

Organization **Kootenay Family Place**

Registration # 107576894RR0001

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Capacity Programming**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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
\$2,801.00				\$2,001.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$15,203.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$20,005.00

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

1. The project will provide:

Project: Community Capacity Programming

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues that will be addressed are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Circle of Indigenous Nations Society
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February 14, 2024

Dear ReDi Grant Committees:

As Executive Director of the Circle of Indigenous Nations (COINS), I am happy to write in support of Kootenay Family Place engaging families through three 8-week initiatives in the 24/25 year.

COINS and KFP have worked together on many projects over the years and I am confident in their ability to offer safe, quality programming to families.

The My Tween and Me and Motherwise programs are highly effective in addressing the many issues that come along with raising tweens, and in coping with post-partum depression or emotional changes in new mothers. These programs give families very valuable tools in their parenting journeys.

During the summer months, many free community programs close, leaving vulnerable families at loose ends. Having summer camps at no cost will fill a much needed gap and provide a lot of fun and connection to children and families.

Please consider funding these three initiatives that Kootenay Family Place is prepared to provide to families in your area.

Lim Limpt (thank you),

Kris Salikin,MSW
Executive Director



Resources for Professionals

Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMADs) are not a new experience, but it is only in recent years that awareness, understanding, and treatment have become more common. Increasing numbers in the medical and mental health professions are recognizing the disorder, educating themselves about it, treating it, and referring women who are at risk to other professionals and/or programs that directly address the needs of their patients. We are honored to work alongside providers in Lake County to support all perinatal moms.

Making Referrals to Mother-Wise

Mother-Wise is a **community resource** whose goal is to provide information and support to expectant and new moms. Untreated perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, including postpartum depression, can have long-lasting effects on the mother, father, baby and other children in the family if left undiagnosed and untreated.

Mother-Wise exists to support all pregnant women and new moms in Lake County; to provide support to women in an effort to prevent postpartum depression, and when not prevented, to help lessen its effects on mom and the family. **The best time for a mom to become involved with Mother-Wise is during her pregnancy** so we can all get to know each other before her life gets more hectic. However, referrals are welcome at any time within the perinatal period.

[Submit a Referral](#)



Screening for Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders



Education + Training

Provider Spotlight: MotherWise Builds community connection

Select Language



May 10, 2021: For Mental Health Awareness Month, we're spotlighting providers and advocates who are making a difference in our communities. We spoke to Jessica Purcel, Director of Programs and Community Outreach at [Thriving Families](#), to learn about their unique approach supporting maternal mental health. MotherWise is a community partner of [Tough as a Mother](#), an initiative of OBH.



What is MotherWise?

MotherWise is the flagship program of our organization, Thriving Families. It's a healthy relationships program, and the mission is to empower women and their families to thrive. The program includes group-based workshops, where women can consider skills and tools, like how to manage family problems, resolve conflict together and improve communication, and receive one-on-one coaching. We enroll women who are pregnant or postpartum, and we also recently expanded the program to teen moms with children of any age. We're not county-specific, so we're able to serve all of metro Denver.

How do you support participants' mental health needs?

We saw a gap in mental health services for the families we serve, especially for those who are undocumented. About a third of the women that we enroll are monolingual Spanish speakers. We were seeing increased rates of postpartum depression or anxiety, and unfortunately, a lot of the women that we work with have experienced trauma. Thriving Families decided to start the Wise Wellness program, which offers therapy services in English and Spanish available to individuals, couples, families with no set amount of sessions. It's such a great opportunity to remove those barriers to access, especially for the Spanish-speaking community. These services have really grown during COVID. We've seen an increased need across the board.

We also launched a new program during the pandemic called La Luz. It's about preventing postpartum depression. La Luz is group-based workshops for women after their baby is born, and it's an opportunity for her to connect again if she went through the MotherWise program when she was pregnant. There's a new set of issues when she's postpartum—plus there's isolation and feelings of loneliness. La Luz really came about in response to wanting to foster additional connections in a mental health environment.



BROWSE BY:

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RESOURCES

PROGRAMS

My Tween and Me

Building self-esteem in pre-teens, strengthening confidence in parents.

My Tween and Me is a facilitated group program that provides parents and their tweens with the knowledge, tools and support they need during the child's transition to adolescence. Offered to parents/caregivers and their children aged 7 through 12, the program strengthens parent-child communication and supports parents in building a positive relationship with their tween.

My Tween and Me helps develop parents' confidence and ability to positively influence and support their children. Through eight group sessions, MTM provides interactive learning opportunities that:

- Enhance knowledge of tween growth and development
- Build effective communication skills for both parents and tweens
- Promote positive youth development
- Foster strong family and community relationships

My Tween and Me uses the most up-to-date research and evidence-based parenting information to address the critical areas of tween relationships and development: home and family; school and friends; community; and the wider world of media and technology.

[Maria Morisseau](#) is the My Tween and Me Program coordinator, and is responsible for supporting community programming and inquiries.

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 **Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society**

Registration # S0008273

112 Heritage Way, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Borshch Cook-off**

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

The project will be held at the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, which is located at 112 Heritage Way in Castlegar, British Columbia. Borshch stations for twelve to fifteen cooks will be set-up within the DDC's courtyard. Due to the increasing number of attendees at the Cook-off, portable toilets and handwashing stations will be set-up around the museum's perimeters. The entire museum will be open through donation during the day of the event to encourage everyone to explore our grounds and displays.

Importance to the community:

The Borshch Cook-off is an important community event because it is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity. It has grown awareness of our region's diversity around the province. Last year, CBC Radio Kelowna interviewed DDC staff about the Cook-off, leading to several guests making a trip from Kelowna to taste and learn about borshch. For many participating cooks, borshch is a part of their family histories. It allows local cooks to reconnect with their heritage and their relatives, who help in the borshch making process, while giving them an opportunity to share their borshch making stories with friends and visitors at the event. It also supports local businesses and artists, as several supplies are purchased from local craftspeople and businesses. The Cook-off celebrates and grows awareness of our region's diversity, allows individuals to connect with their heritage and feel a sense of belonging, and supports local businesses and craftspeople.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/21/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

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
				\$1,759.84
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,759.84				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$7,019.68

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,019.68	\$10,891.68	\$10,891.68

1. The project will provide:

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) is seeking funding to support the 2024 Borshch Cook-off. The DDC's Borshch Cook-off features twelve to fifteen cooks from around the Kootenay and Boundary regions. Each cook is required to prepare and bring three gallons of borshch from their home to serve to our judges and visitors who attend the event. The event runs from 10am to 1pm, with the judging component taking place from 10am to 11am and the public segment running from 11am to 1pm. The Borshch Cook-off is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity in the West Kootenays. The event brings together over 300 people from around the province. Everyone who attends the Cook-off can experience and taste numerous varieties of borshch, while learning about the Doukhobors' history, local heritage, as well as Eastern European foodways. The Cook-off seeks to bring people together through a cultural food celebration as foodways promote cross-cultural understanding and often connect us to specific places, to our families and to our own heritage. With support from the KDHS Board of Directors, the event is organized primarily by the DDC's Museum Director and Office Manager, who are responsible for coordinating volunteers, purchasing all necessary supplies, and helping all cooks and judges register for the event.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society (KDHS) and the Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) exist to preserve and promote the historic cultural heritage of the Doukhobor peoples.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Borshch Cook-off is an important community event because it is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity. It has grown awareness of our region's diversity around the province. Last year, CBC Radio Kelowna interviewed DDC staff about the Cook-off, leading to several guests making a trip from Kelowna to taste and learn about borshch. For many participating cooks, borshch is a part of their family histories. It allows local cooks to reconnect with their heritage and their relatives, who help in the borshch making process, while giving them an opportunity to share their borshch making stories with friends and visitors at the event. It also supports local businesses and artists, as several supplies are purchased from local craftspeople and businesses. The Cook-off celebrates and grows awareness of our region's diversity, allows individuals to connect with their heritage and feel a sense of belonging, and supports local businesses and craftspeople.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The 2024 Borshch Cook-off will be the fourth time in which the DDC has hosted this exciting event. We have made considerable improvements to the Cook-off every year. After each event, we have asked cooks, judges, and volunteers about the ways we can improve the Cook-off. This feedback has been central to our yearly improvements and have mitigated the challenges we encountered within the first couple years of hosting the event. In particular, portion control and having enough borshch available for the duration of the event was a challenge we encountered during our first Cook-off. Since then, we have introduced a standardized serving size, increased the amount of borshch that the cooks are required to bring from home, and implemented a ticket system so that each visitor can receive one serving of borshch from each cook. We plan to maintain this feedback system to continuously improve the Cook-off experience.

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

Project: 2024 Borshch Cook-off

The DDC is best suited to deliver the Borshch Cook-off because it furthers our mandate of preserving and promoting Doukhobor heritage and cultural diversity and because we have the space to host over 300 people at the museum. Borshch is a prominent soup throughout the Kootenays due to the Doukhobors' presence in the region. As our museum stands as a replicated Doukhobor village, the Cook-off provides a unique visitor experience that allows people to taste different varieties of borshch within a village setting. We have also included more educational features, such as historical borshch facts and documentary films from which the public can learn about the unique and complex history of borshch. The DDC is an ideal location for the event because we have the capacity to comfortably welcome 300 to 400 people within our museum's courtyard and enough space to disperse portable toilets and wash stations on our grounds.

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

The DDC's Museum Director and Office Manager are responsible for planning and leading the Borshch Cook-off. The staff receives planning and event support from the KDHS Board of Directors and volunteers from our organization. This will be the third consecutive year in which the current Museum Director and Office Manager have planned and led the Borshch Cook-off. The experience gained in past years has provided the Museum Director and Office Manager with valuable insights that have helped us mitigate any challenges around the Cook-off.

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

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre will seek in-kind contributions to support the 2024 Borshch Cook-off from several local businesses. Our in-kind contribution list from last year's event is featured below:

2023 First Place Prize: Gift Basket from Slocan Valley Co-op (\$100 value)

2023 Second Place Prize: Gift Card to Humble Bean Coffee Shop (\$50 value)

2023 Third Place Prize: Gift Card to Common Grounds Coffee Shop (\$40 value)

2023 People's Choice Award: Gift Basket from the Gift Box (\$50 value)

Bread and cheese donations from Castlegar Safeway and Kootenay Market (\$50 contribution per store)

Gift Cards provided by Kootenay Market for each cook (\$300-\$375 total value)

Small participant package provided by the Doukhobor Discovery Centre for each cook and each judge (\$200 total value)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Your Sales Rep: SIMO ABDALI
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Mr. Dutchak,

Your Personalized Sales Quote

Sales Quote Number: Q211994199
Current Date-Time: 2024-02-15 14:29:23
Account Number: 45025345

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Doukhobor Discovery Centre Mr. Ryan Dutchak 112 heritage way Castlegar, BC V1N 4M5 (250) 365-5327	Doukhobor Discovery Centre Mrs. Elizabeth Van Noort 112 heritage way Castlegar, BC V1N 4M5

Your Quoted Pricing

QTY	Item Description	Item#	Your Price	List Price	Amount
360	16 Oz. Stir'N Sip Mug Black	VBTLPO3	\$4.48	\$4.48	\$1,612.80
1	SETUP CHARGE	04SETEV1	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
1080	ADDL COLOR RUN CHARGE	04PCPEV5	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$540.00
3	ADDL COLOR SET UP CHARGE	04PCLEV2	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$165.00
Merchandise Total					\$1,612.80
Imprint & Set-up Charge					\$760.00
Shipping and Handling					\$102.16
Tax					\$297.00
Order Total					\$2,771.96

Estimated Ship Date: 2024-03-15

*Est'd Ship Date is based on current Product Availability & is subject to change in the future.

