

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

Registration # S-0059479

Box 151, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

Project: New Denver and Area Youth Network-Administrative Coordination

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

New Denver and Area Youth Network

Youth Survey

Name (optional) _____

Age_____ Grade_____

1. What activities would you be interested in participating in? (check all that apply)

- Skating
- Bowling
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Hot springs
- Camping
- Hiking
- Golf
- Cooking classes
- Art workshops
- Media club
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Board games
- Movie and dinner nights
- Archery
- Music program/lessons
- Teen dance
- Other _____

2. Would you be interested in any of the following courses? (Check all that apply)

- First aid
- Driving Course/lessons
- Food Safe certification

3. What are your interests? (check all that apply)

- Recreation/sports_____

- Arts (pottery, jewelry making, beading, painting etc.)_____
- Music (playing, recording, singing)_____
- Technology
- Photography/film making
- Creative writing
- Current events
- Outdoors
- Hiking
- Other _____

4. Did you know that the Youth Network (Youth Centre) has funds to help support you in pursuing your interests? Yes_____ No_____

5. Do you see yourself accessing these resources (Empowerment Tools For Teens)? Yes_____ No_____

6. Do you go to the Outlet? Yes_____ No_____

7. If Yes, do you come out once a week?_____ More than once a week?

8. Do you feel that the Outlet is a safe and comfortable place?
Yes___No___

If not, can you tell us about a time when you didn't feel safe?

Do you have any suggestions for how it can improve?

9. What hours/days would you like to see the Outlet be open?

10. Would you like to see special times for different age groups at the Outlet during drop-in hours? Yes_____ No_____

Thanks for taking the time to let us know about your interests and ideas!

Organization **Silverton Community Club**

Registration #

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$3,500.00	
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,000.00

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Silverton Community Club members and many volunteers.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Girl in the Wild Adventure Association**

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Camp 1**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Basecamp/Frontcountry:

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: 2024 Camp 1

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

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues addressed:

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

How are they addressed:

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

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

Project: 2024 Camp 1

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Camper Quotes

Artemis "It's so rare for me to feel at home with such strangers but Girl In The Wild is a peek into pure unconditional communal compassion"

Zella "I learned to value myself. That was big."

Elaina "I feel i have so many methods to cope with my anxiety now"

Maika "What you are doing and what you did for me are amazing! I am so grateful and lucky for this experience."

Aisha "I just really learned a lot about myself. And she's kind of great."

Isabelle "I learned so much, met the most amazing people, and started learning how to heal,"

Dailynn "I learned that I am allowed to express my needs. I have a voice."

Luthien "Saying negative things to myself is hurtful and I know now that I deserve to be treated better by myself."

Gia "It was everything I hoped for and more. The leaders made it so fun and comfortable. My new friends made it magic."

Raine "Everyone is different and that's a good thing. It was so nice to see what interested other people and to really learn about them."

Hana "I learned to be proud of myself even for the smallest accomplishments,"

Mattéa "I learned to listen more actively and to support my sisters better,"

Ruby "I realize I can change my thought patterns to appreciate rather than hate myself,"

Jenna

- "I learned that doing what you're good at is lifting and that helping other people feels good."
- "I just wanted to say thank you for everything. This camp was absolutely amazing and life-changing."
- "I was free of all the mental health eating me up inside."
- "I unlocked a feeling of happiness, joy, and worth."
- "The greatest memory of my life is my time at Girl In The Wild."

Sky

- "The self reflection discussions gave me the opportunity to develop stronger relationships with the girls."
- "Camp reminded me of the beauty in my smile—and in the other girls' smiles, too."
- "I was reminded that the hardship that brought tears to my eyes wasn't what defined me."
- "It was an environment that allowed me to express myself and just be with the hardship I face."

Ruby

- "I loved the talks and discussions and bonding and late night chats under the stars."
- - "The whole camp was an activity- we were always active, and even when we rested it was special and ritualistic, and it was all wonderful."
- "We shared some deep stuff with one another, and listened in deep respect as in turn we all shared our burdens."
- "In some ways we became a single unit, a single being, despite all possessing unique and individual souls."
- "Sign. Up. This camp will change your life. It changed mine."
- "The women who run the camp are so full of love and respect and excitement."

Charlene

- "Our talks at night made me feel super empowered."
- "GITW opened up my eyes to see the beauty in myself and the world around me."

Luis

- "The best parts were all the deep talks and swimming in an alpine lake,"
- "It was self-discovery in the mountains."
- "I left feeling refreshed and new."
- "I opened my heart up and was vulnerable for the first time in years"
- "I saw my scars and I saw that I was human."

Jade

- "The discussions were hard to hear and hard to say but I needed them."
- "I have learnt that there is nothing more beautiful than someone different."
- "Someone else's victory is not my loss. That was a big lesson."
- "I learned that I am capable of making long-lasting connections"

Danae

- "I learned that not the only one struggling with life. Lots of people are. It's okay to not be okay"
- "It's not just teens who struggle with depression. It's all people. I liked knowing that."
- "I felt so accepted at camp; like I could talk about anything."
- "I accept that I am special and good in my own way, even when I don't think so."

Angelina

- "Pretty much everything about camp was the best."
- "I learned that I am important and I am loved."
- "I learned how to neutralize bad thoughts."
- "The biggest takeaway was that I am strong and I can do whatever I set my mind to."

Jane

- "It was nice to hear others open up and know that I'm not alone."
- "The whole experience was wonderful"

Taylor

- "Camp was so freeing and supportive
- "I learned so much about my self worth and coping skills"
- "My biggest takeaway from camp is that I am more capable than I know."
- "I loved getting to share, grow, and learn."
- "Camp honestly changed my mindset about myself and others. We are all so strong on our own, and even stronger together."

Lucy

- "The evening activities helped so much with personal growth."
- "Just because someone else is good at something does not mean you are not. It says nothing negative about me when others succeed."
- "I learned that people find value in me as a person because of my great qualities not because of my physical appearance."
- "Camp is a week in the mountains with like-minded girls learning to be yourself and build confidence."
- "I learned that there are so many cool things about my personality and I don't have to change my physical appearance."

Dejah

- "It's okay to not be okay. And I'm not alone."
- "I learned that it's okay and normal to be vulnerable."
- "I needed to talk about that shit and let it go."
- "I think every girl should come to camp. It was so amazing and changed my life."

Alex

- "I learned that food is more than something that changes my body; it gives me energy and makes me happier overall."
- "Life isn't all sadness. I didn't know that until I made friends in a beautiful place."
- "It was hard to share and it helped me mentally."
- "I came out of camp with some amazing new friends."
- "I realized that there are supportive people out there."
- "Sharing your feelings is so worth it; it connects you and others."

Organization **Slocan Community Library**

Registration # S-0061537

PO Box 135, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

All library members and volunteers will benefit.

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

The library needs to replace the old and damage furniture.

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

All library members and volunteers will benefit.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Better work area and books presentation.

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The society directors

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Library volunteers and directors will handle all purchasing

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Valley Community Band**

Registration #

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	\$800.00	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			
	\$3,500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,300.00

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

Project: Slocan Valley Community Band Development Project

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation**

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

Project: Infant Radiant Warmer for the Maternity Ward

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Not applicable

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**

Registration # S0077960

POBOX 434, Slokan bc v0g 2c0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

Project: HARMONY Community Festival on the Beach

1. The project will provide:

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Fuel for generator, posters, sand, raffle prizes.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

HARMONY JULY 15TH, 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Expenses</u>	Total
Stipends Lisa Parente Volunteer	\$500.00
TRES admin fee	\$709.09
Live Harmonics, sound equipment and techs	\$1,300.00
HG Event Insurance	\$960.00
Bouncy castle, Leo Carpio	\$200.00
Stage materials, Silverton Building Supply	\$164.58
Generator rental, Trowalex Rentals and Sales	\$99.68
Decorator, Laura Flair	\$80.00
Wies Photography	\$145.00
Videography, Happi	\$100.00
Stage Hand Mike S.avage	\$80.00
Gian, set up	\$20.00
Stage hand, Treevor	\$80.00
Stage hand, (Copper) Chris Butcher	\$80.00
Sand Sculpture Workshop, Alex Avelino	\$250.00
Performer fees	\$3,430.00
Kiara Astara	\$400.00
Soniko	\$100.00
Autonomous Sinixt	\$100.00
Barnharmonics, Jessica Dormer	\$100.00
Mac Topher, Christopher Stadnyk	\$-
Mr. Mojo, Morien Jones	\$350.00
The Honey Folk, Scout Wulu	\$300.00
Melissa Wanamaker, Melvyn	\$200.00
Avery Florence	\$400.00

Jake (Dub) Langmuir	\$200.00	
Month of Sundays Troupe, Gemma Luna	\$50.00	
Spark, Daryl MAcAskil	\$130.00	
Beaten Brass, Saija Nu	\$100.00	
Okay Vancouver Okay, Laura House	\$400.00	
The Grateful Life, Blair C/O TreeVor	\$600.00	
Promotion and Materials		\$449.97
Chris Butcher, poster graphics	\$125.00	
Scotch tape for posters	\$4.47	
Fuel Slocan to Castlegar, promotion	\$20.00	
Fuel Slocan to Nelson, promotion	\$20.00	
Printing fees Nelson Library	\$26.50	
Printing fees WEGCSS	\$5.10	
Poster board and paint	\$40.32	
Valley Voice Advertisement	\$118.12	
Printing fees WEGCSS	\$4.80	
Posters, Hall Printing	\$51.52	
Cholorplast signs, SV Home Hardware	\$34.14	
Giving back to the community Donations		\$800.00
Radio Free Winlove	\$300.00	
Valhalla Wilderness Society	\$100.00	
Last Stand West Kootenays	\$100.00	
Slocan Lake Stewardship Society	\$100.00	
WEG Community Service Society	\$100.00	
Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society	\$100.00	
Winter Carnival 2024 Carry Forward		\$500.00
HARMONY 2024 Carry Forward		\$500.00

Total Expenses	\$10,448.32
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Revenue

Arrow Slocan Tourism Association \$2,000.00

Columbia Basin Trust \$500.00

CK Community Futures, Make Music Here \$400.00

Slocan Village Market \$350.00

Nelson & District Credit Union \$250.00

Raffle prize sales \$358.00

Individual donations \$5,581.82

Patron donations at the gate \$4,680.15

Slocan Village Market @ till \$124.30

Winlaw Parent Advisory Council \$25.00

Wayne Savinkoff \$100.00

Arrowlake Painting \$50.00

Redbeard Contracting \$75.00

Karibu Park \$125.00

John Wittmayer \$50.00

Marilyne Taylor Guinette \$50.00

Hazel Bernhart \$50.00

Jenna Furtado \$25.00

Malin Christensson \$80.00

Leila Scannell Jul 15 \$25.00

Kyle Mclichty \$25.00

Silvio Albert Plonka \$30.00

Go Fund Me Campaign \$67.37

Vendor fees \$1,008.50

cash	\$120.00	
Ryan Moore	\$250.00	
Cole Brittner	\$186.00	
Clancy Moonbeam	\$30.00	
Sarah Floyd (Sarita)	\$60.00	
Sweet and Stoked	\$32.50	
Jihanne Boutros	\$295.00	
Kara Spring	\$35.00	
Total Revenue		\$10,448.32

Net \$-

Equipment Purchases Grant	
KSCU Community Foundation	\$2,000.00
3x event tent	\$1,268.48
3x table, 2x extension cord, 3x lights	\$270.00
Fuel to purchase equipment- Spokane to Slocan	\$200.00
Total equipment expenses	\$1,738.48
Balance	\$261.52

Non-monetary donations	Value
Trowlex Rentals and Sales, portable toilet	\$1,000.00
Sand, Daryl Popoff	\$325.00
Hall Printing, poster paper	\$52.50
Arrow Lake Motel, raffle prize	\$300.00
Arrowlake Painting, raffle prize	\$320.00

Slocan Village Market, tournament prizes	\$150.00
Slocan Village Market, refreshments	\$150.00
Raffle prizes	\$2,000.00
Fuel for generator	\$500.00

Organization **Slocan Park Community Hall Society**

Registration # S0013916

PO Box 5, Slocan Park BC V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Building Upgrades (Replace/Paint Railings and Back Stairs, Metal Roof Screws, Backsplash)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Slocan Park Community Hall. Railings, stairs and roof are exterior upgrades and the backsplash is an interior kitchen upgrade.

Importance to the community:

The Slocan Park Hall and grounds form an integral part of our community. This is our central meeting place where families, children and seniors from the Slocan Valley and beyond come to attend cultural, educational, social and sporting opportunities. Activities taking place at the Hall this year included weekly Seniors Gatherings as well as a Seniors Xmas Tea, Xmas Craft Fair and Information Day, multiple organizational meetings and AGM's, Kid's Summer Camps and Dog Scent competition to name a few. Many children participate in the baseball program on our baseball field, use the ice rink, and enjoy the playground - they are running around all over the veranda, stairs, ramp, etc.

Keeping the Hall structure "safe" for public use is paramount and the projects identified have been selected for this reason.

Families and children, seniors from Slocan Park and surrounding areas will benefit, as will the general public.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$5,979.00	
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	\$5,979.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,979.00	\$6,859.00	\$6,859.00

1. The project will provide:

Building upgrades for any structure are required periodically. This project will:

- 1) Have a contractor climb onto the flat section of the older, flat section of aluminum roofing and tighten any loose metal screws. We have leaks on the veranda and know these are coming from holes left from loosened screws. Need to check all the screws on this section of roof.
- 2) Re-attach loose backsplash behind kitchen sink. Molding from window will be removed, glue applied, backsplash re-attached and molding put in place. A section is loose, and we don't want moisture getting in between the backsplash and the wall.
- 3) Replace wood stairs and stringers at North entrance. The wood is rotting on these stairs after 30 years. They were already re-puttied and re-painted 5 years ago.
- 4) Removal and disposal of wood railing on veranda. The wood is rotting and splintering on the railings after 30 years. These were also re-puttied and re-painted just 5 years ago.
- 5) Construction of 16 wood railings and 112 balusters similar in design to existing railings and balusters.
- 6) Prime and paint new wood railings, balusters, and new stairs. This will protect them from weather and provide some longevity.
- 7) Small section of metal railing (30 yrs old) is rusting and chipping. Scrape and sand to remove rust and re-paint.

2. Organization Mandate:

- A. To engage in charitable activities for the purpose of promoting the social, cultural and recreational interest of the residents of the Slocan Park District.
- B. To own, lease and operate facilities necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives aforementioned.
- C. Such facilities shall be made available to individuals and organizations regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, political persuasion, nation of origin, as required by the Human Rights Act.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Slocan Park Hall and grounds form an integral part of our community. This is our central meeting place where families, children and seniors from the Slocan Valley and beyond come to attend cultural, educational, social and sporting opportunities. Activities taking place at the Hall this year included weekly Seniors Gatherings as well as a Seniors Xmas Tea, Xmas Craft Fair and Information Day, multiple organizational meetings and AGM's, Kid's Summer Camps and Dog Scent competition to name a few. Many children participate in the baseball program on our baseball field, use the ice rink, and enjoy the playground - they are running around all over the veranda, stairs, ramp, etc.

Keeping the Hall structure "safe" for public use is paramount and the projects identified have been selected for this reason.

Families and children, seniors from Slocan Park and surrounding areas will benefit, as will the general public.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In relation to above:

- 1) This will prevent damage to the roof. Water can back up under the metal roofing and rot out the plywood underneath.
- 2) We don't want mold building between the backsplash and wall.

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- 3) The stairs are a safety concern and someone could fall through them if the wood is punky.
- 4 & 5) Wood railings/balusters are a safety concern - someone could lean up against the railing, push it over and fall. Also, lots of splinters on the railing.
- 6) Paint will keep the surfaces smooth and will protect wood railings and stairs from becoming weathered.
- 7) Metal railing is also used by folks who have mobility problems and they can cut their hands on chipped metal pieces when they hold railing for support.

All these issues were identified by our maintenance person, by members of the general public and confirmed by a contractor.

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

This organization is responsible for all aspects of the Slocan Park Community Hall. This Society's work includes preserving this facility for generations to come. We have a dedicated Board of Directors and passionate volunteers who care about the Hall and continue to contribute their time and energy.

This Society has always completed work from previous grants within identified timelines and budgets.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Bob Podovelnikoff - Bob is our "go to" maintenance person at the Hall and has practical knowledge of duties related to this project. He will liaise with the contractor and the Board.
Peter Cotter - Chair of the Slocan Park Community Hall Society Board. Peter is a retired millwright and oversaw large work projects in his worklife.
Lorraine Podovelnikoff - Secretary of the Slocan Park Community Hall Society Board. Lorraine will offer administrative services to this project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer to scrape, sand and paint metal railing. 1 volunteer at \$30 per hr. X 10 hrs. = \$300
Volunteer to write grant, make RDCK inquiries, compile receipts and write/file final report: = 8 hrs. X \$30 per hr. = \$240
2 Volunteer/s to assist in taking balusters and railings to refuse site: 4hrs @ \$30 per X 2 volunteers = \$240

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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KSR Construction
 Jon Wollenberg
 6810 Brooks Road
 Winlaw B.C.
 250-226-7130
 jonwollenberg@hotmail.c
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ESTIMATE

February 4, 2024

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BILL TO

Slocan Park Community Hall
 c/o Lorraine Potavalnikoff
 lorraine@columbiawireless.ca
 250-359-7301

SHIP TO

DESCRIPTION	LABOR	MATERIAL	TOTAL
Inspect roof condition and tighten loose screws	480		
Reattach loose backsplash behind kitchen sink	150	35	
Replace wood stairs at North entrance	480	387	
Removal and disposal of wood railing on building	480		
Construct of wood railings similar in design to existing railings	960	1126	
Paint new wood railings	960	770	

SUBTOTAL 5828.00

GST 5%

TOTAL TAX 291.40

6,119.40

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

Registration # 118819036RR001

520 C Falls Street, Nelson BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$600.00			\$330.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$300.00	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$800.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$2,400.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,980.00

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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

Project: Kootenay Yoga Festival

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

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

Autonomous Sinixt

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

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

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

Warm Regards,
Marilyn James
Autonomous Sinixt Matriarch



Schedule



SPACES

SPECTRUM FIRE EARTH AIR WATER ETHER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

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

Organization **Slocan Solutions**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share**

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

This project intends to provide funds in RDCK Area H and Area K, and in the municipalities of New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and Slocan, pending successful fund acquisition from each region.

Importance to the community:

Everyone in the area will benefit from this project because with fewer bears accessing fruit trees, there are fewer food conditioned and habituated bears locally. This will help protect children, elderly, vulnerable adults and all adults within communities or within Area H. For example, the more individuals with properly installed electric fences around fruit trees, the less food there is and less reason for a bear to visit a household or their neighbours. Both 2016 and 2022 were years with more than double the average for reports of bear activity within municipalities, mostly accessing fruit trees (although also accessing garbage, bird feeders, etc), in part due to large natural crop failures of huckleberries. Preventing access to attractants within communities helps encourage bears to return back to their natural forest habitat to seek natural food rewards, reducing risk to humans and pets.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$1,500.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	\$500.00	\$2,400.00	\$500.00	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$1,500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$8,400.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share

\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
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1. The project will provide:

This project will hire a local coordinator to manage and provide funds for cost-shares on electric fencing or fruit tree replacement, depending on the needs of the client. The VWS offers cost-share on 50% of the energizer for electric fencing, and this fund will provide an additional \$100 towards additional electric fencing materials. Fruit trees are the most reported attractant locally bringing bears into our communities and acreages (see WildSafeBC 2022 and 2023 annual reports), and a properly installed and maintained electric fence is shown to be the most effective way to protect this investment. However, not all home-owners reside locally year-round, or have a fruit/nut tree that bears edible fruit, and may benefit more from removing their fruit or nut tree and replacing it with a non-fruit/nut bearing alternative. This program provides cost-shares to help meet the needs of each client, with agreed upon funds provided upon receipts for items or services.

2. Organization Mandate:

To promote a shared vision that enhances the cultural, social, economic and environmental development of Slocan communities:

- by organizing and bringing together stakeholder groups for collaboration, coordination and cooperating on goals;
- by finding and organizing resources for groups including services, funding, personnel;
- by supporting groups by organizing workshops, seminars, and training programs.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Everyone in the area will benefit from this project because with fewer bears accessing fruit trees, there are fewer food conditioned and habituated bears locally. This will help protect children, elderly, vulnerable adults and all adults within communities or within Area H. For example, the more individuals with properly installed electric fences around fruit trees, the less food there is and less reason for a bear to visit a household or their neighbours. Both 2016 and 2022 were years with more than double the average for reports of bear activity within municipalities, mostly accessing fruit trees (although also accessing garbage, bird feeders, etc), in part due to large natural crop failures of huckleberries. Preventing access to attractants within communities helps encourage bears to return back to their natural forest habitat to seek natural food rewards, reducing risk to humans and pets.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issue addressed: the high rate of visitation by bears within our communities, which often become food conditioned (i.e., learn to associate humans and their infrastructure with food rewards) when they access fruit and nut trees, and habituated (i.e., are no longer afraid of people) when they are in close proximity to humans with no negative consequences. The trend over the past 6 years is for increasing visitation and conflict with bears, with most residents reporting seeing bears accessing fruit and nut trees, as shown in the WildSafeBC 2022 Annual report. Preventing access to fruit and nut trees has been identified as the top priority to reduce bear issues locally (WildSafeBC; Human-Bear Management Plan 2012). Additionally, many individuals have expressed that they do not have the funds to purchase electric fencing materials, or remove a fruit tree, on their own.

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

Slocan Solutions supports numerous initiatives throughout the Slocan Valley to benefit people and the environment. Other individuals involved: those working for WildSafeBC (the top leader in reducing human-wildlife conflict), Harvest Share (mission is to assist in protecting fruit trees and harvesting fruit for use locally), and Valhalla Wilderness Society (mission is to champion of conservation since 1975. A BC-Based wilderness conservation organization, specializing in the creation of parks and protected areas for wildlife and ecosystems). All individuals are active members of the New Denver Bear Smart Working Group, which strives to reduce human-wildlife conflict

Project: Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share

within BC. WildSafeBC itself is the provincial leader in helping to reduce human-wildlife conflict. Harvest Share has all of its 5 loaner fences rented out for much of the summer/early fall. Valhalla Wilderness Society provides cost shares on energizers for electric fencing to four households in 2022, so is already familiar with the process.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Cora Skaien, WildSafeBC Community Coordinator 2020-2023, will manage the funds with assistance from Slocan Solutions. This project comes with support from the New Denver Bear Smart Working Group, WildSafeBC, Harvest Share (the local fruit gleaning organization), Valhalla Wilderness Society Area H Bear Smart Program, the Village of New Denver, and The Healthy Community Society.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Guidance and assistance provided by the Bear Smart Working Group and Slocan Solutions.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Re: "Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share"

Dear selection committee,

I am writing in support of Slocan Solution's application for the program titled "Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share". WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in helping to reduce human-wildlife conflict through education, with program delivery conducted through public workshops (e.g., electric fencing, bear spray, wilderness safety and awareness), school presentations, booths at community events, door-to-door canvassing and more. I have been the local WildSafeBC Community Coordinator since 2020 and throughout this time, one of the biggest obstacles to securing local fruit trees on private property has been the issue of cost for electric fencing. WildSafeBC (as well as the Valhalla Wilderness Society Area H Bear Smart Program (VWS)) provides the education needed to construct and maintain a properly installed electric fence, but many individuals express cost as a barrier. This proposed project helps close that gap by providing funds to either install an electric fence, or remove a fruit tree that is not being utilized and maintained. VWS has a partial cost-share program currently, but this program only funds the energizer and many residents have expressed needing additional financial assistance for the remaining materials.

In 2022, WildSafeBC conducted social science surveys in local communities and the results overwhelmingly indicated that fruit trees were the most common attractant for which bears were seen accessing (see 2022 WildSafeBC Annual Report Slocan-Arrow Lakes). This proposed pilot project has the potential to help reduce human-wildlife conflict in local communities, with hopeful expansion of the program in subsequent years to provide funds to additional clients, as well as consider stocking bear-resistant garbage receptacles and seeking a professional trained and available to install electric fences for local residents.

WildSafeBC, Harvest Share and the Valhalla Wilderness Society are all active members of the recently formed New Denver Bear Smart Working Group. This proposed project is one outcome from this group to help further reduce human-wildlife conflict within our communities and regional district. Each of these three groups have extensive experience with either education to help reduce human-wildlife conflict, cost share programs, and loaning electric fences, with assistance setting up the temporary electric fences. These three programs will assist in the formation and delivery of this new program, and select a coordinator to manage the program if funding is granted. Assistance from WildSafeBC will be funded through the WildSafeBC program.

Thank you very much for your time, and good luck with your selection process!

Sincerely,

Cora Skaien

WildSafeBC Community Coordinator, Arrow-Slocan Lakes 2020-present

Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share Summary 2023

Background

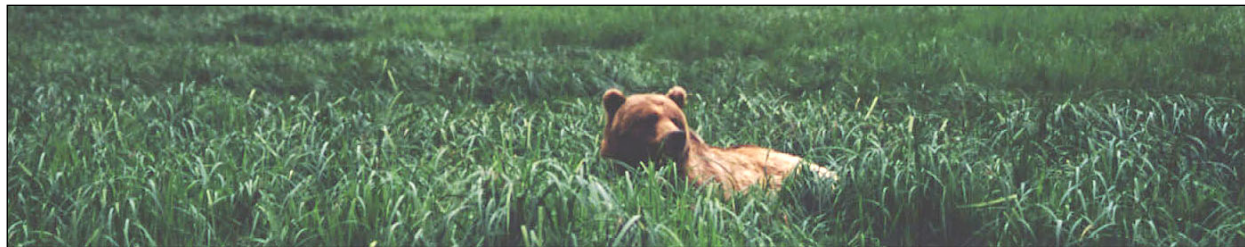
The Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share program for 2023 was a pilot year that included only the Villages of New Denver and Silverton, and RDCK Area H, for funding. There was substantial interest from Slokan and Nakusp.

Summary

In 2023, 13 people have already participated in the cost share program, with 3 additional people promised funds for spring 2024 prior to the funding cycle end date. Of these 13 people, 12 chose the electric fencing option and 1 selected fruit-tree replacement; of the 3 pending individuals, 2 are opting for electric fencing and 1 for fruit-tree replacement.

The funds were distributed amongst the communities as follows, including all 16 applicants:

Area	Number of Applicants Received Funding
Village of New Denver	5
Village of Silverton	2
Village of Slokan (funds from Area H)	2
RDCK Area H	7



Valhalla Wilderness Society

Box 329, New Denver, B.C.

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February 15, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

The Valhalla Wilderness Society fully supports the Redi-Grant funding application to assist with costs for the Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share Project submitted by Cora Skaien on behalf of the Bear Smart Working Group to help reduce bear-people conflicts and bear mortalities in the villages and Rural Area H. We are part of the group.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne P. McCrory". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Wayne P. McCrory, RPbio. Bear biologist
Director.

Human-Bear Conflict Survey Results - 2022

Survey Background

The Community Human-Bear Interaction Survey was developed by WildSafeBC in 2020 with consultation from social scientist Dr. Beatrice Frank. The survey is designed to systematically collect information about peoples' perceptions of bears, the number of bears in the community, the types of human-bear conflict that occur in the community and on the respondents' property, and barriers and solutions for reducing bear attractants.

The survey was administered to Silverton community members via SurveyMonkey from July 25th to September 23rd, 2022. A total of 30 people participated in the survey. The survey consisted of 44 questions, with questions 33 to 44 being personal information questions that were not included in this analysis. The survey allowed us to measure and better understand the community's concerns about safety, other risks associated with bears, and barriers for managing wildlife attractants.

New Denver Executive Summary

Within New Denver, 21.8% of the population (106 respondents) participated in this voluntary Community Bear Interaction Survey. The survey was administered in 2022, a year which had above average reports for sightings and conflict with wildlife, particularly with black bears. The majority of respondents (73.6%) liked having bears in the area, but 2/3rd of these individuals expressed safety concerns (especially for elderly and vulnerable people) and/or concerns for general conflict. Respondents felt strongly that bears were important for keeping the natural ecosystem in balance (86.8%), for future generations to enjoy (79.2%), and for their cultural value (65.1%). Nearly every respondent has seen a bear on their property at least once over the last three years, with most indicating they have seen bears on their property or street 10 or more times in the last three years (63.3%). Most respondents felt that both bear sightings and conflict had increased in the last three years, but others felt that both these categories fluctuated over time.

Bears were most often sighted from August to October when fruit is most abundant, and respondents indicated that bears were most often seen in fruit, nut or ornamental trees when accessing an attractant locally. As such, fruit trees remain the greatest source of human-wildlife conflict in New Denver, and most residents expressed an interest in managing these attractants proactively. The use of electric fencing for fruit tree management could be further enhanced in New Denver, and the availability of supplies at the local hardware store in nearby Silverton will hopefully help in these endeavors, as will access to the loaner electric fence program in the local fruit gleaning organization, Harvest Share. Respondents are already taking much initiative to manage their attractants, and most felt they were adequately managing their garbage, compost and other attractants. However, while most residents feel they do a good job of keeping their garbage secured, 22.5% of respondents did observe bears accessing garbage.

The majority of respondents felt strongly about New Denver maintaining Bear Smart status (70.4% felt that it was "important" or "very important"). WildSafeBC continues to have a strong presence within the community, being one of the top resources for respondents for acquiring information about wildlife and attractant management (69.6%). Most residents are not reporting sightings or conflict to the COS (81.6%); many residents felt that the nature of their sighting or observation did not warrant reporting to the COS (40.2%), whereas others feared that the bear would be killed if they called (28.1%). Campaigns to increase

awareness of the value of reporting to the COS may be considered, emphasizing that the COS only considers destroying a bear when it has become a definitive threat to public safety.

Silverton Executive Summary

Within Silverton, 20% of the population (30 respondents) participated in this voluntary Community Bear Interaction Survey. The survey was administered in 2022, a year which had above average reports for sightings and conflict with wildlife, particularly with black bears. The majority of respondents (86.7%) liked having bears in the area, but 2/3rd of these individuals expressed safety concerns (especially for elderly and vulnerable people) and/or concerns for general conflict. Respondents felt strongly that bears were important for keeping the natural ecosystem in balance (83.3%), for their cultural value (73.3%) and for future generations to enjoy (80%). Every respondent has seen a bear on their property at least once over the last three years, with approximately equal proportions of respondents observing bears on their property or street 1-3 times, 4-6 times, 7-10 times or 10 or more times in the last three years. There was no consistency in responses for whether sightings and conflict has increased, stayed the same or fluctuated over the last three years, suggesting that individuals may have different experiences or memories of conflict over time.

Bears were most often sighted from August to October when fruit is most abundant, and respondents indicated that bears were most often seen in fruit, nut or ornamental trees when accessing an attractant locally. As such, fruit trees remain the greatest source of human-wildlife conflict in Silverton, and most residents expressed an interest in managing these attractants proactively. The use of electric fencing for fruit tree management could be further enhanced in Silverton, and the availability of supplies at the local hardware store will hopefully help in these endeavors, as will access to the loaner electric fence program in the local fruit gleaning organization, Harvest Share. Respondents are already taking much initiative to manage their attractants, and most felt they were adequately managing their garbage, compost and other attractants. However, while most residents feel they do a good job of keeping their garbage secured, 10% of respondents did observe bears accessing garbage.

The majority of respondents felt strongly about Silverton acquiring Bear Smart status (82.1%), or following Bear Smart principals. WildSafeBC continues to have a strong presence within the community, being one of the top resources for respondents for acquiring information about wildlife and attractant management (64%). Most residents are not reporting sightings or conflict to the COS (85.7%); many residents felt that the nature of their sighting or observation did not warrant reporting to the COS (62.5%), whereas others feared that the bear would be killed if they called (29.2%). Campaigns to increase awareness of the value of reporting to the COS may be considered, emphasizing that the COS only considers destroying a bear when it has become a definitive threat to public safety.

Nakusp Executive Summary

Within Nakusp, 2.7% of the population (41 respondents) participated in this voluntary Community Bear Interaction Survey. The survey was administered in 2022, a year which had below average reports of conflict with wildlife locally in Nakusp, but in a region that otherwise had above average conflict reported. The majority of respondents (82.9%) liked having bears in the area, but just over half of these individuals expressed safety concerns and/or concerns for general conflict. Respondents felt strongly that bears were important for keeping the natural ecosystem in balance (97.6%), for future generations to enjoy (82.9%), and for their cultural value (68.3%), and felt that bears deserve to exist in their own right, regardless of

their interactions with people (68.3%). Most respondents have only seen bears on their property or street 1-3 times in the last three years (43.6%), with 10.3% of respondents indicating they have not seen a bear on their property or street during this time. Most respondents felt that both bear sightings and conflict had remained the same over the last three years or fluctuated over time.

Bears were most often sighted in May when first emerging from their dens, and then again in August and September when fruit is most abundant. Respondents indicated that bears were most often seen in fruit, nut or ornamental trees when accessing an attractant locally. As such, fruit trees remain the greatest source of human-wildlife conflict in Nakusp, and most residents expressed an interest in managing these attractants proactively. The use of electric fencing for fruit tree management could be further enhanced and promoted in Nakusp, and working with local hardware stores to stock these supplies may help reduce the barriers felt by some. Respondents are already taking much initiative to manage their attractants, and most felt they were adequately managing their garbage, compost and other attractants. However, while most residents feel they do a good job of keeping their garbage secured, 20.5% of respondents did observe bears accessing garbage.

The majority of respondents felt strongly about Nakusp obtaining Bear Smart status (87.2% felt that it was “important” or “very important”). WildSafeBC continues to have a strong presence within the community, being one of the top resources for respondents for acquiring information about wildlife and attractant management (68.6%). Most residents are not reporting sightings or conflict to the COS (76.9%); many residents felt that the nature of their sighting or observation did not warrant reporting to the COS (58.1%), whereas others feared that the bear would be killed if they called the COS (19.4%). Campaigns to increase awareness of the value of reporting to the COS may be considered, emphasizing that the COS only considers destroying a bear when it has become a definitive threat to public safety.

Organization **Slocan Lake Golf Club**

Registration # 122053358RP0001

101 Golf Course Rd., New Denver BC V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Power Shed Creation**

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

This will take place on the golf course property next to the existing pump house.

Importance to the community:

This will modernize our pump set up. It will allowed continued operation and maintenance of our water pump.

Our golf course is an asset used by many people in our community and surrounding areas. It is a source of outdoor fitness for folks young and old.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$2,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$2,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,670.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,670.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,670.00	\$7,930.00	\$7,930.00

1. The project will provide:

Currently our pump house contains both the pump for the course as well as the electrical panels needed to run the pump. This does not meet current code requirements and is quite dangerous. Anytime there is a leak with the pump we have the potential for water and electricity to be mixing.

This project is to build a separate shed to house the electrical panels so that we can remove them from the pump house.

2. Organization Mandate:

To promote interest among its members in the game of golf and such other games as may from time to time be deemed by them to be desirable.

To provide, hold, maintain and operate for the members and their guests social and recreational facilities and such lands, buildings, golf links, equipment and anything else required to further the objects of the Society, however, the Society shall not operate as a Social Club.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This will modernize our pump set up. It will allowed continued operation and maintenance of our water pump.

Our golf course is an asset used by many people in our community and surrounding areas. It is a source of outdoor fitness for folks young and old.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This will allow us to separate our electrical equipment from our water pump.

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

We are the ones responsible for the continued maintenance and functioning of the golf course.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The golf course board and contractors.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The Slocan Lake Golf Club Board will be providing administration and oversight

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**

Registration # S0077960

PO Box 434, sloan bc V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Winter Carnival**

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

Importance to the community:

It brings people out during the cold and dark months and it brings people together to build on existing connections or to create new ones. With these connections, new opportunities can arise for collective abundance in the Slocan Valley. It also supports locals financially, whether they be performers or crew members, and local small businesses.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 2/1/2025 Project End: 2/1/2025

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,000.00	\$11,730.00	\$11,730.00

Project: Winter Carnival

1. The project will provide:

3rd annual event. Live music all day. Family Friendly and no alcohol served. By donation sliding scale \$0-\$50. No tickets or wristbands. Ice slide, Carnival games hosted by Slocan Valley Youth Network, Snow Sculpture workshop and other workshops, and activities for kids. Food and artisan vendors. Afterparty dance at the Legion (no alcohol served).

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

It brings people out during the cold and dark months and it brings people together to build on existing connections or to create new ones. With these connections, new opportunities can arise for collective abundance in the Slocan Valley. It also supports locals financially, whether they be performers or crew members, and local small businesses.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Attendance will be weather and seasonal illness dependent. We had an excellent turnout the first year. The 2nd year had rain and lots of folks were sick however we still had a good turnout and food vendors sold out.

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

This will be our 3rd annual event and we have lots of support from the community.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Firewood, propane, raffle prizes

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Nelson Reflektions Artistic Swimming**

Registration # S0052645

622 Front Street, Nelson BC V1L 4B7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting youth in sports**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The project will take place predominately in Nelson with out of town travel to competitions (Kamloops, Nanaimo, Richmond). Due to their being no other similar youth clubs in the area, travel is required to allow the young athletes to compete.

Importance to the community:

Youth sporting opportunities can be very limited in rural communities. It is critical to support youth sport organizations to ensure that the local youth stays active, engaged and positive. We strive to offer fun, affordable and disciplined sporting activity that engages youth in mental and physical well being whilst also teaching them to respect others and their community. We are the only Artistic Swim Club in our area of the interior the closest Club to us is Kelowna. It is valuable to keep this Club going to offer this sport to our community and surrounding areas.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00			\$2,500.00	\$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
			\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$9,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$9,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The project is offering training and improved opportunities for youth in our area. Our regular season runs from 1st September to 31st May and during this time we require a large amount of pool rental at the NDCC. Unfortunately lane rental at the NDCC is very expensive and has one of the highest rental rates in the province of BC. This causes significant difficulty for our club; without funding assistance we struggle to offer quality youth sport at an affordable price for local families. The club travels to out of town competitions as there are not similar youth organizations in our area (as far as Nanaimo and Kamloops). The project would offer pool, coaching and competition travel expenses. With funding for additional training and competition attendance, young athletes gain significant life skills such as teamwork, confidence and self esteem which they bring home for the betterment of our local community.

2. Organization Mandate:

To offer fun and affordable youth sporting activities open to all youth ages 4-18 within our region.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Youth sporting opportunities can be very limited in rural communities. It is critical to support youth sport organizations to ensure that the local youth stays active, engaged and positive. We strive to offer fun, affordable and disciplined sporting activity that engages youth in mental and physical well being whilst also teaching them to respect others and their community. We are the only Artistic Swim Club in our area of the interior the closest Club to us is Kelowna. It is valuable to keep this Club going to offer this sport to our community and surrounding areas.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The high pool rental cost at the NDCC in Nelson will be addressed, allowing us to offer training for young swimmers and represent Nelson at a provincial level. High pool rental costs can increase monthly fees making the sport unattainable. We lost our coach of 30 years at the end of last season and we need resources for recruiting and training existing and new coaches.

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

We are best suited and have the capacity to deliver the project through a strong Board of Directors and a dedicated coaching team. We work jointly to deliver a quality program in our community. We are looking to expand our coaching expertise and recruiting for new coaches as well as providing training for existing coaches to improve the quality of our programming.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Nelson Reflections board of directors (4 members), the Nelson Reflections coaches (4 coaches) and the Nelson Reflections swimmers (currently 11 swimmers). We hope to recruit more swimmers for next season as we hope to have more coaching resources.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Project: Supporting youth in sports

Approximately 2 days per week (80 days annually) unpaid voluntter time by the board of directors to run the club; 6 hours unpaid time for coaches for planning and administration; 10 days annually by athlete parents for fundraising; 8 hours annually by swimmers for fundraising.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society**

Registration # S035527
Box 22, Winlaw BC V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Rail Trail Signage Improvement Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan
The project will take place along the entire length of the 50 km long Slocan Valley Rail Trail.

Importance to the community:

With data showing our trail is getting over 100,000 annual users, new signage will compliment Trail safety in a comfortable manner. We want regular and new users to know how to best enjoy the Trail. We have many out-of-area users who may be unfamiliar with names of creeks, road crossings and rules of the Trail. When you add in our existing on-trail amenities direction signs, we will a better position to connect them to local restaurants, accommodation, market gardens, grocery stores, artisans and more.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/15/2024 Project End: 11/22/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$500.00		\$4,000.00	\$400.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$1,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,900.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00

Project: Slocan Valley Rail Trail Signage Improvement Project**1. The project will provide:**

The purpose of the project is to purchase new signage to upgrade and replace various existing Trail signage. The original Trail signage was based on highway standards of the day from 20 years ago, many of which have now be destroyed, damaged or removed. Our project will allow us to transition our signage to a smaller, more attractive size that better reflects the experience of being on our Trail. We will require over 75 new STOP and YIELD signs alone to meet all our crossings. As well, we will be upgrading (or adding) a multitude of other signs - including identifying road and creek crossings, directional signs, parking information, new information signs on our kiosks, speed limit signs (due to the increase presence of eBikes) and more. The signs will be aluminum with an anti-graffiti coating applied to them. Some vegetation work may need to be done for improved visibility. There are also associated installation costs, such as hardware, shipping etc. to consider. The signs will be installed by our volunteers. All of these are intended to help the user better enjoy our Trail and be able to navigate it safely.

2. Organization Mandate:

To manage and maintain the Slocan Valley Rail Trail in partnership with Rec' Sites and Trails BC. The Slocan Valley Rail Trail is a 50 km long recreational corridor located in the lower Slocan Valley

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

With data showing our trail is getting over 100,000 annual users, new signage will compliment Trail safety in a comfortable manner. We want regular and new users to know how to best enjoy the Trail. We have many out-of-area users who may be unfamiliar with names of creeks, road crossings and rules of the Trail. When you add in our existing on-trail amenities direction signs, we will a better position to connect them to local restaurants, accommodation, market gardens, grocery stores, artisans and more.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

When CBBC installed the Fibre Optic signs two years ago, most of our signage posts were moved to the opposite side of the Trail. The existing signage was removed to achieve this. The posts are mostly in place, and some new ones have been added, but have had limited signage re-installed. Our Trail counter data confirms that we are seeing over 100,000 annual users on Trail. We are replacing old faded and damaged signs with new, mainly aluminum signs which will make the Trail more inviting to the eye as well as safer and easier to navigate for all users.

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

The Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society has undertaken many Trail improvement projects over the past 20+ years. We are well known for being able to achieve our goals and are well connected in finding the resources needed to achieve them.

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

The Board of the Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society will be organizing the purchase of the needed signage. Once purchased, they will be installed by volunteers

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

We will be providing the anti-graffiti coating for the signs.

After purchase, volunteers will be installing the signs. it may take 100 to 200 hr hours to achieve this.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Appledale Daycare Society**

Registration # S-17843

6566 Berekoff road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **A 9-steps wood rolling ladder**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

At 6566 Berekoff road

Importance to the community:

The families attending will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$2,350.00	
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	\$2,350.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,350.00	\$2,617.99	\$2,617.99

1. The project will provide:

The ladder will maximize and facilitate access to my storage space, by creating vertical functional storage .

Project: A 9-steps wood rolling ladder

2. Organization Mandate:

Our mandate is to create an quality daycare setting that is know to foster the well-being and holistic development of young children.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The families attending will benefit.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Make vertical storage accessible safely, more quickly and easily

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

We have very high ceiling, and much materials for crafting and toys for the children learning.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The manager will hire a carpenter to install the ladder to the wall

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer will order the ladder kit, hire a carpenter and reorganize our storage area.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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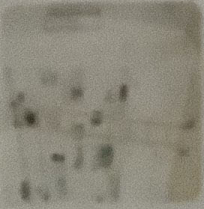
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Organization **Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley**

Registration # S-0050999

Box 152, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Food Program- Share, Teach, Grow**

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

The project will take place in and around the communities of New Denver, Silverton and Area H. Lucerne School, in New Denver, is our main partner and much of our program takes place there. Our events make use of the halls in both Silverton and New Denver. Field trips to nearby farms and natural areas in Area H are also part of the program. Our society manages and maintains the Lucerne Garden and Greenhouse outdoor learning spaces in a partnership with the school.

Importance to the community:

Community gardens and events engage, inspire and empower us to contribute to the well-being of our community and ourselves. Our program and events offer unique opportunities to share and learn together while increasing local food security and rural self-reliance skills for all those involved from the daycare kids all summer to our elders who contribute.

Maimonides said "give a man a fish and feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime" opening up a world of possibilities for growth and sustenance. Our program brings this type of education into school. Poverty and the cost of living in our area are at an all time high, making food growing, processing and knowledge sharing essential survival skills. Of the 106 students at Lucerne over 40 are considered vulnerable. These students are strongly drawn to garden-based learning and the produce from the garden and greenhouse.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			\$3,800.00
\$3,800.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$8,445.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,445.00	\$19,793.00	\$19,793.00

1. The project will provide:

We will offer events, services and educational programming that build community relationships, nourish people and teach and share local knowledge around food growing and processing skills. We will achieve this in the following ways:

We will hold events that connect people and community with their food, the land and each other: Our four main events of Harvest Festival and Harvest Dinner, Earth Day and Seedy Saturday have become highly anticipated annual events that we hope to continue this year.

We will offer an educational program to Lucerne School based on food literacy, ecosystems and growing skills using the garden and greenhouse as outdoor classrooms. Focus this year on companion planting and food tasting, Indigenous teachings, weeds and medicinal plants, soil building, farm tours and observation.

We assure ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Lucerne greenhouse and garden by two contractors and loyal volunteers. We keep growing areas to their fullest potential for education, enjoyment and to supply food to the local school and families.

Our program helps feed people locally and builds and empowers with knowledge of the full cycle of food and nature, from observation, planning and planting to food and plant preparation, composting, seed saving and celebration!

As we foster and connect our volunteers and guests with their community of all ages building multigenerational relationships combatting loneliness.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley seeks to cultivate the elements of a healthy community - food security, self-reliance, healthy people, healthy environment, and a thriving local economy - through education, relationship building and community service. We actively support initiatives that are inclusive of all and that foster a vibrant community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Community gardens and events engage, inspire and empower us to contribute to the well-being of our community and ourselves. Our program and events offer unique opportunities to share and learn together while increasing local food security and rural self-reliance skills for all those involved from the daycare kids all summer to our elders who contribute.

Maimonides said "give a man a fish and feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and you'll feed him for a lifetime" opening up a world of possibilities for growth and sustenance. Our program brings this type of education into school. Poverty and the cost of living in our area are at an all time high, making food growing, processing and knowledge sharing essential survival skills. Of the 106 students at Lucerne over 40 are considered vulnerable. These students are strongly drawn to garden-based learning and the produce from the garden and greenhouse.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Project: Food Program- Share, Teach, Grow

Since building the school garden in 2008 and introducing our first Harvest Festival that year we been running food programming and events and have identified a strong need to gather and connect with community to celebrate and learn about local food. Our programs and events have become annual because we receive so much positive feedback from all ages and segments of our population and they are very well attended. Events gathering from 75-300 people. This program is an opportunity to foster basic life skills in our youth as well as nourishing children through seniors with food and relationships. With over one third of children living in poverty or vulnerable in our area, access to healthy food, and knowledge of how to grow, preserve, prepare and process food is essential. This program counters trends toward processed foods and sedentary activity and promotes health, nutrition and a sense of shared purpose.

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

The HCS has been successfully managing this program for more than 12 years and each year we develop more connections and expand our offerings within the community. Our reputation with organizations and funders both locally and regionally is good. We have been recognized on a provincial and national level for innovative programming. We have developed strong partnerships and are keen to expand upon these partnerships with local groups, Indigenous elders, farms, institutions and governments. Our facilitators are furthering their skills each year with professional development opportunities and have experience in farming, horticulture, early childhood and environmental education, food processing, event planning and program administration.

We have fostered a strong volunteer base that helps with many aspects of our programming. Collectively, we are guided by our mission statement. (See above)

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

We have an experienced group of facilitators delivering our gardening and educational programs, organizing community events and running the tool library. Our contractors are capable, self-directed individuals with backgrounds in administration, farming, gardening, teaching and event facilitation. They have formed strong relationships with Lucerne School and SD10 as well as with Indigenous elders, Harvest Share, Wildsafe BC, our Villages and the RDCK. They take advantage of regular professional development opportunities and they are passionate about their work. Local musicians, photographers, sound technicians, cooks and farmers all pitch in to our events. Longstanding volunteers are a crucial part of this program.

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

Volunteer labour for this program includes:

8 hours/week- volunteer garden greenhouse maintenance.

Over 35 volunteers that help out with events for several hours each time.

Our website and Facebook page are also maintained by volunteers. Lucerne School offers their building, foods room and garden/greenhouse free of charge. We receive some food donations and seed and seedling donations.

In-Kind home office expenses for coordinators and bookkeeper.

Transportation costs are in-kind. The HCS Board of Directors oversees this project in-kind. Hours specifically for this project are had to measure but well over 200 hours are spent budgeting, meeting, communicating and promoting the food program.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

February 19, 2024

Dear Grants Committee,

I am writing in support of The Healthy Community Society's request for continued funding of the gardens and greenhouse at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School. These spaces are vibrant and vital. As a former primary teacher at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School and now as the parent of a child in the preschool program, I have been privileged to experience how the gardens and greenhouse provide incredible benefits to the intellectual, spiritual and physical well-being of the children and youth in this community.

The gardens and greenhouse provide children and youth with knowledge and skills. From a teaching and learning perspective, the gardens and greenhouse are an ideal cross-curricular teaching tool. Growing food and flowers provides an authentic task that motivates and engages children and youth in deep, ongoing learning, season after season, beginning in preschool and continuing throughout their school careers. In my experience as the kindergarten and grade 1 teacher, the Garden and Greenhouse Manager, Julia Greenlaw, guided my classes in start-to-finish gardening, with activities including: planning what to grow, starting seeds, caring for seedlings, preparing the beds, transplanting, weeding, watering, mulching, harvesting, gratitude and finally, putting the beds to sleep for winter. Through this work, students acquire knowledge and skills in every area of the curriculum. They develop their gross and fine motor skills. They practice collaboration, communication and patience. They make a tangible and meaningful contribution to their community. This is the learning that comes from the adult facilitated activities. However, the benefits of this space go even deeper through child-led play.

Daily play in a thriving, co-created garden as a central play space builds a deep and lasting connection with nature for the children in this community. Play in this garden is not an occasional special trip initiated by adults, it is an ongoing open invitation. David Sobel writes, "Give children a chance to love the earth before we ask them to save it." The location of the garden on the Lucerne campus means that K-12 students, Strong Start families, preschoolers and children attending the Goat Mountain Kids' Center, have the opportunity every day to create memories and experiences through free play in nature. Children are drawn to play in the garden, chasing, hiding, imagining, snacking. One example of the learning and connection involved in this unstructured nature play comes in a role play I have seen year after year in the garden. Sometimes it is a restaurant, other times it is an ice cream shop. Always it involves children gathering food and loose parts from the garden, combining and presenting it 'for sale' or as gifts. Children use what they have learned over years about the edible plants in their garden in their pretend play. I have been served strawberry currant salad on an edible kale plate. I have been asked to select a flavour of bubblegum from an assortment of combinations, spicy sour with chives and sorrel, or sweet with berries and pansies. They know their garden. They know the names of the plants, which parts are edible and where to find them. They are thrilled to offer a sorrel leaf to an uninitiated adult and watch them pucker. The children return to this type of play over and over, building their collaboration and communication skills and consolidating their learning from the garden and around the community. And very importantly, they are making memories tied to nature and place that will lay the foundation for a lifetime of stewardship and advocacy for the environment.

