

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

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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 **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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- Provide an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public.
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- 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.

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- 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 **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,

Project: Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation

monitoring is carried out in collaboration with community stewardship groups, local governments and Indigenous communities.

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

All levels of government, environmental stewardship groups, Indigenous community members and knowledge holders, industrial water users, tourism and recreation operators, community drinking water systems, private sector consultants make in-kind contributions to the project through sharing local concerns and priorities. Many of these groups also contribute their own data to the Columbia Basin Water Hub database where it can be accessed by LLC and other data users. Local governments and landowners provide access to sites and share local observations and conditions. Community members support the monitoring activities as volunteers. We receive discounts and sponsorships from several monitoring equipment and software providers.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

LCK LRG Demographic Breakdown

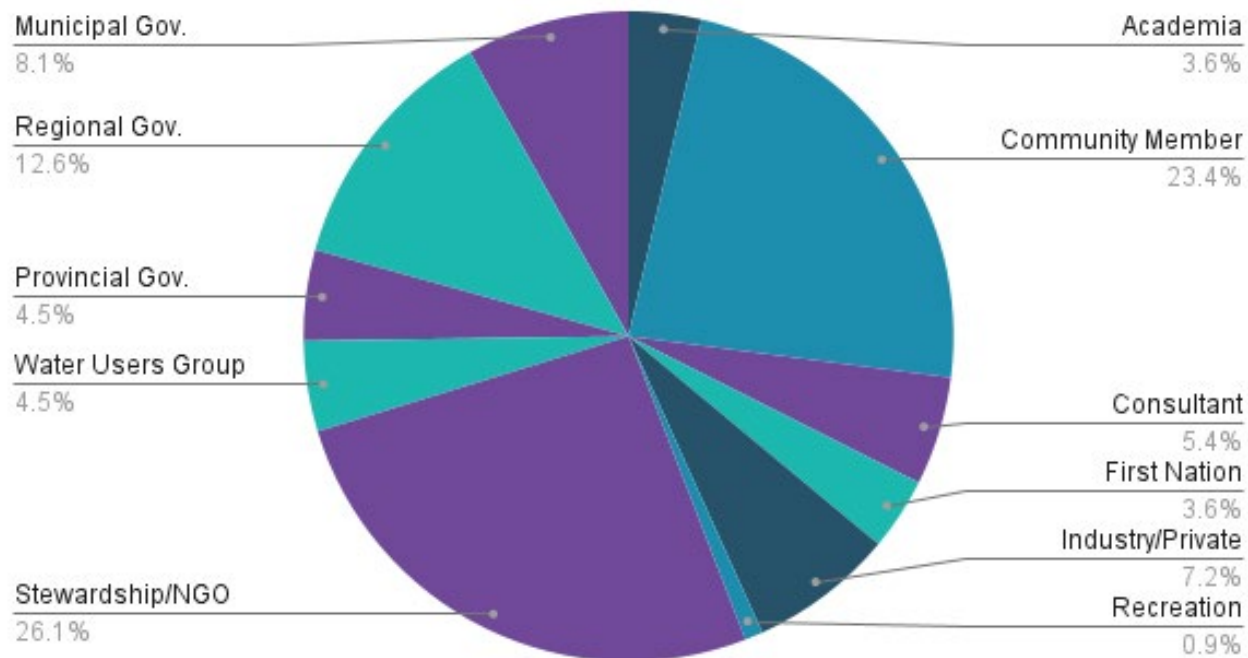


Figure 1: Participation in the Lower Columbia-Kootenay LRG across sectors and demographics.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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

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

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

Climate Change and Water Questions & Concerns by Theme

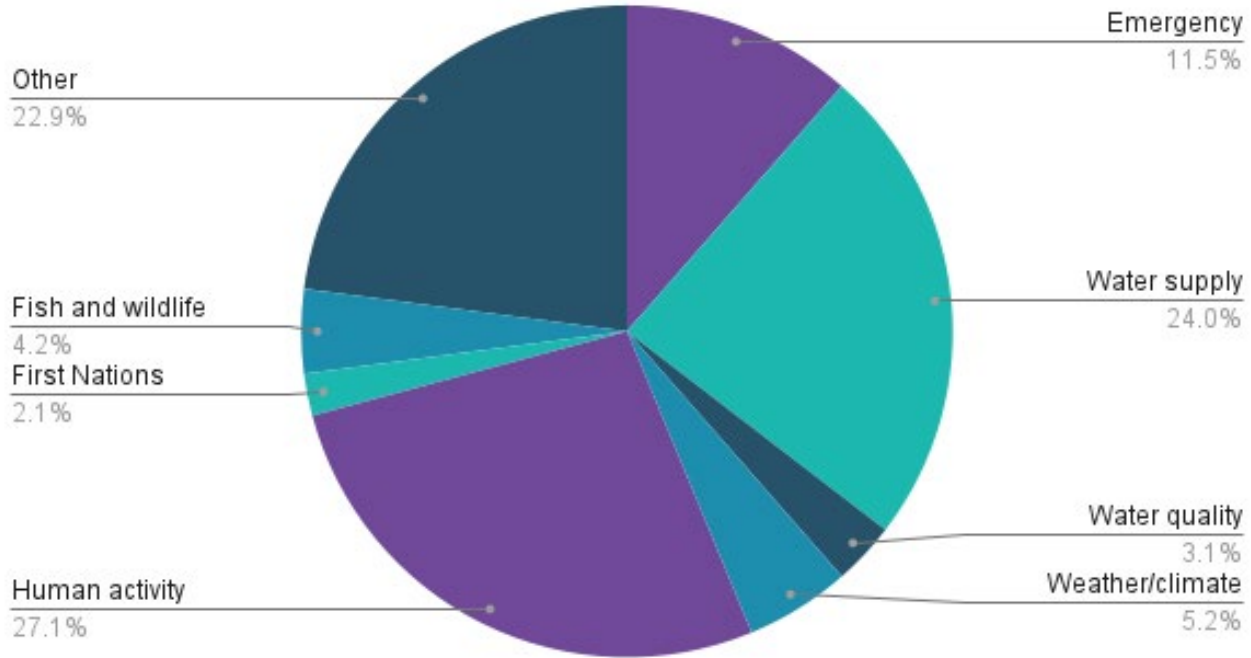


Figure 2: Themes of community concerns and questions from the in-person meetings.

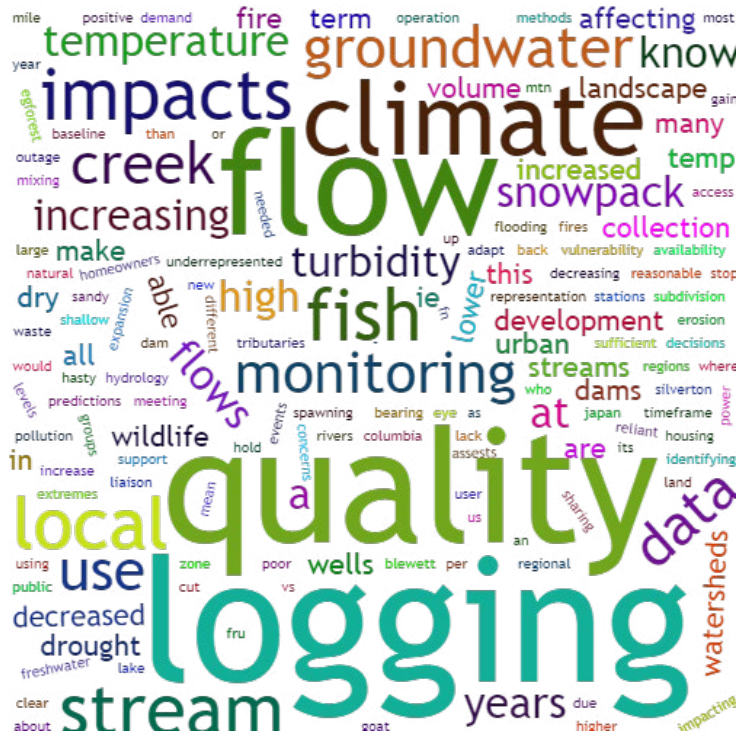


Figure 3: Word cloud of keywords from the climate and water supply questions activity at the in-person LRG meetings. Words mentioned more frequently appear in a larger size.

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

December 17th, 2023

Re: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

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

Sincerely,



John Wittmayer

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Winlaw, BC, V0G2J0



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
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MEMO