Quote Status: **Sales Quote**



This Quote is valid until 2024-02-25



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SHIP TO:
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CUSTOMER #:
BILLING TEL:
SITE TEL:
SALESMAN: KIM COLENZO
CUSTOMER PO: BORSCH COOK-OFF

DELIVERY AND PICKUP **GST #: R105407738 (*=GST EXEMPT)**

TERMS: NET 30

RENTAL#	QTY	DESCRIPTION	EXTENDED AMT
PT01-01	3.00	PORTABLE TOILET	\$135.00
		DAILY: \$45.00 WEEKLY: \$45.00 MONTHLY: \$95.00	
		DATE OUT: OCT 01/24 11:28AM DATE DUE: OCT 08/24 11:28AM	
		RENTAL PERIOD: 1 WEEK(S)	
PT01-200	2.00	WASH STATION	\$100.00
		DAILY: \$50.00 WEEKLY: \$50.00 MONTHLY: \$200.00	
		DATE OUT: OCT 01/24 11:28AM DATE DUE: OCT 08/24 11:28AM	
		RENTAL PERIOD: 1 WEEK(S)	

SUBTOTAL RENTALS: \$235.00

SERVICES#	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
2	1.00	TOILET DELIVERY/ PU	\$98.00	\$98.00
2	1.00	TOILET DELIVERY/ PU	\$98.00	\$98.00
18	3.00	TOILET PUMP - RETURN	\$55.00	\$165.00
44	2.00	WASH STATION SERVICE	\$55.00	\$110.00

SUBTOTAL SERVICES: \$471.00

TAXES	TAXABLE	AMOUNT
G.S.T.	\$706.00	\$35.30
P.S.T.	\$431.00	\$30.17

SUBTOTAL TAXES: \$65.47

DAMAGE WAIVER HAS BEEN DECLINED

GRAND TOTAL: \$771.47

I, the undersigned renter, specifically acknowledge that I have received and understand the instructions regarding the use and operation of the rented equipment.
 Renter further acknowledges that he has read and fully understands the within rental equipment contract and agrees to be bound by all of the terms, conditions and provisions hereof. Renter acknowledges that he has received a true and correct copy of this agreement at the time of execution hereof.

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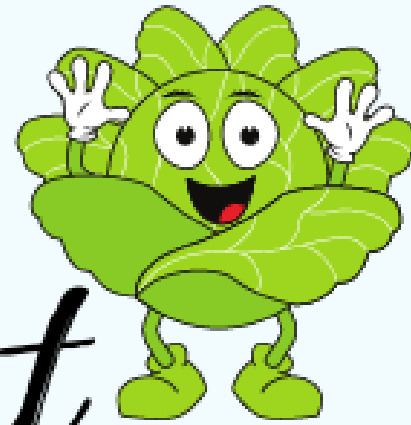
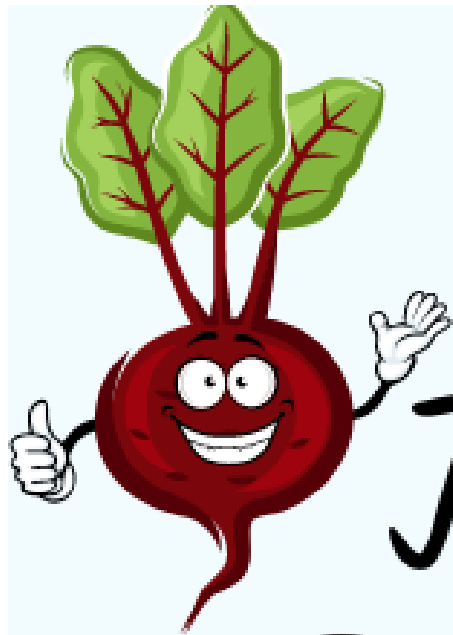
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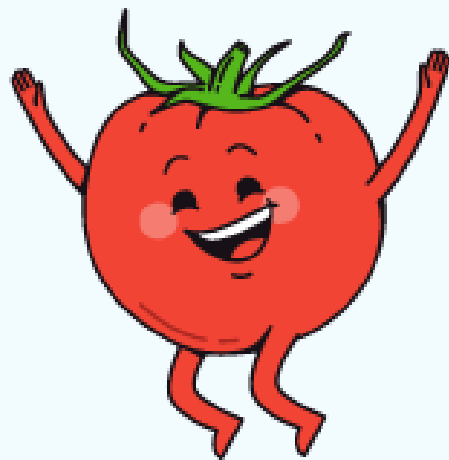
Borshch Cook Off 2024 Marketing Content

Social Media	
Robust social media promotion prior to event <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New 2024 judge interview Reels- Editing of 2023 event live footage for promotional video- Connecting with the West Kootenay Arts Council for event promotion- 5-7 social media posts total, consisting of 3-5 Reels and 2-3 static posts <p>(Promotions would begin starting one month prior to the event)</p>	\$1,000
Live event coverage for live social media stories and/or posts	\$600
Post-event recap videos (2-3 Reels)	\$600
	Subtotal: \$2,200

Total: \$2,200



The Great
BORSHCH



Cook off

**DOUKHOBOR DISCOVERY
CENTRE**

Organization **Living Lakes Canada Society**

Registration # 727136327RR0001

#202A, 330 Baker Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4H5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K

Monitoring sites have been established across the RDCK on Ktunaxa, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations territories.

The network has been designed to include a diverse range of watershed types. Monitoring carried out at each site can be used to infer conditions of other watersheds with similar characteristics, allowing the knowledge generated to improve understanding of all RDCK watersheds.

Many smaller community-based water stewardship groups also operate in this region - this project aims to complement and support their efforts. LLC would prefer not to receive funds from this program at the expense of applications for local/ Indigenous-led water stewardship initiatives.

Importance to the community:

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

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

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

Project: Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation

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

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

1. The project will provide:

Living Lakes Canada has developed an innovative methodology to gather the data and information necessary to build climate resilience in the Columbia Basin. We are implementing a coordinated water monitoring network that reflects local priorities while also addressing scientific data gaps.

In 2022, we implemented this approach in the RDCK within the Mid Columbia-Kootenay region. In 2023 we expanded to the Lower Columbia-Kootenay region (map attached). Activities for 2024 will include monitoring of stream flow; water temperature; climate; high elevation ecosystems; groundwater, wetland and lake level; water quality and biodiversity at 67 locations across the RDCK.

To support local capacity building and youth engagement in water monitoring and stewardship, we offer community workshops and training on water monitoring protocols, volunteer opportunities, internships and employment opportunities.

The monitoring network is responding to the recognized need for critical long-term data to support community and ecosystem resilience in the face of climate disruption. The improved knowledge of our watersheds will support local climate adaptation and water stewardship initiatives.

2. Organization Mandate:

Living Lakes Canada (LLC) facilitates collaboration in education, monitoring, restoration and policy development initiatives for the long-term protection of lakes, rivers, wetlands and watersheds in Canada. Our mandate is to help Canadians understand, adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change to water quality and quantity, biodiversity and healthy human communities through grassroots water stewardship activities. Living Lakes Canada bridges the gap between science and action to foster and normalize citizen-based water stewardship.

LLC serves to address the climate crisis as it relates to people across Canada. Our work encompasses water protection, restoration, and health. We build capacity through community-based water monitoring to help address climate impacts. We promote and facilitate cross-sector collaboration and research to increase water literacy and support progressive decision-making for improved water stewardship. Our successful leadership and stewardship templates have supported the creation of many other grassroots water stewardship groups. LLC has received multiple water stewardship awards and has been recognized by the federal government as a "best practices" example in community-based ecological monitoring in Canada.

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Our internal support functions assist our core programs and are currently managing an annual budget of \$4,344,098 including projects across Canada.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Climate impacts are resulting in extreme temperature and precipitation, flooding, fire events and diminishing glaciers. Existing water monitoring networks are insufficient to track and understand these impacts. Therefore, decision makers and community members do not have access to the information required to improve community climate resilience.

These data gaps have been identified in a series of reports from the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC) and Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) dating back to 2006. These reports highlighted the need for increased water data to help communities understand climate impacts and adapt.

Specific local issues and opportunities were identified through extensive consultation with the communities in 2022 and 2023 through online surveys and meetings, in-person community meetings and direct conversations. All levels of government, First Nations, local stewardship groups and the private sector were involved in community consultation which informed LLC's monitoring site selection.

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

Living Lakes Canada has been leading the development and implementation of this project since its beginnings in 2017. Results to date, supported by the RDCK ReDi Grants in 2023, are detailed in the attachments to this application.

Our team is composed of 17 qualified full-time employees who bring a wealth of experience facilitating water monitoring and stewardship projects, with seasonal and part-time staff retained as needed. We have contracted the appropriate hydrology professionals to provide scientific guidance and oversight. Additionally, we are connected to a network of industry leaders and professionals who provide in-kind advisory support to our staff.

As this is a large-scale project, we are enhancing our capacity by working with local consultants, stewardship groups and community members to implement the monitoring.

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

The project is led by Living Lakes Canada and will be implemented by our staff, primarily based in Nelson. Summer students will be employed, providing job experience opportunities for local youth. Local consultants are also employed to support the operation of monitoring stations and provide technical oversight. Where possible,

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

LCK LRG Demographic Breakdown

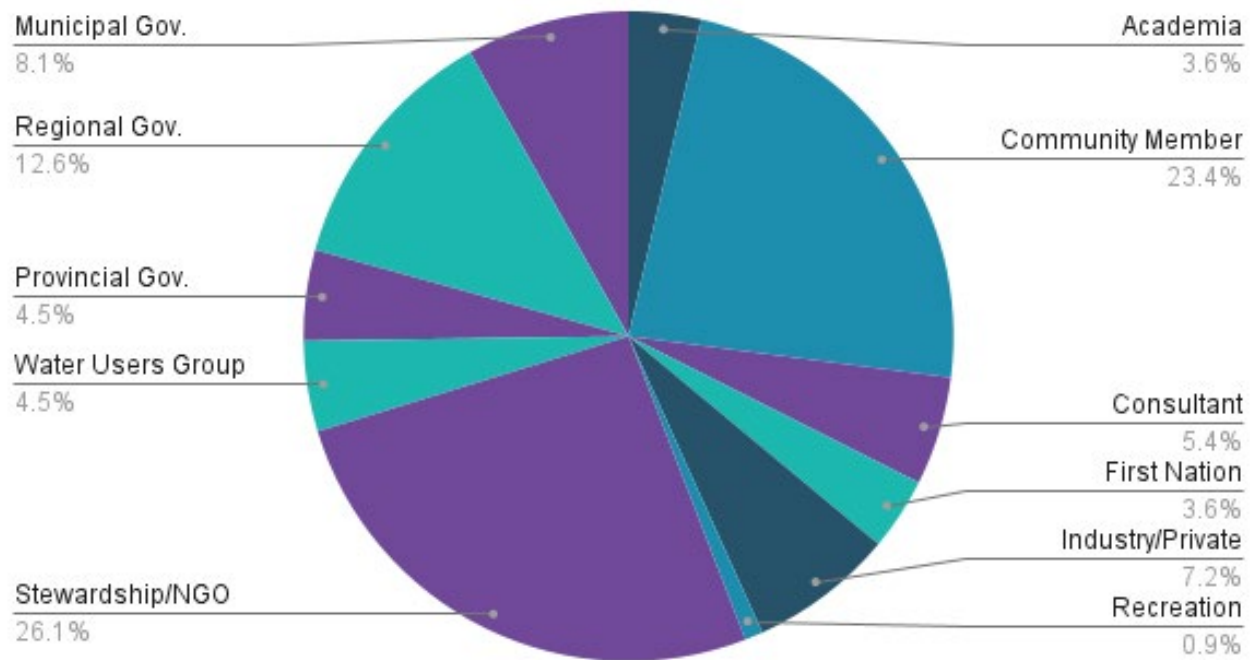


Figure 1: Participation in the Lower Columbia-Kootenay LRG across sectors and demographics.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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