The gardens and greenhouse are not just learning and play spaces. They are productive and provide the community with regular access to healthy food. The preschool and primary students

are pieces of the larger puzzle, and they feel their authentic contribution. There is a magic to eating a meal that you have planted, watered and harvested, and because of the gardens and greenhouse at Lucerne, the children and youth of New Denver get to experience that magic.

In the height of the growing season, when the greenhouse is bursting with produce and the garden is lush and natural, it seems like the plants are doing most of the work. It is easy to forget how much time and effort has gone into creating and maintaining these spaces and programs. Coordinating volunteers, collaborating with teachers, spending time in classrooms as well as managing the gardens and the programs that grow out of these spaces is a massive undertaking. Continued funding to maintain and expand this important work will allow the gardens and greenhouse to teach, connect and feed this community into the future.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Lada
Parent and Elementary Teacher

Hi my name is Ashley Jennings
and I've been working in the
Lucerne Elementary Secondary
school garden since I was in
preschool I'm now 11 and the
one thing I've learned while
being in that garden is that
having a school garden and
greenhouse helps kids learn
about the environment and
nature. It helps kids see that
it doesn't matter to get your
hands dirty and that it is
important to keep our community
clean and healthy. Our school
does many things to help kids

learn about nature like com
composting, recycling, keeping
a healthy garden and greenhouse.
When I first went into
preschool I didn't know what
the word nature was and
now I'm a part of it. I think
people in other schools need
to compost recycle and learn
our ways. Our school is the
true way of nature

By: Ashley jennings

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S-0058249

411 DeRosa Drive, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - New Denver Reading Centre

Project Title **Growing Our Community Library**

Project will be located in: Village of New Denver

The work will mainly be at our location in New Denver (Knox Hall, 521 6th Avenue). We expect that some book purchases will be made locally. Major purchases (shelving and computers) will have to be purchased out of the area.

Importance to the community:

We are the major lending library within a 75 km area, providing traditional library services as well as Interlibrary Loans and access to technical and electronic services. Some local residents travel to Nakusp or Nelson to access libraries but others cannot because they do not drive or are housebound. We are within walking distance for many New Denver residents and have provided delivery of books to those who had limited mobility. We do not receive provincial funding and rely on community support and donations. Patrons of the library and our volunteers will benefit from the project - through an updated catalogue, computer access, shelving and a sense of accomplishment for our volunteers.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,350.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,950.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00

1. The project will provide:

The project has three main parts: to continue to add new volumes to our collection; to update the computer used by volunteers at the circulation and information desk areas by replacing a 10 year old laptop computer; to replace some of the old wooden shelves with more modern shelving in keeping with the major renovation completed recently.

2. Organization Mandate:

New Denver Reading Centre provides lending library services to residents of New Denver, Silverton and Area H North of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

We are the major lending library within a 75 km area, providing traditional library services as well as Interlibrary Loans and access to technical and electronic services. Some local residents travel to Nakusp or Nelson to access libraries but others cannot because they do not drive or are housebound. We are within walking distance for many New Denver residents and have provided delivery of books to those who had limited mobility. We do not receive provincial funding and rely on community support and donations. Patrons of the library and our volunteers will benefit from the project - through an updated catalogue, computer access, shelving and a sense of accomplishment for our volunteers.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

A main issue to keep our collection of books current and of interest to our readers. The publishing world changes constantly and people are always looking for something new to read. The technical world also changes constantly. We need to communicate efficiently with the provincial library system for information and use of the Inter Library Loan system. New shelving will provide some flexibility in use of space within the library area.

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

Again, we are a lending library serving New Denver, Silverton and Area H North. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who assist people on site and also deliver books in several formats (standard print, large print, audio) to housebound residents.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Project work will be completed by the group of 10 volunteers who staff the library for 15 hours each week and also provide time outside of library open hours.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Many hours of volunteer time.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S-0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver B.C. V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Slocan Saturday Market

Project Title **Slocan Saturday Market**

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

We are located at Expo Park in the Village of Slocan. We set up our vendors in the upper bench where there are large beautiful trees and lots of shade. Expo Park has a concession stand with a refrigerator, stove, storage space, and electricity. There is a men's and women's washroom maintained by the market. This beautiful park in Slocan has a covered stage for musicians. There is a gazebo where we set up the kids zone. This large park has everything we need to have a successful enterprise and it has lots of space for growth.

Importance to the community:

This project is extremely important to my community. Slocan Valley locals gain a space to buy local farmed goods, support artisans, enjoy local music, socialize, and shop in their own community. Local vendors, farmers, and food makers benefit from this market by having a place to come showcase their work and generate an income. Children have a space to be creative with one another, learn new things, socialize, and even set up their own booth. Local musicians have a space to share their talents and raise the vibrations. Businesses in the Village of Slocan benefit from the influx of visitors to our beautiful mountain town. Having a place available for the local economy to thrive benefits everyone in the surrounding area.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/5/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$6,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$9,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00

1. The project will provide:

Slocan Saturday Market is a farmer and artisan market that meets every week in the summer months. This market gives the local community and opportunity to sell their farm goods, art work, herbal medicines, baked goods, and more. This year will be our eighth year in operation, it has been growing steadily every season. We have a total of 14 markets in the summer months of June, July, and August. Slocan Saturday market also has a Harvest Market in October and a Christmas Market in December. This market meets in the Village of Slocan and it helps the community collectively and financially. We seek funds to help keep vendor fees low, pay sound technician, pay local musicians, upkeep the grounds, and keep the kids zone running. With the help of the RDCK, we hope that our 2024 season of the Slocan Saturday Market will be successful and will continue to grow and improve.

2. Organization Mandate:

Slocan Saturday Market is an essential service in the Village of Slocan. We gather every Saturday in the summer months to sell our farmed vegetables, art work, handmade items, fresh prepared food, and other local items. Slocan Market is a weekly gathering place that keeps the economy of the Slocan Valley flowing.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is extremely important to my community. Slocan Valley locals gain a space to buy local farmed goods, support artisans, enjoy local music, socialize, and shop in their own community. Local vendors, farmers, and food makers benefit from this market by having a place to come showcase their work and generate an income. Children have a space to be creative with one another, learn new things, socialize, and even set up their own booth. Local musicians have a space to share their talents and raise the vibrations. Businesses in the Village of Slocan benefit from the influx of visitors to our beautiful mountain town. Having a place available for the local economy to thrive benefits everyone in the surrounding area.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This market provides local artisans, farmers, and bakers a space to generate income while giving the opportunity to local residents and tourists to purchase local goods. We have a rich culture here in the Slocan Valley and this weekly market gives a space to showcase our talent. This is the only Saturday Market in our valley, it helps generate self sufficiency of the vendors in our region. There must continue to be a venue that supports monetary generation in this rural community. The fact that we are growing every year identifies the need for such a project as this.

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

Christina Knight has made this market grow over the six years that she has been market director. There are many small details that need to be dealt with for such a project to go on every summer. She has learned from past years all the many things that need to be done. There are many working part that need to happen for such a community event to happen weekly, and Christina is able to delegate the many jobs that need to happen.

Slocan Solutions has helped her in years past to be the society for this market, since Christina directs this market alone without her own society.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Christina Knight is the market director and has been for the past six years.

Gail Morris helps with organization and landscaping.

Project: Slocan Saturday Market

Stephen Baal is our sound technician. He sets up and takes down our sound equipment and makes sure all the musicians sound great.

We also have a kids zone director, last year we had a few people who would come out. They set up the crafts and help the children with their art work, and teach them new fun ways to express themselves artistically.

These are the main people involved in implementing this project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

There are many hours of volunteer work that go into this market. The market director goes above and beyond with her time and efforts. We have locals come to rake the grounds, help with equipment, plant flowers, clean and help with upkeep. We have a community here that is ready to help and is committed to the Slocan Saturday Market.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Slocan Saturday Market



LOCAL FARMERS & ARTISANS
LIVE MUSIC KIDS ZONE
GREAT FOOD

**Expo Park, Village of Slocan
June, July, August 10am-2pm**

CALL CHRISTINA 250-355-2635

@SLOCANSATURDAYMARKET

Here are letters of support for the Slocan Saturday Market

The year of 2024

I have been a regular vendor at the Slocan market since 2020, and have been a drop in vendor for many years previously. I cannot say enough positive things about this market. It is of such great importance to the community to have a local weekly market such as this. Artisans, farmers and all sorts of homebased businesses rely on the Slocan market for their livelihoods. The community relies on the market as a means to access many items that would not be available in their little village if it were not for the vendors showing up to sell their wares every week. Most importantly the Slocan market has become a very rich and vibrant, cultural community event. I look forward to going to the market all year, it's such a great social event where I get to see so many friends old and new, and the music is always amazing. The market manager Christina Knight managed to purchase a sound system so the live music actually sounds amazing! Christina has done such an amazing job organizing and growing this market and she has volunteered countless hours to make it the successful weekly event it has turned into. I cannot thank her enough for her services.

Awen Geluk Of Boddhi Tree imports from India.

The Slocan market is a place that locals call home every Saturday. It is a special place with a high vibe atmosphere where we gather in song and local handmade products that bring so much joy to all who attend. It feels good to support this small unique venue. We have created an intimate family where we can share our talents and crafts. A community spirit where all are welcome!

Teresa Bryanton

Slocan Artisan/Farmers market is one of three summer markets that I attend to sell my wares. As a fulltime artisan, I am extremely grateful to have this wonderful community market as a place to sell my art, meet with community and enjoy making my living. It is amazing to have community support and this well organized and run event. Thank you for organizing this event in our community.

Lori Steel

The Slocan Saturday Market means community celebrating its diversity, of locally grown produce, artists and delicious food. A gathering place to enjoy local musicians and good conversations.

Gail Morris

I love the Slocan Saturday Markets and try never to miss any of them. I love all the vendors, the food, and the music. It is the highlight of my week!

Merina Matthew

I am a senior and the Slocan Saturday Market is a wonderful social event for me. Mostly of late, I am a hermit. The fresh farm fare is such a joy and the music a total bonus.

Kevin Joseph Sisk.

The Slocan Saturday market has benefitted me as a musician as I get to showcase my talent and make a little money. Many people I know in this community have been able to showcase their businesses and sell their crafts and products at the market Promoting local community, services and products. I think that we all benefit greatly from this market it's not only beautiful, colourful and interesting, but provides income for people that may otherwise not have an outlet.

Tony Jodoin

Slocan Solutions Society

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
KSCU Account (Cdn \$)	\$20,316	\$21,764
KSCU Account (US \$)	\$52	\$52
KSCU share	\$25	\$25
Accounts Receivable	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$20,393	\$21,841
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0
Reserved under Grants	\$12,763	\$9,194
Retained earnings	\$7,610	\$12,647
Total Liabilities	\$20,373	\$21,841

Income Statement – for year ended June 30

<u>Income</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Bank interest	\$8	\$5
Gain on grant administration	\$377	\$6,117
Total Income	\$385	\$6,122
<u>Expenses</u>		
Insurance	\$940	\$1,085
Advertising	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$940	\$1,085
<u>Earnings</u>		
This year	-\$555	\$5,037
Start of year	\$8,165	\$7,610
Earnings at June 30	\$7,610	\$12,647

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver BC V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Valhalla Community Choir**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan
Choir practice takes place in New Denver and the concerts are put on in Silverton at the Memorial Hall. The choir requires a conductor, a pianist and sometimes minor support staff such as, instrumental musicians, lighting and sound people. These people work as volunteers.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to our community because of the joy it brings every Christmas time and the opportunities it presents for people to improve their singing and benefit the social and cultural life of the community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$1,300.00	
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
				\$1,800.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,100.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00

1. The project will provide:

The Valhalla Community Choir has been active for over 35 years. It's usually has 20 to 30 singers and is open to everyone who loves to sing. The members come from Hills, Rosebery, New Denver Silverton and Slocan Village as well as the surrounding rural areas. Two concerts are put on each December are well attended with 100 people in the audience for each concert. Beginning last year a core of nine singers has rehearsed weekly all year in preparation for the December concert to ensure that there is strong support for the main choir. The main choir body gets together in September and practices weekly as a group, as well as weekly sectional practices. Choir members pay a fee of about \$40/singer, but no one is turned away if they cannot afford the fee. The only source of income, other than grants, is a voluntary donation from the public at the entrance to the concerts. The choir's expenses are practice space rental, music scores, performance hall rental, insurance, accompanist honorarium and incidentals..

2. Organization Mandate:

To promote a shared vision that enhances the cultural, social, economic and environmental development of Slocan communities:- by organizing and bringing together stakeholder groups for collaboration, coordination and cooperating on goals; - by finding and organizing resources for groups including services, funding, personnel;- by supporting groups by organizing workshops, seminars, and training programs

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to our community because of the joy it brings every Christmas time and the opportunities it presents for people to improve their singing and benefit the social and cultural life of the community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The choir is open to everyone and gives people an opportunity to express themselves through their voice, for the enjoyment of the community. It contributes to the social and cultural richness of the communities in the north Slocan valley. It has been identified by the continued community support through concert attendance through all these years.

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

Slocan Solutions Society is dedicated to helping groups like the choir in obtaining funding. The Valhalla Community Choir has been singing for 35 plus years and has been successful every year. This choir is the only choir in the north Slocan valley.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Slocan Solutions Society administers the funds. The choir is directed by Francie Oldham. The choir consists of 20 plus singers. There are associated volunteers who assist with lighting, sound and presentation. Volunteer musicians are often invite to assist in the presentation of two concerts in Silverton Memorial Hall.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Organization, choosing music, supplying ipads, sectional rehearsal space, travel, brochure design, preparing advertising, computer time, supporting musicians.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Project: Valhalla Community Choir

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

Slocan Solutions Society

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Organization **Bee Awareness Society**

Registration # S0065268

4654 Slocan River Rd, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Bee Awareness Education Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, Village of Slocan

Our project takes place at WE Graham Community School in Slocan, Whole School, Winlaw, City of Nelson at Hume Elementary and Wildflower Elementary, Lucerne Elementary/Secondary in New Denver and Redfish Elementary near Harrop-Proctor. We also may receive requests from new schools through the year. We attend garden and community festivals and fall fairs, sharing our project with the community at large. We have presented and displayed our observation bee hive at the Kootenay Coop in Nelson and Taghum Community Hall during the celebration of Earth Day and the Day of the Honeybee.

Importance to the community:

To educate the community of the importance of all our pollinators and the part they play in sustaining 35% of our food supply by their pollination. To impress upon everyone the importance of keeping our environment clean and healthy so that our pollinators will survive. All humankind, plants, animals, and insects will benefit from a healthy environment and the bounty of the food we eat. This is the most important aspect of our project.

We are presently finding ways to communicate to our community alongside the children in our schools about the importance of refraining from the use of herbicides and pesticides which are very harmful to our honeybees and other pollinators. The schools that house our hives embraces our project, by designing a curriculum, creating art projects, crafts and gardens to enhance our learning program.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00			\$10,500.00	
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
			\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$1,500.00		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	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

1. The project will provide:

We will build and install our glass observation bee hives into the schools. The glass observation bee hive is our "Live Learning Tool".

We teach the basics of pollination, why it is important, risk to all pollinators and what the students/community can do to reduce the risk to pollinators in their own back yards.

We install responsible stewardship to the school children at an early age so that this generation can make a difference now and in the future.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Bee Awareness Society is in our 10th year of operation. We continue to build and install glass observation bee hives into schools.

Our instructors teach the basics of pollination, why it is important, risk to all pollinators and what students/community can do to reduce risk to pollinators in their own back yard,

We teach the life cycle of the honeybee and how the honey bees work together in their own community. We instill responsible stewardship in the school children which will result in a sustainable healthy environment for humanity, plants, animals and insects.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

To educate the community of the importance of all our pollinators and the part they play in sustaining 35% of our food supply by their pollination. To impress upon everyone the importance of keeping our environment clean and healthy so that our pollinators will survive. All humankind, plants, animals, and insects will benefit from a healthy environment and the bounty of the food we eat. This is the most important aspect of our project.

We are presently finding ways to communicate to our community alongside the children in our schools about the importance of refraining from the use of herbicides and pesticides which are very harmful to our honeybees and other pollinators. The schools that house our hives embraces our project, by designing a curriculum, creating art projects, crafts and gardens to enhance our learning program.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Teaching the children the importance of looking after our environment. Keeping the environment clean and healthy by using natural products and means to control or remove unwanted plants and pests in our gardens and community spaces. To refrain from using herbicides and pesticides in our yards, gardens and community spaces, as they are very harmful to honey bees and other pollinators.

Sharing the benefit of planting herbs, flowers, crops, trees to attract bees and other pollinators. We emphasize the importance of the honey bee/pollinators as they are responsible for pollinating 35% of our food supply. Our project is connecting the children to nature using "Hands on Learning". We obtain this knowledge and facts from our own observation of the bees in our observation hives, science research, resource books and online materials. We attend workshops and education days presented by the BC Honey Producers Assoc.

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

Our organization is comprised of seasoned beekeepers. Together we have +100 years of experience. We have knowledgeable and experienced educators presenting our Education Program. Our Society are members of the West Kootenay Beekeepers and the BC Honey Producers Assoc. We attend their meetings, AGM and workshops.

Project: Bee Awareness Education Program

We are learning and enriching ourselves with continual education and sharing our knowledge with the children, their families and our community.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Keith Stetsko, President, designs, builds and installs the hives into the schools. Keith has 60 years of beekeeping experience. Linda Martin, Secretary-Treasurer, Accounting, Grant Writing and helping with install and maintenance of the hives for the past 9 years. Laena Brown, Education Program Development and Learning. Laena oversees and teaches our Education Program. She has 9 years beekeeping experience. Brianna Walker, assists in teaching of our Education Program.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Keith Stetsko - Labor to build, install and maintain hives (Worth \$600.00 per hive)
Linda Martin - Labor for accounting and grant writing (\$50.00 per hour)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Organization **Symphony of the Kootenays Association**

Registration # S11503 / BN 125118349

PO Box 512 Stn Main, Cranbrook BC V1C 4J1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Symphony of the Kootneays at the Capitol Theatre**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson
The Capitol Theatre in Nelson.

Importance to the community:

Cultural - These events will be highlights of Nelson's cultural calendar - rarely does the Capitol Theatre get to be used to its full extent - hosting so many musicians at once on stage. Additionally, the Association will use these concerts to gauge the community's interest in future concerts, potentially making these events an annual occurrence.

Social - The SOTKA has plans to provide discounted or free tickets to marginalized communities, including youth, seniors, low-income individuals, and people with disabilities.

Economic - The SOTKA pays its artistic director, its musicians, and its soloists professional wages, allowing them to pursue their art while residing in a rural location. Additionally, the two events provide concertgoers an opportunity for a "night out," which will provide spin-off benefits to local restaurants.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 10/6/2024 Project End: 4/27/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		\$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
			\$4,500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$8,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) will present two concerts at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson. The October concert will feature two soloists living in the West Kootenay - Natasha Hall on Violin and Martine denBok on Viola. The April concert will feature a West Kootenay-born soloist visiting from San Francisco, Amy Zanrosso on Piano. The symphony also includes between 40 and 45 musicians, a quarter of which live in the West Kootenay, along with its artistic director and conductor, Jeff Faragher.

This project is meant to leverage the expense of gathering of the musicians and rehearsal time put in for the SOTK's normal concert weekends and bring the symphony to Nelson for the least possible expense. By "piggybacking" these concerts, the residents of Nelson and surrounding communities can enjoy these rare performances without travelling outside of the West Kootenays.

Supported by the volunteer board of directors primarily based in Cranbrook, a Nelson-based "booster club" will provide the necessary logistics to bring the symphony to the West Kootenay, including project coordination, travel, marketing, and hospitality.

The October concert will feature the soloists performing Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola, and Orchestra, along with Dvorak's New World Symphony.

The April concert will feature Brahms' 1st Piano Concerto, along with Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Symphony of the Kootenays (SOTK) Association's mandate is to provide high quality live concerts of orchestral music to audiences in the East, Central and West Kootenays. SOTK endeavors to employ, as available, Kootenay musicians in order to help make it possible for them to live and work in the smaller communities in the region. SOTK works with community arts organizations, schools and other practitioners to collaborate and provide innovative programming for the communities we serve.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Cultural - These events will be highlights of Nelson's cultural calendar - rarely does the Capitol Theatre get to be used to its full extent - hosting so many musicians at once on stage. Additionally, the Association will use these concerts to gauge the community's interest in future concerts, potentially making these events an annual occurrence.

Social - The SOTKA has plans to provide discounted or free tickets to marginalized communities, including youth, seniors, low-income individuals, and people with disabilities.

Economic - The SOTKA pays its artistic director, its musicians, and its soloists professional wages, allowing them to pursue their art while residing in a rural location. Additionally, the two events provide concertgoers an opportunity for a "night out," which will provide spin-off benefits to local restaurants.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Funding this initiative allows the City of Nelson and surrounding Areas the opportunity to support two major cultural events while providing only a fraction of the overall cost of the concerts. Leveraging the funding and planning of the Association's regular schedule, the greater Nelson area can enjoy two presentations rarely seen in a population centre of this size.

The SOTK has identified the desire for the symphony to perform in Nelson through word of mouth and discussions with the administration of the Capitol Theatre. The symphony only performs four times a year, and when Nelson and area residents hear that it is not performing locally, they question why we are not able to perform here more often.

Project: Symphony of the Kootenays at the Capitol Theatre

Finally, as discussed below, there will be a component of this project supporting marginalized communities - encouraging attendance to those who would not normally be able to afford this kind of presentation.

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

The Symphony of the Kootenays has a track record of close to 50 years of producing high-quality concerts in the East Kootenays, along with many "run-out" concerts to Creston, Trail, Nelson, and most recently, Invermere. The primary proponents of the project are familiar with the staff and administration at the Capitol Theatre, having performed in and presented many shows there. The Association is in a stable financial position and has expertise on the board regarding logistics and marketing.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Rob Fahie - Treasurer and principal bassist of the SOTKA. Rob has a long track record of presenting performances with the Selkirk Concert Society. He is also an accountant, adept at project management and budgeting.

Jeff Faragher - Artistic director and conductor of the SOTKA. Jeff has been the conductor of the symphony for 10 years and has toured throughout Canada as a professional cellist. He also holds an MBA from the University of Alberta.

Ellen Bailey - General manager of the SOTKA - Ellen has been the GM for the symphony for four years.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library**

Registration # 118933191RR0001

02 Stanley Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 1N4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Digital Learning at the Library**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson

This project will take place at the library. The library has loaner devices for those without, it has public Wi-Fi, and it has resources for people with disabilities through the National Network for Equitable Library Services (NNELS). The space is accessible, and it is equipped with technology that supports in-person and virtual participation in experiential learning activities and presentations. Library staff members involved in the pilot are information management, intercultural communication and literacy experts. The library also has cutting-edge video production and recording equipment in the Tech Hub available for public use for free.

Importance to the community:

All community members in our area will have access to these programs and we will promote them widely. The library has long provided our community with equitable access to technology, through public Wi-Fi, public computers, and loaner devices. Increasingly, community members also rely on the library to close gaps in education around technology use. With an aging workforce and an increase in immigration in our area, seniors and newcomers are key communities we hope to serve. The library is a key fixture of support for newcomers and seniors and encourages a sense of belonging in our community through tech programs. It's important also to note that many responses to our 2023 patron satisfaction survey indicated the desire to participate in tech training programs at the library. Increasing digital literacy in our community will have measurable economic and social benefits.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$11,021.36	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$15,021.36

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$15,021.36	\$24,027.14	\$24,027.14

1. The project will provide:

The Digital Learning at the Library project will pilot programs for adults and seniors that directly support their learning needs related to technology. 1. Beginner technology classes on topics such as email tools, saving to the cloud, securing passwords, detecting spam, safely navigating online purchases, etc. will provide participants equitable access to the digital world and economy. 2. Drop-in hours for support with computers, smartphones and iPads will connect community members to social, community building and civic engagement resources online. 3. Workshops in the library's Tech Hub will encourage creative and social innovation. With these programs, and upgrades that make it easier for people to complete job applications and general administrative tasks, the library will pilot providing holistic support for digital learning in our community. The current wait time for technology support at the library is three to four weeks. Adding additional programs will reduce the wait time for individual support by providing more small group learning opportunities. Over 300 Canadian libraries offer technology training classes to nearly 16,000 people per month! This training gives community members access to essential health and social services, and they touch on key indicators of the social determinants of health: literacy, employability, social inclusion and non-discrimination. Because this is a pilot project, its intent is to reach a broad audience and solicit feedback.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Friends are applying for the grant on behalf of the Nelson Public Library. The Friends mandate is to raise funds and advocate for the Library. The Library's mission is to spark curiosity, support inclusion and make learning possible for everyone. Its vision is a connected community inspired by innovation and imagination. The core values of the Library are: universal and equitable access, excellent service, diversity, equity and inclusion, sustainability, and meaningful relationships. There are many ways that this project supports these values. Crucially, this project will provide anyone and everyone in our community equitable access to technology and education. As community members learn new tech skills, a whole new array of information, services, resources, employment opportunities, community connections, creative ideas and innovations become available to them.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

All community members in our area will have access to these programs and we will promote them widely. The library has long provided our community with equitable access to technology, through public Wi-Fi, public computers, and loaner devices. Increasingly, community members also rely on the library to close gaps in education around technology use. With an aging workforce and an increase in immigration in our area, seniors and newcomers are key communities we hope to serve. The library is a key fixture of support for newcomers and seniors and encourages a sense of belonging in our community through tech programs. It's important also to note that many responses to our 2023 patron satisfaction survey indicated the desire to participate in tech training programs at the library. Increasing digital literacy in our community will have measurable economic and social benefits.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

National data identifies older adults, seniors, newcomers to Canada, people with disabilities, people living in rural areas and at-risk youth as being key demographics with gaps in digital learning education. There is sense of being left behind among older adults and seniors in particular that discourages them from participating in the digital economy. Newcomers and people with disabilities are overlooked by digital tools meant to reach the masses rather than to accommodate diverse needs. In terms of local input, we learned through our 2023 library patron survey and through

Project: Digital Learning at the Library

participation rates in existing programs, that the community wants and needs more digital learning programs for adults.

(Our Teen Services Coordinator is working with community partners to address unique needs of at-risk youth in programs that are external to this pilot project.)

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

The library is best suited to meet the broad digital learning needs of our community because of its physical resources, staff knowledge and community connections. We currently partner closely with community organizations providing literacy services on several successful programs. However, literacy is just one component of digital learning. This project addresses digital learning beyond the scope of urgent literacy needs by providing the community access to information and tools, access to community resources, programs and equipment that promote innovation and creativity, resources to support job readiness etc. With this project, the library will meet the digital needs of our community more broadly. Finally, we will be able to offer space and professional capacity to carry out more work in this much needed area, which we hope will lead to a long-term digital strategy on which to base future operational developments as required.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Library staff members will be responsible for facilitating beginner technology classes and drop-in device support programs. In collaboration with CBAL and Learning in Retirement, these staff members already address our community's digital learning needs on a much smaller scale, through occasional collaborative sessions. Adding more capacity (hours) to support digital learning will make it possible to provide the additional programs described above. Local online marketing and podcast professionals will support workshops and individualized support for community members using the recording studio, media center and digitization station at the library. Library management will construct tracking mechanisms and program evaluation processes.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Digital strategy development, including 15 consultations with community partners regarding community needs, program assessment and research \$2400 (60 hours). Marketing/promotions materials & printing \$600 (\$300 materials, \$300 time).

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

1206 McQuarrie Avenue
Nelson, BC
V1L 1B5

February 14, 2024

Dear Resident Directed Grants Committee,

The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) is a non-profit organization working in 16 communities in the Kootenay and Boundary regions of British Columbia. CBAL works to support the development of healthy learning communities, in which each member of the community has strong basic skills for lifelong continuous learning.

CBAL has enjoyed a collaborative partnership with the Nelson Public Library for many years. Our shared goals of supporting community learning have seen us partner in program delivery, collaboratively planning, being responsive to community needs, and working together to maximize community resources.

The Nelson Public Library and CBAL have worked together over many years to offer programs and resources to support the community in developing basic tech skills. There has always been more demand than our combined capacity to offer tech programs. Strong tech skills are essential for living in the modern world, and allow citizens to access information, communicate, and participate in their community and their own lives. Supporting all members of the community to have strong tech skills supports the City of Nelson's goal to have a 'productive economy, well-protected environment, healthy citizens, and strong cultural connections.'

Please consider the Nelson Public Library's application for a Resident Directed grant.

Sincerely,



Joan Exley
Community Literacy Coordinator
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy
jexley@cbal.org 250-505-2361

January 30, 2024

Dear Resident Directed Grants Committee,

Re: Digital Learning Programs at the Nelson Public Library

On behalf of Community Futures Central Kootenay, I am pleased to support the Nelson Public Library's digital learning pilot programs. As technology evolves and our community grows, the library's plan to pilot expanding digital learning opportunities in our community meets an urgent need.

I am confident that providing beginner tech classes, drop-in device support, and access to training in the library's Tech Hub will have positive outcomes in terms of both employment preparedness for our labor force and for the social wellbeing of our community.

Community Futures Central Kootenay is a not-for-profit mandated to support business and foster community economic development in the Central Kootenay region. The library's plan to expand digital learning opportunities will equip more people with the knowledge and expertise needed to adapt in a rapidly changing world. This project aligns with our organization's vision for a vibrant, diverse, resilient, and sustainable Kootenay economy where access to much-needed learning opportunities is a cornerstone of prosperity.

Universal and equitable access to library resources is one of the Nelson Public Library's guiding values. They seek to address the growing digital divides in our community and ensure populations at risk are not left behind or excluded from the digital economy due to lack of home devices or internet service. This pilot offers a variety of digital learning programs which will help them determine the needs in our community and how we can collectively address them.

We look forward to working with the library to strengthen our community's capacity to meet its digital learning needs through pilot programming funded through the Resident Direct Grants.

Sincerely,



Andrea Wilkey, *Executive Director*
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2024/02/07

Re: Digital Learning at the Library

Dear Resident Directed Grants Committee,

I'm writing to support the application for the Nelson Library ReDi grant to fund their "Digital Learning at the Library" project. As the Manager of the Kootenay Seniors, a program of Nelson CARES Society, I believe that the proposed library program will address gaps in technology education in our community. I am confident that seniors in our community in particular will benefit from technology classes provided at the library.

I believe this program aligns with Kootenay Seniors Mission: To Support seniors to remain independent in their homes for as long as possible, living with dignity and joy, and being an integral part of their community.

Many of our senior clients struggle with technology and having the "Digital Learning at the Library" project would be beneficial to many of our clients. Learning technology skills are essential for seniors to participate and feel like they are part of the community. As technology changes quickly, it can be difficult for seniors to keep up with the functions of devices and processes that have moved online. Identifying trustworthy sources of support can be a challenge as well, because of the huge volume of information online.

We wholeheartedly support the Nelson Library to increase the capacity of the program to assist seniors in the Nelson area.

Sincerely,

Coreen Gries

KS Manager

January 31, 2024

Re: Digital Learning Programs at the Nelson Public Library

Dear Resident Directed Grants Committee,

Kootenay Career Development Society (KCDS) is pleased to support the Nelson Public Library's digital learning pilot programs. As technology evolves and our community grows, the library's plan to pilot expanding digital learning opportunities in our community meets an urgent and important need.

In providing services to hundreds of job-seeking Nelson residents, I can confirm that skills-development offerings such as beginner tech classes, drop-in device support and access to training in the library's Tech Hub will support positive outcomes in terms of both employment preparedness for our labor force and for the social wellbeing of our community.

KCDS is a regional non-profit society incorporated in 2004 and well known as a 'one-stop-shop' for employment services. Currently, KCDS is the prime contractor for WorkBC program in Boundary, West and Central Kootenay region, providing career development, employer and employment services to thousands of job-seeking. KCDS also delivers a wide variety of specialized employment programs focusing on workforce development targeted job seekers with barriers to employment. It is our continued experience that programming provided by the Nelson Library supports universal and equitable access, social inclusion, and mental health benefits. It also routinely aligns with the increasing demand for literacy and other basic and essential skills-development opportunities.

This specific proposal, which aims to address the growing digital divides in our community responds to a barrier to employment that we are seeing with increasing frequency; we would be excited to refer our clients to this program.

We look forward to working with the library to strength our community's capacity to meet its digital learning needs and enthusiastically support their funding request for this pilot program.

Sincerely,



Jocelyn Carver, Executive Director

Nelson and District Seniors Coordinating Society
719 Vernon Street
Nelson BC V1L 4G3

February 7, 2024

Nelson Public Library
602 Stanley Street
Nelson BC
V1L 1N4

Attention: Laura Harris

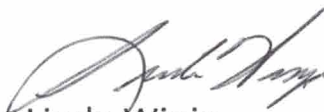
Re: Letter of Support for Digital Learning programs

We are writing to the library to express our support in the programs and services to establish a long-term Digital Strategy for the Nelson Library.

The importance of providing these classes and workshops is a very valuable sector that all participants will get value from.

Trusting this will receive full support.

Kind regards,



Linda Winje
Office Manager



Bob Schmitz
Chair Person

2024 City of Nelson ReDi grant application additional information.

Purposed project: Digital Learning at the Library

The proposed project aligns with many of the City of Nelson's sustainability strategies, goals and objectives found in the Path to 2040 and Nelson Next plans.

Below are a list of City objectives and corresponding Library services and outcomes of the proposed project, that support City goals.

Nelson Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy

Cultural Strengths: using our many arts, traditions, heritage and recreation assets to enrich the quality of life for all citizens.

The Nelson library showcases local artists through library collections, partnerships with local literary and visual arts organizations to bring arts alive through presentations and training workshops. This project would provide local creatives tools and training in the Tech Hub's recording studio that can be used for the development of creative arts (music, film, voiceover, etc.). Moreover, training to create professional digital and visual marketing materials will be provided in the Tech Hub's media studio, which local artists can use to develop promotional materials for their work.

Healthy Neighbourhoods: safe, welcoming, connected places with meaningful opportunities to interact with neighbours of all ages and income levels.

The library is one of the few public spaces in Nelson where everyone is welcome (at no cost) to use the facility to meet friends and neighbours, study, hang-out afterschool, collaborate on projects, try new technology and participate in civic programs. The proposed project would increase meeting and collaboration opportunities. The drop in and beginner tech sessions will encourage the development of a community of practice in which participants support one another as they learn to adopt new tech tools together. We anticipate that these programs will appeal to seniors and newcomers to Canada, who may in addition to needing tech help, be looking for opportunities to connect meaningfully with community members.

Robust Ecosystems: ensuring natural systems are flourishing in Nelson.

The Nelson Library's strategic priorities were developed using a climate lens and specifically identifies supporting the City and Regional District's climate initiatives. The library is measuring its progress by the percentage of collection and resources dedicated to sustainability issues compared to total holdings and by the number of patrons/community partners who indicate that the library helps to increase their sustainability practices. Loaning devices (chromebooks and tablets) and utilizing shared tech rather than purchasing it for yourself are fundamentally sustainable decisions that we make available to all community members. Through this project, we will also provide the public guidance on how best to dispose of end-of-life technology and devices.

Prosperity: fostering a diverse, value-added economy that provides meaningful employment opportunities and supports healthy and affordable lifestyles.

The Nelson library makes life more affordable for residents of all ages by offering free resources and services. The proposed project will also provide life-long learning opportunities, technology tools and training on the tools and equipment in the Tech Hub that will support small businesses and the self-employed in particular.

Resiliency: maintaining and enhancing the economic, social, ecological, and cultural systems that strengthen our ability to withstand future challenges.

By providing a space to learn, discover and publicly discuss issues important to the community, the library strengthens meaningful relationships and civic engagement. This project addresses the digital divides in our community, ensuring no one feels left behind or isolated by technological evolution. The community's capacity to access information and resources online will increase, which could improve community responses to climate emergencies and understanding of City of Nelson support mechanisms.

Nelson Next

The library supports the City's Nelson Next plan of collaborative action, protecting vulnerable groups from climate impacts, capacity building, and cross-sectoral partnerships and innovation. This is done through access and sharing of information, public awareness, supporting innovation through our collections and programs, leveraging our community partners to network, assisting in building relationships and collaborations. The library has coordinated with representatives from the Climate and Energy department to implement public awareness around climate and energy initiatives. We have and continue to increase the library's Library of Things, which now includes food preservation equipment (canners, food dehydrators). We also continue to host public presentations on Climate and Energy initiatives and have and continue to host public presentations that address our community's climate anxiety. Public awareness of these events and city initiatives would benefit from the proposed project because it will improve our community's digital literacy and capacity to navigate online information, resources and services.

Organization **Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**

Registration # 862502432RR0001

PO Box 46, Invermere BC V0A 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wild Voices for Kids in RDCK**

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

This project will take place in schools and off-campus field study sites across the RDCK.

Importance to the community:

Wild Voices for Kids is important to our community as it offers localized environmental learning experiences to RDCK students, allowing them to better understand their relationship with the natural world outside their doorstep. Teachers benefit from WildVoices by supplementing their classroom inquiry with curriculum-linked, topical programs. Our Community Educators benefit by sharing their knowledge and passion with local students and receiving honoraria for their time in delivery. Through participation in WildVoices presentations and field studies, students benefit by connecting to our local ecosystem, and a responsibility to steward their natural surroundings.

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

Wild Voices for Kids supports school-based environmental education in the Columbia Basin by connecting K-12 teachers and students to hands-on presentations and field-studies, based on the local environment. These presentations and field-studies are created and delivered by community educators who are experts in their field, including biologists, ecologists, geographers, foresters, mountain guides, and cultural liaisons.

The goals of the Wild Voices program include:

1. Assisting teachers in reaching their curriculum goals in engaging and innovative ways.
2. Facilitating learning opportunities that foster ecologically literate students.
3. Providing access to environmental learning for students and teachers in the Columbia Basin through at least 100 fully subsidized and 100 heavily subsidized presentations each school year, with unlimited presentations available at slightly subsidized rates.

Since 2008, students across the Columbia Basin have received curriculum-linked presentations and hands-on field studies through Wild Voices. ReDi funding would be used to cover honoraria for Community Educators delivering presentations, bussing expenses for student travel to field-based studies, and program coordination costs for Wild Voices presentations delivered to students in RDCK.

2. Organization Mandate:

Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network's (CBEEN) mission is to encourage environmental sustainability and stewardship in the Canadian Columbia Basin by supporting environmental educators. CBEEN accomplishes this mission through three key focus areas:

1. Building capacity through professional development, information sharing, and networking opportunities for educators.
2. Facilitating collaboration amongst schools, community groups, and environmental education professionals.
3. Coordinating and promoting environmental education programs, events, and resources. CBEEN has successfully been delivering the Wild Voices for Kids program since 2008.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Wild Voices for Kids is important to our community as it offers localized environmental learning experiences to RDCK students, allowing them to better understand their relationship with the natural world outside their doorstep. Teachers benefit from WildVoices by supplementing their classroom inquiry with curriculum-linked, topical programs. Our Community Educators benefit by sharing their knowledge and passion with local students and receiving honoraria for their time in delivery. Through participation in WildVoices presentations and field studies, students benefit by connecting to our local ecosystem, and a responsibility to steward their natural surroundings.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Wild Voices for Kids (WVFK) program was developed in 1997 in response to an identified challenge. A survey conducted by Parks Canada and Rocky Mountain School District 6 revealed two major barriers to students' outdoor and environmental learning in the public system: access to specialist educators and funds for bussing to field sites. To address these needs, WVFK was established that very same year. Since assuming WVFK in 2008, and expanding the program to the other school districts in the Columbia Basin (school districts 5, 8, 10, 19 and 20), as well to all private schools in the Basin, CBEEN has continued to offer complimentary and subsidized hands-on environmental educational programs for all students, as well as bussing to off-campus field study sites.

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

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CBEEN was established in response to an identified need for a professional network that could build capacity among environmental educators in the Columbia Basin region. Oneway CBEEN accomplishes this goal is through the coordination and promotion of environmental education programs, such as the Wild Voices for Kids (WVFK) program. CBEEN has been delivering the WVFK program since 2008. The Community Educators delivering presentations for the WVFK's program include BC certified teachers, wildlife biologists, geologists, naturalists, foresters, habitat restoration technicians, and other professionals.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

In addition to working with local schools and the school districts, the Wild Voices for Kids program also involves community educators that deliver the presentations.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-kind sources include: (the following is for the entire Basin. ~36% of the Wild Voices project takes place in RDCK)

- \$5,000 for the time of the volunteers on the Wild Voices Advisory Committee (2 meetings/yr x 8 ppl @ 7.5 hrs (4 hrs prep + 2.5 hr meeting + 1 hr follow up) x \$31.25) + (8 ppl x 5hrs of ongoing email consultations/yr x \$31.25)
- \$30,000 volunteer time from community educators through program development time, and time driving to and from program deliver sites(30 programs submitted/yr x 20 hrs of time to create program x\$25/hr) + (600 hrs of program prep/travel/follow up in the year x\$25/hr)
- \$5,000 bussing expenses from school district 6 for SD6 students to attend Wild Voices field studies (~ 20 bus trips @ \$250/trip)
- \$15,000 for school district liaison time (1 liaison per each of the 6school districts, x 1 week of time @ \$500/day)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

February 9, 2023.

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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

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

With love and gratitude,

Jaclyn Dexter
Aboriginal Educator
School District 8, Kootenay Lake

What Teachers are saying

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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



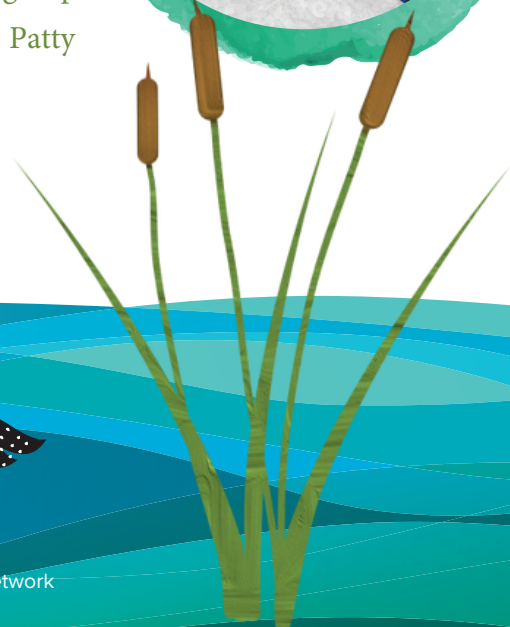
[The program] focused on behavioural adaptations of animals in our local environment and how they survive in winter and natural features of our environment. Building tarp shelters gave students the opportunity for **cooperative group work.** Patty also taught us many of the indigenous names of the animals.

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



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An initiative of the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network



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

Registration # 119219814RR0001

3400 Lake City Way, Burnaby British Columbia V5A 4Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Advantages of hub-and-spoke are:

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

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

		\$625.00	\$840.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$4,375.00		\$5,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,880.00

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

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

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

File No. 201-2024

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

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

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

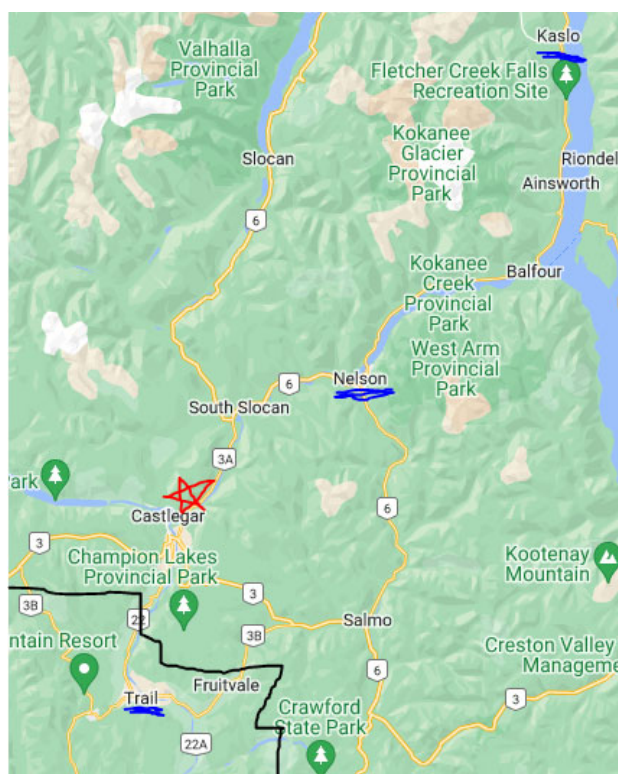
Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



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

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

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



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

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

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

How Each RDCK Funding Request Was Determined

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

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



RDCK Funding Requests by Area

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

The Purchase Budget

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

Recognition



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

Organization **North Slokan Trails Society**

Registration # S-56448

P.O. Box 213, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Butter Me Up Trailhead Connectors and Trail Completion**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Our project will take place on Ranch Ridge above Rosebery in the North Slokan.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because we presently have only a handful of sanctioned trails and they are spread out. We need to create connections to encourage people to stay and ride our local trails, rather than driving to other communities to ride.

Our existing inclusive-adaptive trail Spine finishes at the Butter trailhead. The connector will link into Butter Me Up without interrupting the flow and without using the FSR making for a safer and more positive experience.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 10/4/2024

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$8,000.00	\$66,100.00	\$66,100.00

Project: Butter Me Up Trailhead Connectors and Trail Completion**1. The project will provide:**

Our project is to build two sections of adaptive trail to connect each end of our brand new Butter Me Up (BMU) trail to an existing trailhead. The bottom of BMU needs a 1.2km connector to link into the Telegraph Trailhead and the top of BMU needs a .5km connector to link into the existing Butter trailhead. This will keep riders off the FSR and create a safe, fun and inclusive route. The end result will be for riders to be able to leave their vehicles in the lower trailhead and ride the connector out to Butter Me Up, then connect into the Butter trailhead and ride down, all on trails.

We will then install kiosks at both trailheads with maps showing the new trails. The Telegraph trailhead will have a new inclusive-adaptive outhouse and a picnic table. The pavilion viewpoint site will have a new inclusive-adaptive outhouse, two picnic tables and a kiosk with new trail maps.

We will be working with WildSafe BC to develop new signage to keep trail users aware of wildlife in the vicinity and to encourage responsible trail use. Newly developed inclusive-adaptive mountain bike signage will also be incorporated.

Our contractor will be going back over BMU, make any necessary adjustments and repairs to the trail surface to ensure a safe and sustainable trail.

2. Organization Mandate:

To promote the year-round self-propelled recreational use of trails in the North Slokan through advocacy, education and by providing historical, interpretive and youth programmes.

To provide trail-related infrastructure for human powered community recreation through projects, trail maintenance, reclamation and new trail construction.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important because we presently have only a handful of sanctioned trails and they are spread out. We need to create connections to encourage people to stay and ride our local trails, rather than driving to other communities to ride.

Our existing inclusive-adaptive trail Spine finishes at the Butter trailhead. The connector will link into Butter Me Up without interrupting the flow and without using the FSR making for a safer and more positive experience.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Currently, accessing each end of the trail necessitates riding on an FSR; we would like to take the opportunity to connect our trails so there is flow and safety, especially for adaptive trail users.

During the planning for our new trails on Ranch Ridge, we circulated a survey amongst local bikers and discovered that better signage is needed! So we will be making sure our trails are all well-signed and easy-to-follow. We will install signage to help reduce conflict between humans and wildlife.

With the development of trails lower on Ranch Ridge, we realised one trailhead hub with facilities is not enough, especially as it is at the top of the network - we needed to create another hub lower down.

Our Butter Me Up trail was built last summer/autumn and there are still a few finishing touches to be made and tweaks after the winter has settled the trail.

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

In 2017 we built the first adaptive trail in the region and we have been steady promoters of inclusivity in mountain biking since. We have a great relationship with Kootenay Adaptive Sport and we have adaptive riders in our membership. Our membership increases each year and we have a solid, proactive board.

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

Volunteers from the North Slokan Trails Society will be organising the project, installing the kiosks, picnic tables and outhouses. Highland Creek Contracting will be doing the trail building and any adjustments

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The NSTS project manager will be donating at least 30 hours to the project. A volunteer crew will install the kiosks, signage and picnic tables.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Highland Creek Contracting Ltd

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ESTIMATE
EST0042

DATE
09/24/2023

TOTAL
CAD \$17,325.00

TO

Abi Marsh

abimarsh@hotmail.com

DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
Two way adaptive connector trail from BMU too butter trail head Approximately .5 km	\$16,500.00	1	\$16,500.00
	SUBTOTAL		\$16,500.00
	GST (5%)		\$825.00
	TOTAL		CAD \$17,325.00



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ESTIMATE
EST0043

DATE
09/24/2023

TOTAL
CAD \$38,325.00

TO

Abi Marsh

abimarsh@hotmail.com

DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
1.2 kilometers of trail construction between bottom of BMU and fsr junction	\$36,500.00	1	\$36,500.00
	SUBTOTAL		\$36,500.00
	GST (5%)		\$1,825.00
	TOTAL		CAD \$38,325.00

Organization **W.E. Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

PO Box 10 1001 Harold Street, Slovan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Seniors' Lunch**

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

Primarily this project will take place at the Slovan Legion but we would like to offer events in New Denver & Slovan Park.

Importance to the community:

The primary beneficiaries of this program are the seniors of Slovan Valley, especially those near the Village of Slovan. They obviously enjoy the lunches, and word spreads rapidly when a new series of lunches is announced. Attendance sometimes exceeds fifty people. Those who find cooking difficult at home often end up being able to take a few servings home with them. People have a chance to ask around and make sure their peers are doing alright, and to share information about services and events that matter to that community.

WEGCSS staff and volunteers, both adults and youths, also benefit. Providing good food and a chance to gather with the seniors is fun and deeply satisfying. All the kitchen staff and volunteers get a chance to sharpen big batch cooking and serving skills. Volunteers often use WEGCSS staff as job references after a period of volunteering.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/12/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$2,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$300.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slovan			
	\$1,677.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,977.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,977.00	\$12,977.00	\$12,977.00

1. The project will provide:

The Slocan Seniors' Lunch is a long-standing, monthly hot lunch and social for seniors in the Slocan Valley. It is offered in partnership with the Slocan Legion, with other community funders in the Valley and sometimes with funders further afield. WEGCSS provides the staff and volunteer team, shopping, cooking, donates a portion of the ingredients used, and handles service delivery and administrative accountability. The Legion provides funding and a comfortable, familiar, accessible venue.

These lunches provide seniors with an opportunity to connect with each other, relax and enjoy a free prepared meal served by volunteers, which usually include youth from the school.

For some this hot meal (and often optional leftovers to take home) is a part of food security. For everyone, it is an easy monthly opportunity to remain socially connected.

2. Organization Mandate:

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slocan Valley.

Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

In creative and ongoing partnerships with regional services and organizations, we provide inclusive and accessible opportunities in support of a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community. We strive to remain responsive to the current needs of Slocan Valley residents and to enhance the quality of life for all.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The primary beneficiaries of this program are the seniors of Slocan Valley, especially those near the Village of Slocan. They obviously enjoy the lunches, and word spreads rapidly when a new series of lunches is announced. Attendance sometimes exceeds fifty people. Those who find cooking difficult at home often end up being able to take a few servings home with them. People have a chance to ask around and make sure their peers are doing alright, and to share information about services and events that matter to that community.

WEGCSS staff and volunteers, both adults and youths, also benefit. Providing good food and a chance to gather with the seniors is fun and deeply satisfying. All the kitchen staff and volunteers get a chance to sharpen big batch cooking and serving skills. Volunteers often use WEGCSS staff as job references after a period of volunteering.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

At the end of our last series of lunches, we asked the attending seniors what they valued most about these lunches. They expressed appreciation for the great food and emphasized that they really depend on the program as a regular chance to meet and stay in touch with each other. WEGCSS gets requests for the program to resume frequently.