DATE: September 22, 2023

TO: Mid-Columbia Kootenay Local Reference Group

FROM: Living Lakes Canada

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

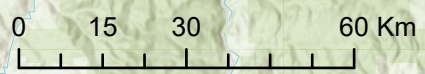
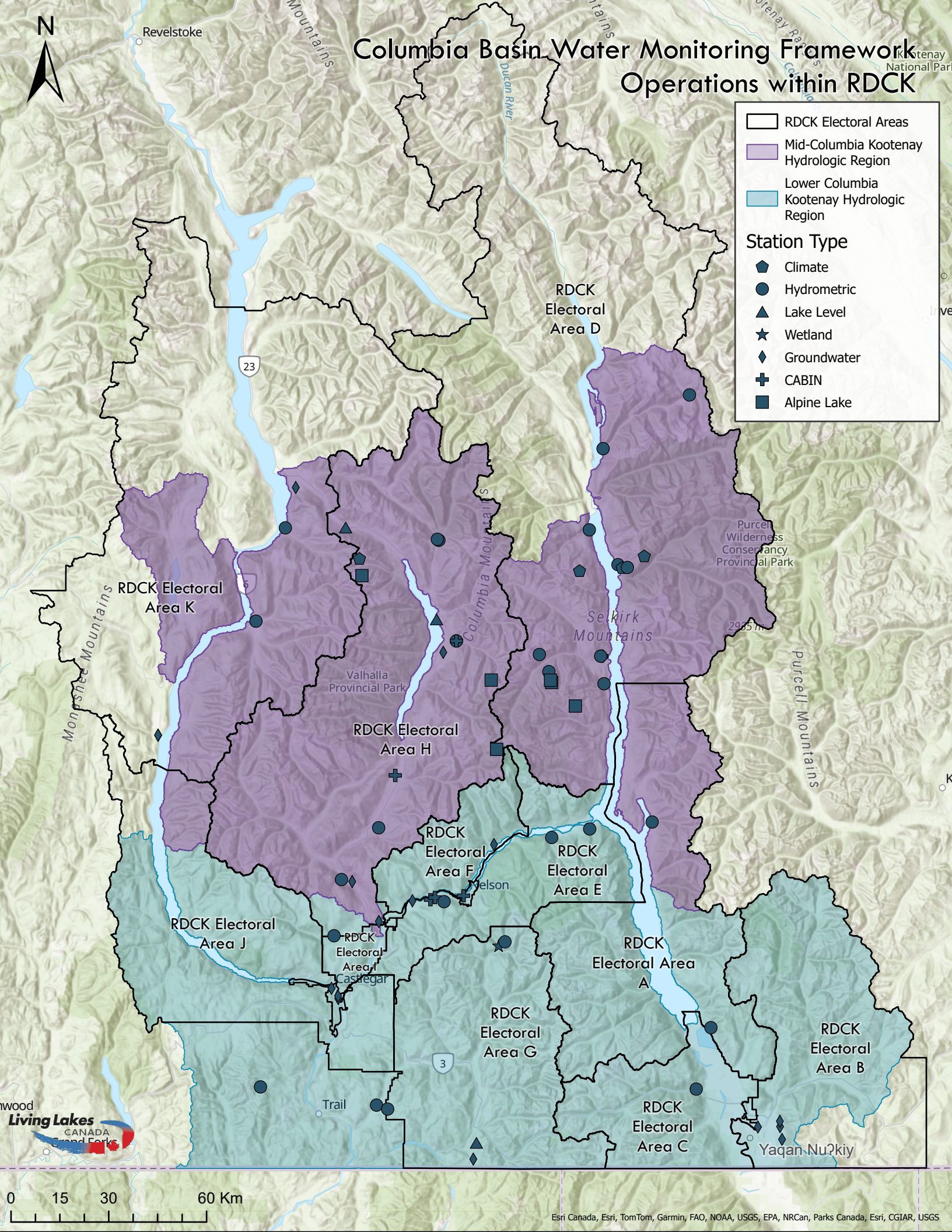
To learn more about the CBWMF, visit www.livinglakescanada.ca/cbwmf.

Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

Operations within RDCK



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



Organization **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 **Argenta Community Association - Fall Faire Standing Committee**

Registration # S0019094
GD, Argenta BC V0G 1B0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Argenta Fall Faire and Seasonal Events**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Argenta Hall and ground, including the new Argenta playground and pavilion.

Importance to the community:

The population of Argenta, along with the rest of the Lardeau Valley, will directly benefit from this project, which gives opportunities for economic, social and community growth. Indirectly, folks from Kaslo, Nelson and beyond visit our community for these events, introducing them to our area and population. Meaningful connections are made at these events.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$5,400.00
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	\$5,400.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,400.00	\$14,330.00	\$14,330.00

1. The project will provide:

The project is the Argenta Fall Faire event and its related seasonal fundraising events, including the Argenta Yuletide Market, Halloweenie, Spring Fling, and a February Square Dance.

Argenta and its surrounding communities are rural and sparsely populated, which can lend itself to easily falling into a sense of isolation. Regular community events reminds us that we have loving neighbours and a community support network. They are important to maintaining the social fibre and well-being of Argenta. Among the most attended in our area, are the Argenta Fall Faire and its related seasonal events. With these community events, we are creating opportunities for connection and celebration. These event also attract patrons from outside of our immediate community, allowing for a more expansive sense of community.

Economically, they provide a market for local artists and businesses to sell to locals and visitors, and an opportunity for patrons to support their friends and neighbours in return. They provide a venue and audience for local artists and musicians to perform, and expose our locals (who often stick close to home) to new experiences. All of which are valuable for creating a sense of belonging in community.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purposes of the society are: To acquire and own the parcel of Crown Land on which to build and manage a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; to promote community improvements.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The population of Argenta, along with the rest of the Lardeau Valley, will directly benefit from this project, which gives opportunities for economic, social and community growth. Indirectly, folks from Kaslo, Nelson and beyond visit out community for these events, introducing them to our area and population. Meaningful connections are made at these events.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The seasonal events will address issues of isolation, community well-being, and social networking. They will provide opportunity for vendors, musicians, performers and the locals, to support one another and share in experience. Opportunities were identified by talking with locals, being part of community, engaging with the Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society, and as members of the Argenta Community Association, which actively engages with community and their concerns.

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

The Fall Faire has been running in Argenta for decades under volunteer committee leadership. The Argenta Fall Faire Standing Committee is the group organized, dedicated and experienced to deliver the project.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Fall Faire Standing Committee will implement the project along with other community volunteers. The Fall Faire Standing Committee is composed of 6 committed community members, who have collectively run events in Argenta for the last several years. We have a general coordinator, vendor coorindators, volunteer coordinators, and music coorindators. All labour is volunteer.

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

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

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

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

Countless hours of volunteer labour are devoted to putting on the events. All labour towards the event is volunteer.

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

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

Organization **Kootenay Wellness Foundation**

Registration # XS0078058

514 Vernon Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Yoga Festival**

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

Our festival takes place at the Vallican Whole Community Center in RDCK Area H but we will be making connections between folks throughout the West Kootenay region and encourage attendance from all surrounding communities. We have also held events in Castlegar & Nelson and are making allies with other festivals in the area. We use the Kootenay Yoga Festival & our year-round events as a platform to connect with the greater community which provides us more support & participation each year and brings us closer to our organization's larger vision; to create a community bursary fund for alternative health services.

Importance to the community:

This is the fourth year running the festival and the positive impact we've seen on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the community as a whole is significant. This project is incredibly important for promoting a healthier lifestyle for all communities in the Kootenays which greatly benefits our region as a whole. The long-term goal of our foundation is to create a community bursary fund which can support up to 100 low-income people with their well-being by giving access to holistic health services in the area. This will also allow more support to local businesses & private health practitioners as they will be able to reach a wider scope of clients, contributing to a conscious local economy. We will also promote indigenous health and reconciliation through our collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people and will create more awareness about the traditional territory we live on today.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/27/2024 Project End: 5/5/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$800.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$800.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$27,150.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,150.00	\$55,250.00	\$55,250.00

1. The project will provide:

Our organization has been running an annual wellness & arts based festival in the Slocan Valley area, currently titled 'Kootenay Yoga Festival'. This is an inclusive event that not only promotes personal health but also fosters community engagement and supports local talent. Our upcoming event in September 2024 marks the fourth year of the festival and we expect approximately 300 attendants, attracting guests from the local area as well as from out of town. The festival builds a bridge between surrounding communities, artists, and wellness cultures in the West Kootenays and serves as a platform for individuals and groups to showcase their passions, performances, wisdom, and skills. Local artists will share their offerings throughout the weekend and we will also provide access to a diverse range of yoga & movement classes, self-development workshops, and educational talks. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Sinixt tÉ™mxwÃ¸laÉ”xw (homeland), participants can learn about our local First Nations culture and traditional territory. We have formed a solid alliance with the Autonomous Sinixt, with their support, we create awareness on reconciliation and the cultural values of the Sinixt peoples through educational workshops with elder, Marilyn James. Our main focus is to make art and holistic wellness more accessible to the general public by creating an environment that supports physical, mental, emotional, and creative health.

2. Organization Mandate:

Kootenay Wellness Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to support individuals with their health & wellness by encouraging the use of the various holistic services offered throughout the Kootenay region. Our mandate is to make the wellness industry more accessible to the public to improve the overall health of our community. We work with financial barriers of individuals & families to provide free resources & low-income services for physical, mental & emotional well-being. Our goal is to empower people to improve their own lives through self-care and ancestral healing practices as well as to create a circular economy with the local businesses, practitioners & facilitators in our area. Overall our project budget is approximately \$50,000.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This is the fourth year running the festival and the positive impact we've seen on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the community as a whole is significant. This project is incredibly important for promoting a healthier lifestyle for all communities in the Kootenays which greatly benefits our region as a whole. The long-term goal of our foundation is to create a community bursary fund which can support up to 100 low-income people with their well-being by giving access to holistic health services in the area. This will also allow more support to local businesses & private health practitioners as they will be able to reach a wider scope of clients, contributing to a conscious local economy. We will also promote indigenous health and reconciliation through our collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people and will create more awareness about the traditional territory we live on today.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We recognize the large population of at-risk individuals within our local communities who struggle with financial hardships as well as physical, mental & emotional health issues. As a result, we see a greater need for alternative health services to manage the daily stresses of life as well as more events, especially in rural areas, to enhance community connection. Our foundation is actively working on creating more accessibility to these services by offering a discounted ticket program to the festival for low-income folks as well as special youth passes and a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In-Kind Donations

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

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

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To whom it may concern,

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

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

Warm Regards,
Marilyn James
Autonomous Sinixt Matriarch



Schedule



SPACES

SPECTRUM FIRE EARTH AIR WATER ETHER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

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

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

Registration # S-56150

PO 194, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Argenta Community Workshop

Project Title **Argenta Community Workshop**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

We have procured use of a room in the Argenta Press Building.

Importance to the community:

This project supports the existing community values of reusing and repairing in Argenta and the Lardeau Valley. The Lardeau Valley consists of communities that are located far from retailers, are often low income, and have a strong culture of independence and resourcefulness. This project will support those endeavors and build on the skills and knowledge base in the area. It will also environmentally benefit the community by reducing travel to retailers and filling of our landfills with items that might have been repaired. It has been identified as a priority by community requests and the success of the pilot zipper repair business, as well as the loss of a community member who informally filled some of this role. Creating a workshop space where we can learn and do together will build morale and the skills to put our values into practice.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$8,150.00
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	\$8,150.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,150.00	\$20,650.00	\$20,650.00

1. The project will provide:

The goal of the Argenta Community Workshop is to promote a culture of values and skills, and provide services, related to repairing, making and sharing the items we use.

