified and all waste is recycled.

Keiko Lee-Hem (Designer)

Keiko Lee-Hem is a graphic designer, artist, maker, and wanna-be back-to-the-lander located in the West Kootenays. My natural creative flames were stoked while studying Fine Arts at Emily Carr University of Art and Design. The seeds of graphic design and writing were sown and tended through Langara College's Publishing Program.

Kenton Doupe (Photographer)

Canadian based freelance photographer, videographer, graphic designer, and woodworker. I specialize in artistic portraits with a strong emphasis on dark/ethereal/abstract imagery. I've been shooting professionally since 2014 after graduating with a degree in Fine Art.

Artists: Main Exhibition & Residency program

Chris Dufour is an interdisciplinary social practice artist working between Kanien'kehá:ka and Lekwungen territory. Their work seeks to intersperse explorations of ecology, (non)belonging, and relation within queerness, gender, and climate apocalypse and survival. Chris' work focuses on social and community engaged practices that have incorporated collaborative projects in ecological stewardship, encounters for relation, and broader community building. Chris uses mediums of plants, gardening, ecological wandering, textiles, installation, darkroom manipulation, leather tanning, and sculpture to process questions of how do we cultivate a sense of belonging within and among systemic power dynamics? How do we push against empire while cultivating resilient communities and cultures of care? What practices of living can we recuperate, develop, and employ within contemporary cultures of crisis?

Of Irish and Quebecois heritage, Chris grew up outside of Kijipuktuk (so called Halifax, Nova Scotia) and has spent the last 8 years working and living across many territories on Turtle Island. After attending the Yukon School of Visual Arts, Chris took on a practice of grassroots learning that brought them to social practice, permaculture, and accessible community-based education. Throughout, Chris values projects which seek to utilize material practices as a facilitator, to process connections and relationships to ecologies, modalities of care, alternative futures, and ruminations about world building.

SF Ho is an artist, writer and facilitator. Their parents immigrated to Turtle Island from Hong Kong in the 1970s and they have been living as an uninvited guest on the unceded territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm, Sḵwx̱wú7mesh, and sə́lilwətaʔl peoples for over twelve years. They are informed by early experiences of community organizing around anti-poverty issues while growing up in Ontario. They're cultivating a practice of wary sociality, never finishing books, and being sort of boring. Their practice

considers intersections of culture, history, and embodied experience from racialized, queer perspectives. Ho has presented their artwork and writing across this continent as well as internationally. They've published a novella about love and aliens called *George the Parasite*. They were the founder of the land-based program *Slow Wave Small Projects* and they have served on the board and advisory committees of many arts organizations across so-called Canada.

Chanelle Adams (collaborator w/SF Ho) is a multidisciplinary essayist, researcher, and translator. She completed a B.A. in Science and Technology Studies at Brown University with a focus on history of science and medical anthropology. In 2017, she was awarded a Franco-American Fulbright to research Madagascar plant medicine in the French colonial archives. During her time in Marseille, she completed a M.A. in Social Sciences at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales. She is currently enrolled at the University of Lausanne in the Political Ecology doctoral program. Adams was a founding member and Managing Editor at [Bluestockings Magazine](#). Her work on music, healing, and diaspora has been published by NPR, The Feminist Press, Bitch Media, and The Funambulist, among others.

She has given academic and artist talks in the USA, France, Czech Republic, Benin, Greece, South Africa, Madagascar, and Canada.

Manuel Axel Strain is a 2-Spirit artist from the lands and waters of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Simpcw and Syilx peoples, based in the sacred region of their q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie) and q^wa:n̓l'ən̓ (Kwantlen) relatives. Strain's mother is Tracey Strain and father is Eric Strain, Tracey's parents are Harold Eustache (from Chuchua) and Marie Louis (from nkmaplqs), Eric's Parents are Helen Point (from x^wməθk^wəyəm) and John Strain (from Ireland). Although they attended Emily Carr University of Art + Design they prioritize Indigenous epistemologies through the embodied knowledge of their mother, father, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents and ancestors.

Creating artwork in collaboration with and reference to their relatives, their shared experiences become a source of agency that resonates through their work with performance, land, painting, sculpture, photography, video, sound and installation. Their artworks often envelop subjects in relation with ancestral and community ties, Indigeneity, labour, resource extraction, gender, Indigenous medicine and life forces. Strain often perceives their work to confront and undermine the imposed realities of colonialism. Proposing a new space beyond its oppressive systems of power. They have contributed work to the Richmond Art Gallery, Vancouver Art Gallery, Surrey Art Gallery, UBCO Fina Gallery and were longlisted for the 2022 Sobey Award.