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

For over 26 years, the W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) has been dedicated to delivering exceptional projects and programs. Our commitment to community consultation ensures that the Seniors lunch program meets the needs of the Valley's seniors.

With a highly skilled operational staff, extensive experience in working with seniors through the lunch program, and an unwavering desire to assist the most vulnerable members of our communities, WEGCSS is the perfect fit to host this program.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

WEGCSS will be involved in implementing the project and will work closely with the Slocan Legion who will provide the venue for most of the events as well as partial funding to support the program.

Project: Slocan Valley Seniors' Lunch

All of the WEGCSS staff, volunteers, plus the Legion proprietors are very familiar with the Seniors' Lunch program and have offered it on budget and successfully for over a decade.

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

We would like to thank you for your continued support to our organization.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

W F GCSB

Feb 01/2024

In support of the
senior's lunches,

I'm a big fan. Since
the pandemic I think
many friends and I
haven't really socialized,
again. These lunches
are fun, a rare occasion
that is just about
enjoying old and new
friends and good food.

No agenda's, obligation's or
cost! A venue for the
age-ed! Much appreciated,
once a month, would
be lovely!

Alida Darleen
Whipple

Executive Director

From: Front Desk
Sent: February 1, 2024 9:39 AM
To: Executive Director
Subject: Fw: Seniors lunches

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 9:23 AM
To: Front Desk <info@wegcss.org>
Subject: Seniors lunches

Attn: Chantal

I would like to say how appreciative I am of the seniors meals which occur in the Slocan area.

I think it is an incredible service which brings us seniors together to enjoy good food and each other.

With much gratitude

Jana



Slocan Valley Legion Branch 276
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February 14, 2024

Re: W.E. Graham Community Service Society
Box 10, Slocan, BC V0G 2C0
Att: Chantal Smith

Re: Application for a ReDi Grant

This is to advise that:

We have had a long standing partnership with the WEGCSS, especially with their Senior's Luncheon Program. We have supported them financially for over several years as well as giving them use of our hall free of charge once a month for the luncheons. Throughout Covid the WEGCSS continued the luncheon program by having deliveries made to the Seniors who wanted the service. We will continue to support this worthwhile program. Our Seniors immensely appreciate this program.

The WEGCSS has a dedication to community based programming that benefits all ages. They have a good reputation in this regard.

We believe strongly that the WEGCSS has been, and will continue to be, a society in our area (Slocan, Slocan Valley, Silverton, New Denver & Kaslo) who has our seniors at heart. We support them in this effort.

On behalf of the members of the
Slocan Valley Legion Branch 276

Carol Barclay
Secretay

c.c. John Gates, President

Organization **Slocan and Area Trails Society**

Registration #

Box 332, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Trail Maintenance Ottawa Hill Area**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place in the area known as Ottawa Hill. It is up Springer Creek Road just to the East of Slocan City.

Importance to the community:

Access to our trails and backcountry is being threatened with changes to the forestry industry and we as a community realize the importance to preserving the usage of this area. Locals and visitors will benefit from this project as they will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoor recreation close to home.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,950.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,950.00	\$5,025.00	\$5,025.00

Project: Trail Maintenance Ottawa Hill Area**1. The project will provide:**

Slocan and Area Trail Society (SATS) has received authorization from Recreation Sites and Trails BC to do basic trail maintenance within an area known as Ottawa Hill, Slocan, BC. This area consists of old mining and resource roads/trails that have overgrown brush threatening the usage of these trails. These motorized and non-motorized trails are used by locals and visitors for non-commercial recreation purposes and are an essential part of our community and the history of the Slocan region.

SATS has been maintaining this area for almost a year and we need to do more brushing along approx. 8 km of road. We are asking for financial support to purchase a wood chipper to help us achieve our goal. With your support, we will be able to purchase the necessary equipment to mulch brush that will be removed from the sides these trails and to cover the fuel costs associated with this. Our intention is to donate the wood chips to our local community garden and/or other local groups that need it.

2. Organization Mandate:

- Provide a sustainable network of recreational trails for a diverse range of users
- Help preserve public access to public land
- Respect and recognition for First Nations' and wildlife interest
- Partnership and Collaboration with other user groups and members of the public (ie. land owners, tenure holders, licensee holders)
- Preserve the culture heritage of the area
- Secure recreation opportunities for all trail users
- Provide educational opportunities for the public
- Empower youth to work on the trail building and related community service projects

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Access to our trails and backcountry is being threatened with changes to the forestry industry and we as a community realize the importance to preserving the usage of this area. Locals and visitors will benefit from this project as they will be able to continue to enjoy the outdoor recreation close to home.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

At this time, we do not anticipate any issues regarding this project. We do have an ATV available to us to tow the wood chipper up to the site.

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

Our society is the first and only trail group of it's kind in Slocan. We recognize the need to preserve and maintain both motorized and non-motorized trails in our area. This project has a lot of community support with different trail users. We have the capacity to complete this project as it is small and simple.

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

We have a wonderful group of volunteers helping us with this project along with the SATS Board members. We anticipate the project will take 4-8 days of work, depending on volunteer numbers.

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

The work crew will be all volunteers. This project is expected to take 4-8 days depending on crew size (4-6 people).

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Thursday, 09 March 2023

VIA EMAIL:

RE: Section 57 (FRPA) Application trail maintenance.

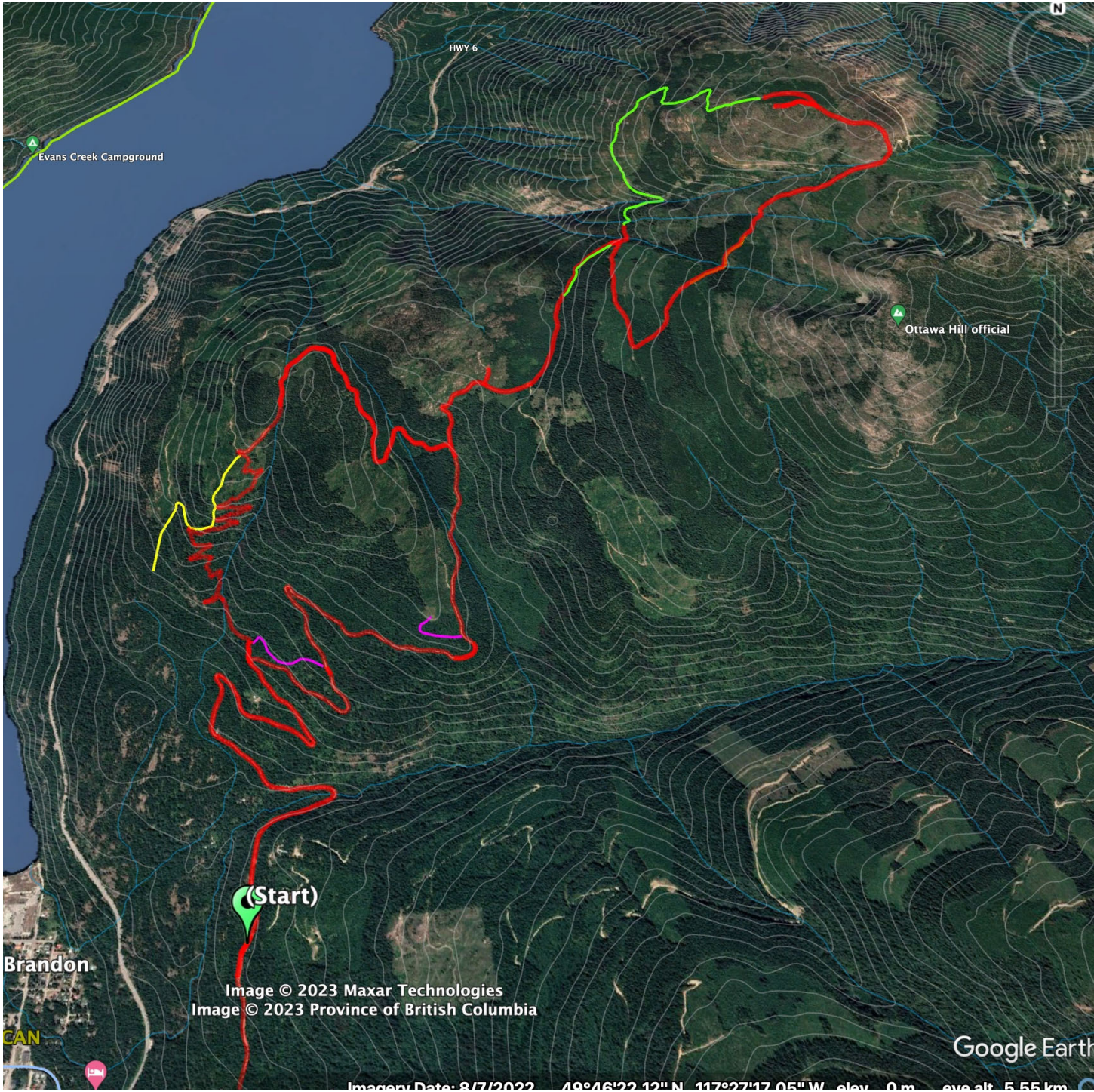
Dear Courtney Hulbert, (Slocan and Area Trails Society):

With reference to your Section 57 application, 16660-20/REC/Ottawa Hill to conduct basic maintenance works on an existing unmanaged trail (network of old mining/resource roads) in the vicinity of Slocan BC, the proposal is hereby approved under Section 57 of the Forest and Range Practices Act subject to the following conditions:

- This authorization is for basic maintenance (brushing, minor drainage works, bucking).
- This authorization is only for works on Crown Lands.
- If more significant works are to be pursued in the future please contact me directly to discuss.

Sincerely,

Justin Dexter
District Recreation Officer, Kootenay - Boundary Recreation District,
Recreation Sites and Trails BC



Evans Creek Campground

HWY 6

Ottawa Hill official

(Start)

Brandon

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Google Earth

Imagery Date: 8/7/2022 49°46'22.12" N 117°27'17.05" W elev. 0 m eye alt. 5.55 km

Organization **Slocan Valley Threads Guild**

Registration # S0016735

7112 Perry's Back Road, Winlaw BC V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place at the old school house at 7112 Perry's Road, Winlaw adjacent to the Slocan Valley Rail Trail.

Importance to the community:

The project would enable SVTG to continue and to expand its current operations.

The Slocan Valley Threads Guild is a fibre related organization, going strong since 1981. The Guild currently has the most members it has ever had, over 125 paid up current members and the demographic is getting younger, which ensures the longevity of the Guild.

The Guild hosts workshops, classes, member days and Gab and Jab Workshops and classes cost between \$2 and \$10, accessible to all.

The Guild hosts a library of over 750 books.

The building rents out for a minimal fee (\$25 for a day) to individuals for fibre related classes. We rent out an equipment inventory worth thousands of dollars.

The building is used by the Rail Trail society and rented to wildcrafting groups.

The annual Yard and Yardage event is attended by 100's of people from all over the RDCK.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 11/26/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$15,500.00	
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$16,000.00

Project: Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The Guild is housed in an old school building between Winlaw and Slocan. The Guild has been in operation for 42 years.

The building needs a new interior floor, taking out the old marmoleum, removing the plywood underneath and replacing it. The marmoleum, which has lasted as long as the Guild has had the building, is worn. Because it is very thick, the worn spots in the marmoleum create an uneven floor surface. Only patching the marmoleum is estimated to cost \$2,300. However, the plywood underneath the marmoleum is also separating, causing the floor to buckle in other spots. The joists and floor supports are in good shape as far as the contractors could ascertain at this point.

If the floor project is not funded, the floor will continue to deteriorate. It is currently a hazard for walking and placement of sewing and quilting tables, due to the uneven surface.

2. Organization Mandate:

SVTG fosters fibre arts craft and community in the Slocan Valley since 1981. The Guild has a diverse and growing collection of literature and equipment related to fibre arts, available for use by Guild members. The Guild works to sponsor and support fibre arts events, classes, workshops and exhibitions in the Valley, and maintain the Guild building as a fibre arts activity centre. The Guild continues to grow in membership and resources, and welcome new members regularly.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The project would enable SVTG to continue and to expand its current operations.

The Slocan Valley Threads Guild is a fibre related organization, going strong since 1981. The Guild currently has the most members it has ever had, over 125 paid up current members and the demographic is getting younger, which ensures the longevity of the Guild.

The Guild hosts workshops, classes, member days and Gab and Jab Workshops and classes cost between \$2 and \$10, accessible to all.

The Guild hosts a library of over 750 books.

The building rents out for a minimal fee (\$25 for a day) to individuals for fibre related classes. We rent out an equipment inventory worth thousands of dollars.

The building is used by the Rail Trail society and rented to wildcrafting groups.

The annual Yard and Yardage event is attended by 100's of people from all over the RDCK.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The rest of the building is in very good shape. The Guild has upgraded the heating system, the exterior siding, the roofing, insulation, window coverings to keep heat in or out depending on the season. The well and septic system appear to be in good shape at the present moment. There are also two sheds for storage on the property - a new

Project: Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement

one constructed in 2022 and a retrofitted shed, finished in 2023. If the floor project is not funded, the floor will continue to deteriorate and will require constant maintenance work, some of which will not be possible without removing the marmoleum. The issue was identified by the members attending workings at the Guild.

Guild membership stands at 127, more members than in previous years. Our membership is getting younger, and the building needs to stay intact to ensure that the upcoming generations continue to use the Guild.

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

The Guild has owned and operated this building since 1981. The board is active, engaged and works well together. The Guild welcomes new members and through new marketing endeavors, including webpage, Facebook and Instagram, has succeeded in reaching a younger membership. The Board is confident that with a sturdy building, the organization will continue for another 42 years.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A team of four board members, Joanne Feenstra, Brenda Elder, Sharon Block, and Julie Davies have collaborated on this project. Local contractors have been asked for quotes; materials will be sourced from local hardware stores. Joanne provides the bookkeeper and paperwork expertise, Brenda provides the building's historical information and Sharon and Julie will provide backup. Mike Naylor, a local tradesperson who has construction experience and works in the construction industry, will provide three on site visits to ensure quality control.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The Guild will provide the labour to remove cupboards, tables, and equipment from the inside of the building and replace it after construction. This work will take approximately 80-100 hours of labour.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Balance Sheet

Slocan Valley Threads Guild

As of Jan 16, 2024

ACCOUNTS

Jan 16, 2024

Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Cash on Hand	\$69.60
Equity Shares	\$70.31
Etransfer	\$511.92
Memberships Paid in Advance	\$40.00
Service Plus 102 (regular chequing)	\$8,231.48
Shares	\$51.69
Super Saver 101 Contingency Fund	\$6,006.57
Total Cash and Bank	\$14,981.57
Other Current Assets	
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Long-term Assets	
Threads Guild Building	\$129,600.00
Total Long-term Assets	\$129,600.00
Total Assets	\$144,581.57
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$415.33
Prepaid Memberships	\$40.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$455.33

Liabilities	
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$455.33

Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	\$6,011.68
Profit between May 1, 2023 and Jan 16, 2024	-\$3,839.42
Building Equity	\$129,600.00
Cash Equity	\$12,353.98
Total Retained Earnings	\$144,126.24
Total Equity	\$144,126.24

Profit and Loss

Slocan Valley Threads Guild

Date Range: Jan 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023

ACCOUNTS

Jan 01, 2023
to Dec 31, 2023

Income	
Bank Interest	\$21.17
Building Rentals	\$800.00
Class Supplies	\$380.00
Classes	\$200.00
Donations	\$419.67
Gab and Jab	\$10.00
Gift Certificates	\$100.00
Member Days	\$289.66
Memberships	\$1,840.00
YNY - Donations	\$249.60
YNY - Equipment	\$185.50
YNY - Fabric	\$2,002.30
YNY - Food	\$1,672.15
YNY - Guild Building Sales	\$164.40
YNY - Notions	\$285.80
YNY - Plants	\$2,123.90
YNY - Yarn	\$1,640.75
YNY Gate	\$113.50
Total Income	\$12,498.40

Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00
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Gross Profit	\$12,498.40
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%

Operating Expenses	
Class Supplies	\$380.00
Cleaning	\$210.96
Filing Fees and Memberships	\$40.00
Fortis - power bills	\$2,211.95
General Supplies	\$30.40
Heddle Looms	\$1,657.60
History Project	\$275.00
Instructor Fees	\$608.00
Insurance – Property	\$3,660.00
Library	\$594.48
Nelson Library Magazine	\$72.96
New Sign	\$392.00
Supplies for Classes	\$14.27
Tents and Tables	\$268.76
YNY - Start Up Expenses	\$316.17
Yard Work/Maintenance	\$260.00
advertising	\$10.00
bank charges	\$15.10
Total Operating Expenses	\$11,017.65

Net Profit

As a percentage of Total Income

\$1,480.75

11.85%

The Slokan Valley Threads Guild is exploring funding from:

Kootenay Saving Credit Union

[Community - Kootenay Savings Credit Union \(kscu.com\)](https://www.kscu.com)

March 31 deadline, Community Foundation Grant

The ReDI Grant

[Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants | Regional District of Central Kootenay \(rdck.ca\)](https://rdck.ca)

Deadline for submissions: Feb 21, 2024

The Slokan Valley Co-op

[Small Grant Program | Slokan Valley Co-op](#)

Maximum \$5,000, deadline Feb 29, 2024

WKCA

[Home - West Kootenay Regional Arts Council \(wkartscouncil.com\)](https://www.wkartscouncil.com)

Discussions underway.

SV Legacy Society - [Slokan Valley Legacy Fund | Slokan](#)

The Slokan Valley Threads Guild also has approximately \$6,000 in savings for unexpected expenses that may occur.

Future Options

If we are not able to secure enough funding, we will pursue funding through

1. Stellar Vista Credit Union (submission deadline of June 30, maximum amount \$5000).

[StellerImpact | StellerVista Credit Union](#)

2. Discretionary Grant through RDCK - Before applying, applicants MUST first discuss a grant application with the applicable Area Director(s) to ensure they are supportive of the project.

[Discretionary Grants | Regional District of Central Kootenay \(rdck.ca\)](https://rdck.ca)

Research

Heritage BC does not pay for interior floor renovations.

Organization **West Kootenay Watershed Collaborative**

Registration # S0077239

7025 Beggs Road, Nelson BC V1L 6S5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Branching Out for Watershed Understanding**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

Project: Branching Out for Watershed Understanding

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

Project: Branching Out for Watershed Understanding

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Nelson Nordic Ski Club**

Registration # S-0018000

P.O. Box 486 Nelson, 4638 Highway 6, Nelson - C British Columbia V1L 5R3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Phase Two: Completion of the New Apex Groomer and Electric Snow Machine Building**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E

Nelson Nordic Ski Club is located 10 km south of Nelson on Hwy 6. The mechanical building addition we are working on is directly across from Whitewater Ski Resort Road, just below the parking lot.

Importance to the community:

Nelson Nordic provides an affordable outdoor recreation service to Nelson and the surrounding communities. With it's 1200 members and 5,000 day pass visitors both local and from afar increasing tourism and economic growth in the area the club provides a valuable outdoor recreation opportunity with programs for 4 to 80+ year olds. The club also serves the under-represented population groups in the area. Last year we had 207 visits from a variety of groups to ski and snowshoe for free, including free rentals from Gericks and instruction from members at the club. With support from RDCK the club grooms to Cottonwood Lake along the railtrail, providing an active transport corridor for locals to ski to the club from Nelson. This trail also provides a dog friendly area, hugely popular. Keeping our grooming machines safe and in top shape is critical to providing these daily groomed trails for our users.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$8,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$14,929.08	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$0.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$46,429.08

Project: Phase Two: Completion of the New Apex Groomer and Electric Snow Machine Building

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$46,429.08	\$53,429.08	\$53,429.08

1. The project will provide:

Phase one of this project, initiated in the fall of 2023 and concluding presently, involved securing funding from various sources including a Capitol BC Gaming grant of \$48,030, a \$2000 donation from Nelson Home Hardware, and additional funds from NNSC, totalling \$109,769.94. This phase aimed to house and secure a second grooming machine and our new electric snow-machine due to significant security risks at the club, compounded by the deteriorating state of the old shed which lacked security, heating, and wiring.

Phase two of this project aims to complete the project. This includes insulating, wiring, and cladding the interior of the new addition. Having power in the shop will facilitate drying and routine maintenance of the machines, promoting their longevity. The Husky Groomer, estimated at \$250,000 for replacement, and the Electric Snowmobile, valued at \$25,000 and requiring a power source for charging, underscore the necessity of these upgrades. Vandalism and theft, along with an increase in off-season activity at the facilities, have prompted this action, particularly following unfortunate incidents of theft, fuel pilferage, equipment damage, and trail vandalism the club experienced last summer.

2. Organization Mandate:

The NNSC shall provide healthy, family-oriented, quality, community-responsive cross country ski facilities, trails and programs that can be enjoyed by skiers of all ages and levels regardless of their abilities. The Club shall be especially responsive to environmental considerations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Nelson Nordic provides an affordable outdoor recreation service to Nelson and the surrounding communities. With it's 1200 members and 5,000 day pass visitors both local and from afar increasing tourism and economic growth in the area the club provides a valuable outdoor recreation opportunity with programs for 4 to 80+ year olds. The club also serves the under-represented population groups in the area. Last year we had 207 visits from a variety of groups to ski and snowshoe for free, including free rentals from Gericks and instruction from members at the club. With support from RDCK the club grooms to Cottonwood Lake along the railtrail, providing an active transport corridor for locals to ski to the club from Nelson. This trail also provides a dog friendly area, hugely popular. Keeping our grooming machines safe and in top shape is critical to providing these daily groomed trails for our users.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues of vandalism and security breaches pose significant safety risks and financial burdens at the club, particularly targeting our buildings and the fuel tank of our groomer. Implementing security measures such as security cameras and heavy-duty iron bar protection, will mitigate much of this vandalism, particularly at critical areas like our mechanical shop and new addition where our grooming machines and snowmobiles, collectively valued at \$525,000, are housed. To fully address these challenges, we require further enhancements to the addition: insulation, electrical wiring, and iron bars. These upgrades are crucial for ensuring the security and longevity of the machines. Additionally, the purchase of our new electric snowmobile, funded through grants, necessitates the provision of electrical outlets for charging within the new building. Ensuring a well-insulated and secure building with electrical capabilities is essential for maintaining these machines' performance, as snow-covered equipment requires heating to remove snow to prevent damage.

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

Project: Phase Two: Completion of the New Apex Groomer and Electric Snow Machine Building

Nelson Nordic is well-equipped to lead this project with our extensive experience in managing club facilities and addressing security concerns. Supported by dedicated volunteers, staff, and paid contractors we have the expertise and commitment to execute the project effectively. Having secured funding from grants and donations, including completing phase one, we clearly have the capability to finance and initiate necessary improvements promptly. We have a track record of coordinating complex projects within budget and on schedule, and with access to skilled professionals we will ensure efficient execution of phase two of this project. Additionally, we maintain a strong network of community partners and stakeholders who support our initiatives and are willing to lend assistance when needed. This collaborative approach enhances our capacity to deliver projects efficiently and effectively. Nelson Nordic's experience, funding success, and collaborative approach make us the ideal candidate to ensure the security and sustainability of our club facilities.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The general manager with approval from the Board of Directors will oversee the work to be done. A contractor will be installing the insulation and electrical as well as the iron clad bars for the main doors. DHC has done security work for the club in the past and will install the new security cameras for the new addition. We will require two cameras to cover the whole area (only one is quoted on the quote sheet from DHC). Home Hardware is contributing \$2000 and discount on materials for the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Home Hardware has agreed to provide discounts for materials required for the project such as to insulate and add electrical to the new addition.

The project is viable without the funding but may take much longer to complete and will go to a Phase Three approach.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Zarikoff Developments Inc.
116 100th street
Castlegar BC V1N 3C5
zari1@hotmail.ca
GST/HST Registration No.:
742327513RT0001



Estimate

ADDRESS

Nelson Nordic Ski

ESTIMATE # 1153

DATE 06/02/2024

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	TAX	AMOUNT
electrical	wire shop, basic to code plugs, lighting	1	6,500.00	GST	6,500.00
electrical	new service to main shop feeding new addition	1	7,500.00	GST	7,500.00
sheeting		1	8,000.00	GST	8,000.00
concrete	fix low spot in pad, new pad man door under cover	1	2,500.00	GST	2,500.00
insulation	with vapor barrier	1	12,000.00	GST	12,000.00
paint		1	3,000.00	GST	3,000.00
electrical	heaters same as other shop	2	600.00	GST	1,200.00
welding	door cages to match other door	2	1,200.00	GST	2,400.00

SUBTOTAL 43,100.00
GST @ 5% 2,155.00
TOTAL **\$45,255.00**

TAX SUMMARY

RATE	TAX	NET
GST @ 5%	2,155.00	43,100.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Attention: Karen Redfern
Email: karen@nelsonnordicski.ca
Tel: 250-505-3044

Quote: T20231122.0028
Date: December 21, 2023

Prepared by: Martha Hills
Email: martha.hills@dhc.bc.ca
Tel: 250-352-0861 ext.302

Proposal Summary:

DHC is pleased to present a detailed project overview as related to the webcam at Apex. We have designed this system using industry best practices combined with our wealth of knowledge and years of experience related to such projects or products. This proposal covers the following:

Apex Webcam

Supply and install Axis webcam to replace the damaged one.

Total Package for the Apex Webcam is \$1480.75 + applicable taxes.

Overall Notes:

Quote Includes

- Certification testing all newly installed network cabling and fiber optics.
- Project management and coordination.

Warranty:

- Workmanship & installation 1 year.
- All Manufacturer's warranties.

ASSUMPTIONS/EXCLUSIONS:

- Applicable taxes additional.
- Permits, as/if required.
- Labour and materials outside of quote are billed additionally.

DHC Communications standard terms and conditions apply.

2.0 Additional Terms & Conditions:

- a)** DHC payment terms are Net 30 from month of invoice (e.g. May progress draw shall be paid no later than June 30). 2.5% per month interest retroactive to invoice date will apply to late progress payments.
- b)** Pricing is valid for 30 days, after which it is subject to change.
- c)** 50% due upon approval, balance to be progress invoiced.
- d)** Any changes to the scope of work must be authorized in writing prior to commencement.
- e)** All materials installed and/or on site shall remain the property of DHC until such time as such is fully paid.
- f)** Interest charges at 2.5% per month retroactive to DHC's substantial completion date shall apply if holdback payment is not received in full 60 days after DHC's substantial completion date.

Customer Signature: _____

Date: _____



Circle of Indigenous Nations Society
1801 Connors Road, Castlegar BC V1N 3N9
Email: info@coinations.net
Phone: 1-877-904-2634
Website: www.coinations.net

20 February 2024

Re: Support letter for Nelson Nordic Ski Club's ReDi Grant application

To Whom it May Concern:

Please accept this as our letter of support for the Nelson Nordic Ski Club's endeavour to apply for ReDi grant funding to complete Phase Two of their project to insulate, wire, and clad the interior of the new addition to their mechanical shop. We understand that the club has suffered from vandalism this past year and requires better security cameras and iron clad doors to prevent security breaches going forward. They just recently received funding for a new Electric Snow machine which is a step in the right direction for environmental sustainability at the club. This machine requires power to charge in this new addition.

Cross country skiing is an activity that our group has really enjoyed at the club over the last few years. The sport has increased in popularity and the trails are busy so ensuring that the grooming machines are safe and dry in this new addition is important for sustainability of club services to the community and groups like ours. Being outdoors in nature is very important for people's physical and mental well-being. Nelson Nordic provides a valuable service to the surrounding communities and we fully support their grant application to make the club buildings safer and complete.

We can be contacted if you have any questions regarding this support.

Lim Limpt (thank you),

Kris Salikin,MSW
Executive Director



Jerry & Anne Filippo

2888 Highway 3A
Nelson, BC
V1L 6L9

July 29, 2021

BC Community Gaming Grants Branch
6th Floor, 800 Johnson Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1N3

RE: Nelson Nordic Ski Club Snowcat Garage

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that we give permission to Nelson Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) to build a new 20' x 40' snowcat garage on the Apex property that we own at:

PID: 011-707-721 Lot "A", District Lot 1241, Kootenay District Plan 17958

This is the location of the trailhead for the Club's trail system.

As two of the three owners of the aforementioned property, we also affirm that we and the third owner (Hendrik Dannys) have recently entered into a long-term lease agreement for the property that will see NNSC have control of the property for the express purpose of constructing, maintaining and using Nordic ski trails and related facilities on the property until at least August 31, 2045.

We are currently awaiting the signed copy of the lease agreement by courier from Mr. Dannys, who lives in rural Ontario, and it is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Should you have any questions about the lease agreement with Nelson Nordic Ski Club or the permission we have granted the NNSC to build a new garage for its snowcats, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



Jerry Filippo



Anne Filippo

Organization **Sandon Historical Society**

Registration # S0014387

P.O. Box 52, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Signage, brochures and improvements**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place at the Museum in the historic ghost town of Sandon.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because although Sandon has only a tiny group of residents, it is a site of historic importance and has had a huge influence on the surrounding communities. The Sandon Museum welcomes thousands of visitors every season and we must be easy to find and to communicate with.

Visitors drawn to Sandon support the economies of the surrounding villages by staying in accommodation, eating and shopping. West Kootenay residents will also have more pride in a public facility that is smart, in good repair and professional.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

1. The project will provide:

We have collaborated with the North Slokan Trails Society in a historic signage tour on the old rail trails in Sandon. The next step is to produce a leaflet with a map and further historic information on sites of interest. We would like to purchase supplies and make some light repairs and improvements and add some better signage. Lastly we would like to make some upgrades to our literature and website, including printing a leaflet of the Museum and hiring someone to create a more user-friendly and informative website.

2. Organization Mandate:

To educate the public at large as to the unique position of Sandon in the history of the Kootenay region of BC, of BC as a whole, of adjacent areas to the south and of Western Canadian development.
To acquire, manage and dispose of assets to enhance the heritage values of Sandon.
To do all things needful to achieve the purposes of the Society including, but not limited to the preservation, restoration and replication of historic structures in Sandon.
To accept, hold and disburse funds received for the purposes of the Society.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important because although Sandon has only a tiny group of residents, it is a site of historic importance and has had a huge influence on the surrounding communities. The Sandon Museum welcomes thousands of visitors every season and we must be easy to find and to communicate with. Visitors drawn to Sandon support the economies of the surrounding villages by staying in accommodation, eating and shopping. West Kootenay residents will also have more pride in a public facility that is smart, in good repair and professional.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Sandon Museum is an important resource for families and historians and curious visitors wishing to connect with the past and we would like to update our image and be able to communicate better the public services we provide. We have had feedback that visitors to Sandon can't easily find the Museum so we do need to improve our signage. The Public areas of the Museum are looking rather shabby so we will be smartening and tidying and refreshing with new paint.

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

We own the only Museum in Sandon and we are a progressive, hard-working board with excellent recent experience of managing projects. Our members are very supportive and we have many volunteers when needed.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Our board of directors will be working as a team to approve the design work. A project manager will be overseeing the painting and repairs. Several members of our board have experience with construction and decoration and we also have a professional sign-writer on the board.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

SHS project management of approximately 15 hours

Project: Signage, brochures and improvements

Volunteer painting, cleaning and making light repairs, approximately 35 hours

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Goat Mountain Kids Society**

Registration # 89038 1262

P.O. Box 220, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **GMKS Sunshade and Program Supplies**

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

This project will take place: (1) in the outdoor play area of GMKC, outside of the Lucerne Elementary Secondary School; (2) inside of Lucerne Elementary Secondary School for the ASP.

Importance to the community:

GMKC Sunshade: All children currently enrolled at the GMKC, and all future enrolled children, will benefit dramatically from the sun shade, as this will permit increased duration and safer outdoor time for several months of the year throughout the spring and summer. The staff at GMKC will also benefit from enhancing programming opportunities and reducing sun exposure risk to staff and children. The residents most benefited are those in New Denver, Silverton and RDCK Area H.

ASP: All kids ages 5-12 years of age are eligible for the After School Program, whether enrolled at Lucerne School or not. Thus, any parent/guardian and associated child(ren) 5-12 years of age who wish to participate in the program will benefit from the enhanced supplies and organizational capacities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$2,500.00	
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
				\$5,225.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$3,500.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,225.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: GMKS Sunshade and Program Supplies

\$11,225.00	\$35,924.56	\$35,924.56
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1. The project will provide:

The GMKS continues to support their daycare program at the Goat Mountain Kids Centre (GMKC), and the completion of the first year of the After School Child Care Program (ASP). GMKS is currently fundraising for a new sunshade structure at the GMKC outdoor play area. At present, the area is far too hot in the summer for the outdoor space to be utilized by children and staff, and the current shade structures attempted are insufficient in heavy winds and are currently damaged. We have been quoted \$50,000 for a proper shade structure that can withstand the elements. Concurrently, GMKS continues to support the ASP, which is in need of additional supplies for the Program Coordinator (e.g., laptop, cell phone) and for the program operations (e.g., climbing shoes for smaller feet, other supplies). The services/activities to be completed with funding from this grant are:

1. The purchase and installation of the sunshade structure for GMKC
2. The purchase of additional supplies for the ASP

2. Organization Mandate:

Goat Mountain Kids Centre provides quality childcare and early learning with a philosophy of nurturing the whole child. Our mission, philosophy, values, and mandate aim to guide us in taking care of children's needs and guiding them to take care of themselves, each other, the community, and the environment. Goat Mountain Kids Society mandate revolves around creating healthy relationships among educators, families, children, the community, and the natural world to set the foundation for personal, social, and environmental health and well-being. Developmentally appropriate activities and challenges aim to stimulate children's natural curiosity, reasoning, and problem-solving skills at our childcare centre, and this philosophy will also apply to our After School Program. Children have many opportunities and resources to explore learning through literacy, dramatic play, science, music, singing, art, puppetry, and dance. Overall health, joy of movement, and development of fine and large motor skills are fostered. Children are guided through indigenous programming and explorations of other cultures and languages, diversity, and uniqueness is celebrated focusing on community integration.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

GMKC Sunshade: All children currently enrolled at the GMKC, and all future enrolled children, will benefit dramatically from the sun shade, as this will permit increased duration and safer outdoor time for several months of the year throughout the spring and summer. The staff at GMKC will also benefit from enhancing programming opportunities and reducing sun exposure risk to staff and children. The residents most benefited are those in New Denver, Silverton and RDCK Area H.

ASP: All kids ages 5-12 years of age are eligible for the After School Program, whether enrolled at Lucerne School or not. Thus, any parent/guardian and associated child(ren) 5-12 years of age who wish to participate in the program will benefit from the enhanced supplies and organizational capacities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues/Opportunities GMKC: The play space has been deemed too hot to utilize in the summer, with water quickly evaporating when poured on the concrete in attempts to cool the area (2021 to present). We have had architects and specialists (Park N Play Design) assess the area to suggest and design the shade structure required to achieve our goals (i.e., sufficiently cover the area and withstand wind).

Issues/Opportunities ASP: As the program continues to grow, the need for a laptop and a cell phone for administrative work has become clear for planning, tracking enrollment and advertisement needs. The need for additional supplies, especially as enrollment increases, is also evident. For example, the current climbing shoes at the

Project: GMKS Sunshade and Program Supplies

Lucerne school do not fit small feet for children under ~10 years of age, and bouldering has become a key component of the program. A small speaker, table cloths, etc would also be helpful.

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

GMKC Sunshade: Our organization is best suited for this project because we already are the organization running the daycare and in charge of the outdoor play space to ensure it is safe for staff and children, and aligning with licenzing requirements. We are already well underway in our fundraising efforts, having acquired many grants already with additional fundraising events coming up.

ASP: We are also the organization currently providing the ASP, demonstrating the capacity and suitability to continue delivering this program and to enhance it with additional supplies.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

GMKC Sunshade: The sunshade quote and consultation was done with Park N Play Design, and the building of the sunshade will be completed by SD10 staff. The SD10 Manager of Operations and SD10 Superintendent have been consulted and given approval for this project on SD10 grounds. Board members will oversee the purchasing of materials and discussions with those hired to construct.

ASP: The individuals involved in implementing this project include the Program Coordinator and the GMKS Board of Directors, and has involvement of all enrolled children via their participation.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The volunteer board of ~5-6 members continue to volunteer an average of ~100 hours a month collectively for the ongoing operations of these programs, and will continue contributing time and energy to both the sunshade efforts and the ASP.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Peter Dubinsky
Superintendent of Schools

October 23, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as permission for Goat Mountain Kids Society Child Care Centre to complete their project application for a shade structure on School District 10 property. The district has no objection to the proposed project.

The society and the district have had a long-standing partnership spanning many decades and entered a New Spaces grant application as co-applicants. Conditions of the approved grant stipulates that the spaces created but remain childcare spaces for fifteen years, and this solidifies the on-going partnership the district has with the society. The district is very proud of our partnership with GMKS and support their endeavors to improve the Centre and enhance the learning and care of the children who attend.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Peter Dubinsky
Superintendent CEO
SD10 Arrow Lakes



Goat Mountain Kids Society
New Denver, British Columbia

November 10, 2023

SHADE STRUCTURE
QUOTE: #111023
JOB: # BC2820

Superior Recreational Products Shade Structure	\$ 24,699.56
Includes:	
• 1 #RD202802SG	Rectangle Hip Shade- 20x28x8, 6" Sub-Surface Mount, with Glide
• 1 #ABT Quote	Anchor Hardware and Templates, Steel Plate Template and Hardware For Cast in Place Anchoring System
• 1	Engineering- Sealed Drawings and Calculations
• 1	Delivery of Equipment to New Denver BC V0G 1S0
Full Installation, per Manufacturer Specifications	\$ 20,779.06
Includes:	
• Auguring of Holes & Removal of Tailings	
• Concrete for Pilings	
• Footings 3.5' deep x 3' wide with Rebar	
• Removal of Park N Play Garbage	
SUB TOTAL	\$ 45,478.62
5% G.S.T.	\$ 2,273.93
TOTAL (INCLUDING TAXES)	\$ 47,752.55

****SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON PAGES 2 AND 3****

****SECOR CERTIFICATE #20200109-SE5281****

NOTES: Freight prices are subject to change and may change based on the final order
ABT QUOTE is to be shipped in advance of the shade structure installment
Installation does not include surfacing, rehab or fencing, if required additional fees may incur
Laydown area must be determined 2 weeks prior to installation-if the area does not have good access or the laydown area is
not accessible delays and additional fees may incur

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Terms and Conditions for Project

Delivery is available approximately twelve (12) to eighteen (18) weeks after receipt of confirmation on order.

Installation scheduling is on a "First in/First out" model. Dates specified in a Bid or RFP document will be honoured accordingly. Delays due to site work not being completed may lead to installation being delayed.

Installation will be done in accordance with manufacturer's and CSA standards. Changes to this scope may incur additional charges unless otherwise negotiated or identified in writing by both parties. All prices are based on a clear, clean, and level site, prepared to recommended space requirements. Park N Play Design Company Ltd. reserves the right to renegotiate contracts if additional site preparation is required, unless otherwise agreed upon in the quotation.

Vehicle and heavy equipment access must be provided to job site as required. Park N Play Design Company Ltd. is not responsible for damage to site and surrounding area while delivering and installing material. Adequate staging areas must be provided for both trailers and crates. Finished landscaping or reclamation is not included in the above pricing unless specified.

Park N Play Design Company Ltd. reserves the right to cancel, delay, postpone, and/or surcharge installation due to unfavorable digging, and/or weather conditions. The location of owner's utilities and services are not the responsibility of Park N Play Design Company Ltd. Park N Play Design Company Ltd. is not responsible for damages incurred during installation due to incorrect or incomplete site information.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR PROJECT TO PROVIDE, or make available, washroom facilities for all trades on site for duration of installation. Extra charges will be applied if not conformed.

Prices **DO NOT** include Safety Surfacing, Site Preparation, Safety Fencing & Security, Curbs, Site Rehab, Drainage, Permits, or other extraneous fees unless noted in the description above or otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties.

Terms of Agreement

Terms available subject to approved credit. Payment by Bank Letter of Credit, Certified Cheque, or Credit Card.

- **Supply only terms are payment upon delivery with a 50% deposit at time of order.**
- **If equipment is not installed at no fault of Park N Play Design Company Ltd., we will not be responsible for storage unless an agreement is in place by both parties in writing.**
- **A 50% Deposit is required at time of acceptance of project. Final payment is due when project is completed upon receipt. If an installation is postponed the customer will be invoiced for equipment only and this amount is payable upon receipt of invoice. The installation will be invoiced upon completion of project and is due upon receipt**
- **We reserve the right to have a Third-Party Certified Playground Safety Inspector review the work. In the event of a disagreement regarding Playground Safety Standard Compliance, the less stringent interpretation shall apply.**
- **Warranty period begins from the date of Park N Play's installation completion. If installation is not done by Park N Play then the warranty period will begin from, the day of delivery of equipment.**

This quotation will remain in effect for 30 days from the date of quotation unless withdrawn earlier by Park N Play Design Company Ltd. by notice to you. The terms of this quotation supersede the provisions of any conflicting term of your form of purchase order. If you do not have a form of purchase order, please sign and date a copy of this quotation and return it to us. – See Page 3.



TO PLACE AN ORDER:

Please fill out the form below and return to Park N Play Design Company Ltd. by email.

Above quotation, terms, and conditions accepted by:

Municipality/Company Name

Date

Signature

Print Name, Title

Invoice To:

Ship to/Site Address:

Purchase Order Number: _____

Billing Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Site Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Delivery Required as Quoted _____ or _____

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Thank you for your interest in our products and for the opportunity to submit a quotation. If you require additional information, please call us toll free at 1-866-551-8188.

Organization **Nelson Italian-Canadian Society**

Registration # Incorporation Number: S0013480 Business Number: 80286 4918 BC0001
PO Box 239, Nelson BC V1L 5P9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Lakeside Park Bocce Courts**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson
Lakeside Park

Importance to the community:

Bocce is an integral part of the Italian community, being a very social activity that is accessible to all. The community at large will benefit from having the courts redeveloped; the courts belong to the City of Nelson, and not to the NICS as many think. The Nelson Special Olympics Bocce team will benefit greatly having two regulation courts to practice and play on. The Nelson Seniors Centre and Learning in Retirement group will be utilizing the courts as part of their program. The NICS will assist them with volunteer instructors to teach them how to play bocce.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
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
			\$17,500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$0.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$32,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$32,500.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00

1. The project will provide:

Redevelopment of bocce courts at Lakeside Park

The project will replace two of the three bocce courts that were removed to make room for the new basketball courts. This will provide community access to bocce courts for leisure activities. It will also give the Nelson Special Olympics bocce team regulation size bocce courts to practice and play on. Member of the Nelson Italian-Canadian Society will again be able to host their annual bocce tournament that brought in players from Italian societies in Cranbrook, Trail and Kelowna.

The project will be realized with the redevelopment of the courts, involving site preparation, providing electrical & water service to the site, construction of perimeters around the the courts, installation of lighting and benches around the outside of the court area and a 6' chain link fence.

The work will be completed by a combination of workers from the City of Nelson, contractors, NICS and Nelson Special Olympics Bocce Team volunteers.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Nelson Italian-Canadian Society promotes many initiatives, especially those related to the Nelson Italian-Canadian community. Other initiatives include the strengthening of relations with other ethnic groups, the cooperation and assistance in the management of community, social, cultural & educational projects.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Bocce is an integral part of the Italian community, being a very social activity that is accessible to all.

The community at large will benefit from having the courts redeveloped; the courts belong to the City of Nelson, and not to the NICS as many think. The Nelson Special Olympics Bocce team will benefit greatly having two regulation courts to practice and play on. The Nelson Seniors Centre and Learning in Retirement group will be utilizing the courts as part of their program. The NICS will assist them with volunteer instructors to teach them how to play bocce.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues for this project is that the courts have to be redeveloped from scratch. The three courts that the NICS built in 1987 were removed to make room for the basketball courts. The redevelopment project has been scaled back to two courts instead of the original three.

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

The NICS is best suited to deliver the project as our organization built and paid for the original bocce courts in 1987. The NICS collaborated with the Nelson Hoops Association and agreed to have the original courts relocated to make room for the basketball courts. This was done with the provision that the redevelopment costs would be covered by the Nelson Hoops Association and the City of Nelson. The NICS would provide the funding and volunteers to construct the perimeters around the two courts that are to be redeveloped.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Nelson Italian-Canadian Society, Nelson Special Olympics Bocce team and the City of Nelson and a contractor

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Project: Lakeside Park Bocce Courts

The NICS and Nelson Special Olympics Bocce Team organizers will be providing human resources to the project. These individuals will be doing a number of tasks associated with the construction of the new court perimeters and basic landscaping.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

NELSON SENIORS CENTRE

Paul Boscariol
President
Societa Italo-Canadense di Nelson

Dear Paul,

Nelson Seniors Centre Society supports your project to reconstruct bocce courts at Lakeside Park. Many seniors in our membership would gladly take part in this outdoor activity.

Our members recently asked our board to organize outdoor activities during warmer months. Bocce fits that request. Best of luck to your organization in this endeavor.

Kind Regards

Carol Howard, President

Nelson Seniors Centre Society

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Learning In Retirement, Nelson. We are a non-profit group helping seniors to find new interests, connect with other seniors and learn new skills all while having fun together. We are very pleased to support the Nelson Italian Canadian Society's efforts to redevelop the bocce courts at Lakeside Park.

We believe that having bocce courts at Lakeside would be a valuable asset to our LIR members as well as seniors as a whole in Nelson. Bocce is a low impact physical activity that has a significant social component to it. If the courts are able to be redeveloped, we are currently discussing NICS volunteering to put on bocce lessons as part of the LIR 2024 Fall Course selections for our interested members.

LIR is very much hoping that the NICS is given permission to redevelop the bocce courts, as it will benefit seniors in our community beyond measure.

Thank you for your consideration to the NICS request.

Vicki Valks

Planning Committee

Learning In Retirement, Nelson

Dear ReDi Grant Committee,

I am pleased to be writing on behalf of the Special Olympics branch here in Nelson BC. As the volunteer coordinator, program coordinator and the head coach for bocce at our local branch myself, our committee, volunteers, athletes and their families would like to express our full support for this grant application by the Nelson Italian-Canadian Society to redevelop the bocce courts at Lakeside Park. We feel this is imperative to developing our athletes and progressing their skills in the sport to be able to work towards competing in tournaments.

Special Olympics is dedicated to enriching the lives of people with intellectual disabilities in our communities through sport. This year local is celebrating our 40th year and we are expanding and growing strong. Our group has seen some challenges over the last few years. It was a struggle to maintain our athletes, volunteer and coach enrollment, and our sports programs through Covid. We saw our numbers reach all time lows and only 2 sports survived that period. Bocce and bowling kept going with enthusiasm. As we continue to build our other sports back up these two remain the favorite with sometimes up to 15 athletes and their family members, and several workers, coaches and volunteers attending these sports each week. We no longer have a bowling alley in Nelson and so, our athletes travel every Monday throughout the winter over to Castlegar to practice. Unfortunately, we also haven't had official bocce courts in Nelson for some time. We continue to play twice a week in the summer on portable courts, but in order to bring the athletes skills up to a competitive level we need access to official courts.

The special Olympics games are held in different locations with different kinds of courts and the athletes are expected to be able to play in these different settings. Currently our Nelson athletes have not had any practice on official bocce courts. They are at a disadvantage in this sport when it comes to bigger competitions such as regional, provincial or national games. This year is the qualifying games for the SOBC summer games including bocce. If the NICS is successful in their proposal to redevelop these bocce courts our athletes might have a chance at developing their skills on official courts enough to compete in the qualifiers and possibly advance to bigger competitions.

To our athletes, bocce is not just a sport. It's a way to stay fit, be outside, socialize, build friendships and be seen and included in the local sports community. It's our most accessible and low barrier sport, making it inclusive for all of our athletes. Through bocce we have watched our athletes grow their skills, promoting confidence and pride in themselves. They are very much looking forward to the start of this season and have been hoping to see the courts rebuilt so they can get practicing. Additionally, once these courts are rebuilt, our group would be able to expand and offer space for more adult athletes and a possibility to finally offer a youth bocce program for our athletes under 12 years of age who currently can not play because we do not have enough courts available. We would also have the ability to be a host community for tournaments with other SOBC locals from around the province.

The addition of these bocce courts at lakeside park would help us provide our athletes a higher level of training and give them more opportunities to advance in this sport that they love. We

would use the courts twice a week for a minimum of 12 weeks over the spring and summer or as long as the weather permits each year. We are very much looking forward to this project's completion!