We plan to do this by operating a facility in Argenta that is a repair cafe, a makerspace, a tool and small equipment lending library, and a space to run workshops in these realms - available to the public in the Lardeau Valley.

The facility will be staffed by one person, with additional resource people at times, initially open one day a week for drop-in use.

Additional services will include workshops for adults and youth, out-of-hours consultation, and developing resource materials.

2. Organization Mandate:

1.The purposes of Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS are:

- To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
- To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
- To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project supports the existing community values of reusing and repairing in Argenta and the Lardeau Valley. The Lardeau Valley consists of communities that are located far from retailers, are often low income, and have a strong culture of independence and resourcefulness. This project will support those endeavors and build on the skills and knowledge base in the area. It will also environmentally benefit the community by reducing travel to retailers and filling of our landfills with items that might have been repaired. It has been identified as a priority by community requests and the success of the pilot zipper repair business, as well as the loss of a community member who informally filled some of this role. Creating a workshop space where we can learn and do together will build morale and the skills to put our values into practice.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

There are under 400 full time residents living here. Correspondingly, demand for services is known to be low, which is one reason ACW will house a variety of activities in the same room.

A pilot project of fixing zippers and giving workshops on zipper repair yielded about one and a half hours a week of work throughout the year, serving about fifty people. This, as just one of many activities anticipated at the ACW implies a demand for repair services.

A community member who gave generously of his time in bicycle and other repairs died this past summer and left a gap (and tools) that we hope to fill (among other things) with this project.

There is a culture in this area of volunteer community involvement, and we have heard much enthusiasm for this project, and are holding people back from donating tools until we are ready to house them.

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

One of LINKS' mandates is to provide sponsorship and support to community projects, such as this one, of broad community benefits. This project has environmental, economic, social benefits. We have heard interest in this type of project and associated workshops from community members. Therefore, LINKS is happy to sponsor the delivery of this project and has the capacity to do so. Sarah Ross is best suited to lead this project forward due to her existing

Project: Argenta Community Workshop

skills, interests, and community connections. She has the capacity to do so. LINKS has offered dozens of well attended and successfully implemented workshops in skills ranging from garden tool sharpening to chainsaw maintenance to chicken coop building. Having a dedicated community workshop space will be a continuation and improvement in delivery of these services through the use of dedicated space and tools, and by providing consistent and predictable hours.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

1.Sarah Ross is spearheading the project. Relevant experience includes:

Mentoring youth, lifestyle of fixing and creating, woodworking, bookkeeping and running a small business

2.Shannon Isaac is instrumental in getting the project going. Her credentials include running the Kaslo Youth Centre. Also she has provided a large contribution of tools from the estate of her good friend who provided repair services, and she would like to see them continue to be used by the community.

3. Lardeau Valley LINKS Society under the hands on assistance of Chelsey Jones is crucial in umbrella-ing and advising during this start-up and early phase.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Some events will have guest leaders volunteering - Anticipated value is based on 6/year @\$200/event.

Some events will have volunteer assistants in exchange for them or their children participating. Value is based on 12/year @\$30/event.

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Event leaders - \$1200

volunteers - \$360

Pre opening volunteers - \$3000

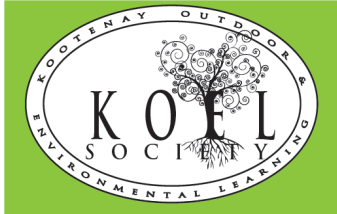
Donations of tools - \$3500

Donations of supplies -\$300

total in kind contributions valued at \$8360

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Kootenay Outdoor and Environmental Learning Society
Box 2359
Rossland, BC, V0G 1Y0
Feb 12, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for Lardeau Valley LINKS Society and their project, Argenta Community Workshop.

This project is addressing a need Kootenay Outdoor and Environmental Learning Society has identified for community groups to develop programs addressing environmental sustainability. We have observed the need for more such community workshops to decrease the amount of items ending up in landfills due to the lack of skill, interest, or tools to repair them. We are behind the culture shift that this community workshop represents and believe such projects are an important step towards climate stability. One of our main focuses is to reduce the carbon emissions associated with the supply chain. By reuse of, repair and recycling materials locally we can have a substantial impact on carbon emissions.

This project will have broad scope benefiting multiple communities in the Lardeau Valley, as well as potentially inspiring similar projects in the West Kootenays and beyond. We are excited to see how it progresses.

Sincerely,

Craig DeLong

Director
Kootenay Outdoor and Environmental Learning Society

Argenta Community Association
General Delivery, Argenta BC

Feb 18th, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for Lardeau Valley LINKS and their project, Argenta Community Workshop.

Part of the Argenta Community Association's mandate is to promote community improvement. We feel this project is an exciting addition to our community in terms of promoting services available locally and exchange of skills, tools and goodwill between community members.

We believe the LINKS is the appropriate organization to carry out this work as the project is of broad scope benefiting multiple communities in the Lardeau Valley.

Sincerely,

Beth Callon
ACA Board Member

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 **Argenta Community Association**

Registration # S0019094

1024 Argenta Rd, GD, Argenta BC V0G 1B0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Hall & Pavilion Kitchen Improvements**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The project will take place at the Argenta hall and pavilion kitchens.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community (Argenta, Johnsons Landing and Lardeau Valley area and even Kaslo) because we host weekly, bi-monthly and annual events that accommodate up to 200+ participants. Our kitchen use is integral to public and private events. We host a variety of events such as birthday parties, weddings, faire's and markets that require fully functioning kitchens.

We have community members that offer a weekly Pop Up Caf   for community to drop in, eat a warm meal, play games and socialize. Kitchens have historically been the place where people gather and share their stories. The weekly Pop Up Caf   and on-going community events are invaluable to our community and encourage socialization as much as possible. Isolation is a major contributor to our mental health, our community benefits greatly from the public/private use of the hall and grounds.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$7,515.00
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	\$7,515.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Hall & Pavilion Kitchen Improvements

\$7,515.00	\$7,785.00	\$7,785.00
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1. The project will provide:

The project idea is to improve one's experience of using the Hall and Pavilion kitchens. This involves several tasks:
 To install stainless steel locking cabinets in the pavilion kitchen
 To install a vented hood above the BBQ for the pavilion kitchen.
 To install a storage shelf & a lock on existing cabinet for the hall kitchen.
 To purchase basic cookware & appliances and supplies for both kitchens.
 The goal of the project is to improve overall ease of usage for both kitchens.
 This will be achieved by purchasing the necessary cabinets, materials, cookware, and appliances and to hire local labour to install the necessary cabinets, hood vent, and storage shelf.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purpose of the society is to: acquire and own the parcel of Crown Land on which to build, develop and manage a community hall, pavilion and grounds. The community hall, pavilion and grounds is used for cultural, recreational, educational, emergency and other community activities; to finance all buildings/structures and grounds and its subsequent maintenance through donations and grants as they become available; to promote community improvement and well-being.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to the community (Argenta, Johnsons Landing and Lardeau Valley area and even Kaslo) because we host weekly, bi-monthly and annual events that accommodate up to 200+ participants. Our kitchen use is integral to public and private events. We host a variety of events such as birthday parties, weddings, faire's and markets that require fully functioning kitchens.
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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Over the last year we have seen an increase in Hall & Pavilion rentals. All rentals requested use of the kitchen, however we lack basic cookware and appliances, which means users need to bring their own large pots, mixing bowls, tongs etc. We are hoping to address the following issue; lacking basic cookware and appliances for hall & pavilion kitchen use.

This issue has been brought up through word of mouth by renters who have expressed disappointment in the extra energy it takes to transport food, cookware and appliances needed to use the kitchens. We sent out an email to community members who are regular hall renters, asking for feedback about their experience using the hall & pavilion kitchens and what suggestions they would make for improvements. We received several responses with clear suggestions, and direction for hall & pavilion kitchen improvements.

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

The Argenta Community Association is solely responsible for implementing all projects relating to the Argenta Hall, Pavilion and Grounds.
 Our organization has successfully implemented the following projects over the last couple of years: built the Argenta pavilion, renovated and upgraded hall kitchen, installed a playground and soccer field, replaced outdoor buildings,

Project: Hall & Pavilion Kitchen Improvements

improved storage space, improved water & air quality for the hall, I believe this demonstrates our commitment and capacity to successfully deliver small and large scale projects.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Shannon Isaac, ACA board member will be responsible for project oversight administration, purchasing materials, appliances, and cookware required for the project. Shannon has 10 years experience administering successful small and large-scale projects.

Hans Winter will install the stove hood vent in the pavilion kitchen. Hans was the primary contractor for building the Pavilion.

Marco Pfreundner will install the stainless-steel cabinets for the pavilion kitchen, and build storage shelves and install a lock on cabinet for the hall kitchen. Marco is a local contractor and the primary contractor used for the pavilion kitchen.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Any additional administrative tasks beyond the allotted 15hrs will be volunteer.

Volunteer Labour Assistant 40hrs x \$25/hr = 1000.00, this person will be on site with Hans and Marco to assist with installing cabinets, storage and range hood.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Re: Redi Funding - ACA Kitchen Improvements

From: Bree (breeanne.hope@gmail.com)

To: dragonflyshi@yahoo.com

Date: Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 11:52 PM PST

Hi thanks for asking Shannon!

A set of knives would be my number 1 suggestion.
A cupboard above the fridge and possibly one above the hood fan too.
Compost bucket with lid
Bigger recycling bin

Things I always bring from home as the hall has none:

Tongs

Mixing bowls

Whisk

Mixer or electric beaters

Ill let u know if I think of anything else :)

Breanne Hope

Busybreeswaxwraps.wixsite.com/home

1.250.551.3985

I am grateful to live, work and play in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Sinixt, Syilx and Ktunaxa people. I use she/her pronouns.