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

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

Climate Change and Water Questions & Concerns by Theme

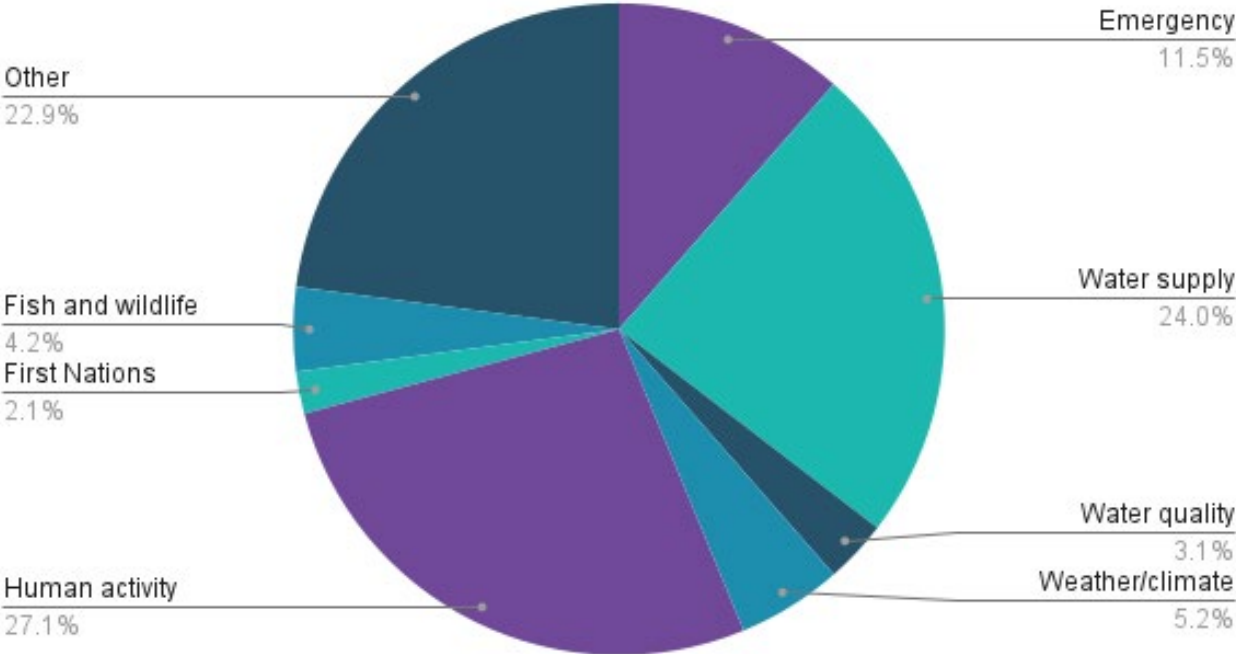


Figure 2: Themes of community concerns and questions from the in-person meetings.

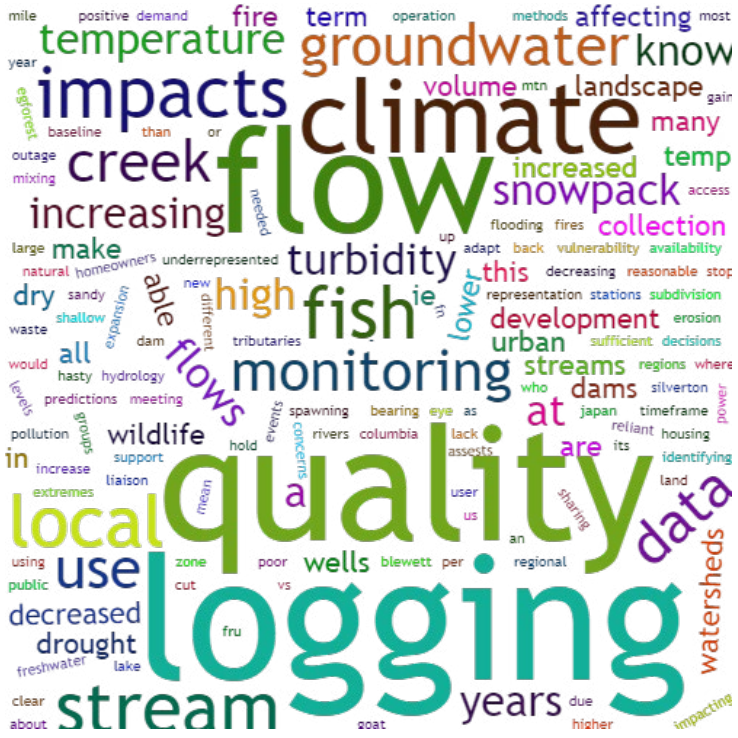


Figure 3: Word cloud of keywords from the climate and water supply questions activity at the in-person LRG meetings. Words mentioned more frequently appear in a larger size.

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

December 17th, 2023

Re: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

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

Sincerely,



John Wittmayer

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RE: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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



MEMO

DATE: September 22, 2023

TO: Mid-Columbia Kootenay Local Reference Group

FROM: Living Lakes Canada

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

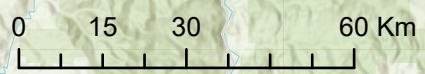
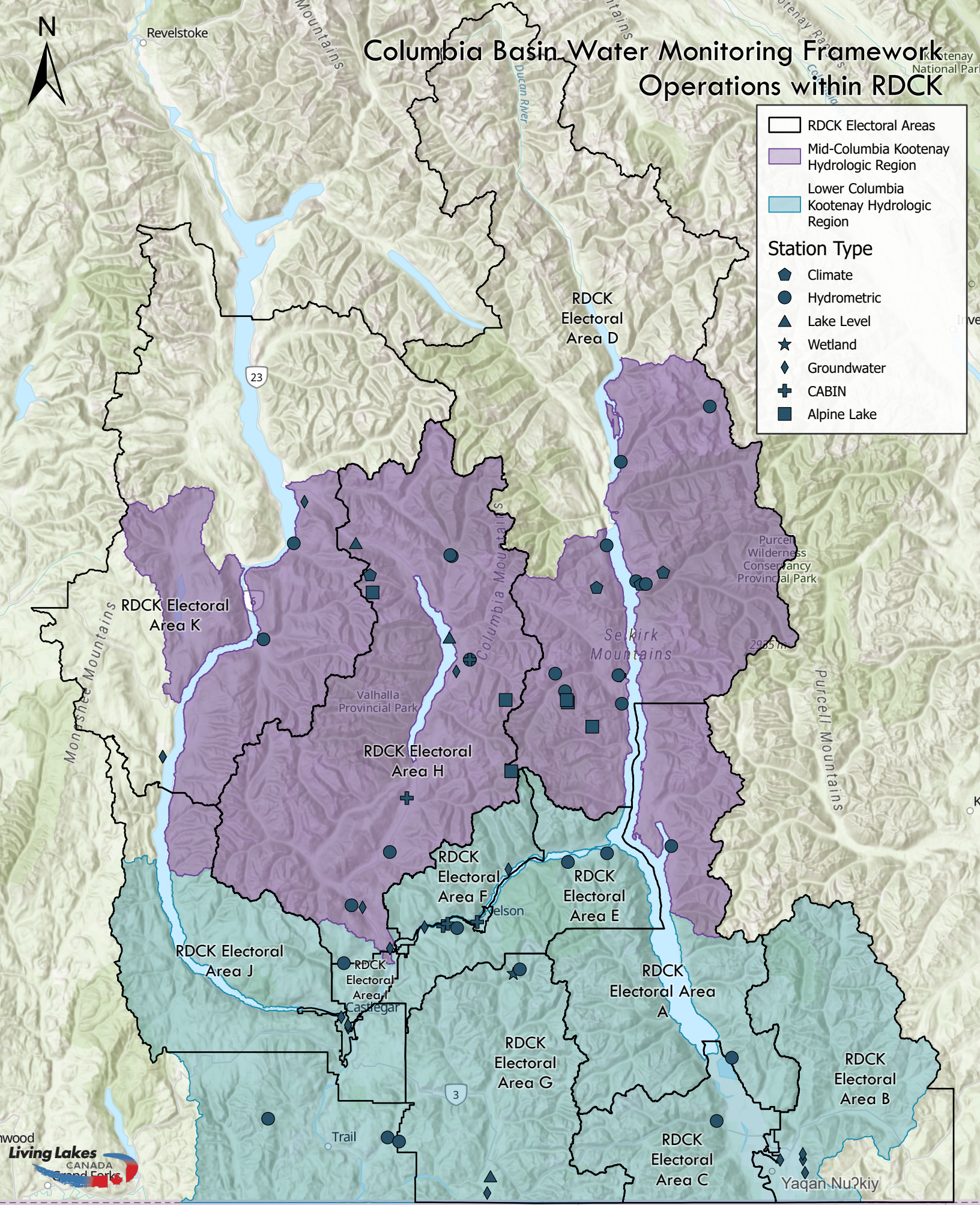
To learn more about the CBWMF, visit www.livinglakescanada.ca/cbwmf.

Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

Operations within RDCK



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



Organization **Kootenay Wellness Foundation**

Registration # XS0078058

514 Vernon Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Yoga Festival**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In-Kind Donations

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

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

Autonomous Sinixt

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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 **Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association**

Registration # S-0061546

1758 Winter Rd, Castlegar BC V1N 4S6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pass Creek Community Activities 2024-2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

Project activities will all take place at the Pass Creek Hall located at 1989 Pass Creek Road. The building is owned and managed by the Pass Creek Hall Society, which is run by long-standing community members of Doukhobour families. The hall has two floors, one kitchen, accessible bathrooms and entrances. This location is one, if not the only, venue that the neighbourhood of Pass Creek can easily access, and has enough space for larger groups of people to meet communally (120 occupancy on the main floor).

Importance to the community:

This project is integral to the community because firstly, there is no other formal community organization located in Pass Creek to run community activities. Without the PCNA, Pass Creek residents wouldn't have any close centre or location to congregate, meet new neighbours or learn new skills. The PCNA feels it is important to provide these people with a close place that can bring comfort, belonging, and opportunities for skill building and entertainment. Secondly, this project is integral because of the opportunities it provides. Having a hall close-by that regularly brings residents together provides opportunities to strengthen family bonds through family activities, there are opportunities to attain resources and information about the area and it also provides a place for families to connect with other families.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$6,000.00
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
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,000.00

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

1. The project will provide:

The PCNA is requesting \$6000 in funds to run our project which will entail 1 year of communities activities for electoral area I, pass creek and surrounding area residents. The PCNA was created and run by volunteers of the Pass Creek community. Events are low to no cost and open for anyone to participate. All activities are located at the PC Hall. Activities for the year will be:

- yoga 2x week
- karate 2x week
- Spring garage sale and BBQ
- Homesteading workshops
- Seasonal Potlucks
- Bear Aware/fire proofing your homestead

Activities are achieved through the work of our volunteer board. Membership and being on the board is open to everyone. We normally meet every 6-8 weeks. The grant supports the rental of the hall which is integral as there is limited locations for activities in the creek. All costs for activities mentioned are donated or supplemental grants are applied for.