Sincerely,
Sayla Harder
Volunteer Coordinator
Nelson Special Olympics
250 777 4074
saylahardersobcvolis@gmail.com

Organization Nelson Disc Golf Society

Registration # S0070725

1613 WARD ST, NELSON BC V1L 1V7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

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

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Donated professional project management fees 200 hours x \$55/hour = \$11 000
Donated construction labor fees 32 hours x \$50/hour = \$1600
Donated landscaping labor fees 200 hours x \$30/hour = \$6000
Donated professional arborist fees \$1200/day x 2 days = \$2400
Donated meeting rental space 14 months x \$120/month = \$1680
Total estimated in-kind value= \$22 680

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



**Mount Sentinel
Secondary School**

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To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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

February 12, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

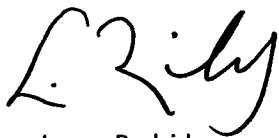
I am writing this letter in support of the Nelson Disc Golf Society's proposal for the expansion of the Highwater Disc Golf Course and area.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Laura Radridge

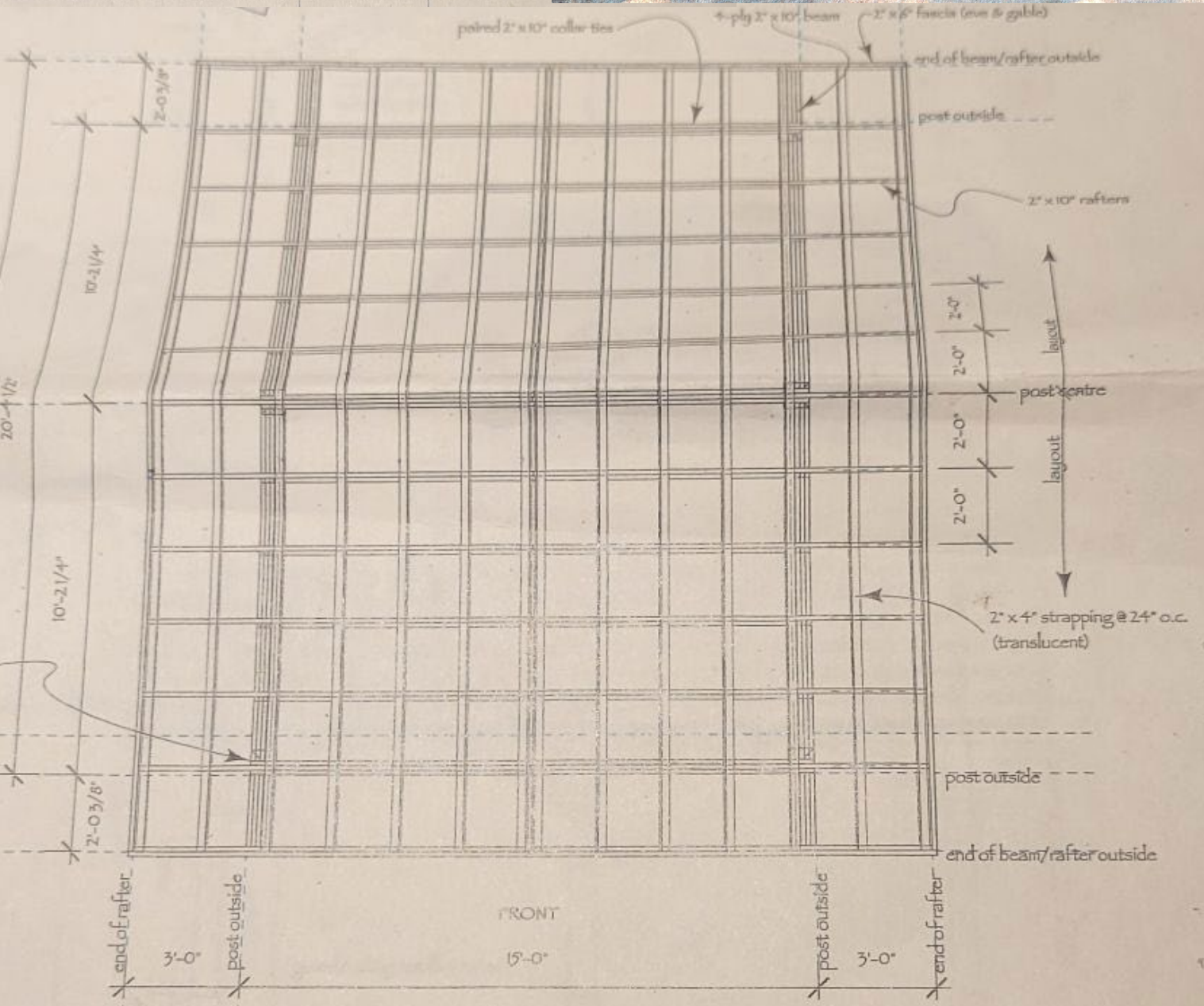
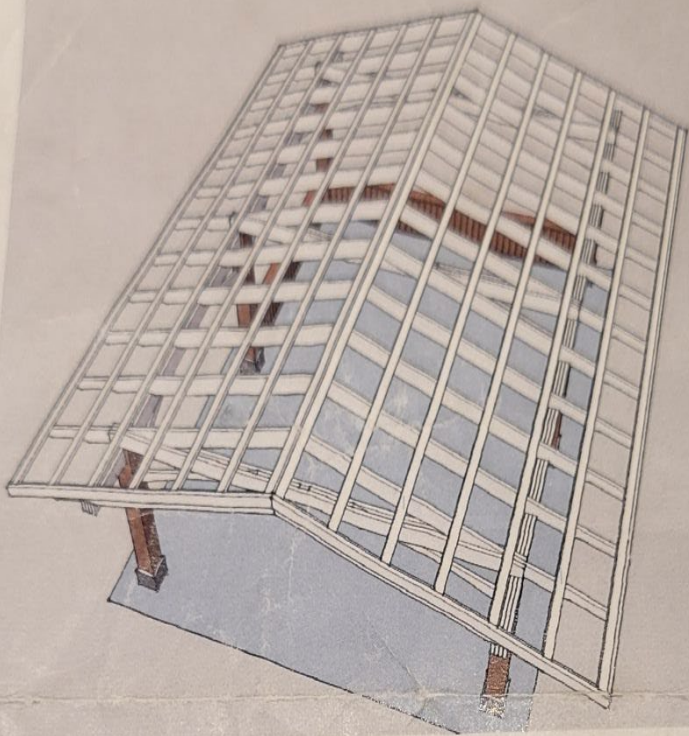
Classroom Teacher, Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Box 40 - 1092 Highway 6 Crescent Valley, BC

To Whom It May Concern,

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

Yours Truly,

Eli Geddis
Grade 5/6 Teacher
Rosemont Elementary School
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Organization **(The) Rossland Gold Fever Follies**

Registration # S-0045981

PO Box 1584, Rossland BC V0G 1Y0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

- Mainstage performances will take place in the Rossland Miners Union Hall in Rossland, BC
- Special traveling performances given for free take place at the various care facilities. (We have at least five facilities who look forward to our traveling version of our summer season's show: Castlevue Care Centre, Castle Wood Village, Poplar Ridge Pavilion, Columbia View Lodge, and RoseWood.)
- Other special appearances by the cast will take place wherever they are requested, what we can fit in, and COVID-permitting-libraries, farmers markets, summer camps for youth, Canada Day celebrations, etc.

Importance to the community:

- LOCAL RDCK/RDKB YOUTH who aspire to be actors/singers/dancers: Provides mentorship by recruiting triple-threat performers (actors/singers/dancers) from leading performing arts schools in BC to work onstage with our local youth.
- Our GENERAL PUBLIC: Provides quality live theatre at an affordable price. Few rural communities put on live theatre shows weekly throughout the summer, never mind two shows daily and 80+ shows over the course of the summer.
- Our SENIORS and SHUT-INS: benefit immensely because we take a version of our show to them for FREE.
- This project is important to Rossland and surrounding area as it draws tourists to the area during the summer, thus benefitting our LOCAL BUSINESSES of Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary. Lingering concerns about COVID, plus possible wildfires and heat domes will continue to complicate tourism this summer. We hope to draw visitors back.
- TEACHES some of the rich HISTORY of our area in an entertaining way.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/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	\$3,417.00

Project: 2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,417.00	\$115,442.00	\$115,442.00

1. The project will provide:

- A musical theatre show based on the Kootenays' 1890s gold rush days; performs 2 shows a day, 5 days a week throughout the summer.
- Mentors youth keen to pursue a performing arts career.
- Youth will work under the direction of Lucas Myers, a Nelson-based professional actor for June, & perform in a musical theatre production throughout the summer.
- COVID permitting, the cast will travel to local care and senior facilities including Castlview Care Centre and Castle Wood Village to perform a FREE modified show.
- Cast will perform at community events for free, and are available for summer camp activities, time permitting.
- We have hired as actors 2 youth from the RDCK area; one (a graduate of Selkirk College's Nelson campus for Contemporary Music and Technology) will also be writing much of the musical score, and work as the Musical Director.
- Funds help cover script, musical scores, program printing, advertising/marketing, website updates, costuming, cast accommodations for three months, performance-space related costs, gas allowances for cast to travel to free venues performances, etc.
- Our attendance numbers have not yet returned to pre-pandemic times: we need your help to survive another year so that we can continue our mentorship of young performers and our outreach program to care facility residents!

2. Organization Mandate:

- a) to organize and present an annual summer musical theatre production during July and August based on Rossland's early history surrounding the gold rush days.
- b) to provide summer employment as cast members to students and youth interested in pursuing the performing arts.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

- LOCAL RDCK/RDKB YOUTH who aspire to be actors/singers/dancers: Provides mentorship by recruiting triple-threat performers (actors/singers/dancers) from leading performing arts schools in BC to work onstage with our local youth.
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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We provide an opportunity for youth keen in pursuing a career in the performing arts to gain practical work experience in their chosen field-an opportunity that is rare in rural communities such as ours. Local youth who fit this

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description are always given special consideration. They'll gain experience as triple-threat performers (acting, singing, dancing) and "behind the scenes- stagecraft skills (the creating of props and sets, and designing lights and sound cues). The youth also have the opportunity to gain experience in front-of-house business, including handling of money, advertising and marketing. At the end of the season, the actors are given the opportunity to put on a special evening of entertainment that showcases their own particular talents. They will be responsible for all aspects of putting on the show, (material to showcase, advertising, ticket sales, and legal/ financial details). Board members are available to offer guidance and assistance.

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

The Follies is entering its 38th season. The simple fact that we are still in existence, despite ever-increasing costs to produce (and COVID!), is proof that we have the capacity to successfully deliver this project. We've been mentoring youth from the Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-Nelson area for years, and a number of them have gone on to pursue very successful careers in the performing arts: (Ex: Lucas Myers - Nelson: professional actor; Odessa Johnson-Shuquaya - Nelson: professional actor based in Vancouver; Carmen Moreira - South Slokan: professional dancer with her own dance company SQx; Leeanne McLim - Genelle: professional actor; now teaches drama. Jeffrey Hill - Fruitvale: pursued opera; Paige Culley, Erik Mortimer, both of Rossland-work as international dancer; musician/actor respectively.) Performing in an 80-show run is an amazing work-experience opportunity for all our young performers. We've also been successfully giving performances at local Care Facilities for years. We "survived- 2021-2023.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The small group of volunteers who make up the Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society will be involved in implementing the project. Each of them comes with his/her own skill sets. (ex. Set and prop building; costuming; lighting; sound; FOH duties, additional coaching in character work, etc.) We will also hire Lucas Myers, a Nelson-based professional actor to work with our youth for the month of June as the rehearsal director.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Our small group of 7 volunteers who make up the Gold Fever Follies Society easily put in over 1500 hours of volunteer work. These include various fundraising events (typically the hosting of variety shows, comedy nights, monthly concessions, the collecting of refundables, etc.), supervision and training of our young actors, advertising, marketing, costume sewing, prop and set building, hanging of lights, script editing....The list could go on and on.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

TESTIMONIAL #3

“Working with the Gold Fever Follies in the summer of 2019 as part of their mentorship program was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. As a 16-year-old high school girl with big dreams, I got the chance to work with people I aspired to be. At the time, I was enrolled in Mt. Sentinel’s special Performance and Media Academy which gave me the flexibility to leave school for the month of June to attend rehearsals. And until the Follies Board found a home to billet me, I came every day from Castlegar to learn the art of musical theatre that I had never known before. I learned new acting skills, character development techniques, improved my singing, and learned a whole new dance style.

I was inspired by all my older, more experienced cast mates...I learned so much about theatre and performance... That summer was an amazing experience that reinforced my dreams of becoming an actress.

In 2020, although still part of the mentorship program, the Follies offered me not only a full paid position, but also an opportunity to create some of the show’s choreography. Unfortunately, the 2020 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. I returned to the Follies stage in 2021, and am back again for the 2024 season. As a current resident of Crescent Valley, I am also very appreciative that the Follies has provided me with free accommodations in Rossland for the three-month contract...I am thankful to be part of this Cancan-tastic show, and I absolutely cannot wait to rejoin the Follies this summer!

- Rhythm Storm from Crescent Valley

Follies Student Mentorship Program 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID); Follies Cast Member 2021, 2024

TESTIMONIAL #4

“I am Ty Wright, and I was in the Gold Fever Follies from 2013-2016. Currently, I am a Registered Nurse in the Kootenay Boundary, but I continue to perform in Live Theatre whenever I get the chance. My time in the Gold Fever Follies was monumental in my life, as it was one of the first stage productions that I had ever been a part of. ...From my experiences, I learned many new skills and developed many new talents. I was encouraged to be outgoing, learned how to collaborate with others, gained experience in being on stage, and learned to be more confident. Many of these skills have been carried with me into my new career as a nurse, and have been instrumental to my practice. There have even been times when I have sung the Gold Fever Follies theme song to calm some of my paediatric patients who are familiar with the show.

Without my time in the Gold Fever Follies, I would have been a vastly different person. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to act in the local stage show, and I cannot understate how valuable the experience was to me.”

- Ty Wright from Fruitvale

Cast Member of the Gold Fever Follies 2013, 2014, 2015, & 2016



February 15, 2024

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you in support of the Gold Fever Follies. We had the pleasure of having them perform at Castle Wood Village last year. The residents of Castle Wood Village absolutely loved the performance. We feel having the Gold Fever Follies come into our building was a huge benefit to many, as some of our residents have mobility and health issues that would otherwise not make it possible for them to travel and attend the performances. The residents here thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the performance from the engaging performers, the costumes, the lively music and storylines. We hope The Gold Fever Follies will be able to continue bringing their show to Castle Wood Village and other senior facilities as I have seen first hand how the residents light up, sing along and move to the music with pure joy these performances bring.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Nicole Guitard

Recreation Coordinator

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TESTIMONIAL #1

“I worked with the Gold Fever Follies for four summer seasons from 2011-2013 and 2016.... I started my experience as a student mentee....this was a valuable opportunity to gain work experience and increase my professional and creative competencies [and] develop strong work ethics. ...My experience as a student mentee with the Rossland Gold Fever Follies was formative of my own career and academic pathways.

In 2016 I once again returned to the Follies, this time as a performer, playwright, co-composer and theatre manager. My ability to perform these roles was possible due to the mentorship and encouragement that I received early on. In this role I was also able to be a part of mentoring a secondary school student in the same position as I [had been], years before.

My time with the Follies has been a key part of many successful school, scholarship and job applications. After my last performance with the Follies, I pursued a Master of Arts in heritage conservation and a graduate diploma in curatorial studies at Carleton University. I currently reside in Ottawa working in the non-profit sector for the Ottawa Museum Network. In this role I continue to be an advocate for community mentorship for students, connecting students in the Carleton University curatorial studies program with community museums to complete internships designed to give them industry experience.

The mentorship of students in arts-based professional capacities is an important and often overlooked investment for communities. It is also a chance for inter-community relationship building. As a Castlegar resident, working with the Follies gave me an appreciation for the rich history of the neighbouring town of Rossland (coincidentally, my father’s hometown), and the West Kootenays more broadly.”

- Casey Gray from Castlegar

BA MA, New Initiatives Coordinator, Ottawa Museum Network

Cast Member of the Gold Fever Follies 2011, 2012, 2013, & 2016; Follies Script & Music Writer 2016

TESTIMONIAL #2

“...I’ve worked for the Follies for the summers of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and am back for the 2024 season..... From the opportunities [the Follies] gives to aspiring actors such as myself, to the history and heritage that it not only keeps alive through story, but also represents in and of itself as a Rossland tradition, to the children who have grown up watching the show and the joy it brings to them, the loss of this performance company would leave many with heavy hearts.

...I was hired on for the Follies 2017 season as an actor and piano accompanist. At the time, I didn’t think I was much of a singer or dancer...However, through the years, I ended up being musical director, and then composer, and I’ve even joined in with the dancing. I now also sing solo on stage, which was a fear of mine back when I started with the company. Having these years under my belt will help me immensely when I move on to pursue a career in the theatre, and I don’t have the words to express just how much the Follies has done for my personal confidence and belief in myself and my skill. Carrying that confidence and experience forward, I even ended up directing, chorally directing, and acting in the Rossland Light Opera Players’ rendition of *Rent* in 2020. I would never have stepped up to take on such a daunting and exciting role if I hadn’t learned so much about myself and my craft through my work with the Follies.

The Follies, which is steeped in history, has become a keystone for the local community, and especially so for the local live theatre community...I know that I wouldn’t have taken an interest in theatre myself if it wasn’t for the few shows I had the opportunity to see when I was young, and it brings me such pride to have the chance to bring that same passion into the lives of our future thespians...I and many others wouldn’t be where we’re at today without the Follies to support us and push us along in our journeys.

- Kevin Wasilenkoff from Shore Acres

(attended Castlegar Primary, Twin Rivers Elementary, Mount Sentinel, LVR & grad of the Contemporary Music and Technology course at Selkirk College in Nelson.

Follies Cast Member 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024; Music Director & Music writer, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024

From: cvcc-recreation@chantellegroup.com <cvcc-recreation@chantellegroup.com>
Sent: February 13, 2024 4:03 PM
To: 'Lisa Henderson' <old_grey_mare_55@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Letter of Support for the Gold Fever Follies

To Whom it May Concern,

Castlevue Care Centre would like to thank you to the amazing organizer of Gold Fever Follies group performer. Gold Fever Follies is always a spectacular and well put together performance that makes everything run smoothly for the staff and residents in the facility. Our residents and Staff are always grateful to the Gold Fever Follies coming in and we 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 Gold Fever Follies performance in the future and look forward to it.

Best,

Patchy

The Recreation Team
Castlevue Care Centre
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Castlegar, B.C. V1N 4A6
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Organization **Kootenay Native Plant Society**

Registration # Society Number: S0060568 Business Number: 83640 6843 BC0001
Box 3554, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3W3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pollination Pathway Workshop Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar
The Pollination Pathway Workshop Series will take place at numerous sites within the RDCK and RDKB. Locations were determined based on documented flora and fauna at each site.

The locations in the RDCK are:
Syringa Provincial Park (Area J)
The Whole School in Winlaw (Area H)
Marsden Face West of Nelson (Area F)
Millennium Park (City of Castlegar)
Balfour or Kokanee Creek Provincial Park (Area E)

The locations in the RDKB are:
Record Ridge (Rosland, Area B)
Pend d'Oreille river (Area A)
Trail

KNPS will inspire conversations across the Kootenays by posting online through social media and the KNPS website.

Importance to the community:

KNPS receives regular messages from community members who want to get involved in native plant gardening or volunteering. Our programming already supports homeowners and land managers in establishing and maintaining native plant habitat across the West Kootenay region from Rosland to Johnson's Landing. We estimate at least 371 people connected with our programs in 2023 by attending one of our many workshops, public presentations, outreach booths, interpretive activities, and volunteer field days. On Facebook in 2023, we reached 37,539 accounts, 3,146 people visited our page, and our followers grew by 159 to more than 1,700. There is an astounding level of interest in plant-pollinator conservation from members of our community and we expect to continue to see high participation numbers at each of our events in 2024/25. Residents will be trained to contribute to native plant/pollinator conservation locally, which will benefit the entire food web of the West Kootenay.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,229.01	\$2,229.01		\$2,229.01	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood

Project: Pollination Pathway Workshop Series

		Rural Nakusp		
\$2,229.02				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,229.02			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,145.07

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,145.07	\$47,097.35	\$47,097.35

1. The project will provide:

The Pollination Pathway Workshop Series includes nine immersive workshops and events that offer a deep dive into the world of local plants and pollinators. Workshops include lab and field-based training in species identification, monitoring, restoration, seed propagation, and native gardening and will be held at various locations across the West Kootenays. The goal of the project is to engage residents in hands-on, land-based learning so they may contribute to establishing a Pollination Pathway across the West Kootenay. A Pollination Pathway is a corridor of connected plant-pollinator communities that supports healthy pollination networks, species migration, and adaptation to climate change. Workshops will be led and hosted by experts with KNPS, the West Kootenay Botanical Society, the Native Bee Society of BC and KinSeed Ecologies.

Participants will receive:

- Educational resources, pamphlets, manuals
- Connections to specialists and knowledge keepers
- Greater knowledge of local ecosystem functions and values
- Skills in local plant and pollinator identification
- Skills in ecological restoration and native plant gardening

The project aligns with our mission of fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of native plants and helps to ensure their preservation for future generations. For example, the monarch butterfly was listed as endangered in December 2023, and this project helps to increase milkweed populations and connectivity between plant communities. Monarchs were detected at a KNPS research site in 2022.

2. Organization Mandate:

The mission of the Kootenay Native Plant Society (KNPS) is to celebrate and promote the appreciation and conservation of BC native flora and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy. We seek to foster an understanding and appreciation of our native plants and to preserve their diversity for future generations. The society is entering year four of a five year project called the Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative (PPCAI). The PPCAI enhances plant pollinator networks and connectivity in the BC West Kootenay region. The PPCAI combines community science, research, ecological restoration, meadow-making, outreach and education. This collaborative approach ensures plant and pollinator species native to the West Kootenay region of BC meet adaptation and migration requirements in response to climate driven ecological changes.

Project: Pollination Pathway Workshop Series

Operating budget, 2023/24: \$267,000

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

KNPS receives regular messages from community members who want to get involved in native plant gardening or volunteering. Our programming already supports homeowners and land managers in establishing and maintaining native plant habitat across the West Kootenay region from Rossland to Johnson's Landing. We estimate at least 371 people connected with our programs in 2023 by attending one of our many workshops, public presentations, outreach booths, interpretive activities, and volunteer field days. On Facebook in 2023, we reached 37,539 accounts, 3,146 people visited our page, and our followers grew by 159 to more than 1,700. There is an astounding level of interest in plant-pollinator conservation from members of our community and we expect to continue to see high participation numbers at each of our events in 2024/25. Residents will be trained to contribute to native plant/pollinator conservation locally, which will benefit the entire food web of the West Kootenay.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This project addresses two issues and opportunities for native plants and pollinators: climate change adaptation and habitat connectivity.

Native plants are limited in their ability to adapt to climate change and migrate to areas of higher habitat suitability, and a lack of connectivity between plant communities due to landscape fragmentation further limits migration and genetic mixing for both plants and their pollinators. This means local ecosystems are at extreme risk for biodiversity loss as species that are slow or unable to adapt succumb to environmental changes. Herein lies an opportunity for assisted migration and increasing habitat connectivity. Residents of the West Kootenay have a key role to play in this initiative through native plant gardening, volunteering, and advocacy. This project will equip residents with knowledge and skills to identify plant and pollinator species, build and maintain native plant gardens to increase connectivity, and contribute to citizen science monitoring and research.

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

KNPS has been leading native plant research, restoration, education, and advocacy in the West Kootenays for more than twelve years, connecting with thousands of people in this time. KNPS has worked on public and private lands to protect and enhance approximately 40 ha of native plant and pollinator habitat, with plans now in development for up to 700 ha. PPCAI is a broad and expanding partnership with support from 22 organizations including all levels of government, non-profit organizations, businesses, schools, and First Nations. In 2023, more than 4,000 plants and 250,000 seeds of 38 species were distributed at 13 sites. We have an extremely strong team of staff and contractors including specialists in ethnobotany, restoration ecology, entomology, and geographic information systems and an active team of board members and volunteers. There is no organization better suited to deliver this project than KNPS in this region.

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

The project will be managed and facilitated by KNPS with staff support from our Co-Founder and Program Manager Valerie Huff, Administrative Manager Nicole McCallum, our Restoration Assistant, and our incoming Outreach Assistant. The KNPS Board Outreach Committee will also support program logistics, planning, and facilitation. Subject matter experts including Bonnie Zand with the BC Native Bee Society, Iraleigh Anderson with Anderson Consulting, Dr. Bren Beckwith with Kinseed Ecologies, renowned entomologist Janice Arndt, and Dr. Jamie Fenneman will be contracted to deliver the workshops.

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Curriculum Development: \$2,400
Equipment Cost: \$1,200
Manuals: \$500 (if students want to purchase, then \$25 each.)
Board of Directors support: \$1,500
Volunteer labour: \$2,500

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:




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

The Lepidoptera Family contains some of the most beautiful and memorable insects in our local ecosystems. Diverse in their life strategies and appearances, these showy fliers range from fluttering little skippers to night flying moths to large iconic swallowtails.

This pamphlet showcases 12 butterflies that are listed as rare by the Province of British Columbia or are considered to be vulnerable to climate change in the West Kootenay region of the BC Interior.

Butterflies can be imperilled by changes in habitat and climate because they undergo multiple morphological changes from egg to larva (the 'caterpillar') to a flying adult. More specifically, butterflies can be vulnerable if they are small or have limiting life strategies (e.g., one brood per year or special host plant use). Furthermore, habitat loss and climate change can affect the quality of host plants and the flight times of, and the availability of nectar plants for, adult butterflies. Many butterflies can adapt, but some may not.

You can help!

-  Learn more about butterflies and the native plants they require throughout their lives.
-  Advocate for the protection and conservation of natural areas and volunteer for local ecological restoration projects.
-  Consider planting host and nectar plants in your home or community gardens.



Monarch larva on showy milkweed.




COVER PHOTO:
Northern Crescent
on yarrow.



The Kootenay Native Plant Society connects people, plants, and place. Our signature program, Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative (2021-2025), is working to enhance habitat for native plants and their pollinators in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia.



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Rare & Climate-Vulnerable Butterflies of the West Kootenay



Julia Orangetip
Anthocharis julia

Host Plants:
Mustard Family



Eastern Tailed-Blue
Cupido comyntas

Host Plants:
Pea Family



Boisduval's Blue
Icaricia icarioides

Host Plant:
Silky lupine

Great-spangled Fritillary
Argynnis cybele

Host Plants:
Violets



Monarch
Danaus plexippus

Host Plant:
Showy milkweed



Pine White
Neophasia menapia

Host Plants:
Pine Family



Common Checkered Skipper
Burnsius communis

Host Plant:
Mtn. hollyhock



Silver-spotted Skipper
Epargyreus clarus

Host Plant:
Wild licorice

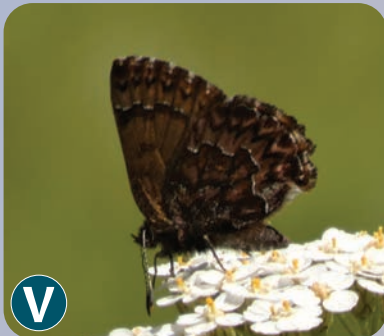


Pale Swallowtail
Papilio eurymedon

Host Plants:
Ceanothus spp.

Western Pine Elfin
Callophrys eryphon

Host Plants:
Pine Family



Variegated Fritillary
Euptoietia claudia

Host Plants:
Unknown for BC



Edith's Copper
Tharsalea editha

Host Plant:
Sorrel



R = rare

V = climate-vulnerable

Photos of Monarch adult and larva provided by Valerie Huff.
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Kootenay **Native Plant** Society
connecting people, plants, and place



● **KNPS 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW** ●

2 million seeds of 30 native plant target species collected,

12 project partners in conservation activities on 13 sites across Lower Columbia Region

400 camas bulbs and 60,000 camas seeds planted at 5 enhancement sites.

JOIN US ON THE POLLINATION PATHWAY!

In 2021, KNPS launched an ambitious plan to build, connect and broaden habitat for native plants and pollinators. Our goal is to support these important species in our region through the impacts of climate change.

Throughout the Lower Columbia Region, the staff, volunteers and valued partners who make up the Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative have been learning about and working to restore 13 native plant enhancement sites. And we are excited to share that over the past year we have been able to measure our positive impact!

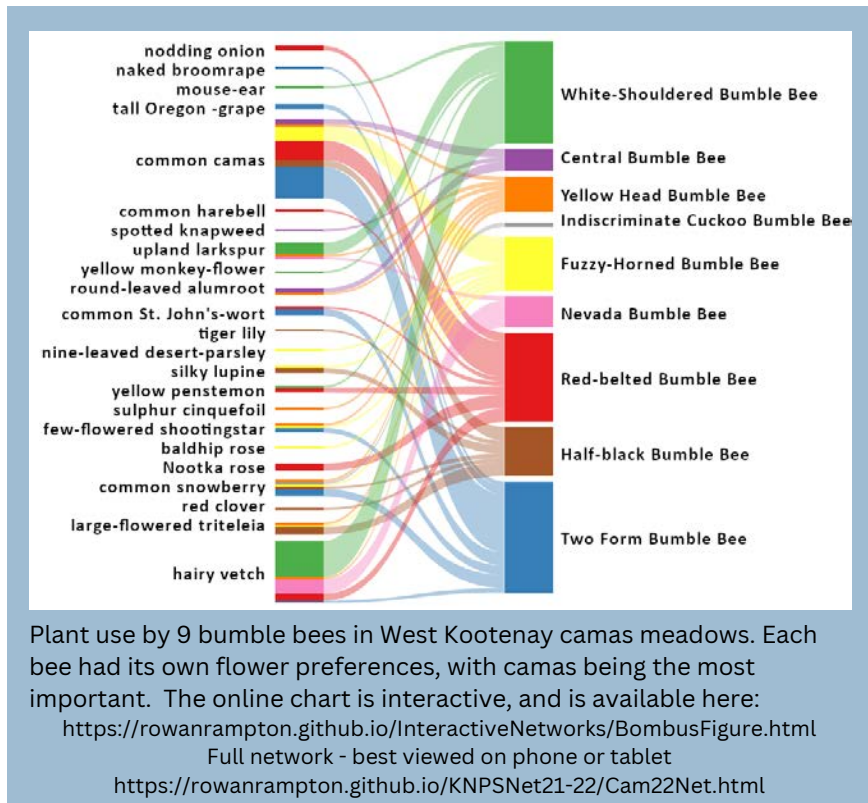
In this year-in-review, we tell you about some of our achievements and offer a few snapshots of the exciting work underway. ●

NEW FINDINGS IN BEE BUSINESS

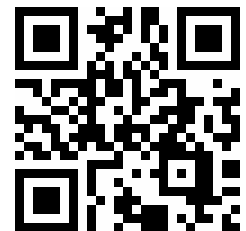
Our 'Floral Relations of Native Bees in Camas Meadows' project has been opening some new vistas in bee research. Graduate student Rowan Rampton documented 99 species of flowering plants and over 200 species of bees that visit Lower Columbia camas meadows. His observations revealed that over one-third of the known bee species in British Columbia can be found in these meadows. Even more exciting, through Rowan's diligent work and the assistance of bee taxonomist Lincoln Best, this project has uncovered bee

species unknown to science, as well as species new to British Columbia and to Canada!

The interactive pollination networks he has created (one pictured here) provide a fascinating view into bee - flower bonds and shows us how, among a diverse meadow full of plants, bees inevitably play favourites, yet everyone wins.



Link to full interactive pollination network:



Also as part of this project, KNPS hosted an important eco-cultural event with First Nations, western trained scientists, and project representatives in Millennium Park, Castlegar, in May 2022. This event was called; 'ʔitxwáʔ (Camas) and təptəpqin (Bee): Exploring Ecological Methods and Value Systems Among Western-trained Ecologists and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers'. Participants included members of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Sinixt Confederacy, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwépemc Nation, and Ktunaxa Nation.

The outcome of this event was a rich and respectful conversation about approaches to bee and camas research and how best to recognize and honour Indigenous ways of knowing in this work. Our time together provided us a rare and special moment to bond over our shared connection to the land.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF CAMAS

Seed collecting and planting days are the foundation of KNPS conservation and ecological restoration work. Every year, college and university students join our team in summer months and make important contributions to these efforts on the ground and, often, through innovative research projects. Their work enhances the effectiveness of KNPS restoration efforts and offers valuable data and observations to numerous other stakeholders across BC and Canada in support of ecosystem protection.

One such remarkable student-lead project is the mapping work of Selkirk College student Tannah Ernst as part of her GIS Program Thesis. She is creating a map, known as a species distribution model, for camas (*Camassia quamash*) in the Pacific Northwest Interior (Columbia Plateau), including the camas occurring in the Lower Columbia. Camas is an ecologically and culturally significant flower that KNPS has been working to protect since 2012.

Tannah's map illustrates existing sites of camas as well as projected distribution of future sites, taking into account how our climate is expected to change in the next two decades. Although she is still completing this work, Tannah has already been able to identify a predicted reduction of camas habitat in the Lower Columbia under a 2020-2040 mid-risk climate scenario.

In other words, much of the camas growing along the Columbia River and parts of the lower Kootenay River could be lost in the coming decades. This research contribution by Tannah is key to understanding and planning for the survival of this plant under the impacts of climate change still to come. ●

Another highlight of KNPS Camas work was the renewed relationship with teachers and students with Brent Kennedy and Mt. Sentinel schools, located near the Crescent Valley Camas meadow.

With support from the Ministry of Transportation and 20 volunteers, the site was cleared of encroaching shrubs and opened up for camas and other meadow plants in August 2022.

The site is now poised to become a special outdoor gathering place for local students as they learn about camas and become entrusted stewards of this meadow.



BRINGING BACK THE BUTTERFLIES

Through our 'Building Climate Resilient Butterfly Habitat' project KNPS is working in Beaver Creek and Syringa provincial parks to document butterfly species and create native plant communities that attract and support butterflies.

Last year in these parks, we identified 48 butterfly species, including the blue-listed (marked of special concern) Silver-spotted Skipper and the at risk (red-listed) Edith's Copper. In the fall, restoration sites were established in each provincial park and both native plant seeds and seedlings, custom chosen based on our research findings, were planted into these sites.

An exciting part of this project is the Butterfly Habitat Interpretive Garden (BHIG) located near the day use area at Syringa Park. With the support of BC Parks, this public space now has hundreds of native plants that are important host plants for caterpillars and nectar plants for adult butterflies, especially those that are considered to be at risk and climate vulnerable. Enhancement of this interpretive site is ongoing and in early 2023 we added a universally accessible pathway and a bench; interpretive signage will be coming soon, as well. It is an exciting and rewarding part of the Pollination Pathway program that will continue to reach hundreds of park visitors annually. ●

MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS

Monarch Butterflies are a beloved butterfly famed for its long migration and close association with milkweed species. They were also recently recognized as an endangered species under the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

While surveying the populations of showy milkweed - the Monarch's preferred food source - in the Pend d'Oreille Valley last summer, our student intern, Tiffany Muncaster, discovered the return of this beloved butterfly to the Lower Columbia. **This was the first time the butterfly has been seen in our region for five years, when KNPS Program Manager Valerie Huff last found caterpillars during her annual Monarch survey.** Tiffany went on to document a total of 29 Monarch caterpillars in the Pend d'Oreille and another 18 caterpillars at another showy milkweed site, Montrose Hill.




































In addition, Valerie documented leaf damage from hungry young caterpillars near the Waneta dam, south of Trail. This last record is notable because all the showy milkweed occurring at this site were planted by KNPS over the last six years. Now, it appears this site is supporting an internationally endangered butterfly.

We are proud to see our efforts are making a measurable difference to supporting Monarchs right here in the Kootenays! ●

Native Plants for the Pollination Pathway

The bees and butterflies have told us which plants they need!

The KNPS research team has spent three years documenting the native plants that are most important to native bees and butterflies in low elevation West Kootenay ecosystems. These discoveries are shared in this *first-of-its-kind* list. Choosing these priority flowering herbs and shrubs will help pollinators flourish in your garden and connect your garden with wild populations. Together, we can build a more biodiverse and resilient pathway of native plants and pollinators across our landscape.

NATIVE PLANTS		POLLINATOR BENEFITS	
HERBS	yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	★	
	nodding onion (<i>Allium cernuum</i>)	★	
	spreading dogbane (<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>)	★	
	showy milkweed (<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>)	★	
	common camas (<i>Camassia quamash</i>)	★	
	western springbeauty (<i>Claytonia lanceolata</i>)	★	
	Sutherland's larkspur (<i>Delphinium sutherlandii</i>)	★	
	showy daisy (<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>)	★	 
	parsnip-flowered buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i>)	★	 
	yellow monkey-flower (<i>Erythranthe guttata</i>)	★	
	showy aster (<i>Eurybia conspicua</i>)	★	 
	brown-eyed Susan (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>)	★	
	golden-aster (<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>)	★	
	round-leaved alumroot (<i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>)	★	
	streambank globe-mallow (<i>Iliamna rivularis</i>)	★	 
	small-flowered fringe-cup (<i>Lithophragma parviflorum</i>)	★	
	swale desert-parsley (<i>Lomatium ambiguum</i>)	★	
	nine-leaved desert-parsley (<i>Lomatium triternatum</i>)	★	 
	silky lupine (<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>)	★	
	yellow penstemon (<i>Penstemon confertus</i>)	★	
common yampah (<i>Perideridia gairdneri</i>)	★		
silverleaf phacelia (<i>Phacelia hastata</i>)	★		
thread-leaved phacelia (<i>Phacelia linearis</i>)	★		
worm-leaved stonecrop (<i>Sedum stenopetalum</i>)	★		
western Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago lepida</i>)	★	 	
smooth aster (<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>)	★	 	
large-flowered triteleia (<i>Triteleia grandiflora</i>)	★		
SHRUBS	kinnikinnick (<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>)	★	 
	tall Oregon-grape (<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>)	★	
	snowbrush (<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>)	★	 
	black hawthorn (<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>)	★	
	oceanspray (<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>)	★	
	mallow ninebark (<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i>)	★	
	choke cherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)	★	 
	Nootka rose (<i>Rosa nutkana</i>)	★	

Pollinator "Magnets"



These plants have been identified in our field work as attracting a wide variety and number of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Essential for supporting the broadest diversity of pollinators and other native plants.

Plants for Specialist Bees



Many bees specialize on the pollen from a single type of plant. These "specialist bees" are particularly vulnerable to extinction with the loss of their plant partner. Including plants for specialist bees in gardens and natural areas can also support a variety of other pollinators.

Butterfly Host Plants



Caterpillars of butterflies and moths feed on specific plants. For example, Boisduval's Blue caterpillars eat only silky lupine. By choosing these plants, you can support the rare and climate-vulnerable butterflies of the West Kootenay.

Note: This list is just a small selection of the native plants needed in healthy ecosystems. Aim for diversity and abundance in your plantings.

One well chosen plant can make a world of difference to a native pollinator!

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We welcome you to show your support for Native Plants by becoming a member of KNPS!

Cost is \$20 for an individual , \$35 for immediate family up to 4.

Membership is renewed annually.

Members are entitled to vote at our Annual General Meeting (members 18+) and receive benefits like early sign ups for our public events. Most of all, members have the reward of protecting and conserving native plants and pollinators that rely on them. Thank you!

visit www.kootenaynativeplants.ca/getinvolved/memberships to signup today!

Warm Thanks to Our Supporters

Our conservation work is only made possible through a generous array of funders and partners. Warm thanks to all, and especially Columbia Basin Trust whose multi-year Ecosystem Enhancement Program matching grant has provided a secure foundation for our Pollination Pathway program.



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POLLINATION PATHWAY CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Annual Newsletter

March 2022

Pollination of native plants by native pollinators underpin the sustainability of ecosystems. Diverse plant-pollinator communities form the basis of the food chain for all wildlife and for people. The Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative is working to enhance plant-pollinator communities in the Lower Columbia area of the West Kootenay, British Columbia.

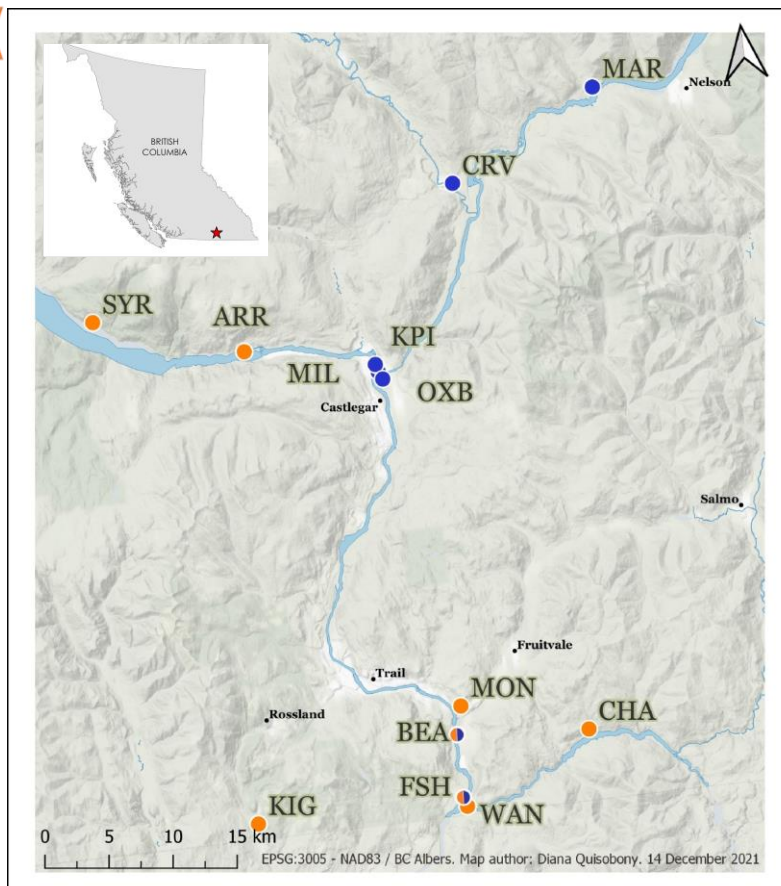
This Program, with 13 sites and more than 20 partners, will build ecological resilience and connectivity within the ecosystem enhancement area.

Site-specific assessment and the incorporation of relevant climate research will guide restoration actions within three program areas:

- ✳ Ecosystem enhancement of meadow/grassland communities supporting common camas and bees.
- ✳ Improving host and nectar plant availability for at-risk and climate-vulnerable butterflies.
- ✳ Increasing abundance and diversity of climate-adaptive, pollinator-preferred native plants through seed collection, custom growing, and out-planting.

Butterfly Sites	
SYR	Syringa Provincial Park
ARR	Arrow Lake Restoration Site
MON	Montrose Antenna Trail
BEA	Beaver Creek
CHA	Charbonneau Creek
FSH	Fort Shepherd Conservancy
KIG	King George VI Provincial Park
WAN	Waneta

Camas Sites	
MAR	Marsden Face
CRV	Crescent Valley
MIL	Millennium Park
KPI	kp'tit'els (Lower Brilliant Terrace)
OXB	Oxbow
BEA	Beaver Creek Provincial Park
FSH	Fort Shepherd Conservancy



2021 Milestones

- Collected over **5,000,000 seeds**
- Planted over **1,000,000 seeds**
- Nearly **60 species**

Camas Plantings

- 11,000 bulbs** planted into beds
- 2,400 bulbs & 18,500 seeds** into 5 field sites

Other Plantings

- 300 milkweed rhizomes**
- 1000 additional native plants**



Need for Seeds

Pollinator habitat enhancement is limited by the availability of native plant seeds that support native bees and butterflies.

In 2021, we collected more than five million seeds of 59 plant species for our Wild Seed Library. Seven people and numerous volunteers spent more than 470 hours in the field. Processing of the seed took more than 250 hours.

Two public seed collection training days were held. On one day, 15 volunteers collected half a million seeds for a pollinator meadow project at the Kootenay Gallery of Art in Castlegar. On another, we collected seeds of 10 species for use on project sites.

King George Bees

Our intern Tannah Ernst helped us document bumble bee diversity in King George VI Provincial Park.

We detected 12 species of bumble bees; Half-black Bumble Bee and Vancouver Two-form Bumble Bee were the most common. Other species of note were Indiscr. Cuckoo Bumble Bee and the listed Western Bumble Bee.

Abuzz about Bees

We were joined by University of Calgary student Rowan Rampton in Year 2 of our FWCP-funded project, "Floral Relations of Native Bees in Camas Meadows." His MSc research focuses on:

- how the timing of plant-pollinator interactions are affected by environmental cues at varying elevations; and,
- the impacts of phenological mismatch.

There are eight meadow sites occurring from Marsden Face to Beaver Creek Provincial Park. Over the summer 2021, Rowan documented 800 pollinator



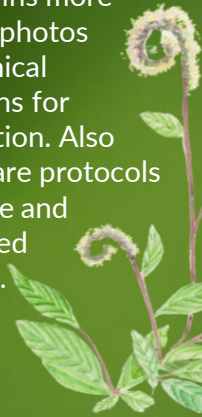
visits of 27 bee genera and the floral abundance and phenology of 94 plant species.

The observed diversity of plant and bee species associated with camas meadows supports their high ecological value.

Seed Collection Manual

To support volunteer training, the Program is creating a seed collection manual with 20 carefully selected plant species for restoration activities.

The manual includes species descriptions, methods of seed collection and forecasting, and info on similar species and associated pollinators, and contains more than 120 photos and botanical illustrations for identification. Also included are protocols for reliable and ethical seed collection.



Learning and Fun

Created by our intern Diana Quisobony, *Blazzom* is a new plant-pollinator card game that generates exciting player interactions and promotes ecological learning. It helps us all realize our role within the pollination pathway and have fun too!



Camas Meadows



“Riparian Camas Meadows” is a three-year project funded, in part, by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The project goal is to begin the ecological restoration of degraded riparian and wet meadow ecosystems with special attention to camas (*Camassia quamash*) communities located along the Columbia and Kootenay rivers (5 sites), as well as two upland seepage sites. These meadow systems maintain high biodiversity and connectivity and

Planting Camas

Over 11,000 camas bulbs, ranging from 3-5 years old, and lomatium and yampah seeds were planted into reconstructed camas propagation beds at the Mir Centre, Selkirk College. These beds will supply plants for restoration sites.

Our camas efforts extended to our field sites as well - planting 2,400 bulbs and 18,500 seeds with the help of many volunteers and community groups.

Student Help

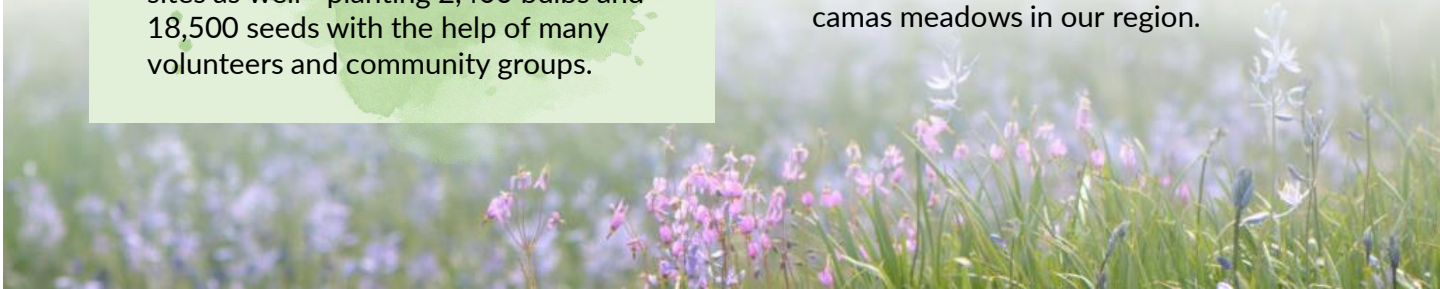
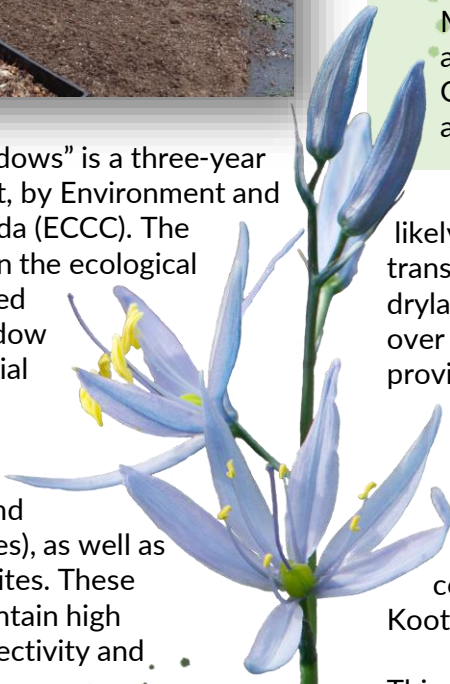
With funding from ECO Canada and Mitacs, and with support of Selkirk Innovates and Co-op Education and Employment Services at Selkirk College, we welcomed the help of three student summer interns: Diana Quisobony (seeds), Tannah Ernst (bees), and Josh Fogal (butterflies).

The CBT Job Experience Program also allowed us to hire Terri McRitchie (Restoration Coordinator) and Jenny Wallace (Seed Coordinator). All contributed to an amazing Pollination Pathway team!

likely are, and have been, important transition communities linking aquatic and dryland ecosystems. The meadows support over 90 species of native pollinators and provide early food sources for other wildlife. These meadows are also sacred Sinixt harvesting grounds for camas bulbs (*itxwa*, black camas), representing a deep heritage of plant stewardship, especially at the confluence of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers.

This work includes three main components:

- Applied research in plant composition, soils and hydrology, climate, and ecological structure, complemented with in-depth historical, cultural, and land use change investigations.
- Development and implementation of restoration prescriptions for the sites informed by previous, and on-going, research.
- Ecocultural events and outreach activities celebrating the wonders of camas meadows in our region.



Getting the Word Out

Connecting with more than 1,000 followers in the KNPS Facebook page so far, the "Pollinator Plant of the Week" series invites people to share their photos and perspectives.

In the last 28 days
62 Page Likes

407 Post engagements

3,154 People reached



In August 2021, our student interns took over the Kokanee Creek Nature Centre, first to premiere the new card game, *Blozzom*, and second, to showcase local plants and pollinators and share research with park visitors.

Thanks to these groups for helping us collect and plant seeds in 2021:

- Castlegar Butterflyway Rangers
- Rotary Sunshine
- Twin Rivers School
- J.L. Crowe
- Selkirk College
- Many Volunteers!



Butterflies in BC Parks

"Building Climate Resilient Butterfly Habitat" is a 3-year project funded by the BC Parks Living Lab for Climate Change and Conservation Program. A partnership among BC Parks, KNPS, and Selkirk College, we're studying regional plant-butterfly associations, with emphasis on at-risk and climate-vulnerable butterflies, and how best to establish meadow habitat at Syringa and Beaver Creek provincial parks (ref. site at Charbonneau Cr.).

In year 1, we found high plant, butterfly, and non-forest ecosystem diversity in the West Kootenay: 49 butterfly species and 160 plant species were identified and surveyed. Of the 141 nectaring observations, we found that butterflies prefer native asters, spreading dogbane, and brown-eyed Susan. Plants responded to severe heat and drought, and likely wildfire smoke, by shortening maturation periods, aborting growth, among other adaptations.

In Year 2, we'll continue our surveys and collect data on plant abundance and floral density. Data from these surveys, as well as Program climate research, will inform the restoration prescriptions within the parks.

An exciting additional part to this project is the development of an Interpretive Site at Syringa Park. Site preparation has begun, including planting of milkweed and native plant seeds. In 2022, we hope to continue with more site prep and planting and adding a pathway, signs, and a bench.

Complementing this work, our intern Josh Fogal conducted a Pale Swallowtail study noting that these butterflies peak in June, oviposit on snowbrush, and prefer spreading dogbane for nectar.



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Organization **Yahk Allied Horse Club**

Registration # 74563 8619 BC0001

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

We are setting up our location in the community of Yahk. We have confirmed that folks will come from all regions of the Kootenays & beyond, to use our facilities. We have support from local residents, offering their help to secure a property, as well as Government agencies researching available public lands. We have a prioritized list of properties in play and will have a location nailed down by end of this year, or sooner. The funds we are asking for are for equipment and supplies that can be easily stored, and moved to the location when we finalize it.

Importance to the community:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to & including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians, equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

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

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00

1. The project will provide:

We are setting up a unique equine facility to serve the Yahk area, the general Kootenay communities & beyond. Our board of directors are passionate, bona fide, equestrians pursuing various disciplines. It's widely known, the Kootenay winters stop most equestrian activities. Our LONG TERM goal is to create an equestrian facility including an INDOOR RIDING ARENA. Our SHORT TERM goal is to start by setting up an outdoor facility, including fencing, footing, and equipment for maintenance.

Our journey began last year & we have a healthy membership of new and renewed members.

We have supported ourselves so far with our memberships and fundraising, like bottle drives, donations, sponsorship, and hosting events like gymkhanas, trail rides, tack sales, print on demand merchandise, such as t-shirts, hats and mugs. This year, we have monthly events planned including several clinics & demonstrations. We have the support of the local and surrounding communities and we are working in alliance with other clubs to achieve our goals.

There is no PUBLIC indoor equestrian facility within a days drive from the Kootenays. We plan to change that.

Creating this year round PUBLIC facility will nurture a healthy lifestyle physically & mentally, as well as supporting the local communities commerce, and thereby creating a multilevel positive impact.

Let's get off the electronics and back to real living.

2. Organization Mandate:

PURPOSE OF YAHK ALLIED HORSE CLUB

1.

(a) to provide membership within a fun, friendly, educational, and supportive atmosphere to all equine enthusiasts no matter their age, level, ability, or discipline.

(b) to develop the art of good horsemanship and encourage the kindly and educated handling and care of the horse.

(c) to stimulate interest in and assist in the organization of horse shows, events, rides, and fundraisers.

(d) to promote all group activities of horse minded people.

(e) to aid in building a better youth in the Yahk area both physically and mentally.

(f) to purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire and hold lands or buildings or any interest therein FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A FACILITY for the riding, training, showing or exhibiting of horses and related events and to equip the same with the usual and necessary adjuncts.

(g) to receive, acquire, and hold gifts, donations, legacies, and devices

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to& including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians,

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

equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Fact: There is a lack of accessibility to year-round/PUBLIC equestrian facilities. There is a documented increase in equestrian interest. Through years of being active riders, we have been a part of the traditional ebb and flow of pursuing equestrian activities. We ride hard in the training season, May-October, and then we sit during the down season, November-April. This interruption in the activity is hard on the riders & the horses, physically and mentally. We've done research by reading articles published by Horse Council BC, & other reliable sources, that indicate Equestrianism is on a steep rise, & we've done many public events that support these claims. An example: Yahk Christmas Craft Sale. Our table was visited by many, including an astonishing number of NON HORSEY people, interested in being a part of this wonderful world of equines. We hope to guide people to horses in a safe & educated way.