Artists: O2 window space

Hannah DeBoer-Smith

I am a multimedia artist, ranging from comics, illustration, painting, wood, textiles, sculpture leather, music and songwriting, tattooing, book making, writing. There's more, but you get the gist of it. Whatever I create I ask myself, "what would I want to see out of the things I create?" and draw the creative processes from that place and move forward. Through happenstance or upbringing, I process the word very literally, which comes across in my art. For what my work lacks in the abstract it makes up for in the honest, humorous, relatable and grounded approach to processes the world through an artistic medium.

For many years I have focused a lot of my creative energy on comics and illustration work. This has

been largely due to my focus being drawn toward working on a non arts related degree and work. In re-emerging I have the time and space to re-expand my creative energy. I have lately been exploring sculpture, paper, texture and light and how we can interact with these mediums.

I have taught many creative pursuits mainly in sewing, textiles and printmaking and have mentored and supported youth gallery curation.

I have exhibited at Oxygen Art Centre twice through the Youth Arts Festival and have participated in Nelson Art Walk in 2022.

Samonte Cruz is a trans, Filipinx goldsmith, artist & educator in Nelson, BC. They are currently developing a body of work titled, *Filipino Survivance: Contemporary Cultural Artifacts & Adornment*, funded by Canada Council; reimagining sacred ancestral objects, while highlighting the skill & unique style of ancient Filipinx goldsmiths.

In 2021/2022, Samonte collaborated with local textile artist, Jennifer Burke and glass artist, Bee Schroeder; working together and in their individual studios to make components that were ultimately used in constructing a wearable, multi-layered garment that is meant to embody the experience of chronic pain; creating a physical representation & visual of Samonte's invisible disability.

The group explored the contrasting experiences of pain & social isolation with queer resilience, trans empowerment & gender euphoria.

Although the garment was worn for a documented performance of a song written by Samonte for the project, the garment itself has never been exhibited.

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375
Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Family Centre Guest Speaker Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
Kaslo Family Centre at JV Humphries School, Meadow Creek Family Centre at Jewett School.

Importance to the community:

Many Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake residents have low income and have limited opportunity to access educational events. Costs for travel and childminding can be prohibitive. Rural living can also be isolating, especially when caring for pre-school aged children. More and more, studies emphasize the importance of the Early Years in a child's development as well as the promotion of social connections for both parents and children. The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our community. Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$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
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	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00

1. The project will provide:

What is the project? What will the project do? How will this be achieved?

This project will bring in speakers on topics related to parenting and young children. This will engage parents in discussion and learning and will help to build a supportive community of parents with young children. Childminding will be offered on-site as well as a healthy snack. Parents will be invited to suggest topics for the presentations. Past topics have included: Childsafe First Aid, Supporting Peer Interactions; Children and Anxiety; yoga for pre/post partum parents. If possible, some sessions will be held in Meadow Creek. Gas vouchers will be available to support families to travel to attend Guest Speaker sessions in Kaslo.

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Many Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake residents have low income and have limited opportunity to access educational events. Costs for travel and childminding can be prohibitive. Rural living can also be isolating, especially when caring for pre-school aged children. More and more, studies emphasize the importance of the Early Years in a child's development as well as the promotion of social connections for both parents and children.

The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our community.

Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues:

- Parenting is challenging for everybody.
- Many parents in Kaslo and RDCK Area D are isolated, have low incomes and may have limited education.
- Studies have shown the importance of the Early Years of 0-6 in children's development*.
- Poverty and busy lives can make it difficult to travel to a larger centre for educational opportunities.
- Parents may not be aware of additional services available to them.

Opportunities:

- Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity for open discussion on topics that are important to them
- Busy parents and those of limited resources have the opportunity to get up-to-date information without having to travel to a larger centre.
- Parents have the opportunity to meet with local service providers in a comfortable and familiar setting.

*Ref: First Call BC <https://firstcallbc.org>

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

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

KCS operates the Kaslo Family Centre, providing a variety of programming for young families, including:

- Strong Start Parent and Child Time drop-in program
- Mothercare pregnancy outreach program
- Nobody's Perfect parenting program
- Baby-supplies Cupboard

When staffing permits, KCS also operates a Family Centre at Jewett School in Meadow Creek.