2. Organization Mandate:

The PCNA is run by community members of pass creek. We embrace the diversity in our neighbourhood and aim to join as many households for neighbourhood programming and events to improve the wellbeing of individuals and build positive healthy community relationships.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is integral to the community because firstly, there is no other formal community organization located in Pass Creek to run community activities. Without the PCNA, Pass Creek residents wouldn't have any close centre or location to congregate, meet new neighbours or learn new skills. The PCNA feels it is important to provide these people with a close place that can bring comfort, belonging, and opportunities for skill building and entertainment. Secondly, this project is integral because of the opportunities it provides. Having a hall close-by that regularly brings residents together provides opportunities to strengthen family bonds through family activities, there are opportunities to attain resources and information about the area and it also provides a place for families to connect with other families.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The overall goal of all activities is to develop the community. Events and activities also work to combat social isolation, helps to build people's personal confidence and facilitate relationship-building between neighbours. There will be opportunities to build skills and increase diversity by bringing more people together. The PCNA welcomes community members to share their unique interests and talents by holding their own workshops at the hall. PCNA members support and help facilitate any residents desire to hold a session by helping plan, set-up, implement and tear down their presentations/activities. At all events the PCNA asks for feedback and every two years the PCNA delivers a survey to local residents for input on current programming and for new ideas. Community needs and interests are identified through this way and additionally through surveys distributed at events. All feedback is collected and reviewed by members to improve for next year.

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

The PCNA is best suited and has the capacity to deliver this project because our members have history here, determination and lastly, the time to commit to the activities. The PCNA is made up of Pass Creek residents and our homes are spread throughout the whole area of the community. The PCNA members represent diversity from having elderly and younger members, and from heritages all across Canada. Some members have been in the organization for four years so they have the historical perspective on the life of the organization. The PCNA also has the capacity to deliver this project as many of the members are retired and have more free time to devote to planning activities.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

For the most part, residents from the community (some may be from area outside Electoral area I) will be the ones actually implementing the activities as most project activities are information and/or instructor-led workshops geared to teach people about a specific subject, like Sauerkraut making. Other larger events, a congregation of community residents coming together to play music, sell crafts and eat food. PCNA members will be working behind the scenes and largely be responsible for all the planning and development of activities before they actually take place.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer time and small contributions to events from community members - for example, extra tables and chairs, food for potlucks, promotion in the local news.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society**

Registration # 1979294106

120 Heritage Way, Castlegar BC V1N 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Relocation Administration Support**

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

The project will largely take place in Castlegar at the Kootenay Gallery of Art though some travel may be required for additional research for gallery design and layout.

Importance to the community:

Ultimately, our goal is to relocate to the downtown city core with the final result being centrally located in a highly visible and easily accessible area

to increase public access to arts and culture within our city, our region, and beyond. It is understood our relocation will be an economic driver to support the community--inspiring potential new business growth, supporting local tourism, and exposure to arts and culture within our region; as well as, increase our overall attendance and revenue. It is believed access to a vibrant arts community combined with other recreational offerings will support the recruitment of new people to our city and region thereby supporting the local business/industry recruitment process. Overall, individuals and businesses in our community will benefit from our relocation project.

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

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
\$2,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$8,492.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,492.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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\$12,492.00	\$35,144.00	\$35,144.00
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1. The project will provide:

The Gallery continues to regularly work towards relocating the Gallery from it's current rural location to the downtown core within the City of Castlegar. The central location will provide several opportunities: 1) increase community participation - easier access for the general public to arts and culture within the community; 2) Accessibility - within walking distances and/or on the bus routes, close to public schools, easier access for wheel chairs, etc. 3) assist and support the downtown revitalization programs. 4) increase our overall space for exhibits, gift shop, etc. With the additional space we will be able to provide additional arts/culture programming and performances.

This project will assist us with the transition and allow us to continue the project momentum through administrative support in research and development, planning, liaising with stakeholders, and assisting with project management. Administrative attention to details will be directed through the organization/attendance of weekly (sometimes 2X weekly) relocation meetings - in person & online meetings with partners, committees, planning advisors, stakeholders, architects, consultants, grant writers; minute taking; reporting and record-keeping; developing/creating content for collateral materials for community engagement, etc.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Kootenay gallery of Art, History and Science society is a not-for-profit public art gallery and a registered charitable organization. The Gallery is dedicated to presenting contemporary art exhibitions, providing art education programs and experiences for people of all ages.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Ultimately, our goal is to relocate to the downtown city core with the final result being centrally located in a highly visible and easily accessible area to increase public access to arts and culture within our city, our region, and beyond. It is understood our relocation will be an economic driver to support the community--inspiring potential new business growth, supporting local tourism, and exposure to arts and culture within our region; as well as, increase our overall attendance and revenue. It is believed access to a vibrant arts community combined with other recreational offerings will support the recruitment of new people to our city and region thereby supporting the local business/industry recruitment process. Overall, individuals and businesses in our community will benefit from our relocation project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Currently, our building size is inadequate for our needs. As well, the current location is outside of the city and local bus routes, making it difficult to access without a vehicle. The new space will be close to triple the amount of floor/wall space we have. This will allow us the opportunity to support community program which has been identified as part our mandate and to bring in exhibits of various sizes. It will also provide easier access for the community to arts and cultural opportunities. We also project a significant increase in our giftshop sales thereby providing increased revenue for us and also for the many artists who show/sell their work at the gallery.

These needs and/or opportunities have been identified through strategic planning and also through community engagement - surveys and interviews, etc.

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

Project: Relocation Administration Support

The Kootenay Gallery has over 40 years of experience in the successful delivery of organizing exhibitions and arts programming within this community and surrounding region. We have a record of completing projects, detailed recordkeeping, providing final reports and supporting the arts and culture within this area and service industry. Our staff and relocation committee members possess the necessary business, project management and technical skills to ensure this project is competently and efficiently carried out to completion.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The relocation project will be implemented by the Kootenay Gallery Executive Director, the Gallery's Curator, and the Administrative Assistant as they work with the Gallery's Relocation Committee and various other community partners and stakeholders.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-kind support contributions will also include:

Relocation committee volunteers - est. 3 people X 3 hrs/wk X 50 wks = 450 hrs in-kind (we expect volunteer committee work to increase over and above the state amount.)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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 volunteer time by the board of directors to run the club; 6 hours unpaid time for coaches for planning and administration; 10 days annually by athlete parents for fundraising; 8 hours annually by swimmers for fundraising.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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 **Castlegar Snowmobile Association**

Registration # S0054497

Box 3366, Castlegar BC V1N 3N8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Parking Lot Improvements/Expansion**

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

The CSA has 3 different parking lots in Pass Creek that need work- 2 on the Goose Creek side and another on the Norns side.

Importance to the community:

The CSA has always strived to provide the best experience they can to all users and one of our biggest issues now is the quality of our parking lots. People arrive and leave from our parking lots and that is the start and end of their experience....needless to say, driving and walking in muddy areas does not leave a good impression. All users of our parking lot areas will appreciate the improvements.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/16/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$20,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$17,500.00				
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			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$55,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$55,000.00	\$75,137.24	\$75,137.24

1. The project will provide:

The project is to expand the existing parking lots, properly grade to help drainage, compact and topcoat with road crush. This will definitely improve the parking lots by allowing water to drain rather than pool-which creates a very muddy area. It will also help keep level and smooth for snowplowing, helping reduce damage to the vehicle.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Castlegar Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization that has been providing outdoor enthusiasts access to our local area. Through local funding, volunteers, community support, memberships and fundraising, the CSA has continued to grow for over 30 years. The CSA grooms and maintains multiple trails and warm-up cabins, plows parking lots and brushes roads during the off-season for the enjoyment of both locals and out of town visitors.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The CSA has always strived to provide the best experience they can to all users and one of our biggest issues now is the quality of our parking lots. People arrive and leave from our parking lots and that is the start and end of their experience....needless to say, driving and walking in muddy areas does not leave a good impression. All users of our parking lot areas will appreciate the improvements.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The parking lots have never been properly graded, compacted or surfaced with gravel. They are quite rough, don't drain properly and become quite muddy and rutted throughout the season. These issues make it hard to plow during the winter, creates a mess for the people using the parking lots and is hard on vehicles. We are also hoping to increase the size of the parking lots to help accommodate the increased usage.

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

The CSA has had a very good track record with all the projects that they have initiated and been involved with. We have had incredible community support through local government, businesses, volunteers and both members and visitors to our area. Once again, we will be relying on all of their combined efforts to complete this project.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will include volunteers from the CSA to help with organizing and project management, local contractors for supplying equipment and trucking and local businesses for materials.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Project management will be done by CSA volunteers

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

MARKIN INVESTMENTS LTD.

**Quote# 001
April 27, 2021**

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Quote to Party: Castlegar Snowmobile Association

Task: Reshape Parking lots with native fill to improve drainage and soil stabilization. Cap with 4" Road Crush on main traveled portion

Note: Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service. *Colin*

Cast Snowmobile Association

Description	Materials	labor	Equip
MOBE DEMOBE Lady Bird Park lot	0.00	135.00	1,420.00
Cut Fill Parkin Lot Native	1,560.94	1,350.00	7,105.00
3/4 Road Gravel, Crush	3,524.71	0.00	6,677.50
\$21,773.15 Lady Bird Park Lot			
MOBE DEMOB Goose Creek Park Lot	0.00	135.00	1,420.00
Cut Fill Parkin Lot Native	1,560.94	1,350.00	7,255.00
3/4 Road Gravel Crush	6,848.00	0.00	7,120.00
\$25,688.94 Goose Park Lot			
MOBE DEMOB Goose Creek Extra Park Lot	0.00	0.00	2,220.00
Stump, Strip and Excavate	0.00	2,250.00	17,855.00
3/4 Road Crush Gravel	2,517.65	0.00	2,832.50
27,675.15 Goose Extra Park Lot			
Sub-Totals	16,012.24	5,220.00	53,905.00

On behalf of CSA

Grand Total(w/PST)

75,137.24

Organization **Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**

Registration # 862502432RR0001

PO Box 46, Invermere BC V0A 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

The goals of the Wild Voices program include:

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

Project: Wild Voices for Kids in RDCK

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

February 9, 2023.

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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

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

With love and gratitude,

Jaclyn Dexter
Aboriginal Educator
School District 8, Kootenay Lake

What Teachers are saying

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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Organization **Blueberry Creek Community School Council**

Registration # 886243831RP0001
200 Centre Ave, Castlegar BC V1N 3B9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The play structure will be installed in the 3-5-year-old play space at the Blueberry Creek Community School site. This play area is used Mon-Friday year-round 8am-5.30pm by the early learning programs.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to BCCS and our community because we want to provide the best possible care and play opportunities for the children attending the childcare and early learning programs. We know that high quality play and recreational opportunities are essential components in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of young children. As well as the 54 children in the licensed 3-5 preschool and childcare spaces this area is utilized by local families and children in summer evenings and weekends when the childcare programs are not operational.

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

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
				\$537.71
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,500.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,800.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,837.71

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,837.71	\$23,652.86	\$23,652.86

Project: New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs

1. The project will provide:

BCCS plan to purchase and install a new play structure in the 3-5 IHA licensed play area. BCCS have sourced a high-quality structure that will provide increased play and gross motor opportunities for the children attending the BCCS preschool and the 2 childcare programs for 3-5-year-olds. The project will replace older, smaller, temporary plastic play structures, with the much-needed high quality, permanent play structure. The new structure includes 8 different Play Events including: Inclined Tube Bridge, Ship's Wheel, Bongos, Double Slide, Single Drum, Rain Wheel, Tic-Tac-Toe Panel, Finger Maze Panel.