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

Our experience and networking are a huge plus. We have a large and varied 'Circle of Friends'. We have a good relationship of working together, with fellow clubs, such as Creston Valley Horse Club, East Kootenay Equestrian Association (who use Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds), Horse Association of Central Kootenay. We don't know of another entity with this goal of a facility featuring a PUBLIC indoor arena geared towards equestrian activities. We had a very successful season last year, our 1st year, which helped confirm we were going in the right direction, & we understand the process is going to take time. We are in it for the long haul.

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

We have a strong 5 member board, with support from the membership & local community of horse and non-horse folk who all agree this is a worthwhile cause. Most of the labor involved will be done by the many volunteers ready to get started. We have volunteers with skills, and equipment, to put together this outdoor facility as soon as the funding is in place.

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

Labor from volunteers
equipment rental from local residents
administrative duties done by the board of directors
in kind contributions from local businesses

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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

September 18, 2023

Yahk Allied Horse Club
7960 Hwy 3
Yahk, BC V0B2P0

By Email: thebedazzledhorse@yahoo.com

Dear: Monika Currier

Funding provided for: Equestrian Facility

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Micah Nakonechny
Grants Coordinator

cc: Roger Tierney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Excerpt from the “The Sports Reviewer” Article

The Rise of Equestrianism: A Modern Phenomenon

Equestrianism as a Hobby and Lifestyle

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

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

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

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



Equestrianism in Popular Culture

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

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

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

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



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

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

The Benefits of Equestrianism

Physical and Mental Health Benefits

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

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



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

Bonding with Horses

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

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

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

Equestrianism as a Form of Therapy

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

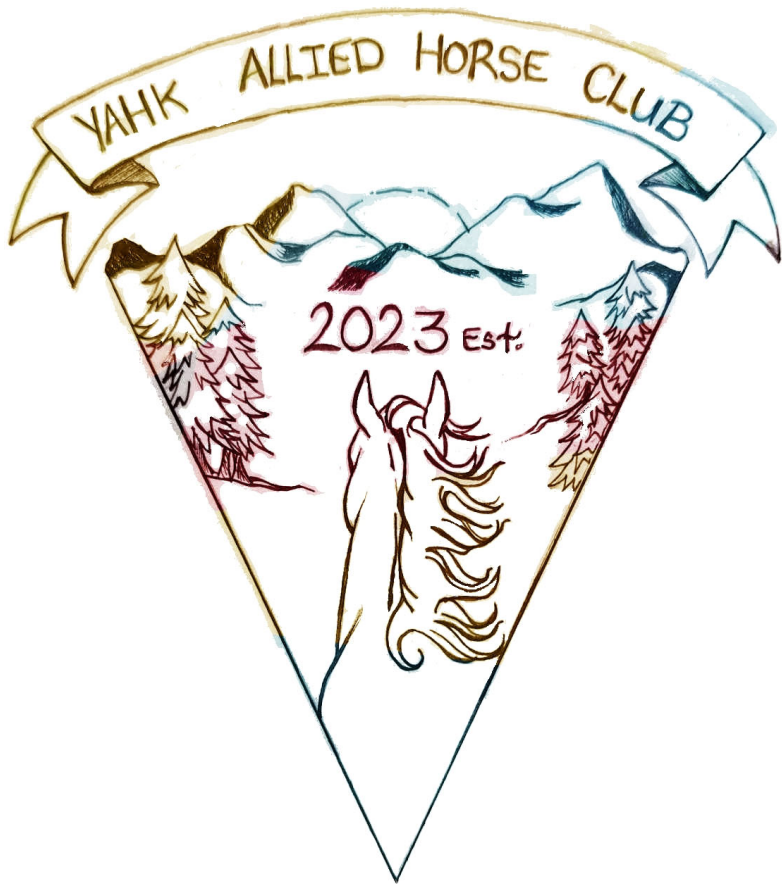


Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting can help individuals develop essential life skills. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can improve balance, coordination, and muscle strength. Furthermore, the non-judgmental nature of horses creates a safe and supportive environment, facilitating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

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

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

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



Brainstorming April 2023

These were the seedlings of our plan...

Why an arena in Yahk?

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

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

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

So many people interested in horses.

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

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

We have a good relationship with many entities.

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

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

Other uses

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

Things we need

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

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

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

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

Arena maintenance equipment: Tractor and arena drag

Generate Income

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

Advertising:

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

Sell Merchandise featuring our logo.

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

We also have a Facebook page and a Facebook group

Calendar of Events

March 26th : Tack Cleaning fundraiser

April 13th : Tack in Yahk Sale

May 4th: May the Horse be with You

June 8-9th : Equifusion/Barrel Clinic

July 20th : BBQ & Silent Auction

August 17th: Trail Ride

September 14th: Year end trail ride with lunch

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

Organization **SQx Danza**

Registration # 813604683RR0001

983 Kelly Drive, Castlegar BC V1N 4P5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Tidal Wave - Year 2**

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

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

Schools in the areas above

Schools in the areas above

Blewett

JVH

Mount Sentinel

Brent Kennedy

Yaqan 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 **Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**

Registration # BC Society Number S-48744
Suite 19-622 Front Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4B7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Pulling Together**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar
Coordination of the project will occur through the CKISS offices. The pulling events will occur at five sites as follows:
-Norns Confluence site, Robson, Area J
-Kootenay Gallery site, City of Castlegar
-Creston Valley Wildlife Area, Area C
-Snk'mip Sanctuary in Hills, Area H
-Pulpit Rock trail, Area F

Importance to the community:

This project involves a variety of community members from youth and school groups, to local residents and diverse organizations. This is an engaging and accessible program that benefits not only the environment, but encourages outdoor learning and knowledge building. Community groups are keen to take care of their beloved spaces and need the support and knowledge to do so. The entire community benefits when the youth are educated and involved.

"The trips allow our youth to become environmental stewards through invasive species management and restoration activities within our community. CKISS provides our group with hands-on restoration experiences by assisting with invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant ID. This type of placed based education helps youth feel they are giving back by learning to take care of the world by understanding and connecting them to where they live".

Deidre Pierce, Robson Scouts and Venturers

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
		\$1,509.00		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$1,509.00		\$1,509.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,509.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,509.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$7,545.00

Project: Community Pulling Together

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,545.00	\$24,407.00	\$24,407.00

1. The project will provide:

The Community Pulling Together program engages local residents under three objectives; direct action to control invasive species, bringing the issue of invasive species to the attention of the community and encouraging volunteers to become local stewards of the natural assets in their communities. CKISS will run six events based on partners requests.

In a Community Pulling Together event, a group is organized to mechanically remove an invasive plant infestation in their community. Participants gain hands-on experience and knowledge on invasive plant control. Stewardship groups that successfully complete a weed pull event receive a 250 honorarium (with the exception of school groups). The events last from two to three hours with anywhere between 10-30 volunteers and CKISS provides supplies (shovels, bags and weed disposal).

Groups love to roll up their sleeves and get involved in a project with tangible results. People can see that they can make a difference in only a few hours and have a sense of pride with their accomplishments. Volunteers get to learn hands-on the impact of invasive plants on an ecosystem and learn removal techniques. These events are highly regarded and a fun way to develop environmental ambassadors.

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission: To protect ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species.

An invasive species is a species that is not native to a specific location, and that has a tendency to spread to a degree that causes damage to the environment, human economy or human health.

Vision: Ecosystems, communities and the regional economy are healthier because the harmful impacts from the spread of invasive species have been reduced. Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) educates, works with, and calls to action area residents, visitors, and a diverse range of communities and organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project involves a variety of community members from youth and school groups, to local residents and diverse organizations. This is an engaging and accessible program that benefits not only the environment, but encourages outdoor learning and knowledge building. Community groups are keen to take care of their beloved spaces and need the support and knowledge to do so. The entire community benefits when the youth are educated and involved.

"The trips allow our youth to become environmental stewards through invasive species management and restoration activities within our community. CKISS provides our group with hands-on restoration experiences by assisting with invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant ID. This type of placed based education helps youth feel they are giving back by learning to take care of the world by understanding and connecting them to where they live".

Deidre Pierce, Robson Scouts and Venturers

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Project: Community Pulling Together

Invasive species affect the economic and environmental potential and health of our communities. Tourism, agriculture, energy infrastructure and property values are all vulnerable to the impacts of invasive species. Invasive species have a significant impact on ecosystem health, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature considers them one of the greatest threats to biodiversity globally.

CKISS has conducted inventory and monitoring of invasive plants in the region since 2005. A database of suitable sites for the Community Pulling Together program and requests from community groups is maintained. A prioritized list of invasive plants for the region is produced annually through a consultative process with regional land managers.

CKISS seeks to continue this program on existing sites to increase efficacy of treatment through continuity and to capitalize on the enthusiasm of volunteers in new areas. Primary invasive species targeted include scotch broom, Himalayan blackberry, yellow flag iris and knapweed.

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

CKISS has a mission to protect ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species. Prevention is the most effective invasive species management, and education and outreach are key to this goal. CKISS strives to build capacity within local communities by engaging residents and youth through education and outreach and inspiring communities to take action. To support this goal CKISS has a dedicated Education Program Coordinator, who has organized Community Pulling Together events for the past 9 years. The Education Program Coordinator has developed an extensive outreach and social media presence and can effectively recruit volunteers and share the stories of success with the wider community.

CKISS also has an extensive terrestrial operations program that manages inventory, monitoring and control of invasive species in the region. Through this program, suitable sites are established and monitored on an ongoing basis.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) will be coordinating the project. Volunteers including the following will be participating in the pulling events:

- Okanagan Nation Alliance and Robson Scouts, Norns Confluence site, Robson, Area J
- West Kootenay Naturalists, Kootenay Gallery Site, City of Castlegar
- Lucerne Elementary School or New Denver Dragon Boat Team Snk'mip Sanctuary, Area H,
- Options for Sexual Health Clinic, at the Creston Wildlife Management Area, Area C
- Nelson Run Club, Kootenay Mountain Club and Jazmine Lowther - Professional trail runner, Pulpit Rock trail, Area F

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

CKISS is providing all the planting equipment in-kind. CKISS has an extensive media platform which is being provided for advertising and recruitment of volunteers. CKISS has also developed extensive outreach material which is being provided at cost.

Volunteers will be providing labour in-kind valued at \$9,000.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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Regional District of Central Kootenay

February 15, 2024
Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants). As a member of the Nelson Run Club and an avid outdoor enthusiast in the Nelson area, I have had the pleasure of exploring the beautiful trails, including the Pulpit Rock trail. It is a beloved trail for hikers, runners, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Therefore, I am excited to hear about CKISS's initiative to organize a Community Weed Pull event at Pulpit Rock.

Teaming up with the Nelson Run Club and Jazmine Lowther, Nelson's 2023 Sport Ambassador, for this event is a fantastic idea. By mobilizing volunteers to remove invasive plants along the trail, we can contribute to improving ecosystem health and preserving one of the most popular trails in Nelson.

The presence of invasive plant species along the Pulpit Rock trail poses a threat to the local ecosystem and recreational activities. By participating in the Community Weed Pull event, we can take proactive steps to prevent the spread of invasive plants and protect our cherished trails.

I am eager to join fellow community members for two hours of rewarding weed pulling, snipping, digging, and bagging. It's an opportunity to give back to the trails we use and love, while also enjoying a fun and fulfilling outdoor activity with friends.

Considering the impactful work undertaken by CKISS and the vital nature of their initiatives, the Nelson Run Club wholeheartedly supports CKISS in securing funding through the ReDi Grants. For any queries regarding the Nelson Run Club's involvement and backing, feel free to reach out to me without hesitation.

Stephen Harris
Manager, Nelson Running Club



Regional District of Central Kootenay

February 15, 2024

Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants).

As the Restoration Lead for the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), I am actively engaged in ecosystem health improvement projects across various sites in the Columbia Region, including the Norns Confluence site.

Norns Confluence is a riparian ecosystem greatly impacted by altered water cycles, erosion, development, human recreation, and the encroachment of invasive species. This site is crucial as Norns Creek serves as a spawning tributary of the Columbia River, acting as a vital wildlife corridor within an urban setting. The mature cottonwood forest at Norns Confluence provides essential foraging, roosting, and nesting habitat for numerous species, including eagles, red-tailed hawks, pileated woodpeckers, flickers, and more.

Despite our efforts focusing on revegetation, wildlife tree protection, and invasive plant management, Norns Confluence still faces challenges from invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry, spotted knapweed, and orange hawkweed, which threaten native biodiversity.

The Norns Confluence site presents a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preserving critical ecosystems within our community. The ONA Columbia Natural Resource team is eager to collaborate with CKISS in Robson to engage local residents in a Community Weed Pull event. These events empower residents by providing authentic opportunities for direct action on environmental issues and educate them about ecological concepts and the importance of protecting biodiversity.

Given the significance of CKISS's work and the importance of their initiatives, the ONA fully endorses CKISS in receiving funding from the ReDi Grants. If you have any inquiries regarding ONA's participation and support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Alysia Dobie

Alysia Dobie, BSc, Forest Technician
Restoration Lead, Okanagan Nation Alliance
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TO KNOW NATURE AND KEEP IT WORTH KNOWING

The West Kootenay Naturalists Association

Regional District of Central Kootenay

February 17, 2024

Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants).

The West Kootenay Naturalists Association (WKNA) is enthusiastic about the opportunity to work together with CKISS in their efforts to enhance our natural environment. These events not only allow us to contribute to invasive species management and restoration efforts in our community, but also provide invaluable hands-on experiences in environmental stewardship. CKISS guidance in invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant identification would be instrumental in enhancing our understanding of local ecosystems and fostering a sense of responsibility towards our environment.

The WKNA wholeheartedly endorses CKISS in receiving funding from the ReDi Grants. We believe that CKISS initiatives align closely with our mission to promote environmental conservation and sustainability, and we are confident in CKISS's ability to effectively utilize the grant funds to further their impactful work in invasive species management.

Thank you for considering CKISS's application, and we look forward to having a role with them in their environmental stewardship endeavors.

Sincerely



Paula Neilson
President, WKNA

<https://wknats.weebly.com/>

Regional District of Central Kootenay
February 15, 2024

Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am reaching out to express my enthusiastic support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants).

In my role as Nelson's 2023 Sport Ambassador, professional trail runner and an avid outdoor enthusiast, I have had the privilege of exploring the beautiful trails in the Nelson area, including the iconic Pulpit Rock trail. This trail holds a special place in the hearts of hikers, runners, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

I am thrilled to learn about CKISS's initiative to organize a Community Pulling Together event at Pulpit Rock and am fully on board with this endeavor. Collaborating with the Nelson Run Club for this event is an excellent idea. By rallying volunteers to remove invasive plants along the trail, we can play a significant role in enhancing ecosystem health and safeguarding one of Nelson's most cherished trails.

The presence of invasive plant species along the Pulpit Rock trail poses a serious threat to the local ecosystem and recreational activities. Participating in the Community Pulling Together event allows us to proactively address this issue and protect our beloved trails for future generations.

I am eager to contribute to CKISS's efforts by utilizing my trail running network to promote the event and recruit volunteers. Count me in to assist in recruiting volunteers for the rewarding tasks of invasive plant pulling, snipping, digging, and bagging. I firmly believe in the importance of this event and its potential to make a positive impact on our community and environment.

Considering the significant work undertaken by CKISS and the crucial nature of their initiatives, I wholeheartedly endorse CKISS in securing funding through the ReDi Grants. Should you have any questions regarding my involvement or support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Warm Regards,



Jazmine Lowther
jazminelowther@gmail.com

Organization **New Denver Hospice Society**

Registration # 887722406BC0001
Box 217, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Volunteers Make a Community Healthier**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The projects will take place in either New Denver or Silverton. Our aim is also to include members from Slokan and Nakusp who wish join us.

Importance to the community:

Dying can be a lonely and event, surrounded by fear. Hospice aims to bring volunteers to support those that are lonely and those who may or may not have family. As the end of life becomes clear Hospice volunteers are there to be with the palliative patient. Our wish is to have enough volunteers that we can be there at the bedside 24 hours a day. The volunteer benefits, the family and the person at the end of life benefit.

Holding Death Cafe events we believe we would have more people feeling like they could talk about end of life, they could ask questions, understand more about grief and how to be with others for support.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/11/2024 Project End: 12/3/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ 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			
\$500.00	\$300.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,500.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00

Project: Volunteers Make a Community Healthier

1. The project will provide:

To educate and build up a community of active volunteers to support the Hospice Programs. New Denver Hospice Society will engage facilitators to deliver the necessary 30 hour Hospice Training as required by BC Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Our desire is to be able to offer training twice yearly. To further our outreach and our community understanding of Hospice we will host four Death Cafe sessions. Bringing people together to discuss and understand end of life and how to best help yourself, family and community be prepared.

2. Organization Mandate:

New Denver Hospice Society supports quality of living while in the process of dying and supports a healthy transition through grief for the bereaved. Our purpose is to select, train, and provide ongoing education and support to volunteers.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Dying can be a lonely and event, surrounded by fear. Hospice aims to bring volunteers to support those that are lonely and those who may or may not have family. As the end of life becomes clear Hospice volunteers are there to be with the palliative patient. Our wish is to have enough volunteers that we can be there at the bedside 24 hours a day. The volunteer benefits, the family and the person at the end of life benefit.

Holding Death Cafe events we believe we would have more people feeling like they could talk about end of life, they could ask questions, understand more about grief and how to be with others for support.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issue is having a sustainable number of volunteers. This year we have had numerous community deaths. Many required volunteers to sit vigil and be with the person at the end of life. We would like to increase the number of volunteers, educate community and help people be able to share concerns about end of life.

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

New Denver Hospice is established as the only society in the community providing education regarding death and dying and Hospice Care. We have two qualified facilitators to teach the Volunteer Training. We have a board with sufficient experience to be able to deliver these programs. The Death Cafe events will be accompanied by other groups to enrich the opportunities and the information. We will welcome Green Burial Society as well as Last Wishes, Better at Home and Nav Care.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

New Denver Hospice Society will implement the projects, find the appropriate facilitators, advertise and find the suitable venue.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The New Denver Hospice Board will help organize and prepare for the Death Cafe events. Substantial volunteer time goes into planning and making the sessions for the training run smoothly

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Valley View Golf Club**

Registration # S0007905

6937 HWY 6, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024**

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

All aspects of this project will take place on site at Valley View Golf Club and Restaurant.

Importance to the community:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slocan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work. We provide a fun form of recreation for all, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive environment for people of all ages and walks of life. VVGC is a place where young people can learn the sport, golfers can practice their skills, and where people can gather, socialize, and utilize the many functions of our fantastic facility. Implementing this project will improve the vitality of our valley.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 10/18/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$15,850.00	\$1,500.00
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		\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$2,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$23,350.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024

\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00
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1. The project will provide:

Our project goal is to refresh and upgrade the basic and vital elements required to maintain our facility, in turn, helping to grow our membership, and to provide a better quality experience for our guests. Year after year, we struggle with climate change and the asset management required to keep the course in acceptable playing condition, and to make course improvements. Through recent years, COVID and inflation have impacted the course in both positive and negative ways, and this year, as in each year previous, we intend to upgrade the course incrementally so as to remain a priority recreation and tourism facility for our community. Both the course and the clubhouse/kitchen have items that are in need of attention in order to provide optimal service and maintain the most positive experiences for our customers.

Equipment, irrigation hardware, fertilizers, and clubhouse supports are needed so Valley View Golf Club can continue to provide this vital and important sport and recreation destination within the Slokan Valley. During the 2024 season, our staff, BOD, and volunteers will be working as a team to complete the necessary upgrades and maintenance duties that will have an immediate and lasting effect on the experiences of our members, guests, and staff.

2. Organization Mandate:

Valley View Golf Club is a non-profit organization providing affordable golfing facilities to the public for the past 57 years. Our full service clubhouse and restaurant provide the community with an affordable recreational and social venue, providing opportunities for social games, tournaments, weddings, or gatherings, and public or private events. Our operating budget for the upcoming season is \$138,600 in revenues and \$128,300 in expenses.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slokan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work.

We provide a fun form of recreation for all, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive environment for people of all ages and walks of life. VVGC is a place where young people can learn the sport, golfers can practice their skills, and where people can gather, socialize, and utilize the many functions of our fantastic facility. Implementing this project will improve the vitality of our valley.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our priority action items are as follows:

The nine greens are in need of fungal disease control, turf management, and focused maintenance.

All tee boxes (some hold 2 sets of tees, total of 22 areas of intent) require leveling, overseeding, and some disease control.

Ongoing sprinklerhead maintenance, replacement, and relocations are required on specific areas of the course.

Mowers barrel assemblies for the diesel mower, and turf aerator tines need replacement.

Fertilization and sand/seed top dressing of greens and tee areas of the course is required.

A new, modern Point Of Sale system with database and analytics for the clubhouse.

A new upright freezer.

New junior and adult rental club sets.

Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024

Rental golf carts are in need of repair, maintenance, and replacement. 2 additional carts would benefit our future revenue streams.

These items have been identified by the BOD in communication with the Greens Superintendent and management staff.

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

Our Board members and staff are passionate, dedicated, and hardworking. The course has been in operation for nearly 60 years and through that experience, the ability to provide quality improvements to the infrastructure, assets, and services have been a yearly endeavor. With a passionate membership, BOD, and community, we share the workload and strive to continue to support this area with a solid plan to provide a quality product for everyone. The capacity to complete the project will be within the normal operation framework and will not require additional staffing to complete, other than the expected volunteer efforts.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Our maintenance(Greens) staff, management staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers will be implementing the project. The BOD has a wide variety of expertise in many fields, for example: bookkeeping, business, golf course operations/maintenance, carpentry, marketing, community outreach, food & beverage management, etc. Our grounds maintenance staff will be returning and have years of local on site experience, and know exactly how our systems and equipment work. We have a dedicated group of volunteers to pool from that help out year after year and will continue to help us implement various changes and upgrades.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Various members and local machine operators, contractors, and merchants have extended interest in providing in kind contributions to the course improvement project. Local operators have offered to provide machinery and labor to get the tee boxes leveled an irrigation improvements completed. Slocan mechanic has offered to install parts and do set up on the new mower blade kits, and aerator tines. Many members have shown interest in providing minor labor enhancements to any of the maintenance procedures which qualify.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society**

Registration #

3762 Little Slokan South Road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Silverton, Village of Slokan

The Vallican Whole Community Centre, on Little Slokan South Road in Winlaw (Vallican) area, in the Slokan Valley.

Importance to the community:

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$1,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
\$500.00	\$700.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,200.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab

\$4,200.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00
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1. The project will provide:

A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab, hosted at the Vallican Whole Community Centre in Winlaw, July 18 - 21st 2024, will be a 4-day artist-focused series of performances, workshops, masterclasses, discussions and community-networking events that is focused on empowering theatre and performance artists - germinating the next new wave of impactful, exciting and relevant art making for those who call the Kootenay mountains home. Created for performers, playwrights, directors, presenters, producers and practitioners, this festival will aim to ignite contemporary artistic development, while also fostering local connection and collaboration.

This event will bring together rural theatre practitioners from the Central Kootenay region (and beyond), connecting creators for collaboration and learning. It will also offer public performances open to anyone interested in taking in locally created theatre. The organizing committee will be formed by engaging local theatre artists and arts community members, representing a diverse sect of the regional performing arts community. The organizing committee will reach out to artists in the region to propose workshops, performances, masterclasses and other events, and co-create a program that will be engaging, useful and inspiring for participating artists, and will generate exciting public performances for the wider community.

Programming will be released in spring and registration (fee-based, but with accessibility in mind) will be open to anyone interested in joining the Lab.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society, parent organization to the Vallican Whole Community Centre, is a community hub, bringing people together to learn, share skills, celebrate, engage in the arts, explore topical issues, and create rurally relevant strategies for sustainable living.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Creating and sharing theatre in a rural community like the West Kootenays can sometimes be challenging and isolating. Resources, performance opportunities, and learning spaces are scarce and harder to access than in larger cultural centres. This Lab seeks to address the challenges that rural theatre-makers face in honing their craft, developing professionally, and sharing their work, by inviting collaborative learning and strengthening of the local theatre community.

There are many theatre-makers in the rural Kootenays, often working in isolation or needing to leave the area for job opportunities. This Lab provides relationship and community building space to reduce isolation, inspire collaboration, and increase the skillset and connectivity of these talented artists.

Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab

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

The Vallican Whole has a long history (over 50 years) of facilitating rural arts and culture, and has been home to many rural theatre creation groups and performances, including Theatre Energy in the 1970s-'90s, and the Valley Gems in the 2010s and '20s. It has hosted many performances, and slowly over the years developed a reputation as a unique and flexible theatre creation and performance space. The Whole is also working to increase its infrastructure and capacity as an arts-incubation space, and has recently undergone some venue improvements that support theatre making. Current Board and Staff at the Whole are passionate about creating accessible community theatre in the Slokan Valley, and interested in building relationships with other curators/producers in the region. The Whole also received a CKCA grant to support this project in 2023.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Steering Committee is made up of local arts practitioners and representatives from local arts organizations and a Vallican Whole board member. The Committee will provide direction and feedback to the Artistic Director of the Lab, Marya Folinsbee, who is also the Administrator for the Vallican Whole Community Centre. We may engage other contract employees and certainly engage many volunteers to help implement the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Abundant volunteer labour - likely over 200 hours.

The Vallican Whole Space, and it's existing resources - valued at over \$3000 for the full weekend use including theatre resources and amenities.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Compilation of Artist Support for “A Country Road” Theatre Festival

To Whom it may Concern,

I am a theatre artist, director and educator. I recently moved to Slocan, BC.

I would be a very strong and enthusiastic supporter of a rural multi day theatre festival located in the beautiful and artistically vibrant Slocan Valley. The opportunity to bring artists together in a natural setting outside of an urban area is an idea with so much creative potential. I believe the festival would also spark initiatives that would continue long after the actual event.

I am 100% onboard and happy to participate and support the venture whole heartedly.

Sincerely,

Valerie Campbell

Associate Professor Emerita - Drama

School of Creative and Performance Arts

University of Calgary

After a long, odd and lengthy pandemic of distancing, there is no better time than now to be re-sewing the foundation of performance making and gathering for theatre. I would be thrilled to be part of such an event focused on bringing together Slocan artists, generating new visionary momentum, creating intentional bonds, sharing in peer to peer creation, but most of all, to be even deeper embedded in the community that is inspired to keep revitalizing the live theatrical experience for those living throughout the valley.

Elaine Weryshko

Educational Director of the Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry

Winlaw / Calgary

As a rural artist and theatre maker I am incredibly excited at the prospect of an opportunity to collaborate with other rural artists in a structured and curated container such as the one Marya is proposing. So often I have felt isolated in my practice, with large distances to travel and barriers I face getting to see other work and meet other theatre artists. I think a retreat and festival is a wonderful idea and I can imagine new collaborations and work being seeded at such an event.

Ellie Reynolds

Writer/Performer of “The Way They Came” and “On the Other Hand”

East Shore of Kootenay Lake

Timestamp	Name (First and Last)	Email	professional theatre workshops would you be interested in seeing at
2024/02/14 12:31:10 PM PST	joanne feenstra	jofeenstra@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing
2024/02/14 8:15:02 PM PST	Sydney Black	info@ndac.ca	Directing;Design and Tech
2024/02/15 10:04:44 AM PST	Ingrid Love	ingridloveconsulting@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Movement / Dance;Creating
2024/02/16 6:07:52 PM PST	Madeline Setzer	madeline.c.setzer@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Devising New
2024/02/19 8:53:00 AM PST	Valerie Campbell	vcampbel@ucalgary.ca	Devising New Creation;Movement /
2024/02/19 3:41:06 PM PST	Bryan marrion	b.l.marrion@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Devising New
2024/02/20 9:05:32 AM PST	Daniela Bustos	danibustos80@gmail.com	Creating in community/amateur

offering a workshop or session to Lab programming (paid)? If	performance piece (short or long-form) that you would consider	in joining a planning committee for the festival?	Can we add you to our email list?
no...	No	Yes	Yes, please!
production management session, or I could talk about the hot tips of starting your own	No	Yes	Yes, please!
Not just now	No	Maybe	Yes, please!
Acting- Meisner,	I would consider it.	Maybe	Yes, please!
Movement-	No	Yes	Yes, please!
Maybe	I would consider it.	Yes	Yes, please!
	No	Yes	Yes, please!

What types of discussions would you want to have at this theatre festival?

not committed to anything

How are we navigating social shifts in the theatrical world? The foundation of theatre often involves actors taking on experiences that are not their own. How do we perform without appropriating? Where is the "line"?

Chats about where the industry is at right now (and what needs to change), and a conversation using unusual spaces for Community based discussions - how to get artists involved in creating and producing works

Collaboration and community building

Survival community fundraising

hoe to bring people from different countries to Kootenay

What would be a dream workshop or event that you would like to recommend for this festival?

play writing, then performing it. the 24 hour box idea.
productions...like western canada theatre and the citadel's situation. Also just learning from western canada theatre about how they have created a professional theatre situation in a town that isn't huge would be very interesting to me.
Anything! This region has so few opportunities for theatre professional development

Spymonkey!!!!

Artistic support
anything related to production, how to make a production theater happen here (I'm not from here)

October 11, 2023

Dear Marya,

I would like to offer my support (and interest, and curiosity) for your Rural Theatre Festival project, which I believe to be a timely and necessary project for the arts community in our region. I recently completed an MFA at the University of Guelph largely because of the musical I wrote, directed and produced in my own small town near yours.

As a theatre creator, I could see myself preparing a play for the event. In fact, I have a piece that I began a few years ago using a dozen interviews with Rossland locals. The conversations suggested a common narrative of injury/recovery. I used this text for a five-minute long verbatim theatre piece that was performed using collaboratively improvised movements twice at Winter Carnival in 2020. With the invitation to prepare something for your festival, I would be compelled to expand the piece for a larger audience outside of the specific town whose words fuelled it.

I am in full support of your Rural Theatre Festival project, and would like to reiterate the importance of this kind of community-led theatre endeavour in developing emerging artists.

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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.

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

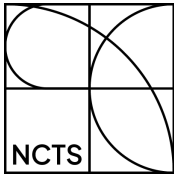
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Nelson Civic Theatre Society

719 Vernon Street

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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 **Slocan Valley Housing Society**

Registration # S-37293
3650 Passmore Old Road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Valley Outreach**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H
Passmore Lodge - 3650 Passmore Old Road, Winlaw, BC.

Importance to the community:

Passmore Lodge offers seniors-specific accessible programming in the Slocan Valley, meeting an increasingly significant need. The fitness portion of this program is proven a successful community investment that needs continued support. we have been able to engage Seniors who don't normally attend Fitness programs by offering more varied activity opportunities. These programs create a genuine reason for seniors to engage in fitness, socialize, reduce their isolation, increase their independence, maintain cognitive fitness, and create opportunities for seniors to help other seniors. This assists Slocan Valley Seniors living in their own homes to remain living independently healthier, longer.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 10/9/2024 Project End: 4/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$8,520.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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\$8,520.00	\$19,720.00	\$19,720.00
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1. The project will provide:

Outreach includes fitness programs, art and cultural activities, and educational programs of interest to seniors, which offer opportunities for seniors to engage in healthy interaction with one another and their community. This project is rebuilding the successes of the past and re-engaging with seniors that found themselves isolated through the pandemic. Whenever possible, these programs will be offered free of charge as cost can be a significant barrier for seniors living on a fixed income.

Coming out of the pandemic we were able to offer Seniors Fitness twice a week with one of those sessions incorporating Balance Boards along with Yoga once/week. This year we have the opportunity to add Feldenkrais once a week - this will almost bring us back to pre-pandemic Outreach programs.

2. Organization Mandate:

One leg of the Society's Mission is to enable seniors to maintain residency in the Slocan Valley by providing affordable housing and support services.

The Society's Vision includes: A supportive community with enhanced opportunities to enable seniors - inclusive of ethnic origins, abilities and disabilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, race or religion - to remain an integral part of community life.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Passmore Lodge offers seniors-specific accessible programming in the Slocan Valley, meeting an increasingly significant need. The fitness portion of this program is proven a successful community investment that needs continued support. We have been able to engage Seniors who don't normally attend Fitness programs by offering more varied activity opportunities.

These programs create a genuine reason for seniors to engage in fitness, socialize, reduce their isolation, increase their independence, maintain cognitive fitness, and create opportunities for seniors to help other seniors. This assists Slocan Valley Seniors living in their own homes to remain living independently healthier, longer.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Healthy, active and engaged seniors contribute more to their community and are able to live independently longer. Programs such as Yoga increase the vigour and life satisfaction for seniors, who then remain a vital part of their community, family and friendship circles.

The increase of participants in this past year's program identifies the interest that seniors have in reconnecting to their pre-covid activities.

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

The Slocan Valley Housing Society has been successfully delivering this type of programming since 2009. The programming has blossomed to meet the needs and interest of the many participants. Passmore Lodge has become known in the Valley for its flexibility in providing programming that benefits Seniors' health and well-being

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Joyce Johnson, the Administrator at Passmore Lodge will be the coordinator of the various Outreach programming.

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The Slocan Valley Housing Society is donating the use of the Common Room space at Passmore Lodge for the Outreach programs.

This includes using the existing space, exercise equipment, washrooms and kitchen. A fee of \$400 per week (\$100.00/class) for a period of 28 weeks.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

Registration # 889369906RR0001
520 Falls Street Nelson, NelsonBC BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00		\$7,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$250.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$10,000.00

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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Executive Summary

Introduction

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

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

This report:

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

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

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

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

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

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

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

Indigenous Context and Data

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

Methods

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

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

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

Moderate food insecurity:

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

Severe food insecurity:

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

Key Findings

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

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Conclusion

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

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

Introduction

Context for this report

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

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

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

Box 1

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

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

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

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

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

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

The impact of household food insecurity on diet and health

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

Household food insecurity in children and youth

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

Household food insecurity in adults and seniors

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

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

Circumstances that create household food insecurity

Household food insecurity and economic factors

Income

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

Income source

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

Housing and homeownership

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

Employment

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

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

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

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

Systemic racism: a structural driver of household food insecurity

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

Evidence-based interventions to address household food insecurity

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indigenous Context and Data

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Methods

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

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

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

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

Box 2

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

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

Moderate food insecurity:

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

Severe food insecurity:

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

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

Analytical approach

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

Findings

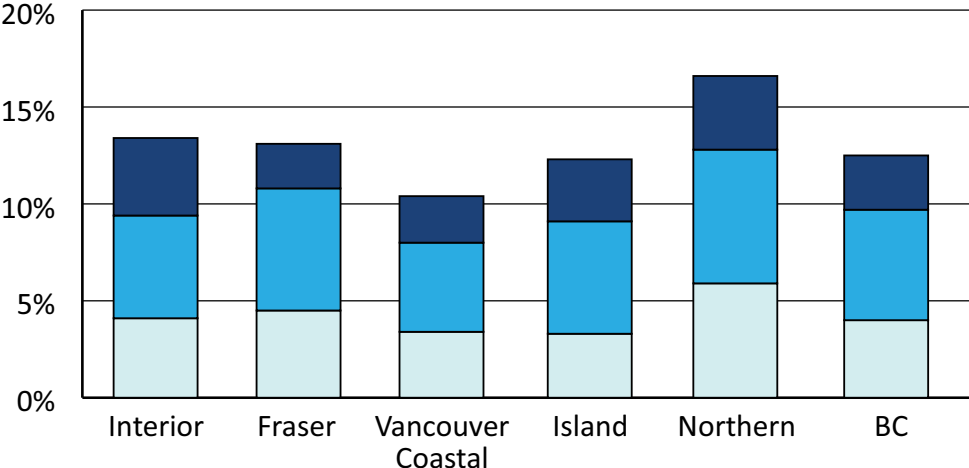
Prevalence of Household Food Insecurity across British Columbia

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

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

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

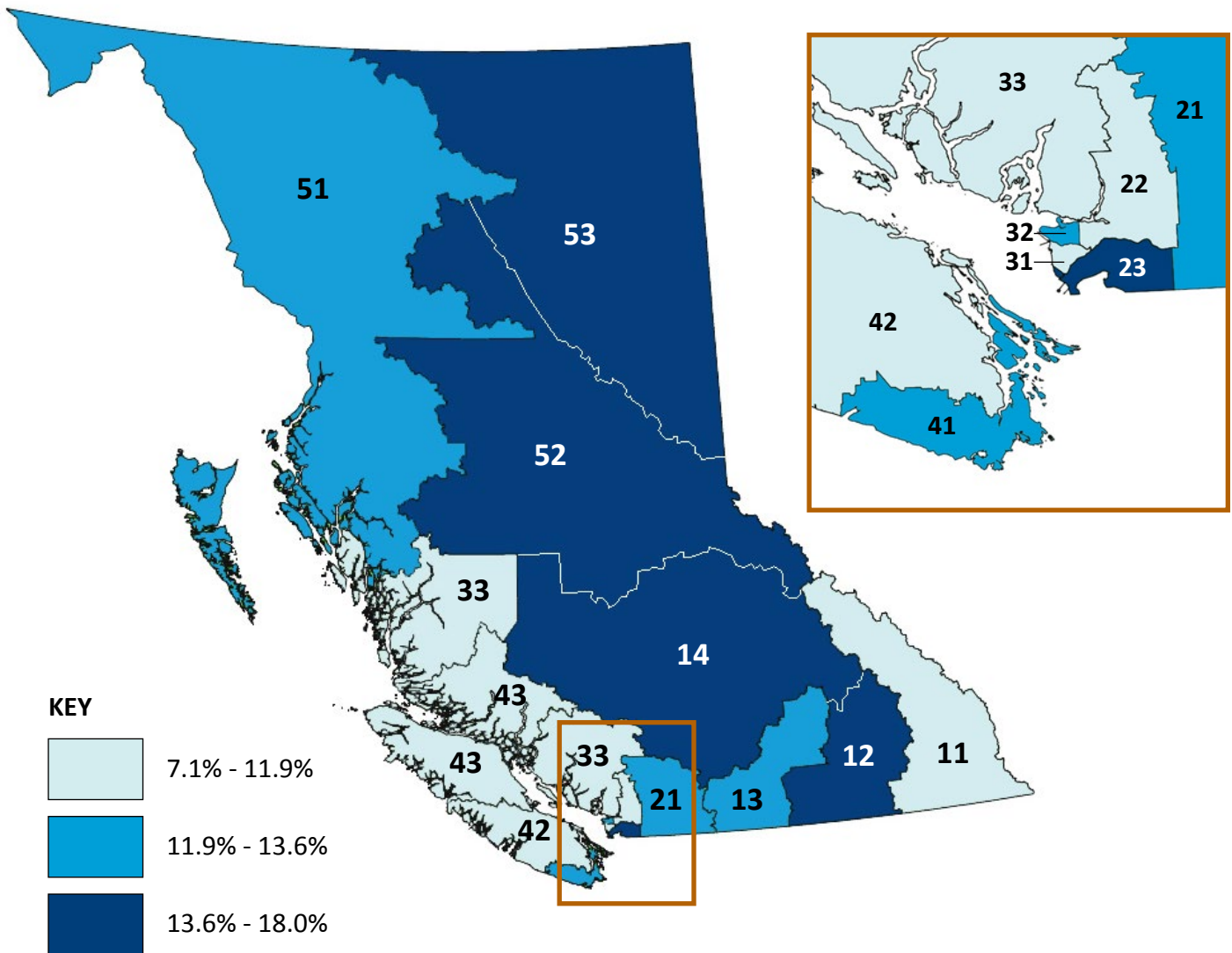
Figure 1. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by Health Authority



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

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

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



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

Which households are most susceptible to household food insecurity?

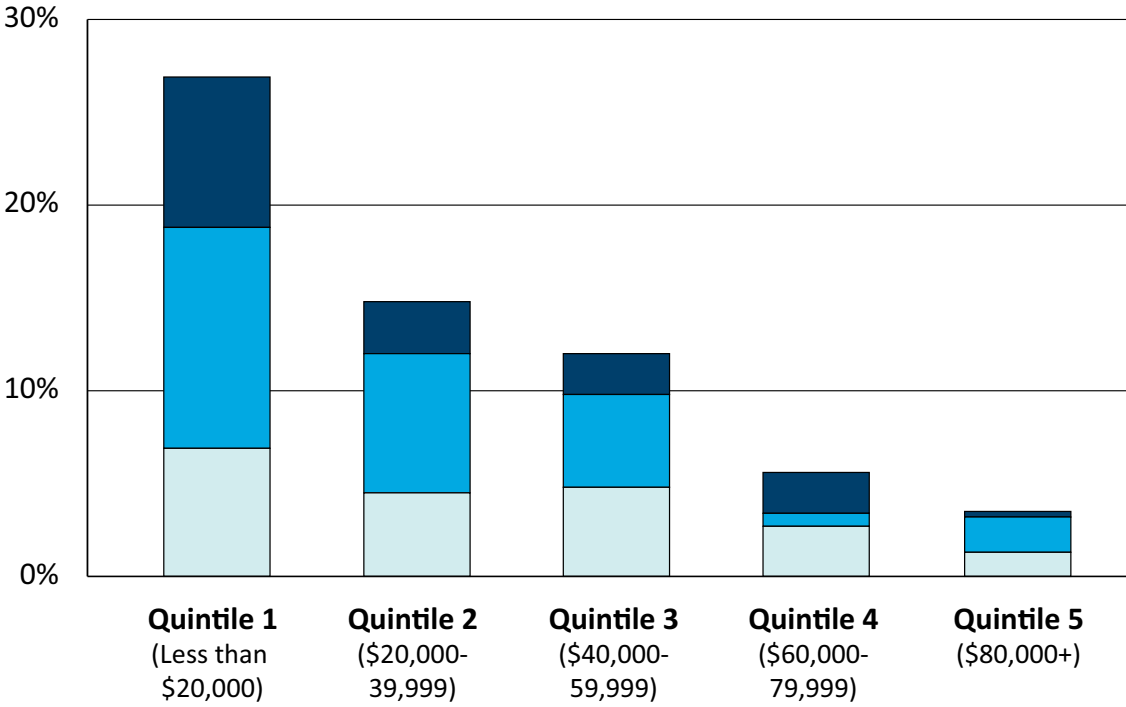
Household food insecurity and economic factors

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

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

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

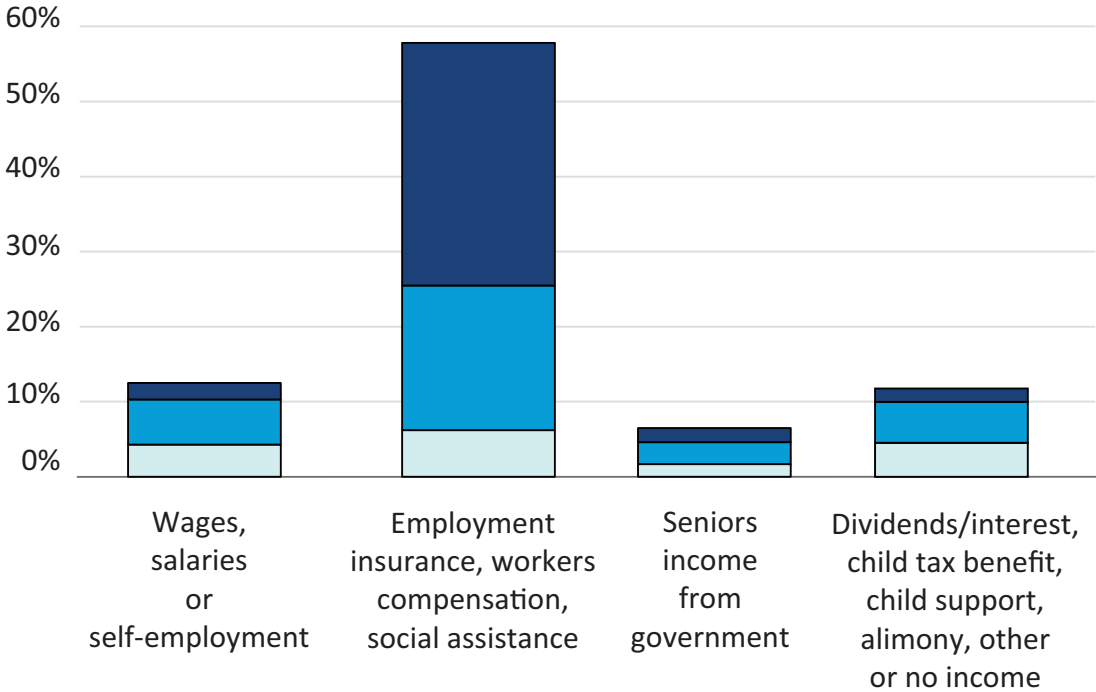
Figure 3. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and household income quintile



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

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

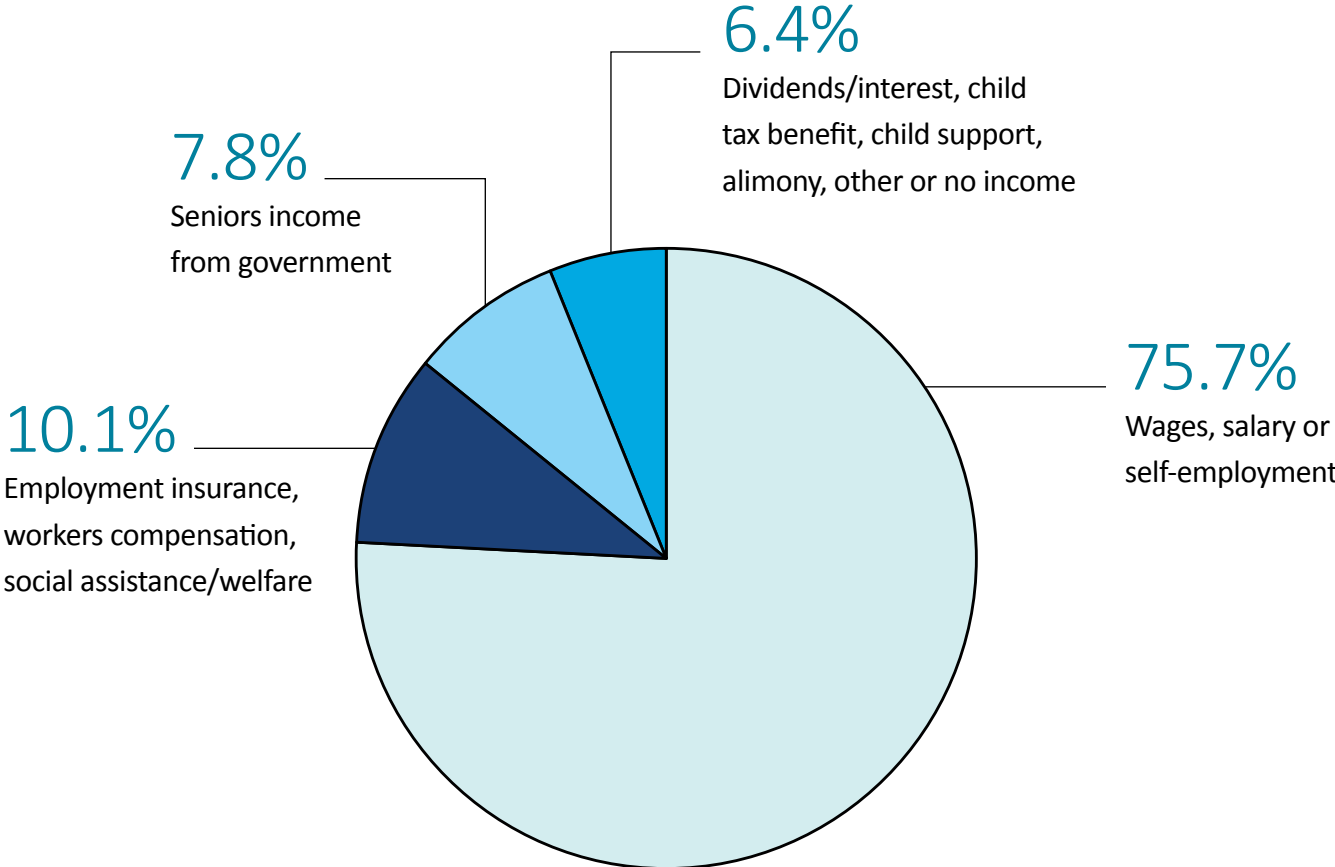
Figure 4. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and households' main source of income



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

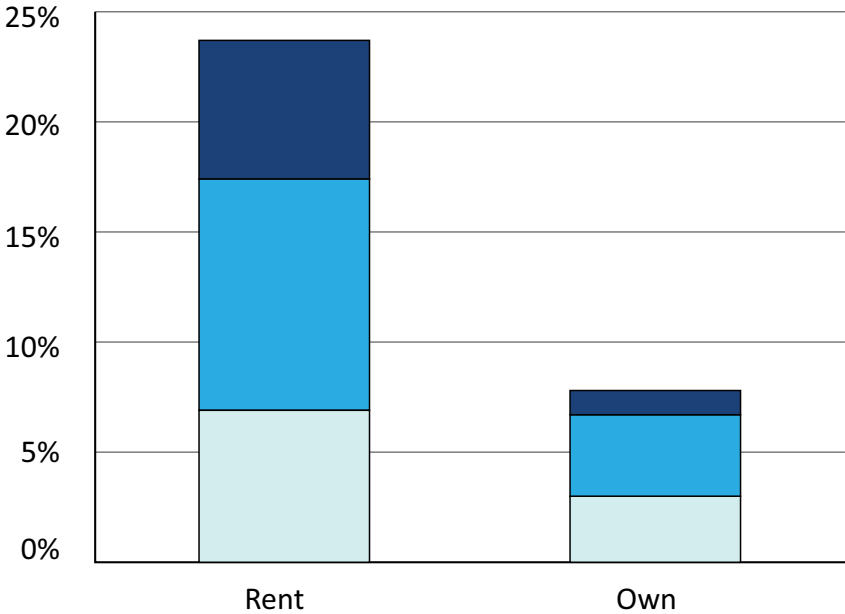
While the prevalence for people living in food insecure households where the main source of household income was from wages and salaries is relatively low, among all people living in food insecure households, 75.7% reported their main source of income were wages, salaries or self employment (Figure 5).