On Jan 4, 2024, at 11:05 PM, shannon isaac <dragonflyshi@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Bree,

It's Shannon, I plan on writing a Redi grant for funds that will help to improve the function of the in/outdoor kitchens.

I'm seeking out some input and perhaps a wish list of items that you think would help make the Argenta Kitchen more functional and an easier kitchen to access.

I was thinking it would be nice to have a good set of pots and cast iron pans, good quality baking dishes, and any other type of utensil or kitchen accessories that would help with the Wednesday Cafe's.

I was also thinking we could install a locking mechanism on the south facing cupboards, where we could store the nice new kitchen stuff.

This is just a start I would like to gather all the info possible by Jan 29th so I could start writing the grant.

Hope all is well, talk soon.

Shannon

Re: in/Outdoor Kitchem Improvements & Function

From: martin couch (martin.couch@hotmail.com)

To: dragonflyshi@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, January 5, 2024 at 05:59 AM PST

Hi Shanny,

I vote for a hood vent over the BBQ. Don't think it would need a fan. Just chimney to draw the smoke up and out.

Cheers,
martin

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: shannon isaac <dragonflyshi@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 12:38:16 AM

To: Tina Petersen-Massara <tinapetersenmassara@icloud.com>; Beth Callon <bethcallon@gmail.com>; Reyna Brown <reynarosebrown@gmail.com>; Martin Couch <martin.couch@hotmail.com>; Chelsey Jones <chelseyinthebigwild@gmail.com>; Marco Pfuendner <pfiffi81@aol.com>; Lila Bonnardel <synchronicitease@gmail.com>; Sarina & Alex <sarinapineiro@yahoo.com>; Bree <breanne.hope@gmail.com>; Chris Petersen <christopherpetersen1965@gmail.com>; Lyndzee Romaker <warmwoolies@hotmail.com>

Subject: in/Outdoor Kitchem Improvements & Function

Hi Everyone,

It's Shannon, I plan on applying for a Redi grant to improve the function and ease of the in/outdoor kitchens at the Argenta Hall & Pavilion.

I'm would love to hear your input and create a wish list of items that would make cooking at the hall and pavilion a delight.

I was thinking a good set of pots and cast iron pans, good quality baking dishes & utensils, and any additional accessories that would be helpful to run the Pop up Cafe's and outdoor events.

Furthermore, I was thinking about installing a locking mechanism on the south facing cupboards, and installing stainless steel cabinets for the outdoor kitchen where some basics could be stored. Thoughts? Yay or Nay to a locking cabinet in the hall kitchen and stainless steel cabinets to store all our stewing dreams and hopes for delicious foods?

If you could **reply by Jan 29th** with your input, ideas and wish list, I would greatly appreciate it. Please be specific when asking for items - if you can provide the approx. cost and image that would be incredibly helpful.

Feel free to forward this email to community members who use the kitchen but I missed them in the email. No pressure - reply if you feel inspired to do so!

I can't promise you anything but my efforts to improve the cooking experience at the hall & pavilion. 🐾 😊

All the best!
Thanks
Shanny

Fw: A few questions

From: shannon isaac (dragonflyshi@yahoo.com)

To: dragonflyshi@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 09:28 AM PST

Hi Shannon,

Happy new year to you too. Its been quiet a sick one on our end so far.

Yes I remember looking at some kitchen drawers etc. I took the numbers of this website, of course there are others who sell them too, but this was the site I took as a rough guideline.
<https://www.outdoorkitchenscanada.com/access-drawers>

I think we could maybe need two of these drawers! As well we should build a few shelves and a charcoal storage box. These would be my priorities!

If I have a wish list I would add 2-3 more picnic tables to the area, which some of us could probably build and like you already said, we need pans, pots, cutlery etc.

I am happy to source some of these things out if you like.

For kitchen stuff I can recommend this website.

<https://nellacutlery.ca/collections/cast-iron-cookware>

Let me know if you need more help with anything! :)

Cheers

Marco

Hey Marco,

I wanted to check in with you about a few things.

Happy New Year!

1. I was reviewing the kitchen plan - I recall you priced out metal cabinets for the kitchen but i can't seem to find the document - did you do this or am I making this up?

I'm about to write a grant to gather more things for the pavilion.

So if you have any ideas i would love to hear them and this is what I'm currently thinking about a stainless steel cabinet locking (not necessarily with key but bear proof) to fit underneath the counter space beside the pizza oven.

I'm thinking it would be nice to have some basics that won't invite the bears.

Pots, cast iron pans, utensils, cutlery and perhaps some dishes for gatherings.

So I'm looking for any input, or ideas about what more is needed to make the kitchen/pavillion skookum.

ok I think that's about it for now - getting used to the stairs bit by bit.

Hope all is well.

Cheers Shannon

Solstice Timberworks

hansi.winter@gmail.com
GST/HST Registration No.: 864386453
RT0001



Estimate

ADDRESS

Argenta Community
Association
General Delivery
Argenta P. O.
Argenta BC V0G 1Y0

ESTIMATE # 1019
DATE 2024.02.15

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT	TAX
2024.02.15	Materials Roof venting materials, flashings	1	1,571.36	1,571.36	GST
2024.02.15	Materials Exterior Rated Range Hood	1	1,286.72	1,286.72	GST
2024.02.15	Labour	8	65.00	520.00	GST

SUBTOTAL 3,378.08
GST @ 5% 168.91
TOTAL **\$3,546.99**

TAX SUMMARY

RATE	TAX	NET
GST @ 5%	168.91	3,378.08

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Item Details (3)



VEVOR Outdoor Kitchen Door Drawer Combo 29.5" W x 22.6" H x 21.7"D, Access Door/Triple Drawers with Propane Drawer and Adjustable Garbage Ring, Perfect for BBQ Island Patio Grill Station

Qty 1
C \$694.99



VEVOR Outdoor Kitchen Drawers 18W x 20.6H x 12.7D Inch, Flush Mount Double BBQ Drawers Stainless Steel with Handle, BBQ Island Drawers for Outdoor Kitchens or Patio Grill Station
Size: 18 x 20.6 x 12.7 inch Number of Drawers: Dual Axis

Qty 1
C \$205.99



VEVOR Outdoor Kitchen Drawers 30" W x 10" H x 20" D, Horizontal Double BBQ Access Drawers Stainless Steel with Handle, BBQ Island Drawers for Outdoor Kitchens or Patio Grill Station

Qty 1
C \$264.99

Coupon Code My Coupons

Apply

Use Rewards Points

Total C \$0.00 (0 points)

C \$

Apply

Order Summary

Subtotal: C \$1,165.97

Shipping Fee: Free

Total: C \$1,165.97

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Organization **Argenta Community Association**

Registration # S-19094

General Delivery, Argenta BC V0G 1B0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Argenta Community Holiday Dinner**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

This project will take place inside the Argenta Hall.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community because it brings everyone together to celebrate and connect in a welcoming and joyful environment. Building a greater sense of community is of benefit to everyone in the community and everyone who wishes to be included in this event is welcome. Children, parents and grandparents look forward to the Santa portion of the evening. Everyone participates in the meal portion of the evening and eating all together is a community tradition that has been ongoing for many years and is greatly appreciated and looked forward to every year. Argenta is a very small community and being able to have a feeling of belonging and mutual support is essential to happiness and quality of life in a small place. In addition, the connection with the larger Lardeau Valley area engenders greater cooperation and promotes a wider feeling of community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$1,575.00
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
	205-2024	205-2024		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$1,575.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$1,575.00	\$2,102.00	\$2,102.00

1. The project will provide:

This project is to support the Argenta Community Holiday Dinner, a yearly community event that has been ongoing for more than 30 years. The event is well attended, open to the public, and, as one of two annual traditions it is very important to the community. Every year the community Holiday dinner brings people together and helps to strengthen and celebrate the community environment. It is our hope to continue to make this event as inclusive and welcoming to everyone in the community as possible. The funds will be used to help subsidize main food dishes and pay for upgrades and maintenance to existing event infrastructure that is either very old and in need of repair or no longer sufficient to support the growing needs of the community

2. Organization Mandate:

The purposes of the society are: to acquire and own the parcel of Crown land on which to build and manage a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, emergency, and other community activities; to finance all buildings/structures and the community hall & ground and its subsequent maintenance through donations and grants as they become available; to promote community improvement and well-being.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to the community because it brings everyone together to celebrate and connect in a welcoming and joyful environment. Building a greater sense of community is of benefit to everyone in the community and everyone who wishes to be included in this event is welcome. Children, parents and grandparents look forward to the Santa portion of the evening. Everyone participates in the meal portion of the evening and eating all together is a community tradition that has been ongoing for many years and is greatly appreciated and looked forward to every year. Argenta is a very small community and being able to have a feeling of belonging and mutual support is essential to happiness and quality of life in a small place. In addition, the connection with the larger Lardeau Valley area engenders greater cooperation and promotes a wider feeling of community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The past several years there has not been enough tables or seating to accommodate all the community members who wish to attend. There is adequate space in the community hall to fit everyone but there is not an adequate amount of tables and seats available. With the increase in attendees comes an increased need for food. The Christmas dinner committee has always paid for the turkeys and main dishes using donations from the previous years. As we believe in supporting local, this food is costly and we are running short.

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

The ACA board is directly and solely

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Project: Argenta Community Holiday Dinner

This project will be carried out by the Argenta Christmas Dinner committee, a group of 4 volunteers including the ACA Board Vice-Chair Jennie Phoenix.

- 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: :**
- 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.