2. Organization Mandate:

Blueberry Creek Community School Council seeks to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities as a means of building and celebrating community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to BCCS and our community because we want to provide the best possible care and play opportunities for the children attending the childcare and early learning programs. We know that high quality play and recreational opportunities are essential components in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of young children. As well as the 54 children in the licensed 3-5 preschool and childcare spaces this area is utilized by local families and children in summer evenings and weekends when the childcare programs are not operational.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In Sept 2023 in response to the increased demand for quality childcare in our community, BCCS amended our Childcare license to increase our 3-5 childcare spaces from twenty to thirty-six. Three groups now use this licensed play area (at different times), and the staff identified the need for a larger play structure with more play items to facilitate more gross motor opportunities and collaborative free play.

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

BCCS are most suited to deliver this project as the society owns the facility and are committed to maximizing the potential and capacity of the space for the community by investing in permanent capital projects that promote sustainability, such as this one.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will take place with the continued help of volunteers from Urban Systems, Nelson office as part of the Urban System Foundation.

This amazing group of urban development professionals have committed to work with BCCS staff and volunteers again to install the play structure and help with additional landscaping and shade structures etc. that may be required.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Through the Urban System Foundation, the Urban System Nelson Team have committed 10 staff for 8 hours of installation, as well as support for site and landscape development. Kalesnikoff have also offered to supply more

Project: New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs

woodchips (again) if we choose to use this option as a base for the structure, we are still working on that decision with the Urban systems team.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

RE: BCCS & Urban Systems Foundation Support

Ben Arnold <barnold@urbansystems.ca>

Fri 2024-02-16 10:46 AM

To:Rebecca McDonnell Blueberry Creek CS <bccshub@live.com>;bccsalanam@telus.net <bccsalanam@telus.net>

Hi Rebecca,

Thank you for your message. Yes, you can indicate on the grant application there is future volunteering support available from Urban Systems Nelson staff as Foundation volunteers. If more details are required, I would estimate we could organize about 10 volunteers for at least 8 hours.

Our current understanding of funding for the play structure includes: You/the school received a 15k grant from CBT, fundraised 2k, and got a 3k donation from Kalesnikoff Lumber. You're looking at play structures in the 20k range. It will be great to learn more about the budget and what required funds are remaining.

I've included local engineer colleague Dean in this email thread and am hoping we can all connect over a virtual call in the two-three weeks. I'll send a separate meeting invite shortly. Dean can help with technical guidance and cost considerations amongst other things. We should be able to help you get an additional 10k from the USL Foundation to contribute this project, which could help cover remaining costs related to transportation, installation, landscaping, or accessory park furniture like shade sails.

Kind regards,

Ben Arnold, GIS Technician (he/him)

Out of Office: Feb. 20th, Apr. 1st, Apr. 26th

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I respectfully acknowledge and am grateful for the opportunity to live and work in the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, the Sinixt, the Syilx Nations, and the home to the Métis and many diverse Indigenous persons.



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Quote Date: 10/16/2023

Expire Date: 11/15/2023

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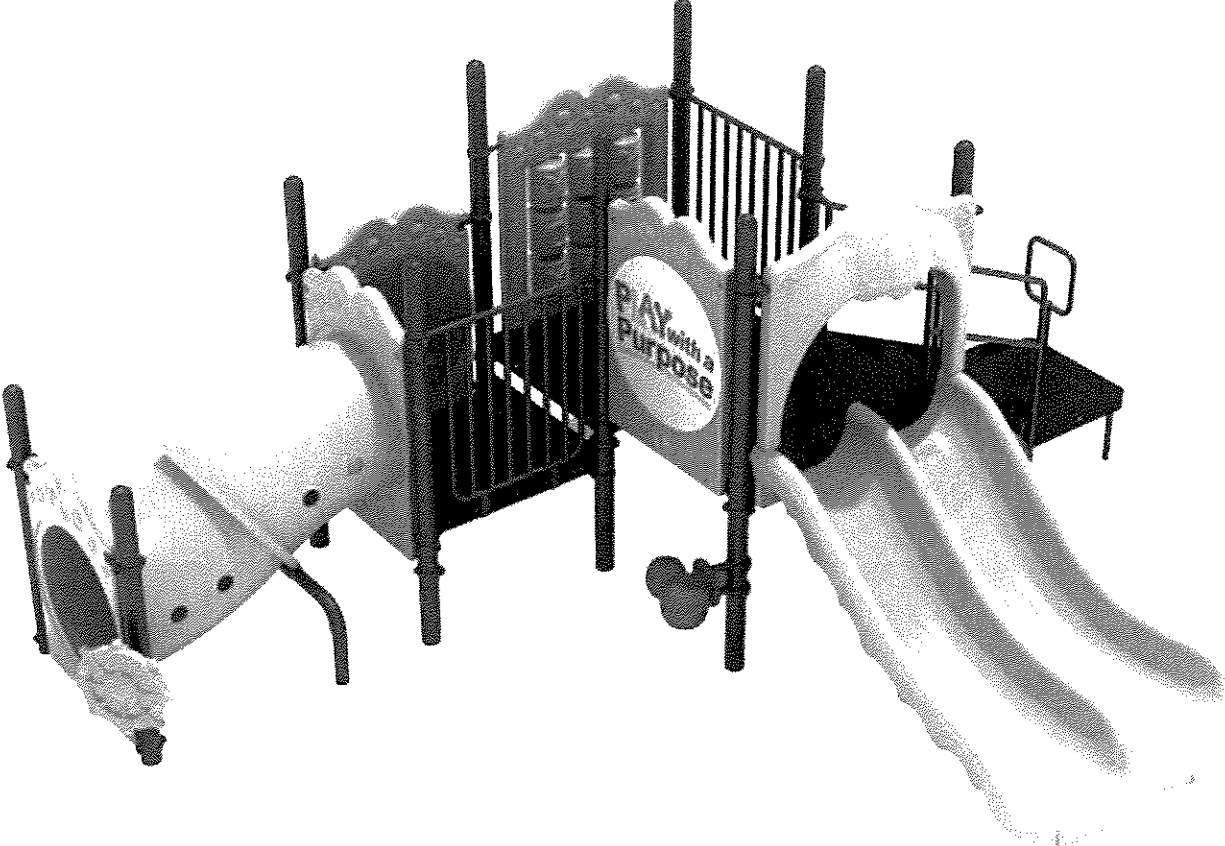
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Organization **Tarrys and District Community Hall Society**

Registration # S-0050911

P.O. Box 3000, Castlegar BC V1N 3L8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **To support cultural, recreational, social, health and wellness events at the Tarrys Community Hall by helping to offset rental and activity costs.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I
Tarrys and District Community Hall.

Importance to the community:

To build relationships amongst the diversity of new younger residents in the area - to build a stronger community!

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

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
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	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Project: To support cultural, recreational, social, health and wellness events at the Tarrys Community Hall by helping to offset rental and activity costs.

1. The project will provide:

Financially support community projects initiated by volunteers in the Tarrys Hall catchment area.

2. Organization Mandate:

To provide and maintain a community hall facility to be used for activities and programs which benefit the general public.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

To build relationships amongst the diversity of new younger residents in the area - to build a stronger community!

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues addressed: Lack of community events at the hall.

Opportunities: New residents voicing lack of community events and expressing desire to initiate various activities to build a stronger community base through personal interactions with neighbors.

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

Centrally located, fully functional venue (with commercial kitchen) and large area and field surrounding the hall for outdoor activities.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Board of Directors and volunteers in the community.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Residents who are willing to donate their time and skill in leading various activities - eg: yoga instructors, cooks

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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 **Shoreacres Neighbourhood Community Association**

Registration # S-0059950

2625 Shoreacres Road, Castlegar BC V1N 4P8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Bulletin Board Repair and Renewal**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I
Shoreacres, BC.

Importance to the community:

The bulletin board is commonly used by the community for communication for events, businesses, personal requests and opportunities, etc.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

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 \$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	\$600.00

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

1. The project will provide:

Project: Community Bulletin Board Repair and Renewal

Aid in the repair and revitalization of the community bulletin board at the entrance to Shoreacres through purchase of materials needed.

2. Organization Mandate:

The purposes of the society are:(a) The SNCA exists in Shoreacres,B.C. for the residents of Shoreacres,B.C.(b) To support the long-term health and vitality of the residents and community of Shoreacres: socially, physically, and environmentally.(c) To undertake activities as determined by the membership.(d) To acquire, by long term lease or purchase, suitable land with or without building(s) to be used for cultural,recreational, educational and other community activities

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The bulletin board is commonly used by the community for communication for events, businesses, personal requests and opportunities, etc.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The community bulletin board was recently damaged and is not usable.

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

SaNCA manages the bulletin boards.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The BOD of SaNCA will lead this project and provide volunteer labour, in association with others who may be engaged to support.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer Labour for all or some of the project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **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.

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Total estimated in-kind value= \$22 680

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



**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,

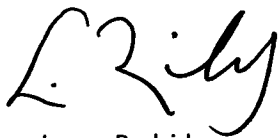
I am writing this letter in support of the Nelson Disc Golf Society's proposal for the expansion of the Highwater Disc Golf Course and area.

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

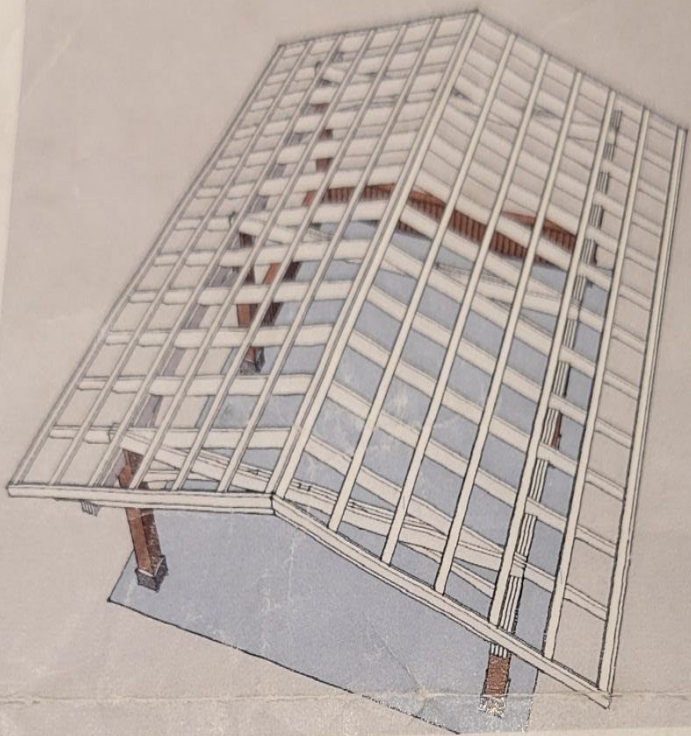
Classroom Teacher, Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Box 40 - 1092 Highway 6 Crescent Valley, BC