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



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

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



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

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

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

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

Household food insecurity and mental health

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

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

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

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

Methods

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

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

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

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

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

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

Analytical approach

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

Equity-based analysis of concern for food security

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

People who reside in remote communities:

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

Racialized people:

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

Immigration status:

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

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

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

Findings

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

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

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

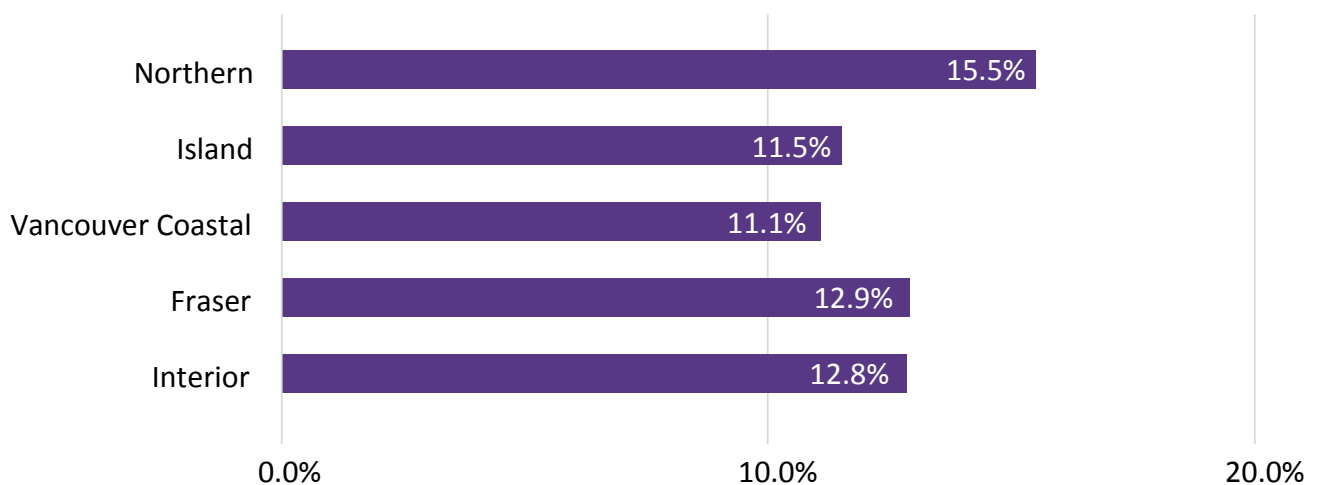
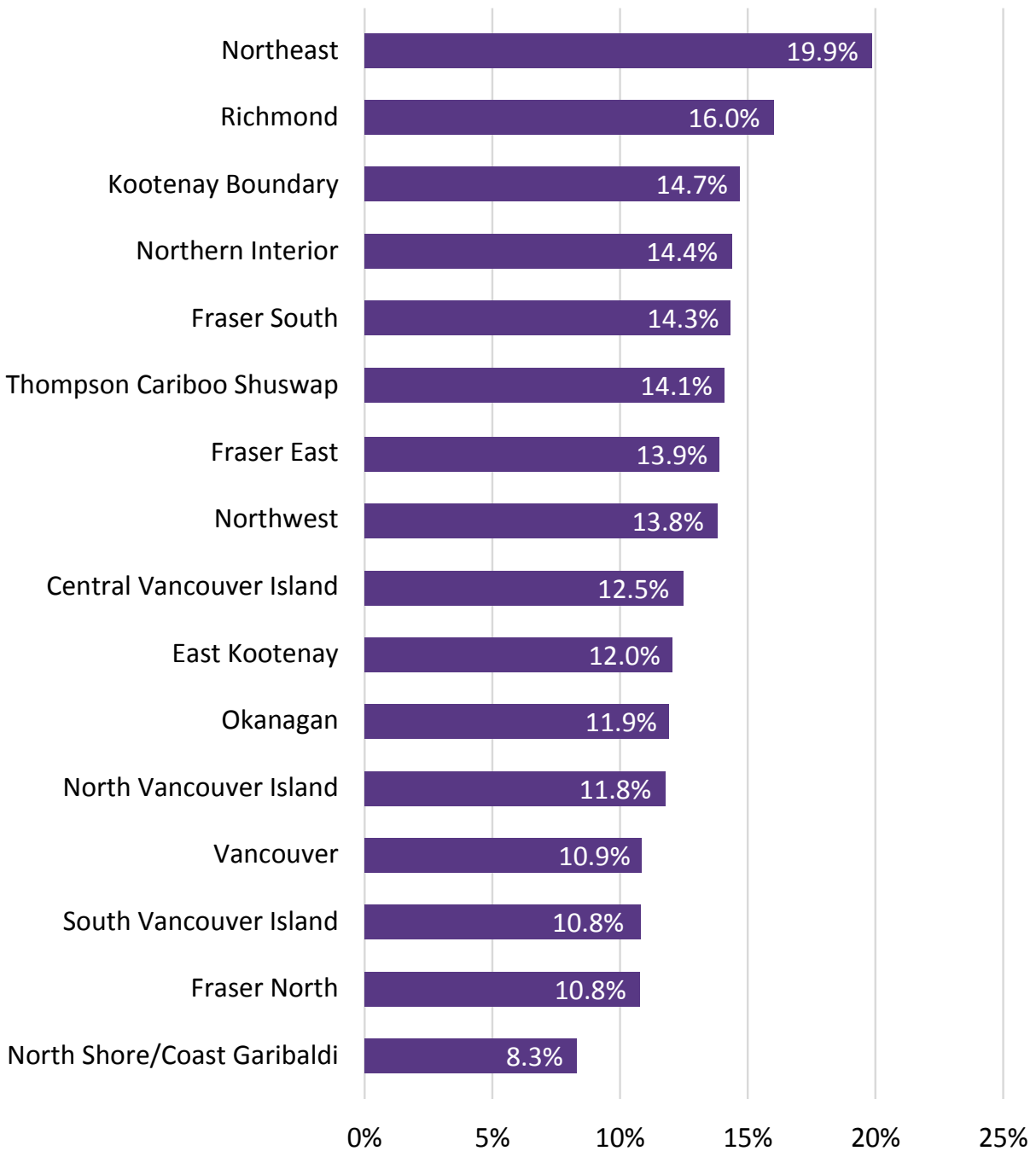
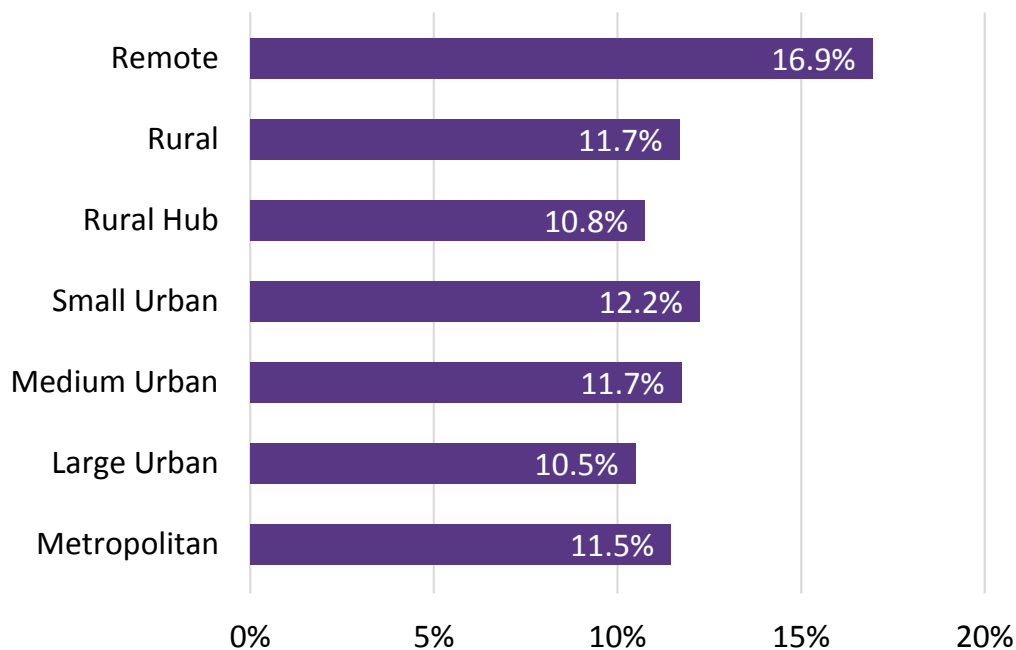


Figure 8. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA)



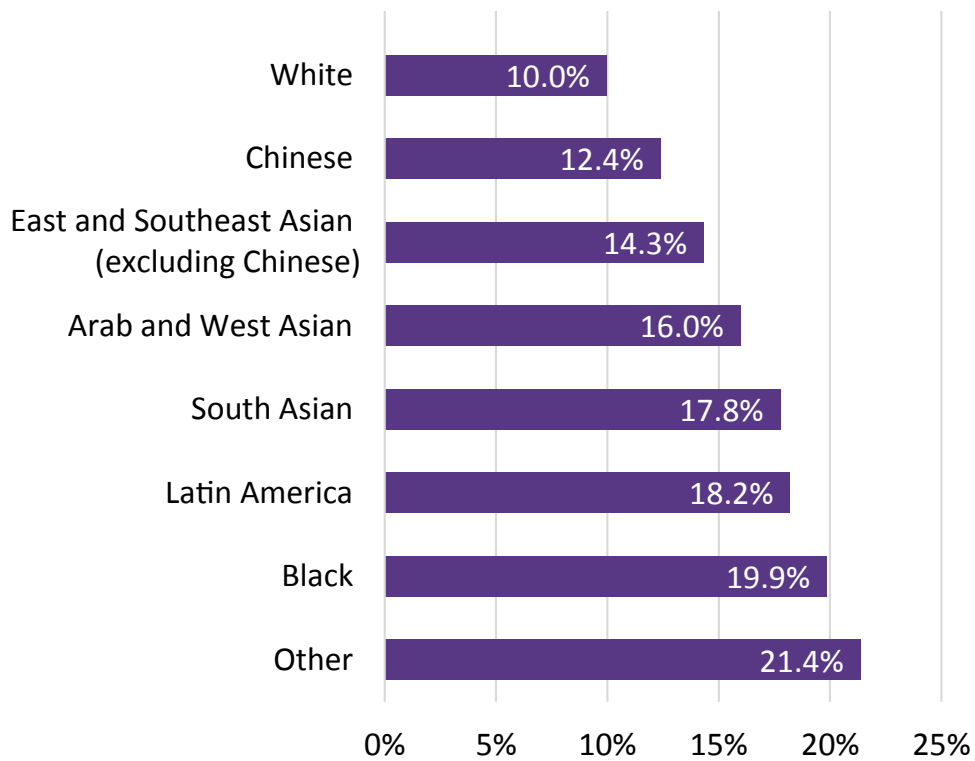
The level of urbanization of respondents' geographic location was classified by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications (metropolitan, large-urban, medium-urban, small-urban, rural-hub or rural or remote). Remote CHSAs had the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%),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

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



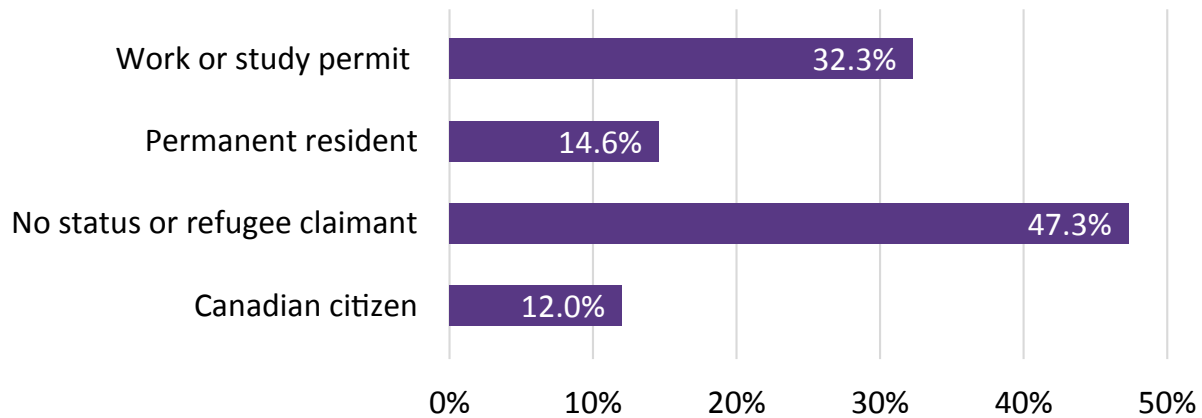
There are marked differences in the prevalence of concern for food security based on self-reported race/ethnicity. Previous research has shown that racialized populations experience higher rates of food insecurity than those who identify as white due to structural racism and social and economic determinants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

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



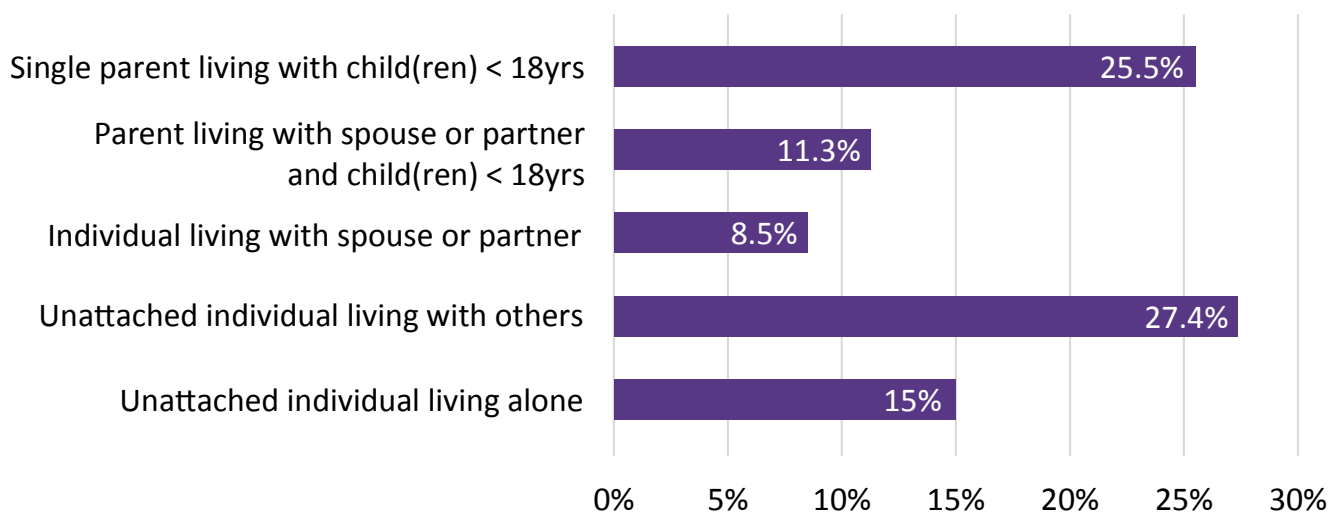
The prevalence of concern for food security differed based on people’s immigration status. People with no status or refugee claimants and those on work or study permits had the highest rates, at 47.3% and 32.3% respectively. This finding is consistent with Canadian studies which have shown that international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

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



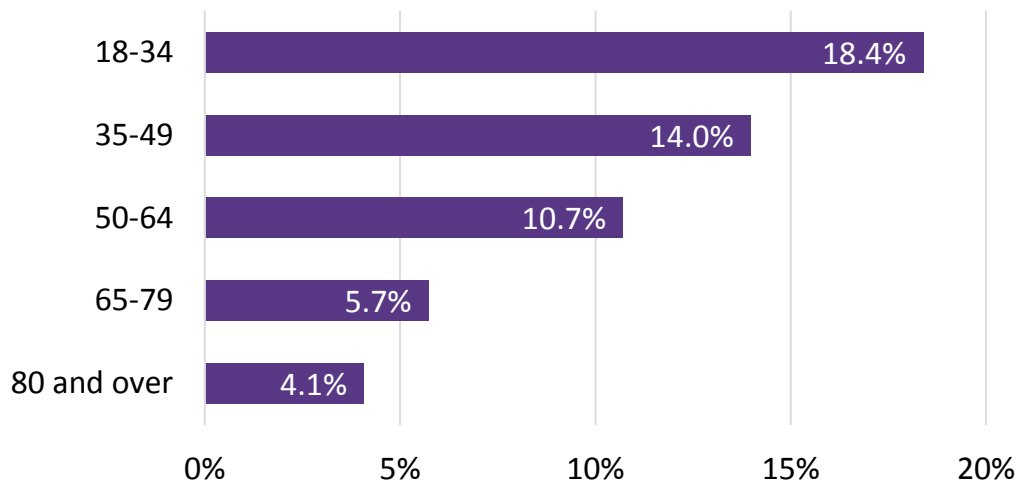
Rates of concern for food security differed by family composition. Prevalence was highest among unattached individuals living with others (27.4%) and single parents living with children under the age of 18 (25.5%). People living with a spouse or partner and no children had the lowest rate (8.5%).

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



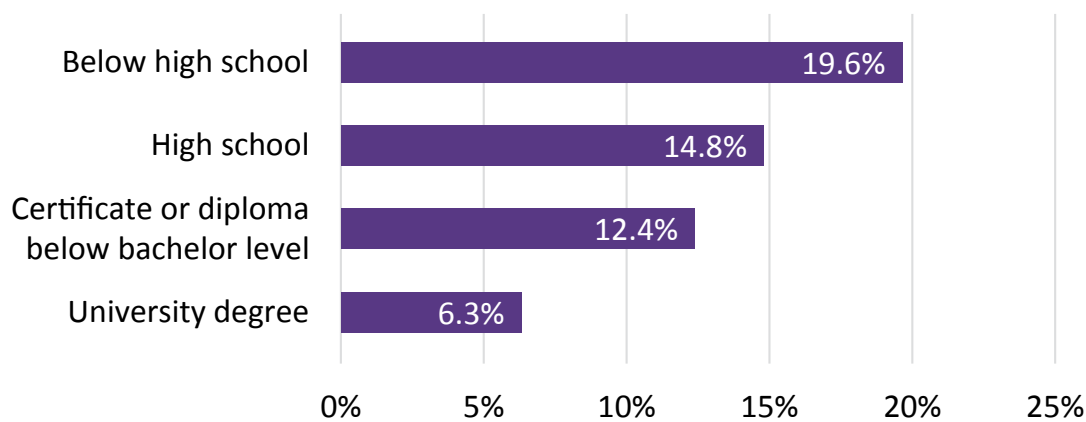
The prevalence of concern for food security was highest among those aged 18-34 and 35-49, at 18.4% and 14.0% respectively. Prevalence decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates at 5.7% and 4.1% respectively.

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



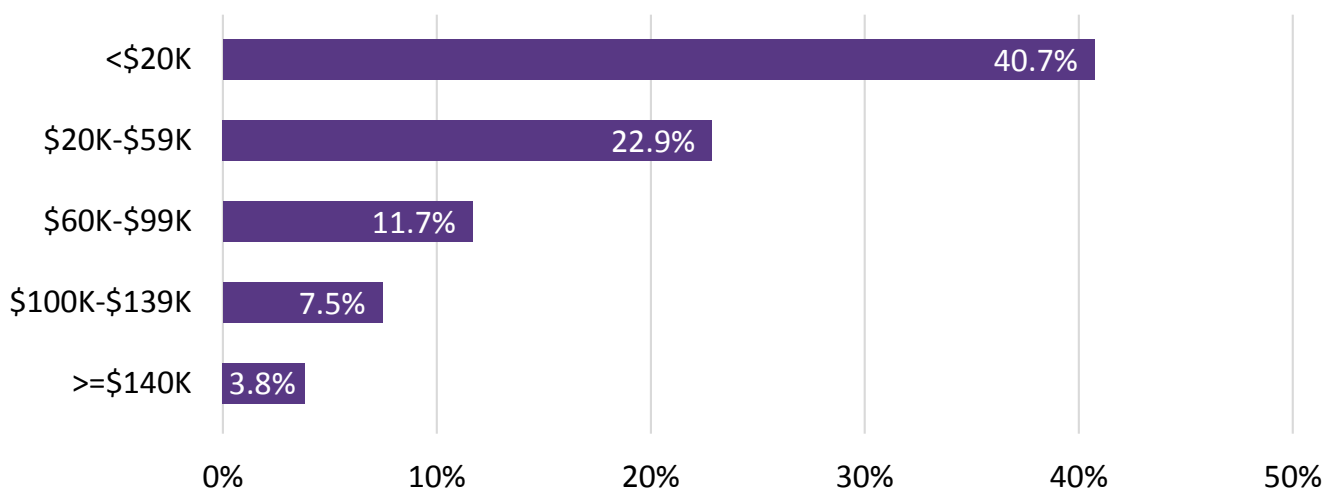
Prevalence of concern for food security also differed based on levels of formal education. While people with a university degree had the lowest prevalence (6.3%), 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed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

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



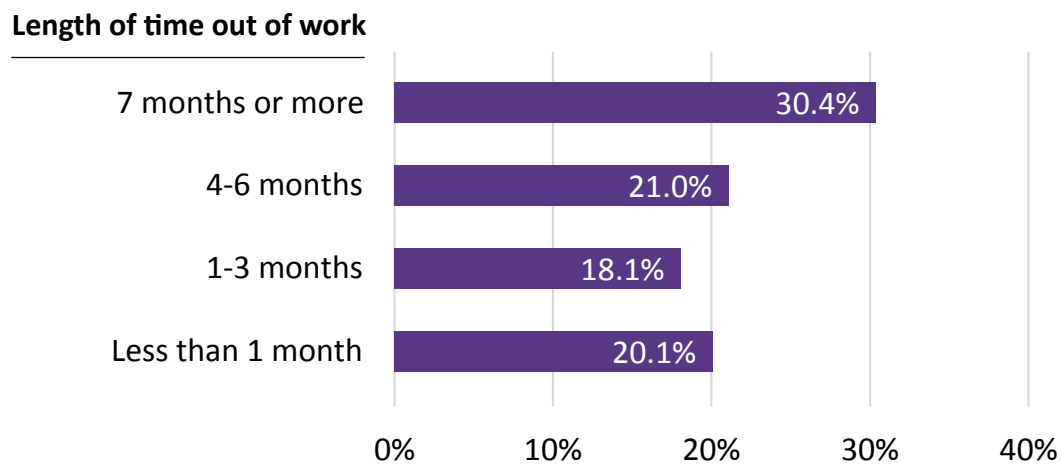
Similar to the CCHS data in this report, which showed that household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles of income distribution, concern for food security was most prevalent among respondents to the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) with the lowest annual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

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



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

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



Summary of findings

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

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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Appendix

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

Table 1

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

Table 2 data for Figure 7

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

Table 3 data for Figure 8

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

Table 4 data for Figure 9

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

Table 5 data for Figure 10

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

Table 6 data for Figure 11

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

Table 7 data for Figure 12

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

Table 8 data for Figure 13

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

Table 9 data for Figure 14

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

Table 10 data for Figure 15

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

Table 11 data for Figure 16

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

Organization **West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**

Registration # S0043250

1832 Pass Creek Rd, Castlegar BC V1N 4S6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Motocross Bathroom Upgrades**

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

This project will take place at the Kootenay Motocross Track (KMX), which is located near the Bombi summit about halfway between Castlegar and Salmo, about 7km from the Highway 22 and Highway 3 junction, 1.5 km up a FSR.

At the KMX, the new outhouse facility will be located between the youth/beginner training facility and the main track. This will ensure easy accessibility and a central location for all participants and viewers. This location is also close to water lines so that cleaning is easy.

Importance to the community:

We have over 200 members, ranging in age from 5 to 65, from across the West and East Kootenay. Our members come from Nelson and Castlegar (16% each), 12% from RDCK Area H, 8% from RDCK Area B and 6% each from RDCK Area A and RDCK Areas C and G. We have regular day pass participation from all other areas of both regional districts.

This project will provide a more comfortable and sanitary setting for our local members and visitors. In 2023 we held three motocross races, one "hare scramble" and two skills clinics. Our races attracted between 70 and 130 riders. Through September we ran weekly ladies/kids nights with participation of 8-12 individuals. Our annual Tree Hugger hare scramble sees more than 140 participants from across BC. All users at both open track nights and planned races and events, as well as spectators, will benefit from this project.

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

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

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$18,000.00	\$26,033.00	\$26,033.00

1. The project will provide:

Over the next 3 years we want to grow our membership by encouraging and enabling more family participation at KMX. To achieve this we are planning to undertake upgrades to staging and facility services and youth track and trail options. This includes upgrading and relocating the bathroom facilities; improving access for safety; adding covered spaces with seating; improving the youth track so it better enables skill development across beginner and intermediate level riders; and constructing a beginner trail circuit.

As part of these larger facility upgrade plans, for this project component we are requesting funding to purchase and install a permanent high grade outhouse structure. This will replace two existing, run-down plywood outhouses. Leko Precast from Vernon BC will be engaged to complete this project. The bathroom facility will be the same standard as used in BC Park and Recreation Sites. Society volunteers will support installation as needed. In future years a second permanent outhouse will be installed.

2. Organization Mandate:

Founded in 2004, WKR DAS is the primary dirt bike club in the West Kootenay. The mandate of the society is to gain respect from others about the sport; educate individuals young and old on safe and responsible riding and land use; and to work together with others for joint use of trails, roads and open land. WKR DAS operates the Kootenay Motocross Track (KMX) and tree hugger trails and the Rover Creek trail network. We average an annual revenue of about \$40,000 coming primarily from memberships, day passes and event fees. Expenses are kept within revenue availability with occasional exception for major equipment purchases, such as in 2021 when we purchased a dozer for track maintenance.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

We have over 200 members, ranging in age from 5 to 65, from across the West and East Kootenay. Our members come from Nelson and Castlegar (16% each), 12% from RDCK Area H, 8% from RDKB Area B and 6% each from RDKB Area A and RDCK Areas C and G. We have regular day pass participation from all other areas of both regional districts.

This project will provide a more comfortable and sanitary setting for our local members and visitors. In 2023 we held three motocross races, one "hare scramble" and two skills clinics. Our races attracted between 70 and 130 riders. Through September we ran weekly ladies/kids nights with participation of 8-12 individuals. Our annual Tree Hugger hare scramble sees more than 140 participants from across BC. All users at both open track nights and planned races and events, as well as spectators, will benefit from this project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The current track facilities are very basic. There are two existing outhouse structures that are in poor condition and poorly located. They are constructed out of plywood making them difficult to clean and kept free of critters. As usership increases it is crucial for sanitation and comfort to have better facilities. In 2023 we had 299 racers, plus

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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Quote #:	9155
Quote Date:	2023-02-01
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Customer #:	949

Quoted To:
Contractor

Kootenay Motocross

Valid Through: 2023-03-03

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

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

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

Floyd Babiak
 Kootenay Motocross
 fwbabs@outlook.com

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

GST # 10304 4053 RT0001 PST # 1011 5723
 All returns subject to a 10% restocking fee.
 Interest charged at 2% compounded monthly on all over due invoices.
 Payments on account are subject to a 3% fee if paying by Visa/MasterCard.



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PO Box 1961
ROSSLAND, BC V0G 1Y0

February 18, 2024

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

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

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

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

Employer Service Centre
Assessment Department

Clearance Reference # : C134600738
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Organization **Village of Slocan Fitness Centre**

Registration #

Box 318, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Clifford Froehlich

Project Title **Slocan Fitness Centre upgrades**

Project will be located in: Village of Slocan

The project will take place at the fitness centre in the village of Slocan. Although the fitness centre is located in Slocan, it serves a large amount of people up and down the valley.

Importance to the community:

Over the years that Slocan Fitness Centre has proven to be an essential part of the overall physical fitness, and the mental health of the members of our community and surrounding area. It is important to have our fitness centre and equipment in good condition. It is an outlet for people of all ages, physical conditions, and abilities. Our fitness centre users are welcome from a wide demographic and have varying needs for accessing the facility. Some are competitive athletes. Some are recovering from injuries, but most are those that are seeking physical fitness and general well-being. Our facility offers memberships at a very low cost to ensure that it is not cost prohibitive.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 2/28/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$4,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,500.00

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

1. The project will provide:

Slocan Fitness Centre has been in operation for about 14 years. The fitness equipment was originally purchased as used equipment. It is aging, wearing out, and in need of replacement to maintain a healthy and safe environment. New, updated equipment will entice more of our community members to be involved with the fitness center. Physical fitness and activity leads to healthier bodies, minds, emotions, and spirits and general health of the community as a whole.

The building which is home to the Fitness Centre is about 90 years old. With that comes an accumulation of dust and unknown particles in the air. It needs to be cleaned, mopped and dusted regularly to try and keep it clean. With the purchase of portable air filtration systems, it will help to keep the air clean for our users.

Our user numbers have increased dramatically over the past few years. In 2023 we had in excess of 4500 visits by our members. With the increased number of users comes new challenges. Our building security is one of those challenges. Currently we have a manual door code lock system making the facility accessible by our users any time of the day or night. We are in need of an updated electronic card swipe system in order to limit the access times of our users.

2. Organization Mandate:

Slocan Fitness Centre will provide our community and surrounding area an opportunity to access a good quality, well-maintained, fitness center. The fitness centre must be accessible and affordable to our users in order to improve and maintain the physical fitness, mental health and general well-being of our community as a whole.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Over the years that Slocan Fitness Centre has proven to be an essential part of the overall physical fitness, and the mental health of the members of our community and surrounding area. It is important to have our fitness centre and equipment in good condition. It is an outlet for people of all ages, physical conditions, and abilities. Our fitness centre users are welcome from a wide demographic and have varying needs for accessing the facility. Some are competitive athletes. Some are recovering from injuries, but most are those that are seeking physical fitness and general well-being. Our facility offers memberships at a very low cost to ensure that it is not cost prohibitive.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Equipment that is currently being used at the facility is in need of expansion. With our increased number of members, there is often wait times for the equipment that we have. An expansion of our equipment base is necessary to fulfil the needs of the members.

Currently, there is no air filtration system in the building. It is heated with electric wall-mounted heaters. The equipment and ceiling fans are often noted to be dusty and in need of cleaning. With the addition of portable air filtration systems, we will address the issue that regarding the amount of dust and unknown particles in the air.

The electronic door code system will limit the access times to the building and will also identify the individuals who are accessing the fitness center.

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

Slocan Fitness Centre has been in operation for several years and is well established. We work well in collaboration with the Village to Slocan. Our dedicated group of volunteers consist of a good cross-section of people from the community who are reliable and well-versed in understanding the fitness needs and wants of our community. We understand that the facility must be well maintained and updated in order to meet the fitness requirements of our community and surrounding area.

Our current venue is pushed to the Kim in order to meet the needs of our users. Constant improvements, updates and changes are necessary due to the increasing number of the fitness centre members.

Project: Slocan Fitness Centre upgrades

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Fitness centre committee members are involved as a whole and the village of Slocan is acting as a sponsor for the fitness center.

Cliff Froehlich will oversee the project as part of the committee and Ezra Buller, who is a village councillor and also a member of the committee, will act as the liaison for the village of Slocan.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Nelson Community Food Centre**

Registration # 82876 2344 RR0001
602 Silica St., Nelson BC V1L 4N1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Nelson Community Food Centre FoodSkills Program**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The workshops will be held at the Nelson Community Food Centre located at 602 Silica St. Nelson, BC. Workshop program participants will cook in the newly renovated kitchen on site, and complete other workshop tasks in the community centres main hall.

Importance to the community:

The 2024 Foodskills Program is important to the community as it aligns with the objectives in the Sustainability Principles and Focus Areas of the City of Nelson's Path to 2040, Sustainability Strategy. Like the City of Nelson, this project aims to increase access to nutritious food, prioritize healthy families and individuals, promote local food production and reduce waste.

The Nelson Community Food Centre supports those facing adversity in Nelson and Electoral Areas E, F, H and I. The workshops have been designed to ensure we support the diversity within our community, and the opportunity to bring together participants with shared experiences like newcomers to the community or seniors.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/17/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$500.00		\$200.00	\$300.00
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
			\$10,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Nelson Community Food Centre FoodSkills Program

\$11,500.00	\$26,250.00	\$26,250.00
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1. The project will provide:

The Nelson Community Food Centre 2024 Foodskills Program is a series of workshops designed to create opportunities for people facing adversity to share, connect and advocate around good food. As part of the NCFC's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, we strive to improve and expand our reach to the community through innovative, no-cost and barrier-free programming.

Through the Summer, Fall and Winter of 2024, the Nelson Community Food Centre will host 'At-Home MicroGreens', 'Harvest Rescue Processing, Canning & Dehydration', 'Sourdough Bread' and 'Around the World - Learn to Cook' workshops. These workshops have been designed to improve food skills, adopt healthier attitudes around food, promote self sufficiency and increase confidence and leadership amongst program participants and volunteers.

2. Organization Mandate:

At the Nelson Community Food Centre, our vision is a thriving community where people come together around good food for all. Our mission is to create opportunities for people facing adversity to share, connect and advocate around good food.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The 2024 Foodskills Program is important to the community as it aligns with the objectives in the Sustainability Principles and Focus Areas of the City of Nelson's Path to 2040, Sustainability Strategy. Like the City of Nelson, this project aims to increase access to nutritious food, prioritize healthy families and individuals, promote local food production and reduce waste.

The Nelson Community Food Centre supports those facing adversity in Nelson and Electoral Areas E, F, H and I. The workshops have been designed to ensure we support the diversity within our community, and the opportunity to bring together participants with shared experiences like newcomers to the community or seniors.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The 2024 Foodskills Program workshops are themed around sustainability, food recovery and knowledge exchange. The workshops will address food security concerns in the community, encourage experiential learning and promote local food system sustainability. They have been created with the intention of supporting all low-income community members and recognizing the diverse community the Nelson Community Food Centre operates in.

These issues were identified through program participant surveys, in-depth conversations with Nelson Community Food Centre Volunteers, and ongoing conversations with other Community Food Centres across British Columbia.

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

The Nelson Community Food Centre has spent over fifteen years supporting community members facing adversity in the RDCK. We are deeply committed to advocating on issues of poverty reduction, food security and social justice. Staff and volunteers work diligently to provide a safe space where everyone is welcomed and treated with dignity and respect. The Nelson Community Food Centre has gone through a significant transition period over the last twelve months, staff and volunteers are committed and ready to begin regular programming once again.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Project: Nelson Community Food Centre FoodSkills Program

The 2024 Foodskills Program workshops will be overseen by the Nelson Community Food Centres Executive Director and lead by the Food Access Coordinator. Additional workshop support will be provided by Nelson Community Food Centre Volunteers.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
 - Executive Director & Director of Development time and labour
 - Spout seedlings for workshop
 - Time donated by sourdough starter workshop leader

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

2024 Foodskills Program: Sustainability, Food Recovery & Knowledge Exchange Workshops

Nelson Community Food Centres Vision: A thriving community where people come together around good food for all. Our Mission: to create opportunities for people facing adversity to share, connect and advocate around good food.

Sustainability:

‘At Home’ Microgreens Workshop: Fall/Winter

- Encourage participants to grow food all year round and gain knowledge surrounding good, nutritious food. Demonstrations of how to successfully grow microgreens and sprouts from their home. Program participants will receive a ‘home kit’ to produce their own at home.

Food Recovery:

Harvest Rescue Process, Canning & Dehydration Workshop (x3): Summer/Fall

- Supporting waste reduction, program participants learn to process, can and dehydrate produce recovered from our annual Harvest Rescue Program.

Knowledge Exchange:

Sourdough Bread Workshops (bi-weekly baking, 2x Sourdough starter workshops): Summer, Fall & Winter 2024

- Demonstrate and provide education to program participants on how to begin their own sourdough starter, which they can then take home and use to bake their own bread. Workshops to be led by a community volunteer who bakes sourdough and sells at local markets.
- Nelson Community Food Centre volunteers will come in every second week to bake sourdough bread that will be distributed to program participants at the Good Food Bank.

‘Around the World’ - Learn to Cook Workshops (x4) - Summer/Fall/Winter

- Celebrating the diversity of our community. 4 workshops will be held to show program participants how to cook healthy, ethnic foods.
- Workshops will be led by various community members, with a focus on healthy, affordable meals that can be created by food provided at the Good Food Bank.

2024 Foodskills Program & NELSON PATH TO 2040, Sustainability Strategy

The 2024 Foodskills Program themes of sustainability, food recovery and knowledge aligns with the City of Nelson's Path to 2040. They include:

Sustainability Principle - Direction - Directly Related Objectives

1. Healthy Neighborhoods
 - a. Inviting parks, community gardens and information public spaces for gathering
 - i. FFSA 1: Ensure nutritious whole food
 - ii. FFSA 3: Encourage individual and commercial food production, processing, and distribution within city limits.
2. Prosperity
 - a. Respecting our leadership role in regional social and economic systems
 - i. FFSA 2: Maximize regional food production, processing and distribution.
 - ii. FFSA 3: Encourage individual and commercial food production, processing, and distribution within city limits.
3. Robust Ecosystems
 - a. Protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural assets by continuing to cultivate responsible environmental practices.
 - b. Using our natural resources efficiently and conserving them to the greatest extent possible.
 - i. FFSA 2: Maximize regional food production, processing and distribution.
 - ii. FFSA 4: Build community capacity and foster ethical food consumption.

Focus Area - Objectives

1. Health Living and Social Well-Being
 - a. A healthy lifestyle includes physical activity, mental health, education, healthcare and supportive social networks.
 - i. HLSW1: Support & encourage healthy living choices and be responsive to the needs of individuals, families and the greater community.
2. Solid Waste
 - a. Nelson is a zero waste community that avoids and reduces consumption first, then reuses, recycles and recovered waste and finally ensures responsible disposal of the small amount remaining.
 - i. SW2: Foster Waste Reduction and elimination practices by providing innovative means for reduced consumption.
 - ii. SW3: Encourage local composting and reuse of organic material.

Organization **Castlegar and District Community Services Society**

Registration #

1007 2nd Street, Castlegar BC V1N 1Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Driver Program 2024**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

Project: West Kootenay Driver Program 2024

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Lake Arts Council**

Registration #

408 4th Street, Silvertown British Columbia V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Sunset Series - Music in Centennial Park**

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

Centennial Park in New Denver. Centennial Park is set on the shores of Slocan Lake and is a stunning setting. The Village of New Denver is undertaking the building of a new performance stage which is projected for completion by summer 2024. In the event that the stage is not ready, performance can occur on the existing gazebo stage.

Importance to the community:

The Sunset Series provides a valued source of entertainment to Area H residents and visitors. Local business will benefit from increased traffic. The campers in the Village of New Denver Municipal Campsite, which surrounds Centennial Park, benefit from the entertainment and the opportunity to meet local residents. The Sunset Series is a showcase for the North Slocan Lake geographical location and engenders positive feelings toward this beautiful area.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/6/2024 Project End: 8/24/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$2,250.00	
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
				\$2,000.00
Village of Silvertown	Village of Slocan			
\$2,000.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,250.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,250.00	\$18,100.00	\$18,100.00

Project: Sunset Series - Music in Centennial Park**1. The project will provide:**

Attending musical events as a group brings together community, allows for new or reconnections and provide a safe and healthy source of fun and entertainment.

The Sunset Concert Series endeavors to bring live music performances to our local and visiting community every Saturday evening from July Long Weekend to Labour Day Weekend.

This series brings affordable, family friendly, live music listening and dancing opportunities to Silverton/New Denver and area residents and visitors. Admission is 'by donation' so attendance is accessible for everyone.

This series creates opportunity for community togetherness. Every Saturday evening, residents, visiting guests and tourists can enjoy the sounds of live music in the mountain air. The weekly schedule brings returning audiences and builds a greater sense of community and culture to our remote community. Sunset Series is an enriching and healthy source of fun and entertainment.

This series presents an eclectic selection of musical styles so there is something that appeals to everyone, and local youth and family's have an opportunity to experience different genres of music and performance.

This series creates employment opportunities for 20+ musicians (over 10 weekends), 2 sound technicians, 1 coordinator and 1 graphic designer.

2. Organization Mandate:

To increase and broaden the opportunities for residents of the Slocan Lake area to enjoy and participate in cultural and artistic activities;

To support artistic exhibits, theatre, art performances and cultural education opportunities;

To foster the development of local cultural projects and activities for the benefit of the local communities; and

To foster interest and pride in the cultural heritage of the Slocan Lake communities and in the arts in general.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Sunset Series provides a valued source of entertainment to Area H residents and visitors. Local business will benefit from increased traffic. The campers in the Village of New Denver Municipal Campsite, which surrounds Centennial Park, benefit from the entertainment and the opportunity to meet local residents. The Sunset Series is a showcase for the North Slocan Lake geographical location and engenders positive feelings toward this beautiful area.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Slocan Lake Arts Council (SLAC) recognizes the summer months as an opportunity, when our local communities are brimming with visitors and our summer residents are present and active. It's a great time to offer entertaining outdoor concerts for folks to gather freely and enjoy community togetherness, and the warm summer vibes. SLAC believes the Sunset Series is becoming an attraction and contributes to economic stimulation in our region. With the construction of a new stage in Centennial Park, we see opportunity in making use of this new community feature!

Limited opportunities for large artistic/cultural gatherings exist in our area. Local musicians have few venues in which to perform for larger audiences and the outdoor venue facilitates this.

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

-The Slocan Lake Arts Council regularly presents concerts and is experienced in coordinating community events.

-We have access to a large outdoor yard space that supports larger audiences and is accessible to everyone

-We own all the necessary sound equipment required to ensure professional sound fidelity.

-We have highly qualified sound technicians who value excellence, sensitivity and professionalism in sound production.

-We have an artistic coordinator that is well connected to the central kootenay music scene who is experienced in engaging and presenting musicians on a professional level.

-We have an active website and social media accounts with subscribers that we'll use for marketing and promotion

-We are recognized within our community as a reliable source for great artistic experiences.

Project: Sunset Series - Music in Centennial Park

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Project lead and Sunset Series creator, Martine denBok

SLAC administrator Linda Kalbun

A graphic designer

2 sound technicians

over 20+musicians

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

A portion of coordination expenses

Volunteer set-up and take down

Sound and Lighting Equipment

Tent

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Sunset Series



EVERY SATURDAY AT 7 PM* EXCEPT JULY 15
*2PM CONCERT!
CENTENNIAL PARK, NEW DENVER

PRESENTED BY THE SLOCAN LAKE ARTS COUNCIL

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| JULY 8 • UNDER THE ROCKS
original bluegrass | AUGUST 5 • LL AND THE GET DOWN
70's + 80's Funk & Soul |
| JULY 15 • THE OOT N OOTS
2PM CONCERT!
afternoon fun for all ages | AUGUST 12 • OPEN MIC
community favourites |
| JULY 22 • BILL LYNCH AND FRIENDS
captivating storytelling | AUGUST 19 • ADAM SHAIKH
world beats |
| JULY 29 • LATIN LOVERS
danceable Latin music | AUGUST 26 • PENNY SHADES
soulful modern grooves |

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Bessie Wapp <bessiewapp@yahoo.com>
to Mark, Bill, me, Noel, Ruth, Josh ▾

Jul 23, 2023, 2:58 PM ☆ 😊 ↶ ⋮

Hello folks,

Thanks again for the lovely performance experience last night. You can't beat having a swim mere steps away, the cool breeze from the mountain, a large supportive crowd, and wonderful sound. Oh, and an illustrator!

Attached is a really lovely one my brother Josh did. Among other things I think it really captures Bill's stance, and the way my glasses drift way down to the tip of my nose! :)

Thanks again, everyone.....x B

With thanks,

Bessie Wapp

musician . theatre maker . educator
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Organization **Slocan Waterfront Society**

Registration # S0065799

P.O. Box #205, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**

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

This is all within a purpose build container beside Springer Creek, in either the village of Slocan or in the Area H portion beside Springer Creek on the East side of Highway #6, TBD.

Importance to the community:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/21/2024

Project End: 6/29/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$8,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$8,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$26,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$26,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00

Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**1. The project will provide:**

This is the start of a long over due restocking help for our local fish communities. That were cut off from their traditional spawning grounds because habitat destruction and dams.

By installing an off-grid hatchery, we will be able to augment our local fish communities for the benefit of all species. Thus, increasing our local food security. We will grow our own Kokanee fish, and release them at the optimal age into Springer Creek, which used to be the primary fish spawning habitat on Slocan Lake. By getting this funding, we will be able to leverage it and get other funding to actually get a hatchery in a box set up near Slocan, with installed solar panels be set up as a low tech, secure, fish raising facility.

2. Organization Mandate:

With respect for the value, both now and to future generations, of thriving ecologies and resilient local economies, our mission is: To facilitate the restoration of the Slocan Lake Waterfront including Springer creek, (as it flows thru culverts in the old mill site) in conjunction with the development of sustainable business activities befitting the

unique beauty, history and ecological significance of historic Slocan Bay. Research and promote the day lighting of Springer Creek on the

former mill site. .ECOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY MINDFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Engagement and inform, Organize frequent public events in Slocan to build community awareness of the history, ecological significance and social importance of Slocan Bay waterfront.

Research low-carbon and low impact development possibilities, particularly those that provide quality jobs for Slocan area

residents. ENABLE Promote local and regional food sustainability initiatives as part of site redevelopment. GENERAL Seek appropriate

granting and pursue other fundraising possibilities to realize our purposes. Seek collaboration and partnerships with like-minded

organizations at all levels in pursuing common goals.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

At issue is the lack of fish in Slocan Lake and Slocan River, and the fact that Kokanee fish cannot successfully reproduce enough fish in the Kootenay reservoir to stop the Kokanee fish communities from collapsing, regularly. By providing more Fish fingerlings, we are growing the next generation of fish, for other fish to eat, and other animals, including humans too. "Kokanee eggs feed dippers and ducks to name just a few while bears, raccoons, eagles and several other animals eat the adults and fry. The dead fish fertilize the surrounding forest."

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

Slocan Waterfront Society was formed to do this type of work, we have been educating ourselves to increase our capacity. We like many others got thrown off by covid and sadly, by society member deaths, but we are coming back and feel up to this task in 2024 and beyond!

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

Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake

Many Folks, the Slocan Waterfront Society will be buying the hatchery from ONA, they will instruct us how to manage the technology, etc. Many locals will help in the installation and daily checks, and at Fish release time! If the village of Slocan allows this on their lands, then we would partner with them. Otherwise it will go on Area H land and we would then partner with the RDCK.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Many, many volunteer hours by many Folks. Because most of us want to see the Fish return.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

OUR VISION



OUR ROOTS

Engaging in the future of our community

By the Slocan Waterfront Society.

At our last Official Community Planning (OCP) meeting about ten years ago, it was clear that most of us choose to live here because of the natural beauty, pristine nature, and quiet lifestyle. Luckily the Corporation of the Village of Slocan thinks along the same lines, and signed the Climate Action Charter in 2008 to become completely carbon neutral by 2050. This number still seems a long way off, but we have targets to meet by 2030, and sadly as a province and a country so far, we are failing, our emissions have gone up instead of down. Our emissions in the Slocan valley come from transportation, and the heating of our homes and buildings and our waste. Sadly, due to exploitive logging practices now the logging of our forests gives off more GHG emissions than released by fossil fuel emissions in all of 2017. Environment Ministry.

At that meeting years ago, we all agreed that the climate is changing. The Village of Slocan Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 616 calls to “Encourage a local action plan towards a sustainable society and adaption to the effects of climate change.” Other agreements were that most of us loved Slocan and growing food. By making different choices to be more sustainable included, driving less and carpooling, taking the bus. Other suggestions from the group included drying clothes on the line, not in a dryer. Planting a garden. Recycle more, use a shovel not a snowblower in the winter. Insulate your house, change your windows to double paned (they are RDCK and Provincial grants and rebates available.) Community gardens were suggested, so glad WEGCCS Fran and Leela are doing that this year!

In September 2019, the Slocan Waterfront Society organized the *Making Connections: Renewable & Resilient Slocan*, a community interactive workshop to envision Slocan’s future together, which was well attended by about 40 residents. Mayor Jessica Lunn opened the event and asked the participants “What kind of future do we want to create?”. Presenter Dr. Lily Yumagulova, a Slocan resident with global experience in resilience planning, presented many examples of small villages and towns reinventing themselves in a good way for all:

Jerome, Arizona lost 97% of its population after the collapse of its mining industry, reinvented itself as a tourist-attracting arts centre. Gudvangen, Norway a remote village is now home to the Viking Valley, one of the “most-visited cultural attractions in Norway”. Portmeirion Village in Wales, a booming tourist attraction, was developed to show how a naturally beautiful location could be developed without spoiling nature but enhancing it. Tofino, BC marketed its cold, wet winter season into a storm-watching season. Leavenworth, Washington a rundown mill-town reinvented itself as a “little Bavarian town” and attracts many tourists. Lac Megantic, Quebec, after a devastating train explosion rebuilt as a green, connected, and compassionate community. Detroit, U.S.A. was a ghost town after industries closed, and a food desert. “One person woke up and they were determined to make change”. Now Detroit has hundreds of small gardens and farms and feeds its citizens healthy food. In Peterborough, Ontario, they produce their own energy, run their own utility, and give energy incentives for low-income folks and students, through a community run Green Up program.

“What do we need to make us more resilient?” – this was the question at the heart of the workshop. These are some of the examples we came up with (please see the beautiful tree that captures the voices and visions expressed by workshop participants):

1. Energy: Electric Vehicles; Solar panels on all homes; local jobs to reduce commuting;
2. Nature: Clean air / water / soil; Restore & Bioremediate Springer Creek;
3. Youth: expansion of the Valhalla Wilderness Program at WE Graham Community School; Opportunities for youth; Train Youth for the future.
- 4) Feeding ourselves: We grow our own food; Greenhouses and gardens in open spaces;
Our community: A hotel, inn, accommodation; Car free centre; Reliable help for Seniors to keep them and their homes in shape; a Centre meeting place; Arts & Healing centre;
- 5) Economy: an Economy based upon Nature + Wellness; Reduce consumption; Organized nature trips for groups, lake navigation, survival training; Good water systems, No marina, Wind power, more hiking trails, ecotourism.

Slocan needs a clear and simple vision with clear policies. A self-sustaining vision with environmental and economic objectives. Looking forward to the future and the shaping of it, and it would be good for all of us to remember why we live here. It was for the natural beauty and fresh air and good kind neighbours.

With the purchase of the mill site, the Village will be conducting engagement sessions to inform the Official Community Plan update. Please come out when times are favorable for the new Official Community Planning and help shape the future. Let's make a sustainable difference!

In closing, thanks to community funding from the RDCK CBT, and to Kathy's cuisine for the fabulous healthy, local food! SWS, just gave away Swallow and Chickadee houses, soon we will have more and Bat houses too, stay tuned into the Valley Voice for updates.
Happy Summer to you all.

Norman Johnson <njohnson@syilx.org>

Feb 7, 2022, 12:03 PM

to me

Good Morning Denise

I will need to review our costs, as we have had a few large price jumps in the last year. The price will be somewhere between \$55-\$60,000 but is dependent upon the equipment that you require inside.

Our model SHU-100 is delivered to your site as a "plug and play" unit. You will need to hook up a water supply (25 gpm max) and electrical (110V 15-30 amp). We provide connection points on the outside wall of the HIB.

The SHU 100 will raise 100 kilograms of fry from egg to the size you need. This means 100,000 at one gram or 25,000 at four grams.

The equipment provided is :

20 foot steel seacan with an steel side door added

- Exterior styro insulation with vinyl siding
- Interior styro insulation with washable fiberglass paneling
- Spray foam on the ceiling and the back doors
- Vinyl flooring

Two Heath tray egg incubators

Two 6 ft round fiberglass rearing tanks

GFI interior plugs, two 4 ft LED lights, one photoperiod light, one humidistat controlled exhaust fan

Custom alarm system (wifi, Cloud hosted) with SMS text and email callouts

Custom oxygen system with automatic on solenoid for emergencies

Custom aerators and spray bars for the rearing tanks

Health Management Plan

Full suite of Standard Operating Protocols (SOP's)

Delivery to site (end of road only)

We have recently been selling a recirculating chilled water incubation system to allow the rearing cycle to match the wild fish timing. This is an extra cost.

Email or call if you need more information

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Norm Johnson

Senior Fisheries Biologist

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Organization **West Kootenay Cycling Coalition**

Registration # S0071127

203 Kootenay Avenue, Trail BC V1R 1H6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Cycling online map project**

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

This is an online project that will encompass the entire west kootenays including Nelson, Castlegar, Salmo, Trail, and Rossland. A separate grant will be applied for to contribute to the RDKB portion of this project.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit all people in the region as it will improve safe cycling infrastructure, which will be accessible to everyone.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$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
	\$1,250.00		\$1,250.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Project: West Kootenay Cycling online map project

1. The project will provide:

The goal of this project is to combine all of the Active transportation network plans and feasibility studies in the west kootenays into an online map, with the goal of creating a plan to eventually fully link all the communities in the west kootenays with a complete cycling ATN plan. During this time the map will also help us to prioritize efforts for applying for grants to plan and build infrastructure projects in the West Kootenays based on the ATN plans.