The Family Centres provide a comfortable and familiar space for both parents and children.

Project: Family Centre Guest Speaker Series

Family Centre staff can also help parents to access other services that they might need, including KCS counselling services, or early intervention services such as speech therapy.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Barb Cyr, BSW - Project Coordinator - experienced in group facilitation and event coordination.

Family Centre facilitators and childminding staff

Jana Gmur, BA - Co-Executive Director - Counselling and Early Years

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

Heather Hamilton, Office Manager and IT Manager

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-Kind: KCS - Insurance, office space, computer, phone, internet, office supplies and printing - estimated value \$1,200

In-Kind: speakers - \$150 x 3 sessions = \$450 (local professionals whose role includes outreach and education)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

Registration # S-12375

Box 546, Kaslo BC V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Youth Art and Culture**

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

Various locations in Kaslo and Meadow Creek, as appropriate for the activity. Locations may include but are not limited to: JV Humphries School, Jewett School, Kaslo Youth Centre, Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

Importance to the community:

- All Children and youth in Kaslo and Area D deserve to have the opportunity to experience art and cultural activities, irrespective of family income. Their lives will be enriched by the experiences offered.
- We have a huge resource in the community of highly skilled artists and cultural leaders. By facilitating the connections between artist and children and youth, we will build an appreciation of the arts and offer children and youth experiences that may become lifelong interests.
- Children and youth will benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, experience new activities and learn new skills.
- Children and youth will have the opportunity for new experiences that may develop into lifelong interests
- Local artists and cultural presenters will benefit from the opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm about their art and culture
- Local artists and cultural leaders will benefit from a small honorarium

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
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	\$12,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The Youth Art and Culture (YAC) project will provide free art and cultural activities for children and youth in Kaslo and RDCK Area D. Activities will be presented by a local artist or cultural presenter, assisted by the project coordinators. Separate sessions are offered for children aged 6-11 and for youth aged 12 - 18. YAC sessions will be offered both in Kaslo and in Meadow Creek. Past sessions have included: pottery, sculpture, needlework, and bowling at the Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

We were particularly excited this past year to be able to offer pottery classes with local ceramic artist, Sarah Lawless, and 3D sculpting with local felt artist, Robin Wiltse. Participants are encouraged to suggest ideas for future activities.

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

- All Children and youth in Kaslo and Area D deserve to have the opportunity to experience art and cultural activities, irrespective of family income. Their lives will be enriched by the experiences offered.
- We have a huge resource in the community of highly skilled artists and cultural leaders. By facilitating the connections between artist and children and youth, we will build an appreciation of the arts and offer children and youth experiences that may become lifelong interests.
- Children and youth will benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, experience new activities and learn new skills.
- Children and youth will have the opportunity for new experiences that may develop into lifelong interests
- Local artists and cultural presenters will benefit from the opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm about their art and culture
- Local artists and cultural leaders will benefit from a small honorarium

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues:

- Many families in Kaslo and Area D do not have the resources to travel to Nelson or pay for private lessons and activities.
- Children and Youth in Kaslo and Area D do not have the same opportunities for arts and cultural activities that would be available in a larger centre.

Opportunities:

- We have numerous talented local artists and cultural leaders who enjoy the opportunity to share their skills and encourage young people to explore art and culture.

These issues and opportunities were observed by KCS staff and corroborated by the enthusiastic participation of children and youth of all ages in past YAC programs.

In between YAC sessions, Family Centre and Youth program staff are often approached by local children, youth and parents asking when there will be more YAC activities.

Project: Youth Art and Culture

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

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

KCS operates the Kaslo Family Centre and the Meadow Creek Family Centre and employs an Early Years Coordinator, and a Youth Coordinator. We have run past YAC programs which have been well-received. KCS staff are well-connected with area children, youth and families. In addition, many of our staff live locally and can draw on personal connections with artists and cultural leaders.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Shannon Isaac - Project Coordinator, YAC for Youth - worked at KCS since 2012 as KCS Youth Coordinator - experienced in program management, group facilitation and event coordination.

Sarah Evans - Project Coordinator, YAC for Kids - worked at KCS since 2008 as Family Centre program facilitator and Early Years Coordinator - experienced in program management, group facilitation and event coordination.