To Whom It May Concern,

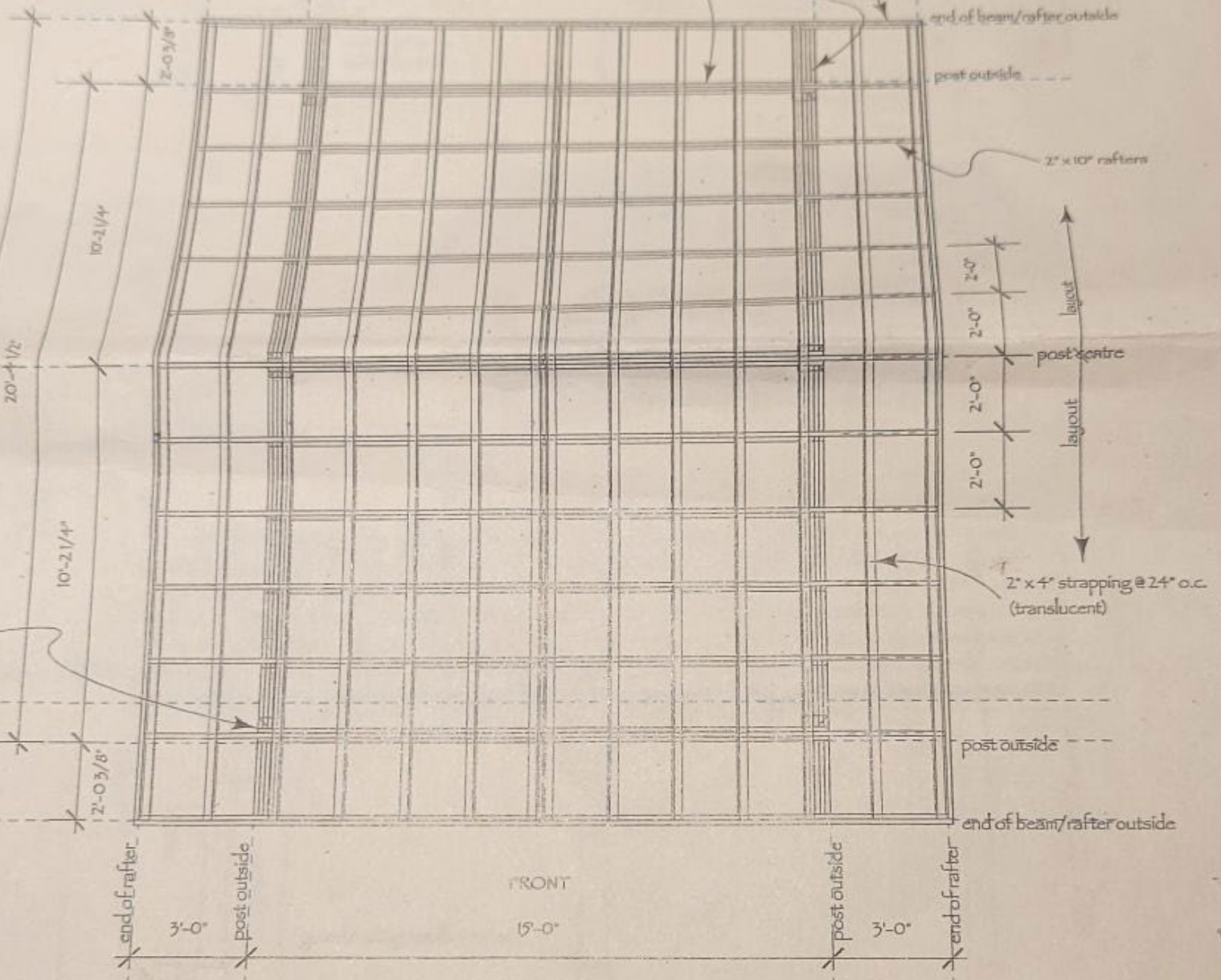
I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the enhancements to the Highwater Disc Golf Course Proposed by the Nelson Disc Golf Society. As a teacher working at Rosemont Elementary, I've been lucky enough to have access to the course at Art Gibbons, and have seen the positive ways that my students 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
		\$400.00	\$350.00	\$850.00
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
	\$1,817.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$3,417.00

Project: 2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special

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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:

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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

Project: 2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special

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

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Organization **Yahk Allied Horse Club**

Registration # 74563 8619 BC0001

PO Box 221, Yahk BC V0B 2P0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

We are setting up our location in the community of Yahk. We have confirmed that folks will come from all regions of the Kootenays & beyond, to use our facilities. We have support from local residents, offering their help to secure a property, as well as Government agencies researching available public lands. We have a prioritized list of properties in play and will have a location nailed down by end of this year, or sooner. The funds we are asking for are for equipment and supplies that can be easily stored, and moved to the location when we finalize it.

Importance to the community:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to & including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians, equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

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

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

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00

1. The project will provide:

We are setting up a unique equine facility to serve the Yahk area, the general Kootenay communities & beyond. Our board of directors are passionate, bona fide, equestrians pursuing various disciplines. It's widely known, the Kootenay winters stop most equestrian activities. Our LONG TERM goal is to create an equestrian facility including an INDOOR RIDING ARENA. Our SHORT TERM goal is to start by setting up an outdoor facility, including fencing, footing, and equipment for maintenance.

Our journey began last year & we have a healthy membership of new and renewed members.

We have supported ourselves so far with our memberships and fundraising, like bottle drives, donations, sponsorship, and hosting events like gymkhanas, trail rides, tack sales, print on demand merchandise, such as t-shirts, hats and mugs. This year, we have monthly events planned including several clinics & demonstrations. We have the support of the local and surrounding communities and we are working in alliance with other clubs to achieve our goals.

There is no PUBLIC indoor equestrian facility within a days drive from the Kootenays. We plan to change that.

Creating this year round PUBLIC facility will nurture a healthy lifestyle physically & mentally, as well as supporting the local communities commerce, and thereby creating a multilevel positive impact.

Let's get off the electronics and back to real living.

2. Organization Mandate:

PURPOSE OF YAHK ALLIED HORSE CLUB

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(a) to provide membership within a fun, friendly, educational, and supportive atmosphere to all equine enthusiasts no matter their age, level, ability, or discipline.

(b) to develop the art of good horsemanship and encourage the kindly and educated handling and care of the horse.

(c) to stimulate interest in and assist in the organization of horse shows, events, rides, and fundraisers.

(d) to promote all group activities of horse minded people.

(e) to aid in building a better youth in the Yahk area both physically and mentally.

(f) to purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire and hold lands or buildings or any interest therein FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A FACILITY for the riding, training, showing or exhibiting of horses and related events and to equip the same with the usual and necessary adjuncts.

(g) to receive, acquire, and hold gifts, donations, legacies, and devices

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to& including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians,

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equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Fact: There is a lack of accessibility to year-round/PUBLIC equestrian facilities. There is a documented increase in equestrian interest. Through years of being active riders, we have been a part of the traditional ebb and flow of pursuing equestrian activities. We ride hard in the training season, May-October, and then we sit during the down season, November-April. This interruption in the activity is hard on the riders & the horses, physically and mentally. We've done research by reading articles published by Horse Council BC, & other reliable sources, that indicate Equestrianism is on a steep rise, & we've done many public events that support these claims. An example: Yahk Christmas Craft Sale. Our table was visited by many, including an astonishing number of NON HORSEY people, interested in being a part of this wonderful world of equines. We hope to guide people to horses in a safe & educated way.

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

Our experience and networking are a huge plus. We have a large and varied 'Circle of Friends'. We have a good relationship of working together, with fellow clubs, such as Creston Valley Horse Club, East Kootenay Equestrian Association (who use Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds), Horse Association of Central Kootenay. We don't know of another entity with this goal of a facility featuring a PUBLIC indoor arena geared towards equestrian activities. We had a very successful season last year, our 1st year, which helped confirm we were going in the right direction, & we understand the process is going to take time. We are in it for the long haul.

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

We have a strong 5 member board, with support from the membership & local community of horse and non-horse folk who all agree this is a worthwhile cause. Most of the labor involved will be done by the many volunteers ready to get started. We have volunteers with skills, and equipment, to put together this outdoor facility as soon as the funding is in place.

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

Labor from volunteers
equipment rental from local residents
administrative duties done by the board of directors
in kind contributions from local businesses

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



September 18, 2023

Yahk Allied Horse Club
7960 Hwy 3
Yahk, BC V0B2P0

By Email: thebedazzledhorse@yahoo.com

Dear: Monika Currier

Funding provided for: Equestrian Facility

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Micah Nakonechny
Grants Coordinator

cc: Roger Tierney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Excerpt from the “The Sports Reviewer” Article

The Rise of Equestrianism: A Modern Phenomenon

Equestrianism as a Hobby and Lifestyle

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

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

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

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



Equestrianism in Popular Culture

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

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

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

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



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

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

The Benefits of Equestrianism

Physical and Mental Health Benefits

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

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



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

Bonding with Horses

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

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

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

Equestrianism as a Form of Therapy

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

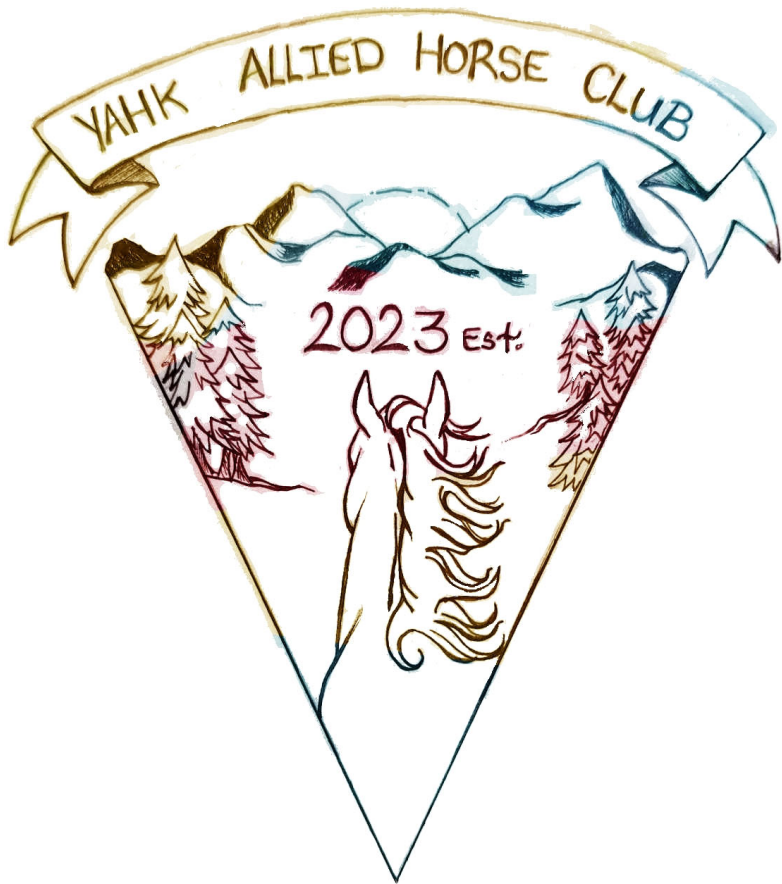


Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting can help individuals develop essential life skills. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can improve balance, coordination, and muscle strength. Furthermore, the non-judgmental nature of horses creates a safe and supportive environment, facilitating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

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

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

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



Brainstorming April 2023

These were the seedlings of our plan...

Why an arena in Yahk?

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

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

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

So many people interested in horses.

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

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

We have a good relationship with many entities.

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

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

Other uses

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

Things we need

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

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

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

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

Arena maintenance equipment: Tractor and arena drag

Generate Income

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

Advertising:

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

Sell Merchandise featuring our logo.