2. Organization Mandate:

To further the needs of our cycling community through advocacy, guidance and education and to actualize our vision of "safely moving together"

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will benefit all people in the region as it will improve safe cycling infrastructure, which will be accessible to everyone.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The ATN Plans that we have involve multiple levels of government including RDCK, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, as well as other areas such as the city of Trail and the RDKB. Having the central map will allow us to co-ordinate efforts between these different levels of government. The main issues will be finding people with sufficient knowledge to combine the maps and put them online.

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

Our organization has experience working with many levels of government in our recent input into the Castlegar-Nelson Active transportation feasibility study, the City of Trail Active Transportation Network Plan, and the RDKB South Kootenay Green link active transportation network plan.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

West Kootenay Cycling Coalition

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

None

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Nelson History Theatre Society**

Registration # S - 43909 CRA # 865206734 RR0001
3210 Heddle Rd., Nelson British Columbia V1L 6M3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay History Education Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson
The website creation will take place at Touchstones Nelson Museum and the home/offices of participating summer students and the storytelling/workshop presentations will take place throughout SD#8 schools

Importance to the community:

Education and knowledge of local history is an important ingredient in the creation of a well-rounded education. Participating students will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/3/2024 Project End: 2/28/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$300.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$1,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00

Project: Kootenay History Education Project

1. The project will provide:

Our project is the continuation of our work to educate the general public and students of School District #8 about Kootenay history. This is done by annually adding to our website kootenayhistory.com and through storytelling in schools. The website portion is carried out by secondary and post-secondary students funded through Canada Summer Jobs (which in turn contributes to their further education. The storytelling in Schools is performed by professional storyteller Mike Funergy who offers story presentations and workshops .

2. Organization Mandate:

To support the creation and performance of original theatrical productions and school presentations based on the history of Nelson, BC and the Kootenays and to support and administer tours of these productions throughout the Kootenays.

To support and administer the creation and performance, in Nelson, of other theatrical productions and school presentations and to support and administer tours of these productions throughout the Kootenays.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Education and knowledge of local history is an important ingredient in the creation of a well-rounded education. Participating students will benefit.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Kootenay students will learn about their regional history through access to the websites and story presentations. Schools have identified the need for art and performance activities as part of a full educational curriculum.

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

We have been successfully doing this for over twenty years

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will be supervised by NHTS administrator Richard Rowberry with two Canada Summer Jobs hires and storyteller Mike Funergy.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Employee home/office space and equipment
Touchstones Nelson Museum archive resources

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Johanna Strom <Johanna.Strom@sd8.bc.ca> Wed, Feb 14, 12:02 PM (7 days ago)

Hi,

I just wanted to reach out and ask if we can organize a writing workshop for 2 different classes with Mike Funergy. There is a 2/3 class and a 4/5 class who are interested. We thought maybe a one-hour workshop with each class?

Thanks so much,
Johanna Strom

Mike Funergy Mon, Jan 29, 9:59 AM

Hi Richard,

Just letting you know we're confirmed for the following:

Mike

Monday March 11th

Solomon/Podovelnikoff 9:10-10:10 (grades 3-5

Recess 10:20-10:40

Johnson / McRann 10:40-11:40 (Gr 5/6)

Tuesday March 12th

Long and Koorbatoff 9:10-10:10 (Multiage 1-4)

Recess 10:20-10:40

Marken//Christie 10:40-11:40 K-2

For over twenty years Nelson History Theatre has been creating theatre with both professional and youth performers, storytelling in regional schools and building heritage based websites. Recently we have also taken to supporting local artists with their projects. One such is Mike Funergy and here's his introduction....

Mike is a teller of personal & traditional tales and workshop host who has worked with all ages, from schools to seniors homes.

He has told stories at storytelling events in BC and Ontario, has appeared on podcasts and radio stations, at the Vancouver Aquarium, Vancouver Science World, Toronto International Storytelling Festival, and various other events. He has performed in public and private schools throughout Metro Vancouver and Nelson.

He is the host of 'That's Another Story' on Kootenay Co-Op Radio, which is a show about 'stories and the stories behind the stories'. He is passionate about bringing storytelling to wide audiences who may not realize the power of stories, especially younger generations who grew up with the internet.

Mike hosts workshops for adults who wish to learn how to use personal stories to improve their communications skills, those who want to improve the presentation of their ideas and business pitches, and in schools to get kids excited about storytelling.

He is also the representative for Storytellers of Canada for British Columbia, and resides in Nelson BC.

For website information go to www.kootenayhistory.com

Organization **Summit Lake Racers (Nancy Greene Club)**

Registration #

PO Box 554, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Summit Lake Nancy Greene Ski Coach Training**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The benefit and resulting program implementation will occur at Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area in Summit Lake, at 2915 Highway 6. Training will take place at the closest available training venue that coaches are able to attend (likely Whitewater Ski Hill, Revelstoke Mountain Resort, or Kickinghorse Mountain Resort).

Importance to the community:

Each year approximately 20 youth 12 and under participate in the Summit Lake Racers Alpine Ski Racing program. These youth come from throughout RDCK Areas H and K and their member municipalities. Coaches receiving training will also benefit from this project. The club will make an effort to recruit youth coaches, providing these youth with a skill-building, leadership opportunity.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 10/1/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$500.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$200.00				\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$200.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,000.00	\$4,475.53	\$4,475.53

1. The project will provide:

This project will provide financial support for two or more individuals to receive alpine ski race coaching training, preparing them to provide coaching services to the local Nancy Greene Ski Racing program at Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area (Summit Lake Racers), as well as support returning coaches in professional development and cover the costs of lift passes and security checks required for Summit Lake Racers Coaches. All Summit Lake Nancy Greene ski program participants benefit from this project, as does the community ski hill.

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide Nancy Greene alpine ski racing programs to youth in the Summit Lake Ski Hill catchment area. To support our athletes to achieve their personal best and grow from their experiences, and coaches to learn and develop. To create and nurture a culture of excellence and a love of skiing amongst club athletes, parents, and coaches. To create a supportive, competitive sport environment that will allow all young athletes to achieve their personal best and grow from their experiences in an environment where coaches are encouraged to learn and develop.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Each year approximately 20 youth 12 and under participate in the Summit Lake Racers Alpine Ski Racing program. These youth come from throughout RDCK Areas H and K and their member municipalities. Coaches receiving training will also benefit from this project. The club will make an effort to recruit youth coaches, providing these youth with a skill-building, leadership opportunity.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The project goal is to ensure a sufficient number of trained and licensed coaches are available for anticipated registration in the 2024-2025 season (July 2024 to June 2025). The club is forecasting one coach continuing and recruiting two new coaches and one coach-in-training. Our target is young adult candidates - 16 to 25 years of age.

To accomplish the goal, the club will need to support candidates with coach training courses, coach registration fees, coaching expenses, and coach lift tickets. Virtually all ski clubs provide this support to enlist young adults, provide part-time employment; and introduce a possible career path.

Receiving grant funding to cover these items reduces costs to families, making this program and the sport accessible to more local families. For this reason, we are seeking CBT's Resident Directed funds, as all communities throughout Areas H and K can benefit by having youth from their region participate.

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

The Summit Lake Racers are committed to developing skills, and a life-long love of skiing. We are a community ski club training at our local ski hill - Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area. This club is the only ski racing club for young participants, 14 and under, operating out of Summit Lake Ski & Snowboard Area. The Summit Lake Racers has a long history of working with and supporting the Nakusp Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Members of the Summit Lake Racers (Nancy Green Summit Lake) is a group coordinating a ski racing club based out of Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area. This group has been operating for several years and maintains a budget, bank account, and informal executive.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The Volunteer Club will work to promote this coaching training, recruit coaches, coordinate coaches' attendance at the training, and coordinate the ski club season as usual.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

15 Years Old ? You're old enough to be a ski coach!

Entry Level Coach Courses

Dec 8 to 10 - Whitewater & Sun Peaks

<https://bcalpine.com/calendar/>

If you're a strong skier and interested in coaching Nancy Greene Ski League, the Summit Lake Racers support Coach Training & Development

For More Info - email slrracers@gmail.com



Organization **Pharatree Learning Centre**

Registration #

5686 Hwy 6, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Summer Camps (Age 5-13)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H
Pharatree Learning Centre, Winlaw BC

Importance to the community:

This project is important to the community because it provides access and opportunity in rural areas for tech education. families and children will benefit from the project. It will help foster relationships and community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/15/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$4,900.00	
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	\$4,900.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,900.00	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00

1. The project will provide:

S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) Summer Camps (Age 5-13) that provide affordable care full day care during the summer months as well as educational opportunities for our local youth. We provide opportunity the youth in our area to access and explore technology through our creation labs and workshops. Topics such as coding, 3d printing, science experiments as well as digital literacy and digital citizenship. The summer program will serve families from New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Appledale, Slocan Park, Crescent Valley, South Slocan, Blewett, Castlegar and Nelson. We are able to serve up to 120 participants over the 7 week duration.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Pharatree Learning Centre is committed to the support of youth and families in our rural community and beyond. We pride ourselves as an inclusive space for neuro diverse students and low income families. We provide support, community space, community services including a variety of offerings from organizations like Cbal.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to the community because it provides access and opportunity in rural areas for tech education. families and children will benefit from the project. It will help foster relationships and community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Opportunity to provide much needed childcare for working parents over the summer months. Many families have the need and have reached out to me for more options for their children that are high quality and educational.

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

Our organization has many professional individuals who have many years experience. We have been developing and providing quality care and educational experience in the heart of the community for over 4 years.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Pharatree Learning Centre Director
Nicole Carere

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Passmore Fire Department**

Registration #

Box 4 3725 Hwy 6, Slocan Park BC V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Swift Water Technician Equipment Refresh 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The project will take place at the Passmore Fire Hall.

Importance to the community:

This project is very important for the slocan valley as it will provide the nessacry gear to the Passmore Fire Department to essure quick response to swift water incidents in the slocan valley. Without this equipment swift water rescue services will be carried out by Castelgar SAR (Search and Rescue) which has a delayed response time do to their dispatch process as well as their transportation time to the scene

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/25/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$11,000.00	\$6,058.90
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ 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	\$17,058.90

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$17,058.90	\$23,058.90	\$23,058.90

Project: Swift Water Technician Equipment Refresh 2024

1. The project will provide:

The Project is to purchase new Swiftwater PPE for our new technicians and replace out of date gear for existing technicians. The project will supply us with the necessary equipment to provide emergency swift water rescue response for the Slocan Valley and surrounding area.

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide Fire, Medical, Swift water Rescue and MVI Response to Passmore, Slocan Valley and surrounding RDCK Area.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is very important for the Slocan Valley as it will provide the necessary gear to the Passmore Fire Department to ensure quick response to swift water incidents in the Slocan Valley. Without this equipment swift water rescue services will be carried out by Castlegar SAR (Search and Rescue) which has a delayed response time due to their dispatch process as well as their transportation time to the scene.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our biggest issue is budgetary. Our current budget does not cover the required gear for swift water. This grant will alleviate this problem by providing us with enough funding to purchase the necessary equipment.

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

Our organization has been providing swift water response for the Slocan Valley for many years though we do not have the ability to continue this service without the required financing to purchase new safety equipment.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Project will involve Chief Ihlen (Passmore Fire Chief), Liam Egan (Project Lead), and other members of the Passmore Fire Department as well as equipment suppliers.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

All labour and administration for the project is being done by volunteers.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **W.E Graham Community Services Society**

Registration # 886669142RR0001

1001 Harold St. Box 10, Slocan British Columbia V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Restorative Action**

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

KRJ offers restorative justice services in the municipalities of Salmo, Trail, Castlegar, Slocan, Winlaw, New Denver, Nakusp, the rural area surrounding Nelson, and the outlying communities in the Central and West Kootenays.

Restorative Action in Schools will be implemented in School Districts 8, 10 and 20. Facilitators will work in classrooms for 8 week sessions, 3 times throughout schools year. School locations will be determined in partnership with each school district to offer programming in every district and based on the funding allocations for each electoral area indicated in the budget.

Importance to the community:

This project is aimed at reducing harm in our school communities. This is made possible by fostering connections between students and their community. Our volunteer facilitators provide an atmosphere and format in which a meaningful human encounter where significant experiences of harm can be addressed. Restorative action as an alternative to punitive discipline, allows for the opening of safe channels of communication between students, staff and the larger school community, which consider the individual rights, concerns and confidentiality of the people involved. The focus is on repairing and building relationships and restoring trust while building self-confidence.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$12,047.00			\$24,093.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$12,047.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$12,047.00		\$12,046.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$72,280.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$72,280.00	\$76,240.00	\$76,240.00

1. The project will provide:

Kootenay Restorative Justice (KRJ) believes that harm reduction is made possible by fostering connections between people and their community. We offer processes for the communities of the Central Kootenays to become involved in resolving issues around crimes through the practice of restorative justice. In addition, we work with schools and educators to build capacity for addressing school discipline by shifting away from punishment toward a restorative model of discipline for those involved in conflict and harm in our schools, while proactively developing and maintaining relationships.

This project will focus on facilitating restorative action in schools across school Districts 8, 10 and 20 in the Central and West Kootenays. This includes outreach and relationship building with schools and school districts, facilitator training and continuous facilitator support and engagement. Through presentations and educational sessions, we teach about Restorative Action values. We offer programs aimed at educators and teachers, as well as others aimed at students, such as the OWN IT elementary school program and high school peer-mediation programs, where we teach youth to resolve conflicts through restorative processes and dialogue. Instead of the old punishment model, restorative action seeks to support those affected as well as those who have caused harm. It's not just about words. It's about ACTION. Our program promotes dialogue, mediation, recognition of harm and accountability for our actions.

2. Organization Mandate:

Kootenay Restorative Justice (KRJ) operates in partnership with WEGCSS to provide restorative justice services to the Central Kootenays. WEGCSS is the managing partner and non-profit organization that provides administrative and financial oversight for KRJ. Kootenay Restorative Justice Program believes a crime is a violation of people and community relationships. Our goal is to offer processes for the community, and victims of crime, to become involved in resolving issues around crimes committed in our communities through the practice of restorative justice.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is aimed at reducing harm in our school communities. This is made possible by fostering connections between students and their community. Our volunteer facilitators provide an atmosphere and format in which a meaningful human encounter where significant experiences of harm can be addressed. Restorative action as an alternative to punitive discipline, allows for the opening of safe channels of communication between students, staff and the larger school community, which consider the individual rights, concerns and confidentiality of the people involved. The focus is on repairing and building relationships and restoring trust while building self-confidence.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The punishment model of discipline allows for no dialogue between those who caused harm and those affected by the harm, no reconciliation between the two parties, and thus, no closure, no understanding, no relationship building, and no healing.

Restorative action, on the other hand, views harm not simply as a violation of school rules, but rather primarily as a violation of people and relationships. Justice becomes not about punishment or retribution, but a search for solutions that promote reconciliation, repair and reassurance for those affected by harm, those who caused harm,

Project: Restorative Action

and the school community at large. It seeks to heal the pain inflicted by harm, not just attempting to balance the scales through blame and punishment.

These issues have been identified by school districts and restorative programs around the province. There is a need for more support in communities and schools to build capacity for restorative models of discipline.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Kootenay restorative justice operates in partnership with WEGCSS to deliver restorative justice services across the Central and West Kootenays. WEGCSS oversees our financial and contractual obligations and requirements and provides administrative support as needed. KRJ operates with a volunteer base of dedicated and educated individuals with various backgrounds in social service, psychology, education, and justice sectors. This past fall, 6 educators across 2 schools districts attended our facilitator training. In the winter we presented restorative action in schools to the WKTEP teacher candidates to promote restorative discipline in schools. Our program employs a part time program coordinator to ensure admin functions and continuity of volunteer training and support.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Program Coordinator will perform the administrative functions to ensure appropriate policy and procedure are in place in addition to tracking outcomes and meeting reporting requirements. This project will involve 10 contracted facilitators to build capacity for students, teachers, support staff, administrators, and district staff. Finally, we will partner with school districts, 8,10 and 20 to offer services in these districts. Additionally, we partner with local organizations such as Youth Counselors, Victim Services, Ministry of Children and Family, Youth Probation, and the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society to support restorative practices in our communities.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **WE Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

PO Box 10 1001 Harold Street, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Learning Centre Technology, Access & Equity Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

At the Slocan WEGCSS Learning Centre and Slocan KIATA makerspace.

Importance to the community:

The Learning Centre benefits the people of Slocan, and the surrounding area. It is considered by some as their main office. It is a place where people of all walks of life can come for free help. In an area where computer literacy is generally low, the community greatly benefits by having a place to go for help when they need it. We help teach people how to help themselves, and properly use their own tools to the fullest, as well as introduce them to new tools and skills they might not be exposed to otherwise.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/17/2024

Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$3,916.00	
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			
	\$2,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,916.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,916.00	\$6,228.40	\$6,228.40

1. The project will provide:

Our project goal is to provide, to the public, readily available access to technology, computer assistance, lessons on our equipment, and a safe space to socialize.

This space is used to study, access the internet, ask questions, perform job searches, meet with employment counsellors, print documents, and learn about 3D modelling, 3D printing, and laser cutting.

By offering these services, we will provide equitable technology access to the community, which is largely made up of people who may not otherwise have access to equipment needed to perform requisite tasks, and people who are not proficient with the technology they do have.

This will be achieved by offering open access to the centre on week days, hosting formal classes on a variety of tech and art related topics, as well as hiring specialists in varying relevant fields to provide specialized classes. Specialized professionals include (but are not limited to) employment counsellors to help residents find work, technical artists to help small businesses explore creative options for branding and publishing, robotics experts to teach about coding or programming, and bookkeepers to help train people to manage their money and documentation.

2. Organization Mandate:

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slokan Valley. Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

In creative and ongoing partnerships with regional services and organizations, we provide inclusive and accessible opportunities in support of a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community. We strive to remain responsive to the current needs of Slokan Valley residents and to enhance the quality of life for all.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Learning Centre benefits the people of Slokan, and the surrounding area. It is considered by some as their main office. It is a place where people of all walks of life can come for free help. In an area where computer literacy is generally low, the community greatly benefits by having a place to go for help when they need it. We help teach people how to help themselves, and properly use their own tools to the fullest, as well as introduce them to new tools and skills they might not be exposed to otherwise.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Learning Centre addresses critical issues, such as computer literacy, unemployment, isolation, and computer security, computer literacy challenges manifest into basic skill gaps. Unemployment is evident through high demand for WorkBC services and one-on-one assistance for job seekers. Isolation results from limited social activities and technology access in small towns, exacerbating the impact of low computer literacy. Computer security concerns arise, with individuals seeking help against scammers and resorting to actions like canceling credit cards.

The Learning Centre provides diverse opportunities, including classes for all ages and exposure to new possibilities. Equipped with high-end computers and multimedia tools, it facilitates in-person and web courses. The center aims to demystify technical skills, enabling individuals to 3D print and design, fostering a culture of curiosity, experimentation, and proactive problem-solving. This approach not only addresses immediate challenges but also empowers the community to create innovative solutions that may evolve into businesses or industries.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The WEGCSS Learning Centre has a reputation for free public access to technology in our area. We have the space and hardware to host workshops, offering each attendee a high speed gaming computer (up to 8). We also have 3 FDM 3D printers, a resin 3D printer, a laser cutter, VR headset, and TV. Furthermore, we can facilitate online lessons hosted elsewhere thanks to our headsets, webcams, and microphones.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Peter McRory, Digital Artist (EMIT Studio), Learning Centre Manager (WEGCSS), 3D printing advisor (Tempus 3D)

Professional speakers TBD based on interest, availability & need.

Partnership may be further utilized through STAC staff (Selkirk College Technology Access Centre) and Tempus 3D staff .

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

WEGCSS in kind contribution will be space rental in the amount of \$5000.00 for the year.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Feb 17 2023

To Whom it may concern,

I am a teacher at WE Graham Community School in Slocan BC. I teach a grade 7/8 class and we combine outdoor learning with in class academics. This is intended to be a letter of support for the WEGCSS computer lab. Peter has welcomed students from WEG to use the technology lab after school and has welcomed students from our school to learn about the process of 3d printing as well as the software and design components to create something tangible. I am able to send small groups of students to meet with Peter two times a week and he has done an excellent job engaging the students with technology and makerspace. The students cant wait to go to the tech lab and we at the school are very grateful for Peter and technology lab at WEGCSS.

Ben Porteous

Lisa Parente

PO BOX 194, Slocan, BC, V0G 2C0

February, 15th, 2023

To: W.E.G.C.S.S Learning Centre Manager

Re: Letter of Support

Hello Peter,

I write to you to share my gratitude for you and the Learning Centre. I live off grid in rural Slocan and would not be able work online if it had not been for the Centre. I am also a single mom and the flexible hours allows me to have my child with me and work at the same time. I recently planned the Slocan Winter Carnival and spent on average 3 days a week and 4 hours a day at the Centre.

Here is a list of what I've learned and appreciated since my time at the Centre:

- Better computer comprehension
- Learning Photoshop
- Learning Microsoft 365 transcription tool
- Other IT help
- Comfortable chairs
- Ergonomic keyboards
- Fast computers

Once again, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Lisa Parente

kevin-joseph:sisk, Esq.

drsiskphddd@msn.com

Box 416,

Slocan, B.C.

VOG 2C0

To Whom it may concern,

The addition of Peter McRory - Learning Center Manager / WEGCSS, Digital Art, Web Design, 3D Printing, Virtual Reality Development to the Learning Center has been a blessing for me and as I see it many others in our community.

I was a graphic arts Trade Shop Sales Manager for years, back in the day, and have been at the beginning of many new ventures.

I started designing in Illustrator in 1988 and have many original designs. I have a Registered Trademark for marking metals, silver/gold/etc. The laser in the community center has made outputting original designs possible. My vision is not so good of late and at 72, I must note, I am slowing down, however, not half of my songs have been sung.

Two friends, when they saw the laser cut out, that Peter cut out for me, were inspired to create a joint venture with me and my images. One guy, with a sawmill and a kiln, would inlay the etched plywood into locally milled wood and start making inlaid coffee tables. The other friend wishes to inlay them into cutting boards. I wish to do both.

I gave up my driver's license. There is no way that I could output anything with that laser.

Whoever provided the funding for this, I thank you. You've extended my creative career in a bonus fashion.

Sincerely,

kevin-joseph:sisk,Esq

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**

Registration # S0058938

5811 Taghum Frontage Rd, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6X9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slocan Ridge Repeater: Replace VHF repeater Antenna with High-Gain version**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I

Slocan Ridge. This is a mountain top site (at 6500 feet in elevation) that hosts many radio repeaters, and is located between Nelson and Castlegar.

Importance to the community:

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF emergency radio coverage for Nelson, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year.

Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Slocan Ridge repeater site.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$250.00	\$3,000.00		\$200.00	\$250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00

Project: Slocan Ridge Repeater: Replace VHF repeater Antenna with High-Gain version

1. The project will provide:

The project is to replace a failing VHF repeater antenna located on the Slocan Ridge site (mountain top). The existing VHF antenna is quite old, more than 20 years in service, and is showing signs of failure. Maintaining and improving the Slocan Ridge radio site has been ongoing for several years.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This will ensure that there is 100% VHF emergency radio coverage for Nelson, and surrounding communities throughout the entire year.

Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Slocan Ridge repeater site.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Replace VHF repeater antenna with a new high-gain version.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the repeater site.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Technical support personnel from the WKARC society.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Silverton Co-work Society**

Registration # S-0069839

Box 6, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fireweed Hub Outdoor Space Development**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver

305A Main Street, New Denver, on a large underdeveloped corner lot across from the post office and Liquor Store. Fireweed Hub serves the entire North Slokan Valley.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit everyone in the area, whether residents or visitors by increasing the capacity of Fireweed Hub during the summer months. Fireweed Hub increases the resilience of our community through direct and indirect employment opportunities, enhances food security, and operates a community asset benefiting small businesses, community members, and the visiting public. Our central location is key to community and neighbourhood revitalization and contributes to the sustainability of our community which is vulnerable to food supply disruptions. In an area where tourism contributes to the health of our local economy there is a significant shortage of restaurants. This project will expand seating capacity in the summer months when it is most needed. Our project will support other non-profit organizations by providing space to deliver outdoor programming. Development of the outdoor space also increases the potential to expand local markets and expositions.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/15/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$5,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$5,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
\$2,760.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,760.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Fireweed Hub Outdoor Space Development

\$12,760.00	\$28,775.00	\$28,775.00
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1. The project will provide:

This project will begin development of the outdoor space associated with Fireweed Hub to expand the seating capacity for pop-up cafes and restaurants as well as creating an accessible outdoor community gathering and event space. It will create an outdoor cafe seating area as well as a garden gathering space. The larger vision will include a site for the culinary tool library, preparation for the installation of a wood-fired oven, facilities for onsite composting, demonstration garden beds, an outdoor learning space, a children's kitchen play area and attractive native-plant landscaping. Development of the outdoor space will support emerging food entrepreneurs and leave the site well-positioned for an influx of patrons during the tourist season. It will revitalize a neglected corner lot in the commercial core of New Denver and complement the newly renovated heritage building that houses the Fireweed Hub cowork space and shared commercial kitchen. We previously commissioned a conceptualization of this space by a local expert in public space design which we are looking forward to implementing. We will be working with local consultants in terms of landscape design as well as engaging local contractors for the implementation.

2. Organization Mandate:

To create innovative space for the sharing and collaboration of expertise and resources to promote food security, encourage a diverse and robust rural economy, and enhance community vitality and resilience.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will benefit everyone in the area, whether residents or visitors by increasing the capacity of Fireweed Hub during the summer months. Fireweed Hub increases the resilience of our community through direct and indirect employment opportunities, enhances food security, and operates a community asset benefiting small businesses, community members, and the visiting public. Our central location is key to community and neighbourhood revitalization and contributes to the sustainability of our community which is vulnerable to food supply disruptions. In an area where tourism contributes to the health of our local economy there is a significant shortage of restaurants. This project will expand seating capacity in the summer months when it is most needed. Our project will support other non-profit organizations by providing space to deliver outdoor programming. Development of the outdoor space also increases the potential to expand local markets and expositions.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

There is only one restaurant in the immediate area that serves dinner. Several restaurants have closed permanently and others have cut back service to only a few days a week or only offer daytime service. We are anticipating Fireweed Hub will be the home location for food service businesses offering a variety of onsite and take out meal services. In order to be cost effective, adequate seating capacity is required. During the winter, our indoor seating is sufficient, but during the summer months when tourists increase the demand for food services, expanding the capacity through additional outdoor seating will be necessary. In addition, the recent pandemic has highlighted the importance of outdoor spaces for gathering. We are being approached by many individuals and groups interested in renting the kitchen and utilizing the meeting space. Some are concerned about the limited capacity of the indoor space during the tourist seasons.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our committed board and management team will be supervising the project to see it through to completion within the given time-frame. The board has already successfully managed the much larger interior renovation and commercial kitchen installation.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

Project: Fireweed Hub Outdoor Space Development

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

We are a 6 member board of directors each of whom is engaged and committed to working towards our goals. We are completing the construction phase of our overall Fireweed Hub project, demonstrating successful management of a \$1 million project with contributions of time and skills that may be unusual for a volunteer organization. We will manage the project, but will engage local contractors to carry out the work involved.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

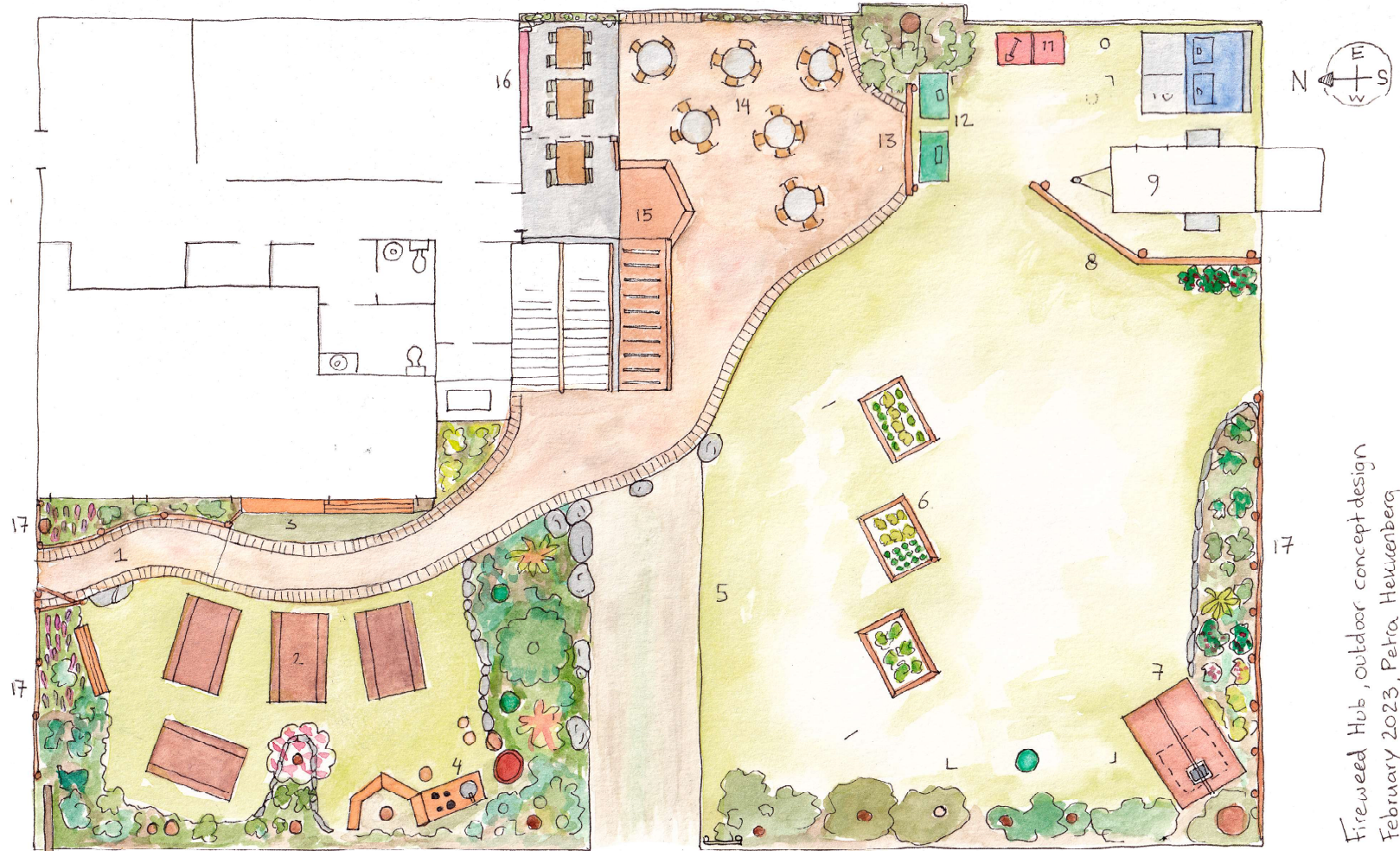
11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Board members will provide in-kind administration including bookkeeping; project management; volunteer labour

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Concept 2
ORGANIC &
CONTAINED



Concept 1 : Organic & Contained

1. Ramp, railing, gate, step & path 1.5m wide
2. Seating 4x picnic table + 2x benches
3. Buffet table/dishes + 1x bench
4. Mudkitchen + wine barrel + wood rounds

5. Driveway + informal parking (grass)
6. Raised Garden beds 3x 6½x4 ft
7. 2.5 loaf brick oven
8. High fence shielding structures
9. Tool library
10. Municipal container

11. Tool Shed 3x6' or 8 ft
12. Compost tumbler 2x
13. Wall divider with presentation screen
14. Paved patio, 24+ seats
15. Ramp + railing + steps, 1:12 slope 1.5 m wide
16. Retractable awning
17. Low wooden garden fence

Fireweed Hub, outdoor concept design
February 2023, Petra Heuvenberg



Highland Creek Contracting Ltd

Peter Schwartz
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ESTIMATE
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DATE
 01/29/2024

TOTAL
 CAD \$11,345.25

TO
Fireweed Hub
 Paula Shandro
 ☎ 2505050121
 pshandro@netidea.com

DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
Machine transport 17g to new Denver	\$150.00	1	\$150.00
17g excavator	\$110.00	29	\$3,190.00
Labour	\$1,250.00	1	\$1,250.00
Compactor rental	\$285.00	1	\$285.00
Super soil mix per cubic yard	\$125.00	18	\$2,250.00
Course sand 6 yards	\$360.00	3	\$1,080.00
1" crush 6 yards for pathway and patio prep	\$395.00	2	\$790.00
2 loads 1" crush driveway gravel 12 yd	\$790.00	1	\$790.00
Delivery of crush gravel materials	\$300.00	1	\$300.00
Landscaping boulders for area delineation	\$500.00	1	\$500.00

DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
White clover seed	\$220.00	1	\$220.00
SUBTOTAL			\$10,805.00
GST (5%)			\$540.25
TOTAL			CAD \$11,345.25

Works covered under estimates are as follows

- ground preparation for concrete patio
- ground preparation for pathway
- leveling and preparation of green areas for seed
- leveling of gazebo area
- establishing driveway access
- compacting of aggregate
- application of seed for green areas
- all aggregate and soil

Organization **W.E. Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR0001
Po Box 10, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council

Project Title **Early Years Communication & Coordination Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

The project takes place within Area H & the Village of Slocan. Encompassing the Slocan Valley, from The Village of Slocan to South Slocan.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because of the challenges of living rurally for families with young children. Such as distance, the Slocan Valley is 47km long made up of many communities. Also communication- having young children can be very isolating. To know about and access free programming in your community and online and be reminded and informed on a regular basis has incredible value for families with young children. Informing families is another reason this project is important, making sure families are aware of the free services and resources that exist and they are entitled to receive should they need them. One such example is Early Intervention; free intervention services that are available for children 0-6, such as infant development, speech, occupational and physio therapy. The importance of receiving a regularly updated and well researched Email Bulletin focused on the Early Years fulfills a great need in our communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$2,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Early Years Communication & Coordination Project

\$4,500.00	\$6,768.00	\$6,768.00
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1. The project will provide:

The project connects families with young children (0-8) to free events, resources, workshops, activities and professional intervention services and shows how low-income families can apply for bursaries within the community. The project seeks to break down barriers of isolation and poverty that can accompany rural living by helping to network and create healthy communities, these free services have the greatest impact on those who cannot afford otherwise. The project achieves this by hiring a community coordinator to put together a biweekly email bulletin that reaches over 495 families in the Slocan Valley with the above information of free services and programs available to families with young children. The project incorporates the community coordinators role in creating/sending the email bulletin and social media outlets. The coordinator attends regular early years programming such as strong start and the family fairs in the valley to share information (provide opportunities for development screening) on the importance of the early years. Further, the project will be achieved by the coordinator organizing quarterly meetings for the members of the council, who then strive to find ways to improve access to free community activities for families with young children and to hold a space and collaboration for early years professionals, volunteers and parents to speak to areas needing more assistance in the early years Slocan Valley networks.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council is a voluntary council of organizations, service providers, and parents focused on the well-being of young children and their families in the south Slocan Valley (from Slocan south to South Slocan).

Council efforts and activities stem from the knowledge that strong families, supported by healthy communities, give children their best start in life, and that children's development during the early years, from 0-6, impacts their health and abilities to succeed throughout their lives and to become contributing citizens. By working together, the Council reduces duplication, identifies gaps in service, creates strong networks, and supports programs and initiatives for families and young children in the Slocan Valley.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important because of the challenges of living rurally for families with young children. Such as distance, the Slocan Valley is 47km long made up of many communities. Also communication- having young children can be very isolating. To know about and access free programming in your community and online and be reminded and informed on a regular basis has incredible value for families with young children. Informing families is another reason this project is important, making sure families are aware of the free services and resources that exist and they are entitled to receive should they need them. One such example is Early Intervention; free intervention services that are available for children 0-6, such as infant development, speech, occupational and physio therapy. The importance of receiving a regularly updated and well researched Email Bulletin focused on the Early Years fulfills a great need in our communities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues surrounding communication with families with young children in a rural setting such as the Slocan Valley are vast; isolation, poverty, travel to activities access to resources are challenges that many families face daily.

These issues were identified by the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council's committed members, most of whom are professionals in their respected Early Yeas field, parents, school representatives, health services all of them strive to shape finding ways to face these challenges. These issues will be addressed with the SV Early Years Coordination & Communication project, which allows for a community coordinator to communicate

Project: Early Years Communication & Coordination Project

directly with families in the Slocan Valley, to share information and promote free programming, activities, and professional intervention services and show parents where families with low incomes can find bursaries.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

W.E. Graham Community Service Society, operating since 1997, has experience and knowledge in building sustainable programming. WEGCSS depends on strategic planning for each of the programs we offer. We are best suited to deliver the project as the Early Years council is made up of Early Years Professionals, parents and volunteers who have a great variety of experiences and understand the intricacies, challenges and opportunities that exist in the Slocan Valley. Our community coordinator is an experienced Early Years Professional, she has a diploma in Child and Youth Care, a certificate in Behavior Intervention and two young children of her own. She is well versed in this role and researches, informs and advocates for families with young children. When families are supported by healthy communities, this gives children their best start in life, and that children's development from 0-8, impacts their health and abilities to succeed throughout their lives.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council will oversee the project and it will be implemented by Community Coordinator Jennifer Evdokimoff. W.E. Graham Community Service Society administers the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

At present our in-kind contributions are the members volunteer time for Early Years collaboration including expertise from CCRR, Kootenay Kids, Kootenay Family Place, Metis Nation BC, Cbal, Interior Health, and SD8. We also have free advertising in the Slocan Valley Recreation guide. The use of a W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) laptop for the coordinator (the laptop has Microsoft Software and applications), WEGCSS email address through a secure server, and the input and collaboration of the Executive Director at WEGCSS.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

ABRIDGED VERSION OF EBULLETIN EXAMPLE FOR REDI GRANT
(Full version is 11 pages)

Please join/like/follow our Facebook community too @SVECCAC
Or visit our page at fb.me/SVECCAC



Programs in the e-bulletin are free unless otherwise specified.

Local Events
Health & Well-being
Online Events and Activities
Local Resources
Community Resources

Local Events

Spark in the Dark – Today!

Saturday January 27

Parade Starts at 4:45pm

Kohan Reflection Garden in New Denver

Imagine, create, parade, dance, eat and warm yourselves by the fire. Parade starts at 4:45 at the entrance to the Kohan Reflection Garden and finishes at the Bosun Hall for music, refreshments (\$cost for refreshments) and lantern display. See website for more information. www.Sparkinthedark.ca. Adult and kid's categories for best lanterns!

Family Game Night! Starts Wednesday!

Wednesday's

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Winlaw Elementary School Library

Join us every Wednesday for this free program! Children 6-13 and their caregivers are welcome to come play some games, enjoy a light meal and connect with other families.

Games will be available throughout the week, and we encourage families to bring along some of their favorite games to share.

Registration is required.

Please register here or contact sknight@cbal.org for more information.

<https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=A1F2BAFF-BD5B-4FB9-8C84-60B08D69364C>

Indigenous Family Night

1st Thursday of the Month

4pm – 7pm

Passmore Hall (Old Passmore Road, Passmore BC)

Join us for an evening of Fun, Drum and Food. Nourishing meal provided. Games, Crafts, Elders. See poster at bottom for more information. Contact James for more information and to register 250-444-5437 or ifs@kootenaykids.ca

Alphabet Soup

Friday's 9:00-11:00, Jan 12 - Mar 15

Valhalla Children's Centre (across from W.E. Graham School)

Join us every Friday for this fun program for preschool-aged children (2.5-6 yrs.). This free program allows children and their caregivers a chance to get their hands dirty in the kitchen and cook nutritious, child-friendly recipes together. Join Tamara e for a morning of circle time, free play, stories, and cooking!

Link to register:

<https://form.simplesurvey.com/f//CBALSlocanValleyFamilyRegistration>

Program name: Alphabet Soup

Parent Connection

Thursday February 8th

10am - 1pm

Passmore Hall

3656 Old Passmore Rd, Slocan Park BC

Parent Connection is for parents and caregivers with young children aged 0-8. It's a free social, with an exchange of baby and young children's goods; clothes, maternity clothes, toys, diapers, bouncers, books, etc. And there is a play area with toys and books for children.

There's no requirement to bring things--you can always just take what you need (or gather stuff for a friend) and join us for a hot, nutritious lunch and the company of other families. Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers welcome--grandparents, too!

Please sort your exchange items, and just bring the best to share—clean & seasonally appropriate and not tooo much!

This month's special guest is **Annabelle Piche**, Program Coordinator at the Slocan Valley Rec Centre/RDCK. She will be there to share upcoming programming and answer questions, and have some outdoor kids equipment for borrowing.

Parent Connection is the 2nd Thursday of every month. (Except July, August & December).

Please note: We can only take small amounts of donations from each family and no large items. If you have a lot of clothing donations or toys consider bringing them to Emporio Winlaw (at Spicer Centre) or Nelson to Positive Apparel, or other thrift stores. If you have any questions about Parent Connection please email Jen at svearlyyears@wegcss.org

Slocan Valley Strong Start

9:00am - 11:30am

Monday - Brent Kennedy School

Tuesday and Thursday - WE Graham Community School

Wednesday and Friday - Winlaw School

There will not be a program happening on January 15 at Brent Kennedy as SD8 schools are closed for a Professional Development day. Please refer to the attached calendar at bottom of ebulletin.

Welcome to Strong Start 2023/24!!

Participate with your young child (aged birth to five) in play-based early learning activities: including stories, music and art. Strong Start participants have access to movement time and a free healthy snack. Registration is required <https://innovativelearning.sd8.bc.ca/strongstart-registration>

If you have yet to register and it's a Strong Start day - no worries! We will help you get the application started at the school. Photocopies of essential documents may also be completed with the school's amazing clerical staff. Any other questions Email Pati McLaughlin Strong Start facilitator at svstrongstart@wegcss.org

Canadian Dental Benefit for Children- Update

The Canadian government has come recently come out with another option for qualifying individuals for coverage for dental care. They are just starting the roll out of this program and this will take place of the Canada Dental Benefit for children **after June 30th, 2024**. The application schedule below, is available through the link below.

Please let me know if you have any questions:

Nikki McElhinney, Dental Hygienist

250 505 7226, nikki.mcelhinney@interiorhealth.ca

Application schedule

Children under the age of 18 Starting June 2024

All remaining eligible Canadian residents Starting 2025

[Dental coverage - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental.html)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental.html>

Winter RDCK Leisure & Recreation Guide – Registration now open! (**\$cost**)

Spring Break Camps, Adult Sports and more!

To see what's in the leisure guide and to register please see the link below.

https://www.rdck.ca/assets/Services/Recreation/Leisure~Guide~Files/2023-11-27_Slocan%20Valley-Winter-2024-FINAL.pdf

Helpful Information:

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and Educator

(Car Seat Technician) – Junction area. Want to get your child's car seat checked to ensure it is installed correctly?

Jen Popoff offers a FREE service to families and she can be reached at (250) 505-3747.

Please call if you have any questions or to arrange a meet up so she can check your car seat.

This E-bulletin is hosted by the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council (SVECCAC), a voluntary group of service providers, educators, and parents focused on giving children their best start in life. The E-bulletins are intended to keep families with young children informed of opportunities and activities available to them.

This past year 2023, all SVECCAC projects and initiatives, including this email bulletin are most graciously being supported by grants from

*The Columbia Basin Trust & Steller Vista Credit Union
We thank you for your support!*



We also want to thank W.E. Graham Community Service Society as our Managing Partner!



Please feel free to send us your feedback or for more information, join/like/follow our facebook community @SVECCAC. Visit our page at fb.me/SVECCAC.

If you wish to be added to the distribution list, or to be removed from the list or for more information, please email valleyconnection@gmail.com

5211 Pedro Creek Rd
Winlaw, BC
VOG 2J0

To whom it may concern,

I write to you in support of the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council. Having worked for over three years for Slocan Valley Recreation as well as holding my current position as Community Literacy Co-ordinator in the Slocan Valley, I am able to recognize the benefits that this Council brings to our community.

In rural communities such as those that exist in the Slocan Valley, programs that aim to increase socialization and education for young families is pertinent. Not only has the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council (SVECCAC), played a key role in creating programs and workshops for families with young children, but has also created a hugely successful networking tool that allows over 490 families, throughout the entire Slocan Valley, to be kept up-to-date with the happenings throughout the community. As someone who has worked in program coordination in our area for nearly 8 years, as well as a mother of two young children, *I find the SVECCAC's ebulletin to be invaluable.* Also, I've learned from doing feedback forms for my programs, that the ebulletin is where the majority of community members hear about the literacy programs I offer. *To have this well established and well utilised source of communication cease to exist would be very unfortunate.*

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council plays a key role in our community. I believe that the ebulletin managed by the Council is crucial for community organizations to advertise their services to young families. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support.

Sincerely,

Sayre Knight

Community Literacy Coordinator
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy- Slocan Valley
Phone: 250-226-6949
Email: sknight@cbal.org

Patricia McLaughlin
Box 127 Slocan,
BC V0G2C0

To whom this may concern,

I am writing in support of the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council. A council that I have had the pleasure to be a member of since its inception over a decade ago. The Council and its Ebulletin is a fundamental source of reliable and accurate information for parents and caregivers of young children. Further, the council brings together educators and service providers quarterly to support and inform each other.

To say that this council is a support to families with young children would be accurate, and also an understatement. It is the main source of support that families with young children have accessible to them in the rural area this council calls home. In larger towns and cities families see resource centres with services and programs built in, convenient and one stop. Here in the valley, we are able to access such establishments with a lengthy commute. Fortunately, we can have the outreach information of the Ebulletin which has service providers and all that pertains to early childhood right at our fingertips. I use the Ebulletin all the time as a parent and also in my role as Strong Start Educator as a means to convey pertinent and current information to families who access my program. The Ebulletin not only supplies information on local happenings, but also allows access to knowledge on government grants and programs that can be accessed to make life with young children easier.

The council has supported events promoting education, play and togetherness over the years and particularly filled in the gap of services during the pandemic. The council has its ear to the ground always for ways to help families and is a trusted hub that parents and caregivers can turn to for answers and support.

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council is a staple in the Slocan Valley, one that has lasted many changes to funding and has thrived during the pandemic. This is simply because the current and past coordinators have cared deeply and also because it works. This council fills the need of support that families with young children have in this valley, and I personally would like to see it have every opportunity available to grow and continue to do the wonderful work it is known for.

Sincerely,

Pati McLaughlin
Slocan Valley Strong Start Facilitator
Phone: 250-777-4291
Email: pats.mclaughlin@gmail.com

Organization **Kutenai Art Therapy Institute**

Registration # 89127 4037 BC0001

191 Baker St 2nd floor, Nelson BC V1L 4H1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Land-Based Art Hive**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, City of Nelson

This project will take place in Nelson BC, based out of our art studios on 191 Baker Street. We are fortunate to have three large studio spaces, with art materials floor to ceiling. Many of the art materials are donated and saved from the landfill.

Importance to the community:

The community has a treasured resource in the KATI art space. The project has a broad community impact. Anyone can come and make art. You do not have to be an artist.

"I have tried various therapists in the past and none have worked long term for me until I tried art therapy. I like that it is not just talking and that the art can start discussions and help with understanding my mental health."

Public art initiatives contribute to building vibrant, connected, and resilient communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 12/7/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00

1. The project will provide:

An Art Hive is a public art studio that welcomes everyone as an artist. "It's a welcoming place to talk, make art and build communities. Responding in creative ways to things that matter" - Art Hives.

Participants can collaborate, find support, and contribute to the growth and vibrancy of our communities through art making.

We would like to offer a Land-Based Art Hive series. Saturday afternoons from early summer 2024 through December 2024 (slowing down in the summer). Accessibility is a core value of Art Hive. We would see this service as free or by donation. Art Hive would be supervised by a professional art therapist that prioritizes working with natural materials and bringing the land into the studio and beyond. We will explore the question "what can nature teach us?" This is a drop-in format, accessible, low barrier, and meant to strengthen community relations, and relations to the land.

Some of the outcomes participants can expect include:

- Creating art in a supportive community
- Stress relief, self-expression, and personal growth
- Improved sense of personal and community wellness
- A connection to land-based healing practices

Land-based art therapy has the potential to inspire hope, increase emotional resiliency, and facilitate individual and collective healing in the face of the environmental crisis we all face.

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission Statement: The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) believes that the creative process is healing and life-enhancing, and that the expressive arts can contribute therapeutically to both individual and community health. KATI is dedicated to training culturally sensitive and responsive art therapists, and to providing art therapy as a community service.

Kutenai Art Therapy Institute (KATI) is dedicated to the interplay between creativity, land-based practice, and collective care, expressed through transformative education and community service.

For over 25 years, KATI has been providing art-making opportunities for the local community. Every year, KATI offers thousands of hours of free or by donation art therapy services to people of all ages with a wide range of concerns. KATI hosts weekly Open Studios for the community.

Since the Institute's inception, KATI has been funded by the Ministry of Child and Family Development to work with families, providing support to parents, adolescents and children. Community well-being and mental health are central to our work.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The community has a treasured resource in the KATI art space. The project has a broad community impact. Anyone can come and make art. You do not have to be an artist.

"I have tried various therapists in the past and none have worked long term for me until I tried art therapy. I like that it is not just talking and that the art can start discussions and help with understanding my mental health."

Public art initiatives contribute to building vibrant, connected, and resilient communities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The key issues that will be addressed are mental health and resilience. We appreciate that the City of Nelson consulted locally, and mapped out priorities. This project aligns well with City identified priorities, including:

1. Cultural Strength - KATI is a low-barrier public art asset in our community that enriches the quality of life for all citizens. This project will allow us to connect and promote artistic expression and support healthy living.
2. Resilience is identified by the City of Nelson's path to 2040 as maintaining and enhancing the social and ecological systems that strengthen our ability to withstand challenges. This project is focused on resilience through relationships, art, community, and the land.

Nelson does not currently have many low-barrier arts and cultural spaces where art making is inclusive, non-technical, and simply for the joy of the creative process.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

KATI has been in this community for almost 30 years. For most Nelson and area residents, whether it's yourself, a loved one, or an acquaintance, you are likely to know someone who has benefited from art therapy, or community art making at KATI. We are accessible to people from all walks of life, and folks come to KATI with a wide range of concerns and needs. We are a truly affordable and accessible community art-making and art therapy space. We have the personnel, the experience, as well as a central space to carry out this project well.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Kutenai Art Therapy Institute KATI staff and art therapy students.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

KATI student interns will contribute countless volunteer hours to this project. An estimated total volunteer hour contribution is 100 hours valued at \$40 per hour is \$4000 in volunteer support.

The KATI Board is an active volunteer board, their work will support this project as well.

Rental of the KATI studio is offered in kind, the rental rate is \$125 per half day X 22 days of service = \$2750 value.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Diverse Family Roots Society**

Registration # 711389619

Po Box 461, Fruitvale BC V0G 1L0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Dads Matter. Families on a Tuesday . Supporting Families With Diverse Needs. Families Housing That Fits**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo

These will take place virtually and in person in each community . Each region has its own unique identities and needs. The project encompasses the RDKB, RDCK, RDKB.