Local Artists and Cultural Leaders - experts in their specific field

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

Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-Kind KCS - Insurance / Office space and computer / Phone and Internet - estimated value \$1,200

Venue Rental - \$40 x 24 sessions = \$960

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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
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Enriching the Lives of Seniors through Innovation and Creativity

DUNCAN ~ BURNABY ~ COQUITLAM ~ SURREY ~ PORT COQUITLAM ~ MAPLE RIDGE ~ KAMLOOPS
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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 **Langham Cultural Society**

Registration # BC Societies Registration 11651, CRA Charitable Registration 11900 5171 RR0001
PO Box 1000, 447 A Avenue, Kaslo British Columbia V0G 1M0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The Langham 50th Anniversary Celebrations**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo
The Langham 447 A Ave, Kaslo

Importance to the community:

A 50th-anniversary celebration is not just a milestone for an organization; it's a momentous occasion that ripples through the community, fostering a sense of pride, unity, and shared history. This event provides an opportunity for community members to come together, reminisce about the past, and celebrate the achievements that have shaped the community over the decades. Beyond the festivities, the celebration serves as a catalyst for community engagement, strengthening social bonds and promoting a spirit of togetherness. It also offers a platform to recognize the contributions of individuals who have played pivotal roles in the community's growth, creating a sense of appreciation and gratitude. Through shared memories and a collective celebration, the 50th-anniversary event becomes a powerful force for building a resilient and tightly-knit community that looks forward to a future filled with continued collaboration and success.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$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
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
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Project: The Langham 50th Anniversary Celebrations

\$5,000.00	\$11,760.00	\$11,760.00
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1. The project will provide:

2024 marks the 50th year of The Langham Cultural Society. We are excited to be planning 50th-anniversary celebrations set to captivate the community with a dynamic series of special events, showcasing our rich cultural tapestry woven over five decades. These include, theatre events & shows, special exhibits, and a celebratory gala weekend in June.

We will be highlighting the performing arts through a lineup of special theatrical events and shows that promise to entertain, inspire, and reflect the diversity of our community. We are also seeking to host a special exhibit in the Loki room expanding outside of our usual Gallery space. The pinnacle of this jubilant celebration is a grand gala weekend in June, with festivities featuring curated performances, a mini festival, interactive experiences, and a joyful gathering of community members. Through these celebrations we seek to commemorate 50 years of cultural vibrancy, forging connections, and laying the foundation for an even more vibrant and inclusive future.

To achieve this, The Langham has formed a 50th Anniversary Committee of dedicated volunteers who alongside staff and the Board will plan and execute events. While The Langham is celebrating it's 50th anniversary throughout 2024 we are seeking funding through this grant to fund only events and activities occurring after May 20th including a Gala weekend in June and fall events.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Mission of the society is to support, advocate for and present arts, culture and heritage in Kaslo and the West Kootenay region, centered in The Langham building, Kaslo

We value and believe that:

Participation in arts, culture, and heritage makes a considerable contribution to community well being;
Excellence and diversity in programming fosters interest and pride in our contemporary and historic arts, culture, and heritage; and.

Collaboration with other arts, culture, and heritage organizations strengthens our work.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

- The project allows for the preservation and promotion of the community's cultural heritage, fostering a sense of identity and pride.
- The celebrations create a platform for increased community engagement, encouraging individuals to participate and connect with one another.

Project: The Langham 50th Anniversary Celebrations

- By hosting a variety of theatrical events, shows, and exhibits, the project enhances accessibility to the arts, enriching the cultural experiences available to community members.
- The special exhibits provide an opportunity for the community to reflect on its history, acknowledging the contributions of individuals and organizations that have shaped its cultural landscape.
- The celebrations bridge generational gaps, fostering a sense of connection between different age groups and ensuring the passing down of cultural traditions and values.

These opportunities were identified as a result of reflection upon what 50 years of The Langham in Kaslo means to the community.

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

The Langham has contributed to the arts and culture landscape of Kaslo for 50 years and is excited to celebrate this milestone while looking towards the next 50 years of supporting our community. The organization is well established and benefits from charitable status and a well respected reputation in the arts and culture sector.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Langham Cultural Society staff, Board of Directors, Langham 50th Volunteer Committee Members & Langham Volunteers

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Mand supporters including performers, contractors, curators, and dedicated community members are coming together to support this project and volunteer their time, talent and expertise to these celebrations.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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