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

We also have a Facebook page and a Facebook group

Calendar of Events

March 26th : Tack Cleaning fundraiser

April 13th : Tack in Yahk Sale

May 4th: May the Horse be with You

June 8-9th : Equifusion/Barrel Clinic

July 20th : BBQ & Silent Auction

August 17th: Trail Ride

September 14th: Year end trail ride with lunch

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

Organization **SQx Danza**

Registration # 813604683RR0001

983 Kelly Drive, Castlegar BC V1N 4P5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Tidal Wave - Year 2**

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

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

Schools in the areas above

Schools in the areas above

Blewett

JVH

Mount Sentinel

Brent Kennedy

Yaqa Nukiy

LVR

Wildflower-Creston

Wildflower

South Nelson

Redfish

Rosemont

Salmo

Hume

Trafalger

Canyon-Lister

Erickson

ARES

Crawford Bay

Nakusp

Lucerne

Twin Rivers

Kinnaird

WE Graham

Importance to the community:

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

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

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

From 2020-2022, we:

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

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

Mandate:

Mandate & About:

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

Graham Community Service Society is helping us

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

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 **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.

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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 **Blueberry Creek Community School Council**

Registration # 886243831RP0001
200 Centre Ave, Castlegar BC V1N 3B9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **TGIF Friday Night Youth Program.**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The program takes place at the Blueberry Creek Community School Hub, and utilizes the community Kitchen, the Gym and the multipurpose room.

Importance to the community:

TGIF is extremely important to the children and families in the community. This youth program has been a longstanding pillar of community development, connection and inclusiveness in the community. The children attending benefit from the social, emotional safety and connection. Their parents and care providers also feel the community connection as they interact with neighbors and friends at drop off and pick up. The drop in, barrier free nature of the program means that families can utilize the program when it benefits them. It alleviates some of the social and financial pressure many parents find themselves under to provide inclusive activities for their children.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/20/2024 Project End: 6/20/2025

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
				\$300.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,800.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,800.00	\$16,864.00	\$16,864.00

1. The project will provide:

In September 2024 BCCS will facilitate the 27th consecutive year of the extremely successful and much loved TGIF Friday night youth program.

The program is an opportunity for school aged children and youth from Blueberry, Castlegar and much of the surrounding area to socialize and recreate in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment. Program attendances have rebounded since pandemic restrictions were lifted, and with the addition of a nutritional meal, the average attendance on Friday night is now ~ 50 children. The program which runs Friday nights from Sept -June is staffed by 5 exceptional young people, 2 in the childcare field and 3 college student positions. The staff cook and serve a nutritional meal to the children and then they can choose their preferred activity. Options include a movie with a concession in the multipurpose room, craft and games in the kitchen and recreational games and sports in the gym, or all of the above. All of the activities are supervised and fun, and the children and youth build strong, trust relationships with the staff and their peers. The program is free to attend and BCCS is committed to an inclusive, barrier free environment.

2. Organization Mandate:

Blueberry Creek Community School Council seeks to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities as a means of building and celebrating community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

TGIF is extremely important to the children and families in the community. This youth program has been a longstanding pillar of community development, connection and inclusiveness in the community.

The children attending benefit from the social, emotional safety and connection. Their parents and care providers also feel the community connection as they interact with neighbors and friends at drop off and pick up.

The drop in, barrier free nature of the program means that families can utilize the program when it benefits them. It alleviates some of the social and financial pressure many parents find themselves under to provide inclusive activities for their children.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The youth program supports the social and emotional wellbeing of the children and youth who attend as well as providing their families with the comfort and security of having a safe barrier free environment for their children to socialize and build relationships and connections in their community. Positive social connections help ensure healthy development in children, reducing depression, anxiety and social isolation and are good for their mental and physical health. In 2022, one of the TGIF evenings included a "pizza party" and staff noticed the positive effects of the children eating together and that some children appeared hungry. This led to the decision to add additional time to the program in 2023 and to serve a nutritional meal every Friday night. This has proven extremely positive with the children and the parental feedback is extremely positive.

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

BCCS society feels privileged to have the opportunity and capacity to host this valued community youth program at the BCCS Hub. The program is an example of the societies commitment to serving the children, youth and families in our community.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Project: TGIF Friday Night Youth Program.

BCCS staff facilitate the program. On Friday nights there are 5 staff onsite, two are childcare providers and there are three Selkirk College students with lots of experience working with children in inclusive sport and recreational settings.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

BCCS has had food hamper donations from Kalesnikoff Lumber and other community members.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Parent Testimonials from 2023

Blueberry Creek Community school has been an integral part of our children's early years. The programs run by the school fill a need in the community.

My son has recently started attending the TGIF Friday movie night and has had a very positive experience. He is on the autism spectrum and has a mild intellectual disability, he loves being social but has a hard time figuring out how to bond/play with other kids. The TGIF program has created a great setting for him to share in some collective joy with his peers while feeling some independence, and it's just plain fun!

Our twin daughters both benefit from attending preschool and daycare as well as strong start at the school. And I look forward to the day they'll be able to go to the TGIF movie with their brother

Sincerely,
Anna Cristofoli
250-304-4813
annamcullaghrrmt@gmail.com

My son Maverick has been attending Blueberry for almost 3 years now. Finding a center that would accommodate my child and his autism diagnosis was challenging. Blueberry made it so easy for him. As a parent you want to feel confident your child is being supported and safe and blueberry has done just that. Maverick has attended the daycare program, the preschool program and now the after school program. Without Blueberry's support and programs, there's no way I would have been able to keep my full time employment. The staff are very supportive and always there to help. I feel confident knowing I am leaving him in an environment where he is included and supported.

Maverick recently attended the TGIF program for the first time. He had a blast! It's reassuring to know there is somewhere he can go to socialize and feel included with other children his age.

I can't say enough good things about Blueberry and their programs. Their programs have been so beneficial throughout the years with my child's development. He feels included and safe every time he is there. I am not sure where we would be without them.

Samantha Thor-Larsen

TGIF 2023



Organization **Nelson Civic Theatre Society**

Registration # 811788702 RR 0001

719 Vernon Street, Suite 103, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4G3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry**

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

The KSBI Regional Program Manager is based in Nelson (and the Film Commissioner is in Winlaw), but the reach of the program spans the region (as far as Elkford and Sparwood in the east, to Edgewood and Burton in the west, to the Rossland and Montrose in the south. and as far as Radium Hot Springs and Edgewater to the north). With online interactions on the Facebook group, at meetups, and in events and workshops available to KSBI workers from all across the region, the program connects the widespread rural communities of the Columbia Basin.

Importance to the community:

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

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

We fulfill our mission through:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Values

Our programming reflects our community's diversity and culture.

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

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~Kathy Cooper, CEO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism

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

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

~Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director, Community Futures Central Kootenay

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

~Jonathan Robinson, Director, FMRL Productions

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

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

~Tucker Anderson, Freelance Filmmaker, Tucker K Anderson Films

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

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

~Carlo Alcos



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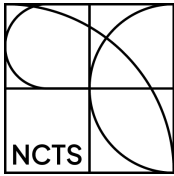
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February 20, 2024

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 **Kootenay Christian Fellowship / Our Daily Bread**

Registration # 889369906RR0001
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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

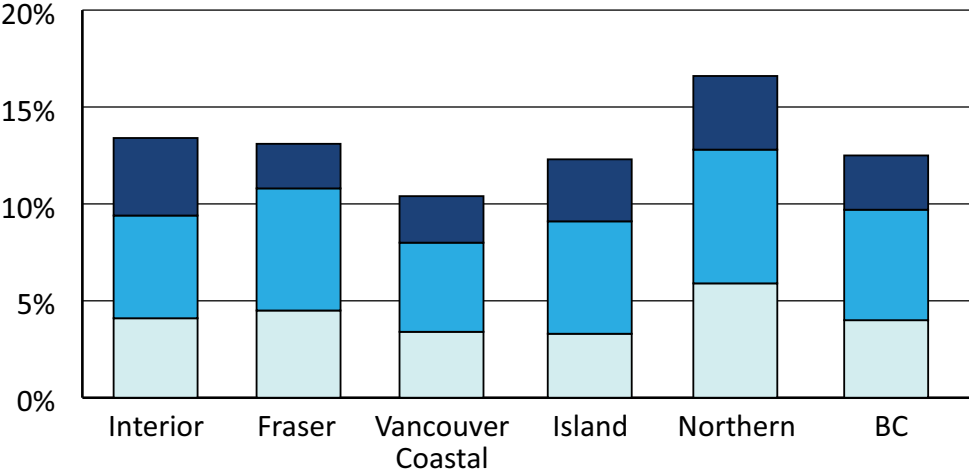
Prevalence of Household Food Insecurity across British Columbia

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%.

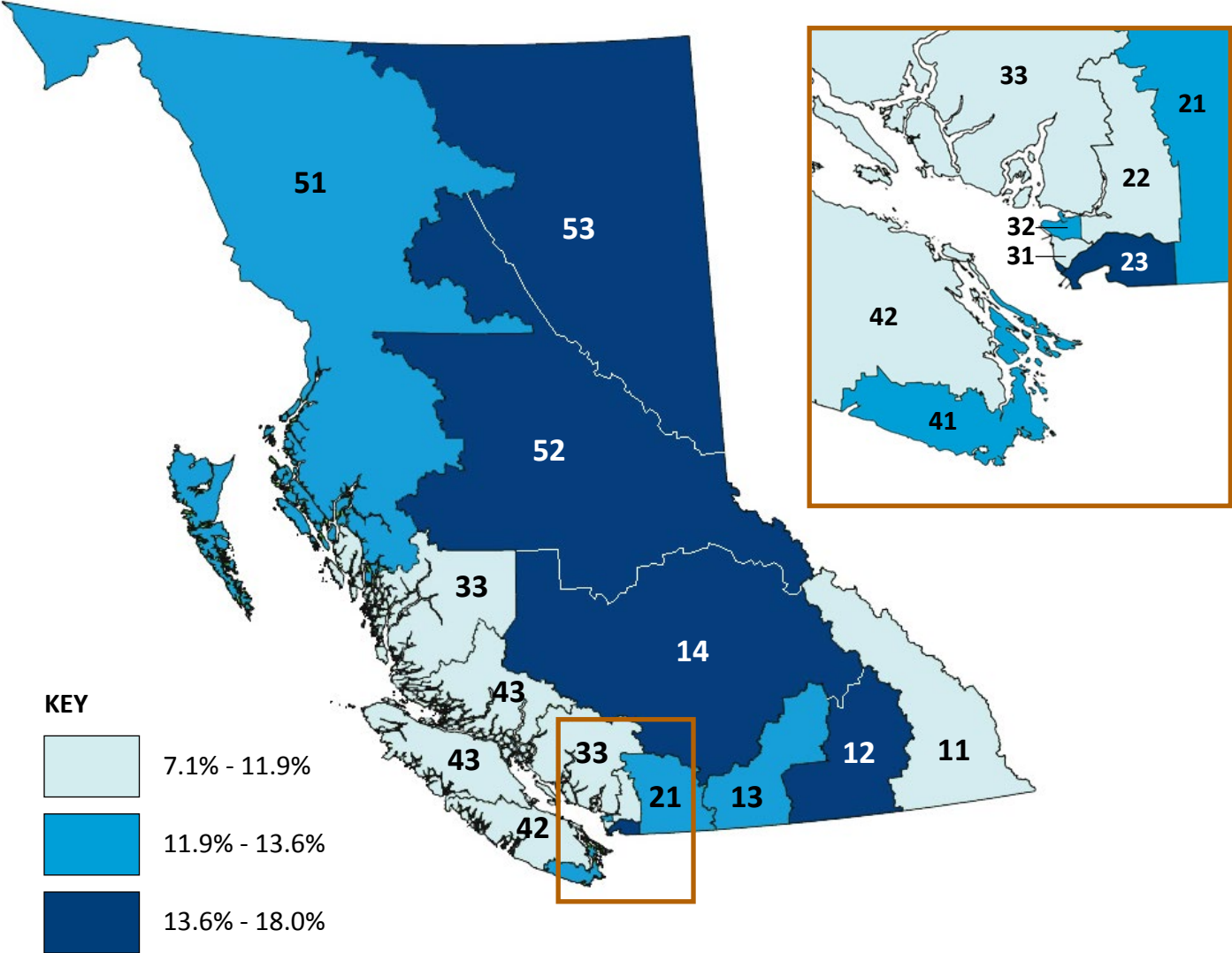
Figure 1. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by Health Authority



	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?