Importance to the community:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/24/2024 Project End: 5/17/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$29,500.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00

1. The project will provide:

Dads Matter. Connecting dads that have sons/ daughters with disabilities/ Diverse Abilities. Relieving the strain and pressures of not being alone. Connecting Dads. Supporting dads. Inspiring Dads. Connect to resources and subject matter experts (SME). Delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families on a Tuesday. Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities, Diverse Abilities. We will connect, support, Mentor, inspire , connect families/ to resources and to subject matter experts and other families with lived experience. delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families Housing that Fits- Inclusive, supportive, intentional housing conversations. Sharing and discussion on housing options that could be available in each region and the role that families can play in that. Delivered virtually and In person sessions. The project will cover all of the Kootenays , RDKB, RDCK and RDEK with funding requests being submitted to each.

2. Organization Mandate:

Diverse Family Roots Society is the only grassroots, parent/family-driven support network for families with children or family members with diverse abilities/disabilities that is based in the Kootenays. Create a world where everyone is connected to support, families, resources, and to the community in which they live. Providing information sharing, mentoring, opportunities for connection and sharing, promoting awareness and inclusion

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

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Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues of isolation, addressing the fact that Dads/ Families are not alone in their journey . Connection- connecting like families, meaning to connect families that have similar challenges. Whether it's ASD, ADHD, FASD, OCD, Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome and more we will connect, support those.

Not in school because of the challenges of their son/ daughter.

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Lack of Inclusive, intentional housing options. Lack of affordable, supportive housing options. It's an epidemic on its own . So many aging parents still have their aging sons/ daughter living with them with no safe solutions/ options to choose from.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The only grass roots family to family, parent to parent group for dads/ Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities/ diverse abilities that is based in the Kootenays. The Family navigator has 35 yrs of lived experience. Our volunteer " Family Stewards' are all parents that live through out the region and have lived experience .

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Family Navigator.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

TECK Trail Operations- 1000.00.

BOUNCE (WK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements(PSA) . 1yr.- 20,000.00

PLAN- Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network- 1500.00

Pattison Media (EK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements (PSA) . 1yr- 20,000.00

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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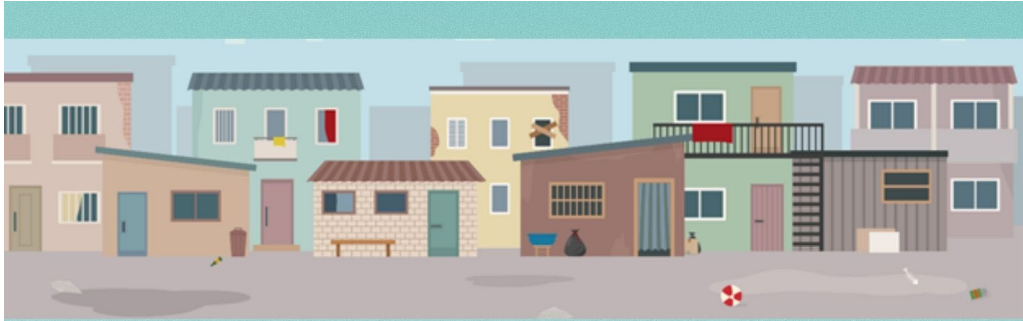
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Organization **Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital & Health Foundation Society**

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 **W.E.Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

PO Box 10 1001 Harold Street, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Better at Home Emergency Response**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan
Slocan Valley Better at Home will serve RDCK Area H, New Denver, Silverton and Slocan.

Importance to the community:

This program holds immense significance for the communities we cater to. By providing the opportunity for our elderly population to remain in the familiarity and comfort of their own homes, we are alleviating additional burdens for families and caregivers. Moreover, this enables seniors to experience a life that is both comfortable and enjoyable. Our non-medical accessible support and services are readily accessible, ensuring that our seniors receive the care they need. This enriching program is made possible by the dedicated efforts of 5 part-time employees, 3 casual employees, youth volunteers, and a social work practicum student.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$3,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$2,937.50
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$2,937.50	\$3,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,875.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,875.00	\$15,555.00	\$15,555.00

1. The project will provide:

Better at Home offers non-medical assistance to seniors to enable them to maintain their independence and continue to live in their own homes. In certain situations, such as emergencies, additional support is required. This initiative aims to address these urgent needs by providing extra assistance during unexpected events such as falls, injuries, the loss of a loved one, or surgeries. Moreover, Better at Home also offers support during extreme weather conditions such as cold temperatures, power outages, heatwaves, heavy rains, and forest fire smoke. Additionally, the project caters to individuals facing multiple vulnerabilities, such as visual impairment, poverty, disability, or extensive loneliness. Depending on the specific requirements, clients may receive increased hours of housekeeping and friendly visits for a designated period. This could involve regular check-ins, visits, or additional housekeeping services. Furthermore, the project ensures the provision of necessary supplies tailored to individual needs, including clothing, prepared food, groceries, and emergency items like heaters and air purifiers.

2. Organization Mandate:

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slokan Valley. Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

In creative and ongoing partnerships with regional services and organizations, we provide inclusive and accessible opportunities in support of a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community. We strive to remain responsive to the current needs of Slokan Valley residents and to enhance the quality of life for all.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This program holds immense significance for the communities we cater to. By providing the opportunity for our elderly population to remain in the familiarity and comfort of their own homes, we are alleviating additional burdens for families and caregivers. Moreover, this enables seniors to experience a life that is both comfortable and enjoyable. Our non-medical accessible support and services are readily accessible, ensuring that our seniors receive the care they need. This enriching program is made possible by the dedicated efforts of 5 part-time employees, 3 casual employees, youth volunteers, and a social work practicum student.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In the remote and rural location of Slokan Valley, the response to emergency needs for seniors is unfortunately lacking in promptness and availability. This delay in assistance poses a significant challenge for the many seniors who face difficult circumstances and multiple vulnerabilities within our catchment area. Better at Home, with its dedicated staff and volunteers, has witnessed firsthand the overwhelming demand in this region. Our staff and volunteers provide crucial support, allowing seniors to stay in their own homes. We offer housekeeping, friendly visits, and extra check-ins during extreme weather events. We also provide essential items like food, heaters, purifiers, and clothing. However, our ability to help is limited by funding, which we are encouraged to outsource. With more funding, we can provide more services and ensure no senior is left without assistance.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

For over 26 years, the W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) has been dedicated to delivering exceptional projects and programs. Our commitment to community consultation ensures that Better at Home is tailored to the unique needs of each community. Through engaging with local seniors and stakeholders, we have received unanimous support for our program. With a highly skilled operational staff, extensive experience in working with seniors, and an unwavering desire to assist the most vulnerable members of our communities, WEGCSS is the perfect fit to host this program. The positive feedback we have received from our seniors and neighboring programs like Nav-CARE further validates our ability to make a

Project: Better at Home Emergency Response
meaningful impact.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Better at Home program coordinator, Miryam Bishop, as well as service providers and volunteers, have been successfully implementing these services for the past year. WEGCSS, which has been operating since 1997, accommodates the staff and also collaborates with Better at Home on various programs, including the youth network, foodbank, and senior food services.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

This funding will enhance the larger budget of \$85,000 annually that will be spent on this program. In-kind contributions include volunteer hours and office space provided by WEGCSS.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Feb 5, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Ana Bokstrom. I am the coordinator for the Nav-CARE program in the Slocan Valley and as such I work with many low-income seniors in the area. I am writing to express my support for the Better at Home program operated by W.E. Graham Community Services Society. I have enrolled many of my clients in the Better at Home program to receive subsidized housekeeping. This service often is the difference between being able to stay home and live independently and well versus moving to long term care or living in unsanitary or unsafe conditions.

In addition, the Better at Home team is a regular touchpoint to monitor the circumstances a senior is living in and often can give us the heads up that more intervention is necessary, before it becomes a problem.

I hear repeatedly from my clients how much they value the support that the W.E. Graham Community Services Society provides, both for the return to order in their homes, the pride that instills, and for the social connection with the staff when they come.

Sincerely,

Ana Bokstrom

Nav-CARE coordinator, Slocan Valley

West Kootenay Nav-CARE

slocanvalley@westkootenaynavcare.org

<https://westkootenaynavcare.org>

250.551.6190

Supporting Documents from our Seniors



“Since meeting all of you, these have been the happiest years of my life. I am just so happy to be able to stay at home.”

Nellie Sookro, Slocan Park



“The Better at Home program has come to me as a welcomed support. I’ve had assistance with cleaning, food and volunteer visitors. As a senior living with health problems, I have been grateful for this program. Thank you so much.”

Wendy Willows, Winlaw BC

Organization **Nelson Fine Art Centre Society**

Registration #

320 Vernon Street, 3A, Nelson BC V1L 4E4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

Oxygen Art Centre has leased a 900 sq. ft. renovated warehouse space in downtown Nelson since 2005 from Liz Cohoe, of Lillie & Cohoe millinery, with whom the building is shared along with three other commercial tenants. The space is managed by the Centre's Executive Director and is used year-round for the organization's programming.

Oxygen's facilities are well suited for this project as it is easily transformed and is ideally located in downtown Nelson. It features a wheelchair ramp and access notes. Oxygen's O2 satellite enhances community engagement with the arts, located along Stanley and Baker St. (downtown Nelson, BC).

Importance to the community:

Oxygen's structure as an artist-run centre acts as a catalyst for community development. To date we've directly engaged over 32,000 people with our exhibition and residency program, including regional members and tourists alike.

As an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines and professional levels in the West Kootenay and Columbia Basin, Oxygen provides professional development and critical research opportunities for artists from this region and beyond, many of whom have gone on to have robust art careers.

Oxygen presents exhibitions as space for exchange, as an opportunity for inciting dialogue. This is an essential approach to stimulate critical engagement and debate, especially in our unique, regional context.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$50.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$200.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$400.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$4,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$5,000.00

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$123,862.00	\$123,862.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will provide 25 weeks of contemporary arts programming at our facility, as well as in person and online adjunct programming.

Free for the public to attend, this project includes 3 exhibitions and 3 residencies, as well as 2 collaborative community-based installations in Oxygen's bathroom and 5 exhibitions in our satellite exhibition window space entitled "O2- featuring regional, emerging artists.

The project includes adjunct programming through events, school tours, talks, performances, reading groups, film screenings, and participatory workshops, as well as produce and disseminate 3 catalogues and 2 zines.

The artists involved in this project represent a diverse mix of emerging, professional, local, and regional talent with a focus on supporting BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+ artists. The 2024-2025 program explores biodiverse agrarian practices, textiles, plant-based medicines, and harvesting, cooking, and gathering according to seasonal, land-based rhythms.

Through this free public programming we anticipate engaging approximately 2,200 people at our main facility and 5,000 people at O2. Further, the project will involve 18 artists, 32 professional contracts, with approximately 26 volunteers.

This project creates vital economic opportunities for the local creative sector and, engages and inspires the community through creative processes that contribute to the rich cultural fabric of our regional identity and help create an inclusive sense of place.

Please refer to program attachment for more information.

2. Organization Mandate:

Oxygen Art Centre is an artist-run centre situated on the tum xula7xw of the snl"É•ayl"ckstx (otherwise known as Nelson, B.C.). Fundamental to the regional cultural landscape, Oxygen Art Centre is a rural artist-run centre that nurtures contemporary professional practices while engaging the wider community through multi-disciplinary programming.

Rurally located, Oxygen serves our immediate Nelson community of 10,000 people, as well as our regional communities of around 70,000 people living in remote outlying areas. Our online programs and events have expanded our audience, better serving regional, rural communities and communities provincially and nationally.

Oxygen is an integral and long-standing cultural hub for artists of all disciplines with a focus on emerging and youth artists in the West Kootenays and the Columbia Basin. Oxygen provides meaningful professional development opportunities to local artists and brings artists of national and international repute to our communities. Through education, residencies, exhibitions, and events Oxygen advances rural cultural development and achieves experimental, accessible, and inclusive programming.

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

In addition to contemporary arts programming, our artist-run centre is actively researching and developing intersectional feminist and decolonial policies to support three- and five-year organizational strategic plans by which to better serve historically marginalized communities including 2SLGBTQQA+ and BIPOC communities.

Oxygen Art Centre's mandate is to act as a catalyst and incubator for the development of the arts community and its audience(s). Oxygen Art Centre is an artist-run centre that considers accessibility at all levels of our organization, one that continues to learn and shape how our facility and programs serve diverse communities. This practice is based in reciprocity, dialogue, policy development, and ongoing research to create accessible public spaces to engage with contemporary art practices.

These commitments extend to all aspects of our programming, including in person and online experiences, materials, and events, which includes the provision of accessible opportunities for artists and audiences of diverse backgrounds and experiences. Our goal is not only to build an accessible and inclusive environment at Oxygen, but also to work toward a more inclusive and accessible arts and culture sector more broadly. Our approach to accessibility is community-informed and continues to develop in consultation and collaboration.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This project highlights our region, and as such, supports B.C. artists and cultural practitioners. Specifically, we are responding to our place-historically, institutionally, and physically-as well as topics pertaining to climate change, agrarian practices, and decolonization. This project supports an equity-lens, bringing cross-generational and diverse backgrounds into dialogue.

This project fosters a diverse, value-added program that includes meaningful employment opportunities for professional and emerging artists and creatives according to CARFAC rates, as well as service agreements with regional businesses. Both aspects stimulate rural economic development through myriad of channels.

This project creates thought-provoking and stimulating experiences for our regional community that celebrates and embraces our diverse artistic and cultural values.

Oxygen supports professional practices, exposure, and sustainability of our local art scene through critical engagement with local and visiting professional artists.

This project is open to all and provides accessible, free programming.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Oxygen Art Centre was founded as the Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society in 2002 by former writing and visual arts faculty at the Kootenay School of the Arts. The centre spent its first two years establishing its educational focus and in January 2005, the society opened the Oxygen Art Centre in downtown Nelson.

Project: Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025

Oxygen has now completed 22 years of successful arts education programming and 19 years of full season programming including: 643 courses since 2002, 61 exhibitions since 2005, 42 artist residencies since 2005 and over 423 events hosted through our presentation series.

Oxygen is known for challenging and experimental programming. We value the curatorial, research, and production of contemporary art programming that support diverse artists in all stages of their careers. We are particularly interested in contemporary art practices that are interdisciplinary, process-based, and socially engaged.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Oxygen is an artist-run centre governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, of which the majority are practicing artists.

Oxygen's Executive Director, Julia Prudhomme (PhD-c, MFA) has over ten years' experience working and volunteering at arts and culture organizations across Canada. Prudhomme is concurrently completing her doctoral thesis on feminist curatorial practice with a focus on rural arts organizations.

Importantly, this project will create 50+ contracts for professional artists and creatives at CARFAC rates. This project will also involve volunteers, consisting of a dedicated pool of artists and community members who give 600 volunteer hours every year.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Our Exhibition & Residency program can keep doors open to the public for free admission due to a committed crew of volunteers who host gallery open hours and events, averaging 400 hours per year (400hrs volunteer labour @ \$20/hr = \$8000).

Residency artists are billeted with local community members while in Nelson. At \$150 per night x 3 months of residencies, this in-kind contribution is valued at \$13,500.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

**Oxygen Art Centre's Exhibition & Residency Project 2024-2025
DETAILED WORK PLAN / SCHEDULE:**

Oxygen Art Centre's main facility:

Artists	Project Definition and Activities	Dates and Events	Contracts	Volunteers And Outreach
Bathroom Installation (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Research</u> <u>Design</u> <u>Zine</u>	1 June – 30 June 2024 + Collaborative project + Installation + Artist statement + Zine production	1 Project Coordinator 3-4 Artists (Collective) 1 Designer + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on installation thematics, Informative zine available for free
Chris Dufour (Vancouver, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Residency</u> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Community-based workshops</u>	1 July – 18 August 2024 Residency Exhibition + Exhibition opening + Artist talk + Workshops + Interactive gallery hours + Publication + School Tours + Social media updates	1 Project Coordinator 1 Guest Writer 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing, Co-Host	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on land-based practices, natural dyes, printmaking, textiles, and gardening
S F Ho (Vancouver, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Residency</u> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Community-based workshops</u>	18 November 2024 – 8 February 2025 Residency Exhibition + Exhibition opening + Reading nook + resources + Artist talk + Open Studio + Online: Reading group + Film screening + Workshops + Art Book + Guided Tours + Social media updates	1 Project Coordinator 1 Guest Writer 1 Mentor 1 Translator 1 Poet 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing, Website designer, Co-Host	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussions on traditional Chinese medicine, plant-based medicine, immigrant experiences, gentrification of Chinatowns in B.C., slowness, writing and poetry, and gardening
Manuel Axel-Strain (Vancouver, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Residency</u> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Community-based workshops</u>	5 April – 3 May 2025 + Exhibition opening + Artist talk + Open studio + Workshops + Publication + School Tours + Film screening + Social media updates	1 Project Coordinator 1 Guest Writer 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing, Co-Host	20 + gallery sitters and event volunteers Adjunct programming and discussion on decolonization, contemporary Indigenous artistic practice, installation and sculpture

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O2: satellite window exhibition space

Artists	Project Definition and Activities	Dates and Events	Contracts	Volunteers And Outreach
Hannah DeBoer-Smith (Nelson, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	9 August – 9 October 2024 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists
Samonte Cruz (Nelson, BC)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	11 October – 13 November 2024 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists
TBD (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	14 November 2024 – 5 February 2025 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists
TBD (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)	<i>TBD</i> <u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public	7 February – 16 April 2025 + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic	1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist + other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing	Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists

<p>TBD (regional artist(s): TBD via call for proposals)</p>	<p><i>TBD</i></p> <p><u>Exhibition</u> <u>Professional development</u> Public</p>	<p>18 April – 11 June 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Installation + Artist statement + Didactics + Social media + Public, foot traffic 	<p>1 Project Coordinator 1 Artist</p> <p>+ other professional contracts incl. Graphic design, Photography, Printing</p>	<p>Professional development support on artist bio, statement; Publicity for emerging, regional artists</p>
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29 January 2024

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Oxygen Art Centre's (Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants for the 2024 intake.

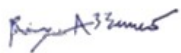
As a recent guest curator for "The Hungry Mist (*A Névoa Faminta*)" residency and exhibition project (November 2023 – February 2024), I endorse the artist-run centre's support of critical contemporary art research for visiting and local, emerging and professional artists. My curatorial practice has greatly benefitted from their programming, and I was excited to be welcomed by and immersed within the Nelson community during my time in residence (November 2023).

The team at the artist-run centre welcomed The Hungry Mist project with great dedication, articulating the engagement of the Nelson public and cultural agents in the activities and workshops I proposed as a curator, as well as sparing no effort to make the project, which had an international reach, happen as smoothly as possible.

As their collaborator, I could acknowledge how Oxygen Art Centre is a vital contributor to the arts and culture sector and to the Columbia Basin regional community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,



Rodrigo D'Alcantara

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6 February 2024

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support for Oxygen Art Centre's (Nelson Fine Arts Centre Society) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants for the 2024 intake.

As a Nelson resident, professional interdisciplinary artist, active Oxygen board member, and contributor to Oxygen's Exhibition & Residency committee, I support the artist-run centre's support of critical contemporary art research for visiting and local, emerging, and professional artists. I have benefitted from their programming and continue to be excited to take part in their offerings within the community.

Oxygen Art Centre is a vital contributor to the arts and culture sector and our region's community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurel Terlesky', with a stylized, cursive script.

LAUREL TERLESKY, M.F.A.

<http://laurelterlesky.ca>

*Grateful to create in the traditional territories of the Sinixt, the Syilx, and the Ktunaxa peoples
(Nelson, B.C.)*

Oxygen Art Centre Exhibition and Residency Project 2024-2025:

Oxygen Art Centre's Exhibition and Residency project corresponds to an overarching program that composes our organization's three-year curatorial vision. The goal of this project is to provide professional artists with the resources to create and exhibit new works, and to provide contemporary and professional arts programming to the public.

Oxygen enacts feminism(s) as an instituent practice; a foundation to counter colonial, patriarchal infrastructures. Through reciprocal practices our artist-run centre commits to the everyday work of radical care. By reclaiming care, we acknowledge the complexities of our positions as a public contemporary art organization that contributes and responds to social, environmental, and political ecologies from our rural contexts. We believe that this work is critical as a non-profit artist-run centre to foster decolonial, anti-capitalist relations and the practice of contemporary art programming and research. Oxygen Art Centre attends to intersectional feminist and queer concerns of interdependency and a politics of care as approaches to all aspects of our operations.

Oxygen is known for challenging and experimental programming. We value the curatorial, research, and production of contemporary art programming that support diverse artists in all stages of their careers. We are particularly interested in contemporary art practices that are interdisciplinary, process-based, and socially engaged. Oxygen's programming is primarily focused through two core programs: the Exhibition and Residency Program and the Education Program. This application will support the Exhibition and Residency Program, presented at Oxygen Art Centre's Nelson, BC, Canada facility from 2024-2025.

Oxygen's Exhibition and Residency program supports process-based projects that encourage experimentation and push conventional practice. Oxygen produces 2-3 exhibitions per year featuring work by emerging and professional artists. Oxygen hosts one artist-in-residence annually. The program supports artists by offering time, space, and resources to deeply explore their practice(s) or a project. Residencies are one-year in length, including remote and in-person components.

Alongside this program, we offer adjunct programming such as artist talks, open studios, film screenings, performances, school tours, and readings groups, as well as the publication of catalogues and printed matter. Adjunct programming provides multiple methods to engage with artists and practices via online, in person, and hybrid formats.

This curatorial trajectory is more focused and responsive to our context than in the past. During the selection process we focused on our organization's goal to support work with regional relevance, particularly how our programming could both galvanize and unsettle our regional identity and our organization's contribution to the regional and national cultural landscape.

Oxygen focuses on supporting artists that challenge themselves to experiment with new processes due to our unique context. Oxygen is also a supporter of local and regional artists and creative professionals. By evenly distributing support to local and visiting artists and creative professionals, Oxygen is a vital agent in providing contemporary arts and cultural programming to Nelson and the regional district.

Additionally, this project includes consistent exhibition publications, another advancement for the centre. Publications or catalogues directly reflect Oxygen's mandate to be a conduit for art and arts education by providing thorough critical and contextual information to our exhibitions. Publications also fund local writers, poets, designers, photographers, and printers, as well as contribute to a larger archive for both the organization, community, and participating artists to advance their careers.

Through these projects we seek to create space for the voices and creative practices that have not previously been given opportunities for artistic presentation and support.

The following will be featured during this project:

Staff + Collaborators

Julia Prudhomme (she/her, b. 1989, Mississauga, ᑭᓄᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐᓂᓐ, and Haudenosaunee territories otherwise known as St. Catharines, ON) is a white settler curator, scholar, and artist who lives and works on the traditional territory of the sn̓ᓂay̓ckstx (Sinixt) peoples. She is developing an intersectional feminist curatorial practice that focuses upon artistic process, experimentation, and care within (and against) institutions. In addition to curatorial projects Julia holds a Master of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies at University of British Columbia (2013). Her artistic practice is often collaborative, working in video and installation, zines and mixtapes, and has presented this work across Canada, United States and Europe.

Julia has contributed to public art galleries and artist-run centres in numerous capacities for over ten years and continues this work as a PhD candidate at McMaster University (PhD-c ABD in Communications, New Media, and Cultural Studies, 2017-present) and Executive Director at Oxygen Art Centre in Nelson, BC (2019-present). Julia also volunteers for numerous organizations including, Cultural Development Committee (City of Nelson, 2019-present), Secretary for Pacific Association of Artist-Run Centres (2020-present), and Director for Slokan Valley Community Arts Council (2021-present).

Natasha Smith holds a BA Hons. in Fine Art Printmaking and has been a practicing visual artist for over 20 years. Natasha's personal and physical environment inspires her most recent semi-abstract works, which combine printmaking, collage, painting and assemblage. She is a self-defined teaching artist and has taught at KSA (Kootenay Studio Arts at Selkirk College), Oxygen Art Centre, Red Deer College, Metchosin International School of the Arts, and Malaspina Printmaking Studio. Natasha works from her studio in beautiful Krestova, BC. and is the Education Coordinator at Oxygen Art Centre.

Creative Professionals

Hall Printing

Hall Printing has a long and rich history of providing print to the communities of the West Kootenay. Hall Printing was founded in 1920 and has made many transformations in equipment and staff in the 100 years of print. We have some cases of letterpress type next to a windmill letterpress which is still used for numbering, scoring and perforating. In the modern print shop, heavy lead type has given way to massive amounts of network cable to connect all the computer controlled production machines.

Ingrid and Ron Hope are the current owners of Hall Printing after purchasing the business from Dave and Gail Chartres in 2005. When Ingrid started at Hall Printing in 1990 as the front office receptionist, the shop consisted of one slow copier, three presses and no computer. Now the two shops in Trail and Nelson depend on 6 copiers, 3 large format printers, 3 presses and 21 computers to print on tons of paper every year.

Large capital investments every year keep equipment current and improve the environmental footprint of Hall Printing. All our platemaking is chemical free, we use vegetable oil based ink, most of our house stock is FSC® certified and all waste is recycled.

Keiko Lee-Hem (Designer)

Keiko Lee-Hem is a graphic designer, artist, maker, and wanna-be back-to-the-lander located in the West Kootenays. My natural creative flames were stoked while studying Fine Arts at Emily Carr University of Art and Design. The seeds of graphic design and writing were sown and tended through Langara College's Publishing Program.

Kenton Doupe (Photographer)

Canadian based freelance photographer, videographer, graphic designer, and woodworker. I specialize in artistic portraits with a strong emphasis on dark/ethereal/abstract imagery. I've been shooting professionally since 2014 after graduating with a degree in Fine Art.

Artists: Main Exhibition & Residency program

Chris Dufour is an interdisciplinary social practice artist working between Kanien'kehá:ka and Lekwungen territory. Their work seeks to intersperse explorations of ecology, (non)belonging, and relation within queerness, gender, and climate apocalypse and survival. Chris' work focuses on social and community engaged practices that have incorporated collaborative projects in ecological stewardship, encounters for relation, and broader community building. Chris uses mediums of plants, gardening, ecological wandering, textiles, installation, darkroom manipulation, leather tanning, and sculpture to process questions of how do we cultivate a sense of belonging within and among systemic power dynamics? How do we push against empire while cultivating resilient communities and cultures of care? What practices of living can we recuperate, develop, and employ within contemporary cultures of crisis?

Of Irish and Quebecois heritage, Chris grew up outside of Kijipuktuk (so called Halifax, Nova Scotia) and has spent the last 8 years working and living across many territories on Turtle Island. After attending the Yukon School of Visual Arts, Chris took on a practice of grassroots learning that brought them to social practice, permaculture, and accessible community-based education. Throughout, Chris values projects which seek to utilize material practices as a facilitator, to process connections and relationships to ecologies, modalities of care, alternative futures, and ruminations about world building.

SF Ho is an artist, writer and facilitator. Their parents immigrated to Turtle Island from Hong Kong in the 1970s and they have been living as an uninvited guest on the unceded territories of the xwməθkwəy̓əm, Sḵwxwú7mesh, and sə́lilwətaʔl peoples for over twelve years. They are informed by early experiences of community organizing around anti-poverty issues while growing up in Ontario. They're cultivating a practice of wary sociality, never finishing books, and being sort of boring. Their practice

considers intersections of culture, history, and embodied experience from racialized, queer perspectives. Ho has presented their artwork and writing across this continent as well as internationally. They've published a novella about love and aliens called *George the Parasite*. They were the founder of the land-based program *Slow Wave Small Projects* and they have served on the board and advisory committees of many arts organizations across so-called Canada.

Chanelle Adams (collaborator w/SF Ho) is a multidisciplinary essayist, researcher, and translator. She completed a B.A. in Science and Technology Studies at Brown University with a focus on history of science and medical anthropology. In 2017, she was awarded a Franco-American Fulbright to research Madagascar plant medicine in the French colonial archives. During her time in Marseille, she completed a M.A. in Social Sciences at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales. She is currently enrolled at the University of Lausanne in the Political Ecology doctoral program. Adams was a founding member and Managing Editor at [Bluestockings Magazine](#). Her work on music, healing, and diaspora has been published by NPR, The Feminist Press, Bitch Media, and The Funambulist, among others.

She has given academic and artist talks in the USA, France, Czech Republic, Benin, Greece, South Africa, Madagascar, and Canada.

Manuel Axel Strain is a 2-Spirit artist from the lands and waters of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Simpcw and Syilx peoples, based in the sacred region of their q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie) and q^wa:n̓l'ən̓ (Kwantlen) relatives. Strain's mother is Tracey Strain and father is Eric Strain, Tracey's parents are Harold Eustache (from Chuchua) and Marie Louis (from nkmaplqs), Eric's Parents are Helen Point (from x^wməθk^wəyəm) and John Strain (from Ireland). Although they attended Emily Carr University of Art + Design they prioritize Indigenous epistemologies through the embodied knowledge of their mother, father, siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents and ancestors.

Creating artwork in collaboration with and reference to their relatives, their shared experiences become a source of agency that resonates through their work with performance, land, painting, sculpture, photography, video, sound and installation. Their artworks often envelop subjects in relation with ancestral and community ties, Indigeneity, labour, resource extraction, gender, Indigenous medicine and life forces. Strain often perceives their work to confront and undermine the imposed realities of colonialism. Proposing a new space beyond its oppressive systems of power. They have contributed work to the Richmond Art Gallery, Vancouver Art Gallery, Surrey Art Gallery, UBCO Fina Gallery and were longlisted for the 2022 Sobey Award.

Artists: O2 window space

Hannah DeBoer-Smith

I am a multimedia artist, ranging from comics, illustration, painting, wood, textiles, sculpture leather, music and songwriting, tattooing, book making, writing. There's more, but you get the gist of it. Whatever I create I ask myself, "what would I want to see out of the things I create?" and draw the creative processes from that place and move forward. Through happenstance or upbringing, I process the word very literally, which comes across in my art. For what my work lacks in the abstract it makes up for in the honest, humorous, relatable and grounded approach to processes the world through an artistic medium.

For many years I have focused a lot of my creative energy on comics and illustration work. This has

been largely due to my focus being drawn toward working on a non arts related degree and work. In re-emerging I have the time and space to re-expand my creative energy. I have lately been exploring sculpture, paper, texture and light and how we can interact with these mediums.

I have taught many creative pursuits mainly in sewing, textiles and printmaking and have mentored and supported youth gallery curation.

I have exhibited at Oxygen Art Centre twice through the Youth Arts Festival and have participated in Nelson Art Walk in 2022.

Samonte Cruz is a trans, Filipinx goldsmith, artist & educator in Nelson, BC. They are currently developing a body of work titled, *Filipino Survivance: Contemporary Cultural Artifacts & Adornment*, funded by Canada Council; reimagining sacred ancestral objects, while highlighting the skill & unique style of ancient Filipinx goldsmiths.

In 2021/2022, Samonte collaborated with local textile artist, Jennifer Burke and glass artist, Bee Schroeder; working together and in their individual studios to make components that were ultimately used in constructing a wearable, multi-layered garment that is meant to embody the experience of chronic pain; creating a physical representation & visual of Samonte's invisible disability.

The group explored the contrasting experiences of pain & social isolation with queer resilience, trans empowerment & gender euphoria.

Although the garment was worn for a documented performance of a song written by Samonte for the project, the garment itself has never been exhibited.

Organization **Slocan Park Community Hall Society**

Registration # S0013916

PO Box 5, Slocan Park British Columbia V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Seniors Gathering Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Weekly sessions are held at the Slocan Park Community Hall.

Importance to the community:

Seniors are an integral part of most communities and this program will benefit them. The project is important because it gives voice to our seniors, adds value to all our lives because of the connections that are made, brings joy and laughter and acknowledges that our seniors are valued in our community. There is also a lot of networking that goes on and the educational speakers are very informative. This project also gives seniors a designated day to look forward to and to get out of their homes and join the group for the morning.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/10/2024 Project End: 6/10/2025

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Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$4,500.00	\$600.00
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	\$5,100.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,100.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00

1. The project will provide:

This "ongoing" program started in November, 2022 as a pilot project with funding being secured through RDCK for that season. In 2023, we obtained a grant from the Slocan Valley Co-op to once again hold this program - the end date being June 12, 2024. .

The Seniors Gathering Program provides free, regular and inclusive events for seniors in the Slocan Valley area. The goal is to have a central, safe meeting place where Seniors from Slocan to South Slocan and beyond gather weekly to enjoy coffee/goodies/music, to socialize with old and new friends, play board games, and to participate in craft days and educational opportunities. We have regulars who come from the Voykin Subdivision as well. Soup days are offered intermittently and a few barbeques will be held when weather permits. Any senior, ages 55 and up and their caregivers, are welcome to attend this program. The program will run from Sep.10, 2024 to June 10, 2025.

Many volunteers make this program successful - hours spent from purchasing supplies to baking goodies, preparing soup, and the non glamorous task of clean up involved with these weekly events. The program does include a coordinator who is paid a monthly fee and who oversees the program by organizing keynote speakers, advertising, arranging craft days, and informing participants of upcoming events.

2. Organization Mandate:

- A. To engage in charitable activities for the purpose of promoting the social, cultural and recreational interest of the residents of the Slocan Park District.
- B. To own, lease and operate facilities necessary for the accomplishment of the objectives aforementioned.
- C. Such facilities shall be made available to individuals and organizations regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, political persuasion, nation of origin, as required by the Human Rights Act.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Seniors are an integral part of most communities and this program will benefit them. The project is important because it gives voice to our seniors, adds value to all our lives because of the connections that are made, brings joy and laughter and acknowledges that our seniors are valued in our community. There is also a lot of networking that goes on and the educational speakers are very informative. This project also gives seniors a designated day to look forward to and to get out of their homes and join the group for the morning.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Seniors, in particular, are at greater risk of isolation especially in rural settings. They have limited opportunities, some may have mobility/cognitive/health issues, and often times their social network has diminished - some also have financial hardship and the food/coffee served is very appreciated. A sense of community, caring/sharing, learning and staying active longer help promote an overall sense of well-being in all of us. This program strives to address many of these issues by providing a safe, friendly, open and caring environment. We are all genuinely interested in each other and offer positive support.

This was a grass roots movement. Prior to Covid, there was a small group of seniors who met on occasion for coffee at the Hall. Several seniors expressed their wishes that this could happen again. This program was resurrected with a more formal structure in place and with the assistance of IRIS in Castlegar.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The Slocan Park Community Hall Society has delivered this project for the last 2 years successfully. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who carry out the baking, cleaning, cooking and serving tasks and a program coordinator who organizes and oversees the project. Directors of the Society ensure the Hall space is clean, upkept, any maintenance issues addressed, parking lot free of snow, etc. Several of the seniors who partake in the actual program also offer their help as volunteers.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Key directors from the Slocan Park Community Hall Society will and have been involved in delivering and implementing this project. Included are: Bonny Fritz, Peter and Joanne Cotter, Bob and Lorraine Podovelnikoff, and Deb Evdokimoff.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

- 1) Slocan Park Community Hall Society: (\$20 per session X 32 sessions) = no charge for hall kitchen = \$640
- 2) Volunteer hrs. for baking/cooking @ \$15 per hr. (2 volunteers X 6hrs. X 1 time per month X 10 months X \$15 = \$1,800
- 3) Volunteer hrs. for serving/clean up @ \$15 per hr. (2 volunteers X 3hrs. X 32 sessions) X \$15 = \$2,880

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

February 12, 2024

Re: Grant for Slocan Park Community Hall

To Whom It May Concern:

We have been attending the Slocan Park Seniors' Coffee time since its inception.

It is an excellent gathering for Seniors every Tuesday.

It is a time to chat with friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee or tea, with a variety of snacks and an enjoyment of a delicious soup and bread once a month.

It is a time to socialize, or on occasion to listen to speakers on a variety of topics.

It helps people feel better when they are isolated, lonely or living on their own.

It builds community and a sense of belonging. You have a purpose and feel supported.

Grant money well spent when given to the Slocan Park Community hall, allowing the Seniors of the Slocan Valley to come together with a common purpose in mind, that is to visit with each other. Sharing about themselves with each other, talking about worldly events, trying to make sense of it all and how to make their community a great place to live in.

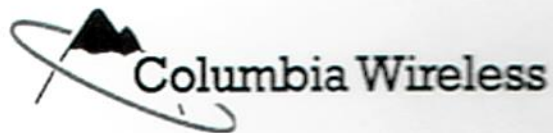
We look forward every week to participate in this very important, valuable "Coffee Time" for Seniors.

Thank you to all the volunteers who do an excellent job of putting on this program every Tuesday, greeting us with a warm hello and smiling faces.

Sincerely,

Slocan Park "Coffee Time" Seniors

Subject **Tuesday Coffee**
From Marg & John Smolinski <margsmoski@gmail.com>
To <lorraine@columbiawireless.ca>
Date 2024-01-30 3:16 pm



I wanted to thank you and all the volunteers that contribute to the weekly coffee get-togethers at the Slocan Park Hall. This has become the highlight of the week for me, the socializing and community camaraderie is invaluable. Occasionally there has been guest speakers with topics of concern for us all. I sincerely hope it continues for a long time to come.

Thank you,

Margaret Smolinski
Slocan Park, B.C.

Thank you for
everything
at Christmas

Love you guys
ARE
YOU GALS
A GREAT
BIRTH
DOING
JOB
Merry

Love These Get Together
THANK YOU!!
MABEL & PETER

Thank you
for
many Christmas
I love visiting every week
I love visiting you
Paul & Barbara

Merry Christmas,
this place warm me up
all nice people Terry

MERRY CHRISTMAS
THANKS FOR
EVERYTHING
FRAN & BOB

Holidays
Happy New Year
I hope you have
a great one
do you still say
everything

Thanks for everything
Pete

CHRISTMAS Thanks
to you and Jim
For all you do. Love
you guys. Have a very
happy year.
Thank you for taking
care of us with
tea + snacks. Have a
great year.
+ a happy
Wishing you
festive fun
and holiday cheer. Good
luck!

And all good wishes for love
Health & Peace.

These Gratitude to you All
Bill & Vicki
Thank you for
reaching out to
us Seniors
with love

Merry Christmas
Thank you for your kindness
I hope you have
a great year
Always
Thank you!
Merry
Christmas!

It means the world to me
That all of you come here
each Tuesday.

It is the highlight of my
week - only 10 minutes
drive of a place I can
get to.

may your hearts + minds
find reward in your
good work to us.



Wishing you a flurry of holiday fun!

Much love to all of you
& your families. Pat

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: cvcc-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
Castlevue Care Centre
2300-14th Avenue
Castlegar, B.C. V1N 4A6
Phone - 250-365-7277
Fax- 250-365-3291





Mountain Lake Seniors Community
908 Eleventh Street
Nelson, B.C. V1L 7A6
Phone: 250 352 2600 Fax: 250 352 2620
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

Enriching the Lives of Seniors through Innovation and Creativity

DUNCAN ~ BURNABY ~ COQUITLAM ~ SURREY ~ PORT COQUITLAM ~ MAPLE RIDGE ~ KAMLOOPS
SQUAMISH ~ SALMON ARM ~ KELOWNA ~ PENTICTON ~ NELSON ~ CALGARY ~ EDMONTON ~ MEDICINE HAT



February 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this letter on behalf of Concerts in Care to show my support. I believe the programme is deserving of the funding because it provides the need for high quality, live, professional arts programmes for elders in residential care including our residents here at Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo - Long Term Care. Our residents love each performances and they are always looking forward every month to see and hear these professional musicians. The smiles and joy that they bring to our residents are precious and greatly appreciated.

For these reasons, I hope you consider their application for funding. If you have any questions feel free to reach me at 250-353-2731.

Thank you,

Mary Ricablanca

Recreation Coordinator

Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo

Health Arts Society-Concerts in Care
 CBT ReDi Grant Application February 10, 2024
 Attachment 1

Alignment with City of Nelson planning documents

Document	Focus Area & Objective	Health Arts Society
Path to 2040	<p>Arts, Culture and Heritage</p> <p>ACH1: Promote artistic and cultural expression and celebration in the community to help support a vibrant centre and identity.</p> <p>ACH2: Preserve and celebrate the authenticity and heritage of our community</p>	<p>Enriches community life in Nelson by creating opportunities for small musical performances. Supports Nelson's reputation as a cultural centre.</p> <p>Encourages artists to participate in Nelson's cultural sector; providing a conduit between the arts community and seniors in care. Assists professional musicians to remain living in Nelson by providing opportunities for employment.</p>
	<p>Local Economy</p> <p>LE4: Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown and waterfront and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles.</p>	<p>Identified a gap in type of musical performances. Creates employment opportunities for local professional musicians.</p>
	<p>Healthy Living and Social Well-being</p> <p>HLSW2: Foster an inclusive & respectful community where all citizens have opportunities for meaningful participation in social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the City.</p>	<p>Seniors living in long-term care suffer isolation as they are no longer able to access live music or theatre. These events offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and a feeling of inclusion.</p>
Comprehensive Cultural Policy	<p>Value Statement 5.2.1: Our authentic identity as a community with well-preserved and abundant heritage architecture, and professional and practising artists.</p>	<p>Health Arts Society-Concerts in Care increases performance opportunities for local professional musicians who struggle to make a living and often have to travel out of town to perform.</p>

	5.2.3: The cultural sector's ability to contribute to the community's identity.	We are providing cultural events of a type currently not often found (chamber music and similar small ensembles) which enhances Nelson's identity as an arts community.
	5.2.5 Collaboration both within the cultural sector and with all sectors of Nelson's and the regional economy.	We are working with other musical organizations in Nelson such as Nelson Overture Concerts and Selkirk Pro-Musica. to coordinate evening performances in Nelson as well as the communities of, Castlegar, and Kaslo to maximize performance opportunities for artists.
	5.2.9: Professionalism and best practices in the cultural sector.	Only professional musicians perform concerts in Care programs. It is our goal to bring high quality music to seniors isolated in care.
	5.2.10: Innovation within the cultural sector.	Concerts in Care concerts are unique in that they provide professional level performances for seniors in care. Most public health authorities do not have mandated standards or budgets for these types of concerts..

From: "Kate Hansen" <khansen@glm.ca>
Subject: RE: Concerts in Care - Health Arts Society
Date: February 23, 2019 at 1:30:10 PM PST
To: "Nicola Everton" <nicola@healtharts.org>

Crest View Village looks forward to Concerts in care every month! Residents faces light up, and their toes are tapping. They enjoy the amazing music from a variety of styles and Genres that are brought to us.

Concerts in Care is something special for residents to look forward to and that we are privileged enough to experience.

Thank you for supporting Concerts in care and making it available to us.

Crest View Village

Kate Hansen

Recreation

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CREST VIEW VILLAGE

800 Cavell St Creston, BC V0B 1G4

Organization **Slocan Valley Baseball Association (SVBA)**

Registration # S0070450

C/O 1013 Garden Road, South Slocan BC V0G 2G1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Field Maintenance and upgrades to allow for more inclusive access.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J

This project will take place at the multi-purpose baseball field in Slocan Park at the Slocan Park Hall.

Importance to the community:

This project will ensure a safe place for youth to play Baseball in the Slocan Valley. We currently have close to 100 baseball players, aged 5-13 playing across 7 teams. This activity needs a field that these youth players can learn the game and compete against other teams in the Kootenays (Nelson, Castlegar, Trail, Cristina Lake, etc.) It will provide a place for everyone in the community to come out and support the youth as well. It will benefit the community as a whole, as well as any youth that choose to register with our league (players, umpires, and coaches).

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$800.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

Project: Field Maintenance and upgrades to allow for more inclusive access.**1. The project will provide:**

We are looking to upgrade and maintain the playing field by adding bleachers for fans to watch the practices and games. This would allow the elderly and children a place to sit and watch. We are also looking at replacing the current irrigation system as we have had issues with the solenoids and sprinkler heads that we currently have in place. Through volunteer workers, we will replace the irrigation components that are faulty and add a set of bleachers for fans and parents to watch the youth play ball. We are also looking for shade cover options, as the spectator areas are currently in full sun.

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide an inclusive space for youth to learn new skills and play the game of Baseball and T-Ball. To develop leadership in players to help umpire and coach the game.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will ensure a safe place for youth to play Baseball in the Slocan Valley. We currently have close to 100 baseball players, aged 5-13 playing across 7 teams. This activity needs a field that these youth players can learn the game and compete against other teams in the Kootenays (Nelson, Castlegar, Trail, Cristina Lake, etc.) It will provide a place for everyone in the community to come out and support the youth as well. It will benefit the community as a whole, as well as any youth that choose to register with our league (players, umpires, and coaches).

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

With limited seating, fans don't have many places to sit where they can see the field and watch the kids play and practice safely. As the league becomes more popular, we realize that seating is limited to an area behind the Home Team dugout. We would like to add a second set of bleachers behind home plate to give fans and that don't have their own seats a place to view of the playing field. As we open up more opportunities to play other out of area teams.

As well, we have identified some issues with our irrigation system, where the automatic sprinklers have stopped working in some spots on the field, and we are unable to source parts. These parts of the field have become dry with limited watering and this can be hazardous to player safety during games and practices.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

We have been running the baseball program since 2018 and have been involved every year since the associations inception. We have done extensive upgrades to the field from the beginning, especially during COVID, when the kids were not able to play. We have built the field and maintained it every year. As such, we have installed the original irrigation system, but 1 set of bleachers, and levelled out the playing field. We have a unique knowledge of the field layout and the needs that it has to keep it in good playing condition.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Volunteers have identified these needs, and will be the ones to implement them. From putting the bleachers together after they are delivered, to replacing the irrigation system parts that are failing as well as maintaining the field. The SVBA Board will oversee this project as a whole.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

Project: Field Maintenance and upgrades to allow for more inclusive access.

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteers are ready to assist in the installation of the irrigation components and to build the bleachers when they arrive on site. Machinery time, fuel, and man hours are also being donated.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee**

Registration #

PO Box 413, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The North Valley Mountain Film Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton
Silverton Memorial Hall - 203 Lake Ave. Silverton, BC

Importance to the community:

Held annually in late winter, The NVMFF offers an all ages opportunity to gather with our community for an evening of sharing, laughter and catching up with neighbours.

The festival creates a venue for local aspiring film makers and photographers to creatively express their love for this place through the creation of short films and slideshows.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$999.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$2,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
\$2,000.00			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,999.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,999.00	\$7,099.00	\$7,099.00

1. The project will provide:

The North Valley Mountain Film Festival(NVMFF) is an annual one day event that showcases locally produced films and slideshows. Held each winter in Silverton, BC it is attended by approximately 200 people from Nakusp to Winlaw and the communities in between. This year our event will be hosted on March 2nd at the Silverton Memorial Hall. The festival is organized by an event coordinator who receives support from a dedicated group of community volunteers.

2. Organization Mandate:

The North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee is a group of local volunteers dedicated to building community around a shared love for the spectacular mountain environment we call home. Our main project is the North Valley Mountain Film Festival. At this event held annually each winter we facilitate the sharing of local experiences such as wildlife encounters, ski touring, mountain biking, kayaking, hiking, locally significant environmental issues and more through locally produced films and slideshows. Our operating budget is approximately \$5000-8000 annually.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Held annually in late winter, The NVMFF offers an all ages opportunity to gather with our community for an evening of sharing, laughter and catching up with neighbours.

The festival creates a venue for local aspiring film makers and photographers to creatively express their love for this place through the creation of short films and slideshows.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

There are limited social opportunities available in our community at this time of year. This event builds community and connection. The need is clear as evidenced by the continued community support that we receive. The NVMFF has sold out every year since it was first held 18 years ago.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The event coordinator is one of the founding members of the NVMFF and has been actively involved in organizing the event for the last 18 years. We also have a committed group of volunteers that help at the event and support the coordinator at other times when necessary.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Myles Berney - Project Coordinator - co-founder of NVMFF - actively involved in organizing the NVMFF for 18 years

Jay Buttle - 11 year member of Organizing Committee, NVMFF AV technician

Cora Skaien - 4 year member of Organizing Committee and Film Selection Committee, event MC

Amanda Murphy - 4 year event volunteer and graphic design

Anita Werner - Film Selection Committee and 3 year event volunteer

Claire Payton - Film Selection Committee and 2 year event volunteer

Julie Perry - Film Selection Committee

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Selection Committee, Film and Sound Technician, Event Set up and take down, Door Prizes

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Pony Club**

Registration #

4015 Krestova Lower Rd, Crescent Valley BC V0G 1H1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Pony Club**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H

This year stable management sessions will be held at the Crescent Valley Hall and the Nelson and District Riding club in Blewett. Additional venues, including the Sunshine Bay riding grounds in Harrop, may be sought as needed. The club camps will take place at the Nelson and District Riding Club and Sunshine Bay Riding grounds. Regional pony club camp takes place in Chase and the Quiz event this year is in Kamloops.

Importance to the community:

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Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/15/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,500.00	
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,700.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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\$3,700.00	\$15,275.00	\$15,275.00
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1. The project will provide:

The West Kootenay Pony Club (WKPC) fosters the development of leadership, horsemanship and teamwork through a program that encompasses horse care, stable management and riding. The WKPC focuses on both theoretical and practical stable management and horseback riding instruction. For the stable management portion of the program the club meets roughly two times per month from January to June to learn about all aspects of equine theory, including: breeds, feeding, first aid, horse care and safety in a fun, sage and engaging environment. For the riding portion and practical component, the WKPC will run three, three day camps during the 2024 riding season with certified coaches. Camps will include quality riding instructions, stable management sessions and team building activities. PC members will also work together to care for their horses (and themselves) in a camping environment. Members will also be supported to attend the regional Pony Club camp in the Okanagan, other local camps in the area and the regional quiz event. Stable Management sessions and camps are run in a way that encourages teamwork in a positive learning environment. WKPC members are also encouraged to engage with the broader horse community and to reciprocate community involvement in our program through volunteering with other organizations and events, including the Nelson Riding grounds, Sunshine bay riding grounds and the local Derby.

2. Organization Mandate:

The West Kootenay Pony Club is a member-driven association, run by volunteers, that seeks to serve the needs of youth aged 6 - 25 who are interested in riding, learning about and/or caring for horses and ponies. Pony Club strives to educate and foster youth in developing skills in horsemanship, teamwork, leadership and responsibility through their work with horses, the community and one another.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

There is a strong and growing interest in horses among youth in our area. A huge amount of responsibility is required in horse ownership and/or involvement that can be daunting for families new to horse care and riding. In addition to this, experienced horse families often seek educational experiences to foster horsemanship and personal development. The Canadian Pony Club is a highly reputable, internationally-recognized program that promotes safe practices and education to ensure the safety of young athletes and proper treatment of horses in equine sport and leisure. WKPC offers a solid foundation in safety, knowledge and experience, covering all aspects of horse care and riding. WKPC also offers a more affordable option for youth to be involved with horses, removing some of the financial barriers families may face. WKPC works to connect young riders with appropriate horses, creating positive partnerships for owners, riders and horses.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The WKPC has a strong and long-standing history. Through hard work and comprehensive and positive programming, the WKPC has created a solid reputation as a group that teaches and mentors youth to become safe, responsible, knowledgeable equestrians and community members. WKPC is supported by the regional and national

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pony club levels to achieve its goals and deliver effective, safe programming to provide a solid educational foundation in horsemanship and stable management. WKPC is also accountable to the regional and national levels of the program.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

WKPC has an elected board who work together to organize, manage and oversee the operations of the program. WKPC youth, family members and other volunteers work together to facilitate and teach stable management lessons and support riding events. Qualified coaches and local experts (ie. veterinarian, farrier) also assist with stable management sessions. Equine Canada Certified coaches are hired to teach the riding portion of the camps. Pony club members are a vital part of the program, taking responsibility for projects and mentoring new/younger members.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

WKPC is a volunteer run organization. Parent volunteers put in countless hours to make pony club happen, including; sitting on the board, running stable management sessions, volunteering at fundraising events and work parties, making camps successful. We also bring in volunteer mentors to teach some stable management sessions. The Nelson and District Riding club and Sunshine Bay riding club generously wave the rental fee for the use their riding grounds for camps and stable management sessions.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.