Argenta Christmas Dinner Wish List

1. 3 Plastic folding tables for community meal - \$290
<https://www.canadiantire.ca/en/pdp/for-living-6-ft-portable-indoor-outdoor-plastic-metal-folding-table-with-handle-white-0688000p.0688000.html?rq=folding+table#srp>
2. 2 20lb organic turkeys from Kootenay Natural Meats at \$6.59/lb - \$265 -
https://kootenaynaturalmeats.shop/?s=turkey&post_type=product
3. 6 folding benches - \$ -
<https://www.canadiantire.ca/en/pdp/for-living-6-ft-portable-indoor-outdoor-plastic-metal-centre-folding-bench-white-0689525p.0689525.html?rq=folding+bench#srp>
4. Santa suit - \$300 -
https://www.halloweencostumes.ca/premiere-santa-suit.html?mpid=16643&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&msclkid=0098dd53b5e91c0fa508b89273ee0dc5
5. Santa wig and beard -\$160
<https://thecostumeshoppe.com/professional-quality-supreme-santa-wig-and-beard-set/>

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 **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

Registration # S-56150

PO 194, Meadow Creek British Columbia V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **LINKS Newsletter 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

The LINKS office in Meadow Creek, online, and community message boards in the Lardeau Valley.

Importance to the community:

Living as remotely as we do, it is easy to become isolated. This project is important because it keeps us informed and connected to each other and to outside opportunities that may be of interest or benefit. The communication and connections made through the newsletter are community building and directly impact the social, economic and environmental interest of Lardeau Valley residents, businesses, and organizations. Outside organizations that service the Lardeau Valley also benefit from gaining insight to what is happening in our communities. This was identified as a priority by the direct feedback and request from community members.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/23/2024 Project End: 5/22/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$5,130.00
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	\$5,130.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,130.00	\$7,280.00	\$7,280.00

1. The project will provide:

The newsletter is a weekly email and limited print publication distributed to a 360+ and growing readership and posted on local message boards during high season. The newsletter provides a summary of upcoming local events, community updates, alerts, job postings, survey links, communications from our Area D director and any other information that might be of interest to North Kootenay Lake/Lardeau Valley residents. The newsletter is a community asset, and community members are encouraged and frequently do submit content to share on the newsletter. The newsletter is an important way for residents to stay connected and access information about our area, especially for those not on social media. Along with writing the weekly newsletter, this project will integrate the weekly newsletter platform with our community website, to efficiently update the community calendar and news page on the website.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purpose(s) of Lardeau Valley LINKS Society are:

To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.

To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.

To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.

To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.

To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Living as remotely as we do, it is easy to become isolated. This project is important because it keeps us informed and connected to each other and to outside opportunities that may be of interest or benefit. The communication and connections made through the newsletter are community building and directly impact the social, economic and environmental interest of Lardeau Valley residents, businesses, and organizations. Outside organizations that service the Lardeau Valley also benefit from gaining insight to what is happening in our communities. This was identified as a priority by the direct feedback and request from community members.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Lardeau Valley is comprised of distinct communities, but there is a need for a central communication hub for residents, organizations and businesses. The LINKS newsletter is one of the primary tools LINKS uses to meet this need of connection, and is a primary way we engage with the community{ies} on a weekly basis. Many residents do not have access to social media, and many important notices don't make it onto local poster boards or community social media pages. The newsletter gathers pertinent information from multiple sources in one place for all community members. We have had countless community members express directly to LINKS that they find the newsletter critical to staying informed of area news.

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

LINKS is a general services community organization located within the Lardeau Valley that serves all communities specific to the region for economic, social and environmental interests. Thus, we are positioned to deliver un-biased and accessible content to all residents. LINKS ED is on contract full time with LINKS, is skilled in communications and writing, and has the capacity to deliver this project. We recently updated our website and implemented a specific communication and social media strategy. The newsletter readership has been steadily increasing, as has traffic to our website and new social media pages. This demonstrates our success in delivering the newsletter to date.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

This project will be led by the Lardeau Valley LINKS ED, Chelsey Jones. Chelsey is the main Newsletter writer. Beth Callon, administrative assistant at LINKS, will also write the newsletter once monthly. Contributions to the newsletter, web content and design come from community members, local organizations, and local government. Web design company Big Brown Eyes, who designed the current community website, will integrate the newsletter with the website.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer oversight by LINKS board of directors. Contributions by community members, businesses and organizations.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Jewett Parent Advisory Council

Project Title **Jewett Elementary School Hot Lunch Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

At Jewett Elementary School. The meals might be prepared off site in the Lardeau Valley and delivered to the school.

Importance to the community:

Jewett Elementary School is a foundation of our community. Supporting a food program at the school is a direct way the community can contribute to and support the staff and students. Students, staff and parents of Jewett Elementary school will benefit from the project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/23/2024 Project End: 6/24/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$8,880.00
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	\$8,880.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,880.00	\$10,780.00	\$10,780.00

Project: Jewett Elementary School Hot Lunch Program

1. The project will provide:

The project will provide hot lunch to the students and staff of Jewett Elementary school once a week during school months. It will also support the breakfast club snack program to students and provide food to the end of year celebration. The meals are provided by the local restaurant, local cooks and parent cooks in the school. A schedule will be created each month and menu will be shared each with parents.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purposes of the Jewett PAC will be:

1. To promote the education and welfare of students in the school.
2. To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.
3. To advise the school board, principal, and staff on any matter relating to the school.
4. To promote the interests of public education and, in particular, the interests of Jewett Elementary School.
5. To provide leadership in the school community.
6. To contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood.
7. To provide parent education and professional development, and a forum for discussion of educational issues.
8. To assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the principal and staff about their child's progress or other concerns.
9. To assist the principal and staff in ensuring the highest safety standards are maintained in the school and neighbourhood.
10. To organize and support activities for students and parents.
11. To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by the membership.
12. To advise and participate in the activities of SD8 DPAC and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Jewett Elementary School is a foundation of our community. Supporting a food program at the school is a direct way the community can contribute to and support the staff and students. Students, staff and parents of Jewett Elementary school will benefit from the project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Children come to school from a variety of different home situations, and are expected to act, learn, and do to their fullest potential. However sometimes, they cannot perform well for the simple reason of not having enough good food to eat, or do not have time in the morning before school to eat. By providing one healthy meal daily (Breakfast) and an extra one on hot lunch day, Jewett PAC mediates the barriers that these children face. The hot lunch exposes the children to different culinary experiences and opportunities. It will support children in having a balanced diet and learning about different food options. It will help parents by providing a meal to the children that they do not have to buy and prepare. These opportunities were identified through feedback regarding the program from parents, children and staff.

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

Jewett PAC has been delivering a hot lunch program for many years successfully. We continue to have PAC members motivated to carry this program forward, including cooks and organizers.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Meadow Creek Bakery, Bar and Grill, local cooks, and Jewett parents are involved in implementing the project. Everyone involved has experience delivering the hot lunch program in previous years, and new parents will be trained by veteran parents.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

For the last three years, parent volunteers, in partnership with CBT, have made this program viable through hours of dedicated preparation. Also the school's flexibility and openness to support community programs like this is a huge contribution.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **SQx Danza**

Registration # 813604683RR0001

983 Kelly Drive, Castlegar BC V1N 4P5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Tidal Wave - Year 2**

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

AUDIENCE: We need to better our service for teenagers in schools. As youth get older, they feel less comfortable dancing in front of their peers. Therefore, while Tidal Wave is envisioned for all youth (it has better considerations for teenagers) with less movement for participants, but not less engagement to better meet the needs of older youth-because we using TikTok.

Schools in the areas above

Schools in the areas above

Blewett

JVH

Mount Sentinel

Brent Kennedy

Yaqaan Nukiy

LVR

Wildflower-Creston

Wildflower

South Nelson

Redfish

Rosemont

Salmo

Hume

Trafalger

Canyon-Lister

Erickson

ARES

Crawford Bay

Nakusp

Lucerne

Twin Rivers

Kinnaird

WE Graham

Importance to the community:

WE'RE WORKING WITH A NEW PARTNER IN SLOCAN TO HELP US BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS: W.E. Graham Community Service Society is helping us

INCLUSION: By connecting social inclusion with a new urgent wider world framework (ecology, environmental sustainability, and climate change), we're maintaining the relevancy of our work, but also reaching our audiences through a new lens. A new exciting Arts Based Community Development strategy and performance will help us better reach teenagers!

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

BALANCING THEME WITH CARBON COSTS OF TOURING: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments while also being sensitive to artists' mental health. We'll balancing both physical & digital formats for Tidal Wave, where environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 4/30/2025

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

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

1. The project will provide:

TIDAL WAVE: Is a new dance program aiming to raise awareness about the oscillation between environmental sustainability and climate change with social inclusion.

HYPRID: The program will investigate balancing physical & digital presentations to maintain our environmental sustainability accomplishments established during COVID-but not compromising engagement in vulnerable youth.

From 2020-2022, we:

- Reduced our carbon footprint by 407,018kg
- Saved 475kg of disposable personal protective equipment through the digital presentation of our work
- Reduced our workplace related CO2 by 338,000kg by working remotely
- Reduced our GHG emissions by 442K by wearing uniforms and costumes made of sustainable and organic materials

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

NEW CHALLENGE: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to continue to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments as we incorporate more physical work. In "Tidal Wave," environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

Tidal Wave's new format and theme, will help us develop sustainable growth in our organization for a post-pandemic era. Whilst participants are meaningfully impacted by:

- Cool digital tools and a professional performance to engage with art and culture and ecology
- Thought-provoking discussions and engagement exercises to reflect on environmental sustainability and advocacy
- Opportunity to explore the uneven distribution of the climate change burden and how it correlates to social inclusion

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission: To use contemporary dance to promote kinship, collaboration, and teamwork.

Mandate:

Mandate & About:

- We further the development of dance and public engagement through performance and outreach programming.
- We provide flexible touring series for arts venues, public schools, and conservatories to bring performances and interactive programming to both large & small communities.
- We use dance to make the world a better place

DEFINING VULNERABLE: We engage with people who have been systemically underserved in Canada's history as well as those that currently experience hegemonic inequities (physical, economic, or social). In using the term "vulnerable," we are not blaming or disempowering vulnerable populations. Instead, we recognize the systemic barriers that prevent people from fully participating in society. We also note that a person's proximity to hegemonic characteristics (e.g. white, urban, cis, heterosexual, wealthy, able-bodied, and thin) affects the degree of their vulnerability.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

WE'RE WORKING WITH A NEW PARTNER IN SLOCAN TO HELP US BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS: W.E.

Graham Community Service Society is helping us

INCLUSION: By connecting social inclusion with a new urgent wider world framework (ecology, environmental sustainability, and climate change), we're maintaining the relevancy of our work, but also reaching our audiences through a new lens. A new exciting Arts Based Community Development strategy and performance will help us better reach teenagers!

BALANCING THEME WITH CARBON COSTS OF TOURING: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments while also being sensitive to artists' mental health. We'll balancing both physical & digital formats for Tidal Wave, where environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We thought deeply on what we want to explore next &...

- What urgent themes haven't we addressed yet?
- What gaps are there in our service? -How can we better our service to vulnerable Basin communities through dance?
- How do we deepen our commitment to inclusion?
- How can we make process-based learning simpler?

Based on the answers to the above, we devised a framework for Tidal Wave

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

Youth Presenters will work with other SQx presenters to DESIGN, DELIVER, & EVALUATE TIDAL WAVE

CONTEXT:

-Develop a 3-day arts-based community development process to engage vulnerable youth with:

1. Dance performance by professional dancers
2. TikTok video development with participants
3. Discussions

-Investigate different ecological frameworks like 1) How do climate related disasters more adversely affect vulnerable populations? Consequently, how do climate related disasters support or oppose inclusion? OR 2) How does water access affect inclusion?

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

At SQx, our vision is that all humans have a responsibility to protect the earth. Therefore exploring the environment is a "natural" progression for us, and it's part of our social and community responsibility to use dance and our services to reflect on wider world issues affecting communities.

COVID MADE US STRONGER: We adopted a digital presentation style very quickly for projects like AIP, which helped us be more environmentally sustainable (see attached). Now environmental sustainability impacts all our decision-making. COVID helped us to positively reevaluate our dissemination strategies.

AIP ACHIEVEMENTS

- 100% of educators felt AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, & racism
- 92% of participants reported they could demonstrate inclusion
- 80% of educators felt AIP increased their students ability to ask for help & seek justice from adults & their peers
- 82% of participants had a positive experience in being physically active through dance

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

YOUTH DESIGN, PRESENT, & EVALUATE IMPACT.

***HIRING PREFERENCES: We have hiring preferences because it's critical to the identity of our organization, and it is how we work towards continuously improving SQx and our programming and performances to ensure our work considers the experiences of diverse audiences and participants. Our goal by ensuring diverse presenters are at the forefront of creation is to give voice and visibility to vulnerable populations. Each artist brings special knowledge and experiences that influence the social inclusivity outcome of our works.

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

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



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

Wednesday 17 May, 2023

Phone: 250-355-2484
Email: coordinator@wegcss.org

PO Box 10,
1001 Harold St.
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 **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

Registration # S-56150

PO 194, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **LINKS Emergency Preparedness 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Throughout the Lardeau Valley communities and hamlets.

Importance to the community:

All residents will benefit from bolstered emergency preparedness. The Lardeau Valley is remote and geographically dispersed, and many critical emergency services rely on the volunteer capacity of residents who live here. This project will provide a support and training and serve as an access point for residents and larger regional and provincial programs, which might otherwise remain disconnected. Community members of various organizations will be involved in organizing the events such as the emergency preparedness fair.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$4,305.00
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	\$4,305.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,305.00	\$17,360.00	\$17,360.00

1. The project will provide:

The project will offer a series of emergency preparedness tools and services for residents of the Lardeau Valley including:

- Basic Chainsaw Safety Course - To help train the population in safe chainsaw usage in case of emergency need.
- S100 Wildfire Fighter Training - offered in-person annual to maintain a crew of trained residents prepared to immediately respond to fires in our communities.
- Emergency Preparedness Fair - An annual event to celebrate our local and regional emergency services and to bring awareness about emergency preparedness to our communities.
- Upgrade to Seacan for storage of emergency supplies including community generators.
- Neighbourhood Emergency Planning event and other Emergency Preparedness presentations.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purpose(s) of LINKS are:

- To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
- To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
- To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

All residents will benefit from bolstered emergency preparedness. The Lardeau Valley is remote and geographically dispersed, and many critical emergency services rely on the volunteer capacity of residents who live here. This project will provide a support and training and serve as an access point for residents and larger regional and provincial programs, which might otherwise remain disconnected. Community members of various organizations will be involved in organizing the events such as the emergency preparedness fair.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Because of our remote location, efficiency in communication and strong emergency preparedness are necessary for our resilience. The need for emergency preparedness has been made evident by the severe weather and climate events of the past years - wildfire/smoke, prolonged power outages, floods/landslides, road closures, heavy snows, prolonged and extreme cold-spells, infectious diseases. These courses and events are annual occurrences, and their continued high attendance and the frequency of requests makes it clear they are valued by the community.

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

Because of our position as communications hub for the area through our newsletter and website, LINKS is frequently involved in liaising and connecting the many amazing volunteer and governmental service providers with the community. While naturally we are not involved with emergencies directly, we play a role in bringing awareness to emergency preparedness. We have been offering emergency preparedness courses and events for many years and have shown our capacity to do so. Members of our board include members of Kaslo Search and Rescue, the Argenta Emergency Preparedness Group, and the Lardeau Valley Firesmart and Resiliency Committee.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

LINKS ED and LINKS Firesmart Coordinator, with the support of the LINKS Board, the Lardeau Valley Firesmart and Resiliency Committee, community emergency committees and groups, local community hall boards/administrators.

Project: LINKS Emergency Preparedness 2024

This project is also in partnership with emergency preparedness services offered by the regional and provincial government and other relevant institutions.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer hours of LINKS Board of Directors. The LINKS website lardeauvalley.ca and the weekly newsletter support this project through promotion of the various events and distribution of emergency information.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Johnson's Landing Community Association

November 25, 2023

Re: LINKS application to the CBT Small Community Wildfire Readiness Support Program

Dear Columbia Basin Trust,

I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for the LINKS application to the CBT's Small Community Wildfire Readiness Support Program, a valuable initiative by the Lardeau Valley community aimed at enhancing wildfire readiness.

As Board Chair of the JLCA, I have had the opportunity to witness the dedication and proactive approach of the Lardeau Valley community towards building resiliency and preparedness. The LINKS project, with its comprehensive training initiatives, collaboration with key local organizations, and alignment with the RDCK Emergency Response Plan, represents a crucial step forward in bolstering the community's capacity to respond proactively and effectively to wildfires.

I am confident that through this program LINKS will facilitate a lasting and positive impact on the Lardeau Valley, contributing significantly to the safety and resilience of the community. I wholeheartedly endorse this project and encourage your favorable consideration of the grant application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Denys Lawrence
Board Chair
Johnson's Landing Community Association



November 29, 2023

Columbia Basin Trust
445 13 Ave #300,
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G1

Dear CBT Grant Coordinator:

RE: Lardeau Valley LINKS application to the CBT SCWRS Program

I would like to express the Regional District of Central Kootenay Emergency Program's support for the Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society and their project, *Lardeau Valley Wildfire Readiness Support*. The project addresses supply, training, and grassroots planning needs through creative collaboration between the communities comprising the Lardeau Valley.

While BC Wildfire Service is the lead response agency for wildfires, and in this role, ultimately make the final decisions about community evacuations during wildfires, the RDCK encourages residents to be prepared with equipment and training that help them understand risks, stay safe, make personal and family plans for evacuations or shelter in place, and build grab and go kits. This project has taken into consideration the RDCK Emergency Preparedness Plan and is designed to empower residents of the Lardeau Valley to be best prepared for the imminent risk of wildfires in their communities all while acknowledging that evacuation orders must be followed.

As a leader in the creation of the Lardeau Valley FireSmart and Resilience Committee and in other emergency preparedness projects in the Lardeau Valley, we believe LINKS will be effective in carrying out this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Séguin".

Dan Séguin
Manager of Community Sustainability

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

P.O. Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kids to Camp 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Selected camps throughout the Kootenays and beyond, per submission of applications from participants in the Lardeau and surrounding rural areas. Due to the overwhelming popularity and no doubt to the great variety the Science and Art kits will be a strong part of this project.

Importance to the community:

This project has become extremely sought after within our community, especially in the last few years. We receive letters and requests from not only children regarding the camp funding. Many of these letters and social media postings are full of gratitude that their children were given this opportunity to attend or receive the Summer Camp funding assistance and/or summer camp kits. Partnering with Kiwi Company and receiving 40% discounts has greatly improved not only the kinds of quality kits, but the variety and number of kits has been amazing. This has been documented by the parents response and gratitude shown to the co-ordinator of the project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$8,550.00
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	\$8,550.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,550.00	\$9,950.00	\$9,950.00

1. The project will provide:

To provide funding assistance for the children and youth to attend summer camp facilities, biking events, creative arts and science camps as well as Spring Camp events and/or receive art or science kits and attend on-line summer camp events.

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project has become extremely sought after within our community, especially in the last few years. We receive letters and requests from not only children regarding the camp funding. Many of these letters and social media postings are full of gratitude that their children were given this opportunity to attend or receive the Summer Camp funding assistance and/or summer camp kits. Partnering with Kiwi Company and receiving 40% discounts has greatly improved not only the kinds of quality kits, but the variety and number of kits has been amazing. This has been documented by the parents response and gratitude shown to the co-ordinator of the project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

During the years of Covid restrictions in 2020-21 we partnered with a variety of local companies and created Summer Camp kits that were sent out to the youth and children of this area that were very enthusiastically received. We continue to receive positive response from parents for the Summer Camp supports/funding in both the in person camps as well as the kits. However this past 2023-24 year our children in this area have grown from 21 recipients to 28 and as such the demand for funds continues to grow.

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

The Lardeau Valley Community hall has and continues to provide great support to all the communities within the Lardeau Valley. The great volunteer base, local business support, and the historical organization of the Kids to Camp project not only has connected with all the rural communities but retains the unique knowledge of what these communities want for the children and youth of this area.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Valerie Smith will continue overseeing this project as she has done for the past several years entirely as a dedicated volunteer.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer coordinator and project manager gives 150 hours approximately; Lighthouse Scrapbooking provides art kits free of charge;

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Programming 24/25**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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 Slocan			
\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$20,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,000.00	\$26,700.00	\$26,700.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will support the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI) Program for the 2024-25 year, supporting the key roles of Screen-Based Industry Program Manager and Events and Communications Coordinator and the costs associated with hosting meetups of Screen-Based Industry Workers in Columbia Basin communities within the RDCK. The Program Manager is also growing into an integral part of the regional management of the Kootenay Regional Film Commission.

The ReDi Program (and as CIP) has supported the KSBI program in a number of ways in the past, including start-up consulting to begin this economic stimulation program, the development of kootenayfilm.com, and support for the Kootenay Regional Film Commission (KRFC).

KSBI programming is free of charge, age-inclusive, and open to the public. It has no earned income streams. Since its inception, this program has needed minimal support because a BC Rural Dividend grant supported it. Our expectation has long been that NCTS would be able to support this role through earned income from three theatres once our renovation was complete. As this renovation has been delayed, that funding stream is not yet available to us, so we will need funding to continue this important regional economic development program in the coming year. Once the renovation is complete, the plan is for NCTS to be able to support this program on earned revenues.

2. Organization Mandate:

Organization Mandate As a registered Canadian charity, Nelson Civic Theatre Society's (NCTS) mandate is to provide a public amenity by operating and maintaining a theatre as a multi-use facility for film screenings and for other artistic, educational and community-building programs and events for the benefit of the general public; be a home and presenter of lectures, workshops, courses and seminars on topics related to film or utilizing digital media for a diverse range of audiences; and protect, preserve and improve Nelson's historic Civic Theatre.

We fulfill our mission through:

Programming a wide range of cinematic presentations that respond to community interests.

Protecting, preserving and improving The Civic Theatre as a venue for cinematic and live cultural experiences, and for other educational and community-building programs and events.

Supporting local film, digital media and their creators, and encouraging the study and appreciation of film as an art and as a medium for information and education.

Working with community partners and local screen-based media artists toward building an information and communications technology hub that provides our rural community the means of engaging with and participating in a global community.

Engaging with other organizations, institutions and individuals to create synergy and grow community capacity.

Continuing to invest in the future of our community and, in particular, its youth.

Our Values

Our programming reflects our community's diversity and culture.

We provide a fulfilling and respectful working environment for our staff and volunteers.

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

Community input, dialogue and volunteerism are essential to our operation.

We strive to be innovative and entrepreneurial, a catalyst to local thought leaders as they contribute positively to the digital world.

We foster a spirit of collaboration and endeavour to complement the goals and programs of other community groups and organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The KSBI is a critical component that correlates to the KRFC. The Regional Program Manager is responsible for building and stewarding the local and regional network of more than 550 KSBI workers, and bridging the local industry with commercial film projects that are beginning to materialize across the East and Central Kootenay through the work of the KRFC. This role and program is a critical component of the development that is happening to bring these projects to the region and have local people and businesses benefit from them. Without it, we risk losing access to many future work opportunities on film projects.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The KSBI program addresses the economic and networking barriers that workers face living in a rural community. The program began in 2016 as a response to feedback from industry workers that cultural infrastructure and opportunities for professional development were lacking in our region. Since its inception, the program's goals have been identified through ongoing regular engagement with members through meetups, panel discussions and surveys. Goals are reviewed and renewed on an ongoing basis to ensure responsiveness to local needs and economic realities. This project will support continued support and outreach for workers through management of an active Facebook group (currently 554 members), professional development opportunities (mentorships and workshops), and significant support to the economic goals of the KRFC.

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

Since 2017, NCTS has been committed to developing the KSBI and we have built a strong network. Our very active KSBI Facebook group connects more than 550 people, updating members on industry activities, including monthly meetups. The role we have played in developing and securing the KRFC is substantial. We want to continue building momentum for Kootenay-based film projects, including major ones with significant economic impacts. Results of this program have included festival events for youth, emerging and established Kootenay filmmakers, a wide array of professional development events and workshops, mentorships of women in film, strategic project leadership resulting in the development of the film gear rental program, kootenayfilm.com and the Kootenay Regional Film Commission, the majority of which has had a reach spanning the entire region. We look forward to KSBI programs supporting the STOODIS Indigenous Film festival this year. We are the right organization to continue this work.

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

NCTS is the home of the KSBI and co-founder of the KRFC, in partnership with the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association in Kimberley, BC. The KSBI Regional Program Manager will lead this project, working closely with the Events and Communications Coordinator and the Regional Film Commission. Depending on meetups, events, workshops, and mentorship plans, a number of other SBI professionals may be contracted to play paid and volunteer roles in executing programs.

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

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

Some meetups will be hosted in kind by local/regional businesses. NCTS offers considerable overhead to this project in the form of office space, supplies, printing, and bookkeeping, as well as hosting screening events.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~Kathy Cooper, CEO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism

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

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

~Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director, Community Futures Central Kootenay

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

~Jonathan Robinson, Director, FMRL Productions

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

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

~Tucker Anderson, Freelance Filmmaker, Tucker K Anderson Films

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

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

~Carlo Alcos



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February 20, 2024

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

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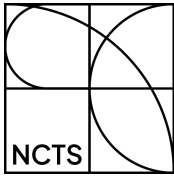
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Nelson Civic Theatre Society

719 Vernon Street

Suite 103

Nelson, BC V1L 4G3 CA

February 20, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

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

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

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

Arts, Culture and Heritage

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

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

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

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

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

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

Energy and Climate Change

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

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

Healthy Living and Social Wellbeing

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

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

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

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

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

Local Economy

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

LE2: Foster and support entrepreneurial leadership in the community.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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 **Lardeau Valley Community Club**

Registration # S-0007146

Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kitchen Equipment**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

LVCC kitchen

Importance to the community:

To continue to offer a first class community Food Safe Kitchen to presenters and/or renters as well as expansion of the Freezer Meals program.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/2/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$3,012.00
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	\$3,012.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,012.00	\$3,912.00	\$3,912.00

1. The project will provide:

Project: Kitchen Equipment

We need to update our equipment to not only further enhance our Facility rentals like the Food Hub but our in-house programs require a stand up freezer to preserve foods not only for the Family Freezer Meal programs but eh Freezer Meals on Wheels programs for our senior community. Additionally some equipment listed will continue to allow us to get a Food Safety Kitchen rating and thus provide safe space for preparing food for events as well as a rental for those producing food for the general public.

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

To continue to offer a first class community Food Safe Kitchen to presenters and/or renters as well as expansion of the Freezer Meals program.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues is the lack of some equipment as well as reduce the suspension of receiving the Food Safe Kitchen rating from Interior Health.

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

We at Lardeau Valley Community Club are in a unique position to provide this facility for not only our in-house programs but many members of our remote community have the availability of renting a Food Safe Community without the necessity of long distance travel.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Board of Directors over seen by Valerie Smith (Treasurer) and Amanda Cutting (President)

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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 **Crop for a Cure 2024**

Registration #

Box 7, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crop for a Cure 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D

Throughout the Kootenays from Lardeau Valley to Trail, BC

Importance to the community:

This Crop for a Cure foundation has been going on since 2002. We have raised anywhere between \$8600.- \$21,000.00 per year during our 2 day annual event normally held in April of every year. Unfortunately since 2021 we have been actively trying to re-start the Fundraiser but with little success. Since we no longer have access to the original event facility we continually are seeking a suitable event space that would be willing to donate their space. As such we have been applying for this grant to at least continue the great work of supporting the Cancer Warriors in this area. Each year our bank account is emptied helping out wherever we can. All the work is entirely volunteer and no expenses other than gas reimbursements, shipping charges on donations for silent auction and bookkeeping/year end charges are spent from the funds we raise.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				\$4,920.00
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	\$4,920.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,920.00	\$6,220.00	\$6,220.00

1. The project will provide:

The project is to provide financial support to Cancer Warriors who encounter expenses not covered under either the public or private medical plans. Some of the coverage could be travel to and from treatment centres, prosthetics, travel for family to care for or support the Cancer Warriors. Additionally the fund pays for specialized relief services provided by organizations and or individuals that specialize in alternative treatments for Cancer Warriors and as well supportive Hospice services such as as traveling masseuse. And minor administrations costs like twice a year bookkeeping services and year end compilation, fuel reimbursements, and shipping charges for donations for our silent auctions.

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide financial assistance to cancer warriors and their families in the areas where medical plans do not cover those expenses related to the disease. These areas to include travel expenses to treatment centres, prosthetics, alternative cancer treatment expenses, and travel expenses for family supporting the Cancer Warrior.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This Crop for a Cure foundation has been going on since 2002. We have raised anywhere's between \$8600.- \$21,000.00 per year during our 2 day annual event normally held in April of every year. Unfortunately since 2021 we have been actively trying to re-start the Fundraiser but with little success. Since we no longer have access to the original event facility we continually are seeking a suitable event space that would be willing to donate their space. As such we have been applying for this grant to at least continue the great work of supporting the Cancer Warriors in this area. Each year our bank account is emptied helping out where ever we can. All the work is entirely volunteer and no expenses other than gas reimbursements, shipping charges on donations for silent auction and bookkeeping/year end charges are spent from the funds we raise.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues will be addressed through the application of funds per the guidelines set out by the foundation. This is determined by phone calls followed by applications by individual Cancer warriors, and or friends or family of Cancer warriors.

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

We are best suited to delivering this project due to the fact that not only are we the original founders of this project, but we have built up a network of word to mouth of the Foundation's existence and availability of funds. And too the 60 plus volunteers are still devoted to making this fund available to all the Cancer Warriors within this region.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Valerie Smith and some of the volunteers for Crop for a Cure.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Valerie Smith along with over 30 volunteers will host a Silent auction to further enhance the funds for this project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**

Registration # S0058938

5811 Taghum Frontage Road, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6X9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crawford Bay Repeater: Replace a failed VHF Transmitter.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A

Coop Radio Transmitter site. This is a mountain top site (at 3500 feet in elevation) that hosts many radio repeaters, and is located approximately above the Crawford Bay Ferry terminal.

Importance to the community:

This will ensure that there is 100% radio coverage for Kootenay Lake area (including Kaslo), and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Crawford Bay repeater site.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$250.00				\$250.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$750.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00

Project: Crawford Bay Repeater: Replace a failed VHF Transmitter.

1. The project will provide:

The project is to replace a failed VHF Transmitter module located at the Crawford Bay repeater site (COOP Radio site).

2. Organization Mandate:

The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This will ensure that there is 100% radio coverage for Kootenay Lake area (including Kaslo), and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Crawford Bay repeater site.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Replace VHF radio repeater transmitter module with known good module.

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

WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the repeater site.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Technical support personnel from the WKARC society.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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

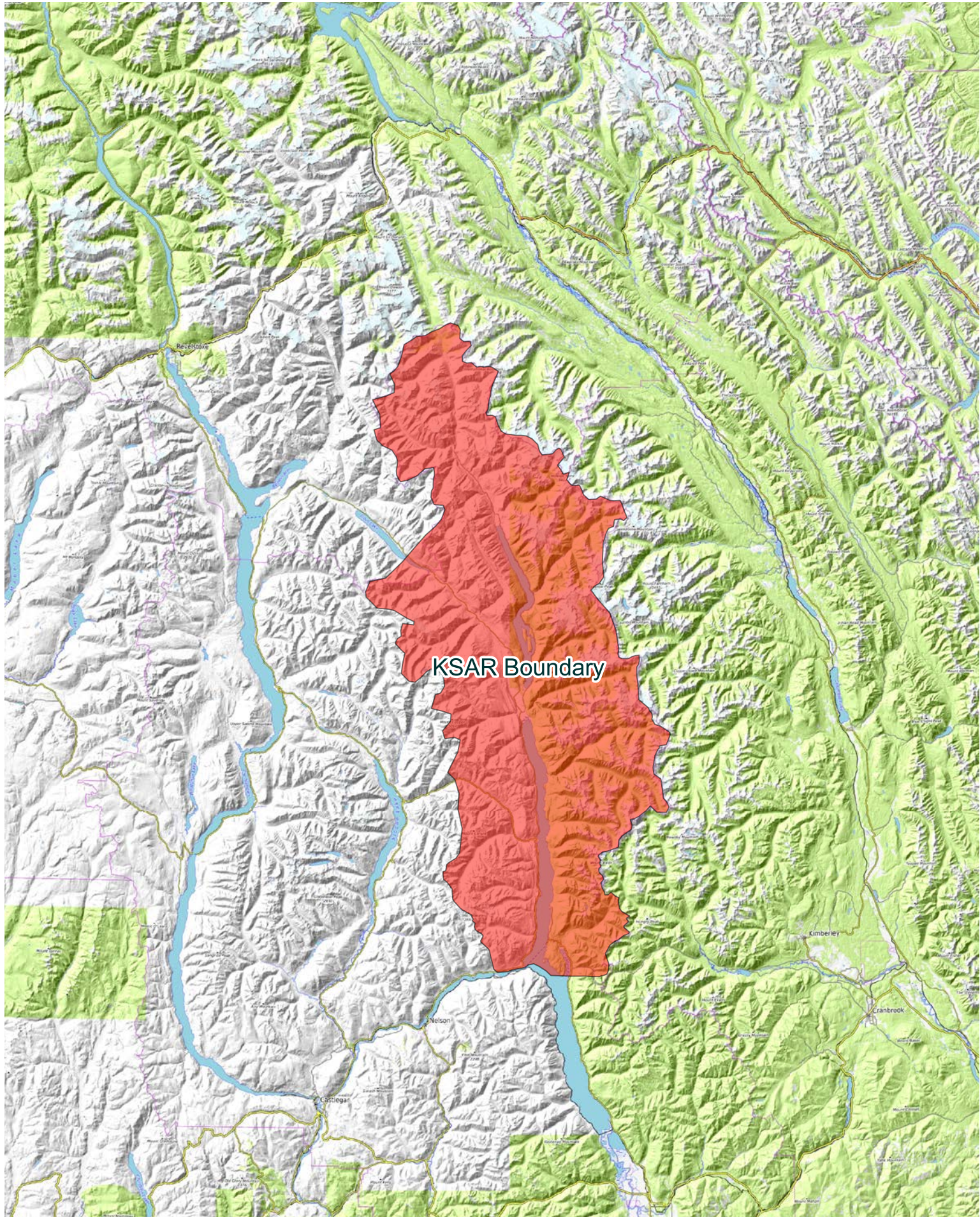
RONIN SAFETY & RESCUE INC.

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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 **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 **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

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

1. The project will provide:

Dads Matter. Connecting dads that have sons/ daughters with disabilities/ Diverse Abilities. Relieving the strain and pressures of not being alone. Connecting Dads. Supporting dads. Inspiring Dads. Connect to resources and subject matter experts (SME). Delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families on a Tuesday. Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities, Diverse Abilities. We will connect, support, Mentor, inspire , connect families/ to resources and to subject matter experts and other families with lived experience. delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families Housing that Fits- Inclusive, supportive, intentional housing conversations. Sharing and discussion on housing options that could be available in each region and the role that families can play in that. Delivered virtually and In person sessions. The project will cover all of the Kootenays , RDKB, RDCK and RDEK with funding requests being submitted to each.

2. Organization Mandate:

Diverse Family Roots Society is the only grassroots, parent/family-driven support network for families with children or family members with diverse abilities/disabilities that is based in the Kootenays. Create a world where everyone is connected to support, families, resources, and to the community in which they live. Providing information sharing, mentoring, opportunities for connection and sharing, promoting awareness and inclusion

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

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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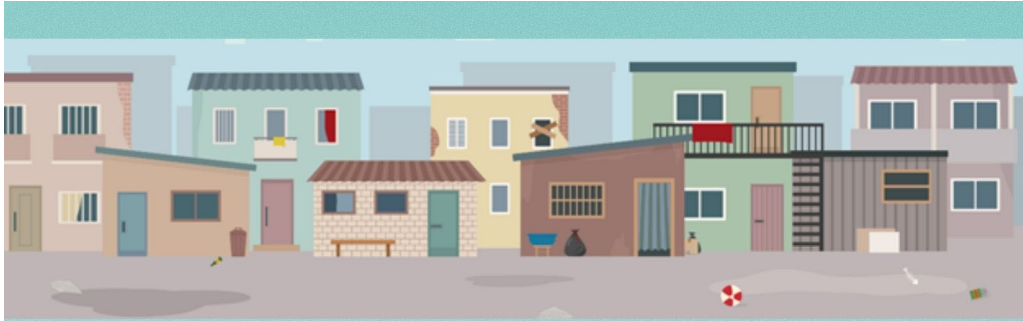
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Organization Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital & Health Foundation Society

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

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reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project addresses key healthcare challenges and opportunities. Recognizing the limited local access to some advanced orthopedic services and the pressing need to recruit and retain specialists, the Project supports the team of Orthopedic Surgeons at KBRH and upgrades surgical capabilities to offer a broader range of procedures. Advanced surgical care will be provided locally at KBRH, alleviating the financial and emotional burden on patients who currently travel for specialized orthopedic treatments. The Project also addresses the long wait times for orthopedic surgeries. Recruitment of 2 new orthopedic surgeons and acquisition of this equipment will increase capacity to provide more surgeries, add new surgical procedures, and decrease wait lists.

Interior Health's Senior Executive Team and KBRH's site leadership identified the need, supported specialist recruitment, and approved this new level of service for the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

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

KBRH is the regional hospital for the Kootenay Boundary and has a proven track record of delivering quality patient care. The Foundation's mandate is to purchase priority medical equipment to improve patient care. Funding shortfalls continue due to budget constraints and competing demands to fund priority equipment across all sites in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District and Interior Health.

Hospital Foundations play a critical role in supplementing equipment purchases so that our community members can receive the best healthcare possible. Donors have supported this Project with donations totaling \$430,000. We remain committed to raising the remaining \$320,000 to ensure all priority equipment is on site as soon as possible to support the orthopedic surgical team and their patients.

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

The Manager of Clinical Operations for the Operating Rooms will work with KBRH Health Foundation to purchase the equipment once funding is secured.

The Foundation team includes long term staff with over 25 years fundraising and other applicable experience, combined.

The KBRH staff working on this Project are all licenced and accredited by their respective governing agencies.

Interior Health's KBRH Administration and the KBRH Health Foundation's Board of Directors have approved this Project.

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

The KBRH Health Foundation will provide the in-kind contribution of staff time as follows:

File No. 73-2024

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

Presentations to municipalities (50 hours)= \$1,750.00

Time spent on grant application (10 hours)= \$500.00

Time spent with IH on administration and ordering process (15 hours)= \$525.00

Time spent completing final reporting for the grants, if successful (4 hours)= \$140.00

Total In-Kind = \$2,915.00 depending on presentations.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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

April 3, 2023

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

Dear Lisa,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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

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

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

Prosperity & Resiliency:

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

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

Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Local Economy:

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

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

Sincerely,



Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation

Organization **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.
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- 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,

The Recreation Team
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www.parkplaceseniorsliving.com



February 5, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

Sandra Grochowich
Life Enrichment Coordinator
Mountain Lake Seniors Community
(250)352-2600 ext.23

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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

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