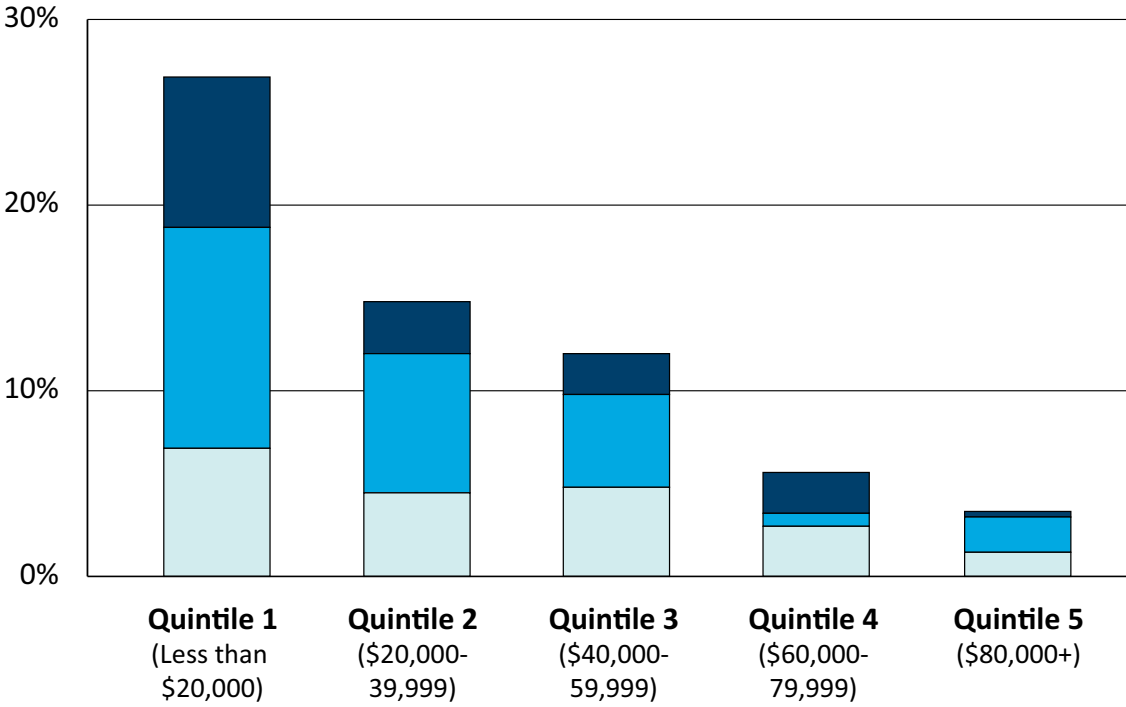
Household food insecurity and economic factors

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.

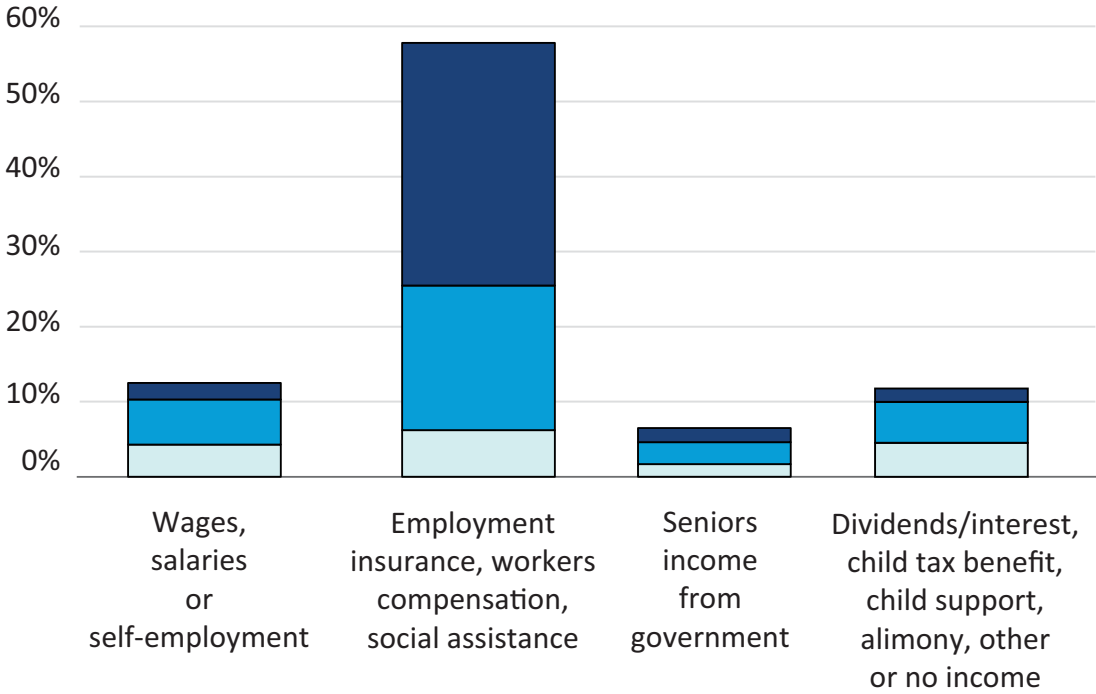
Figure 3. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and household income quintile



	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.

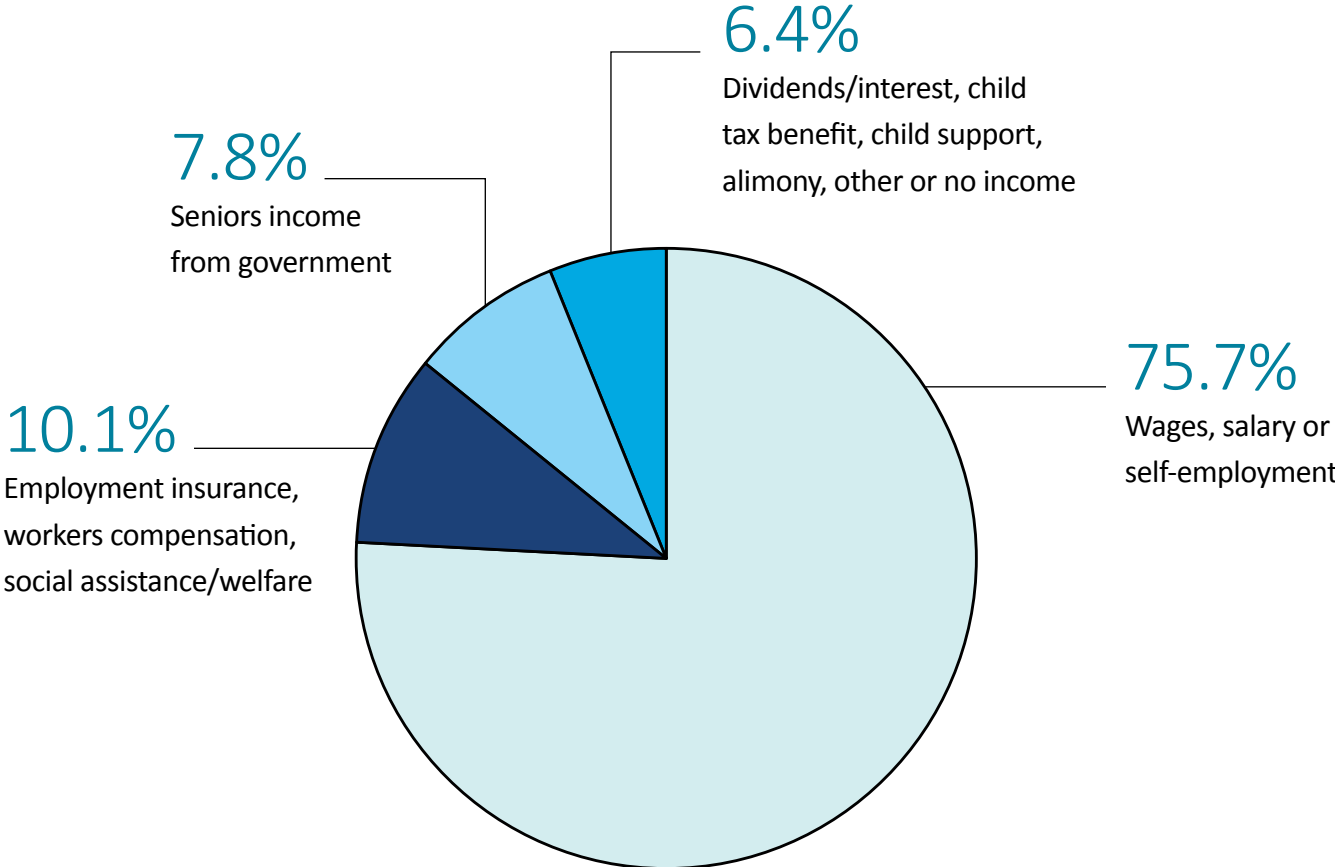
Figure 4. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and households' main source of income



	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%

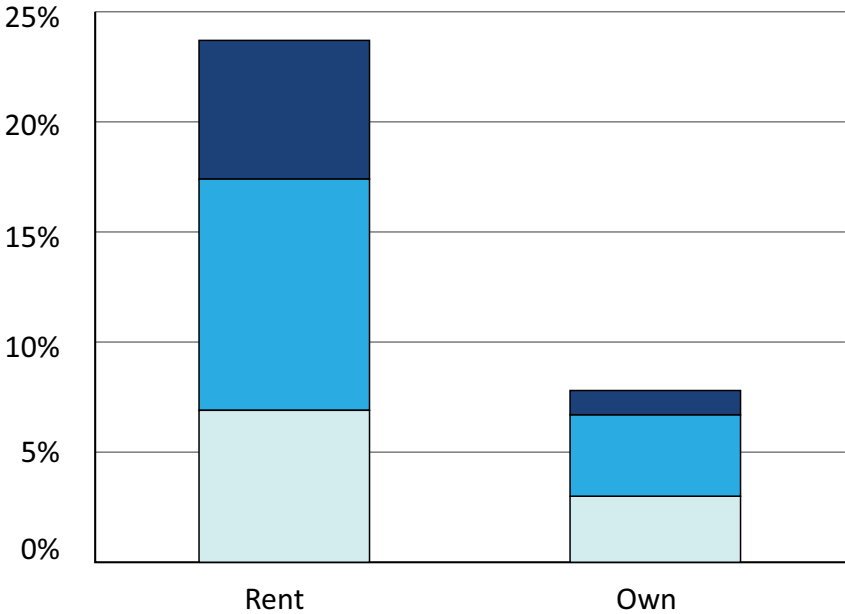
While the prevalence for people living in food insecure households where the main source of household income was from wages and salaries is relatively low, among all people living in food insecure households, 75.7% reported their main source of income were wages, salaries or self employment (Figure 5).

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

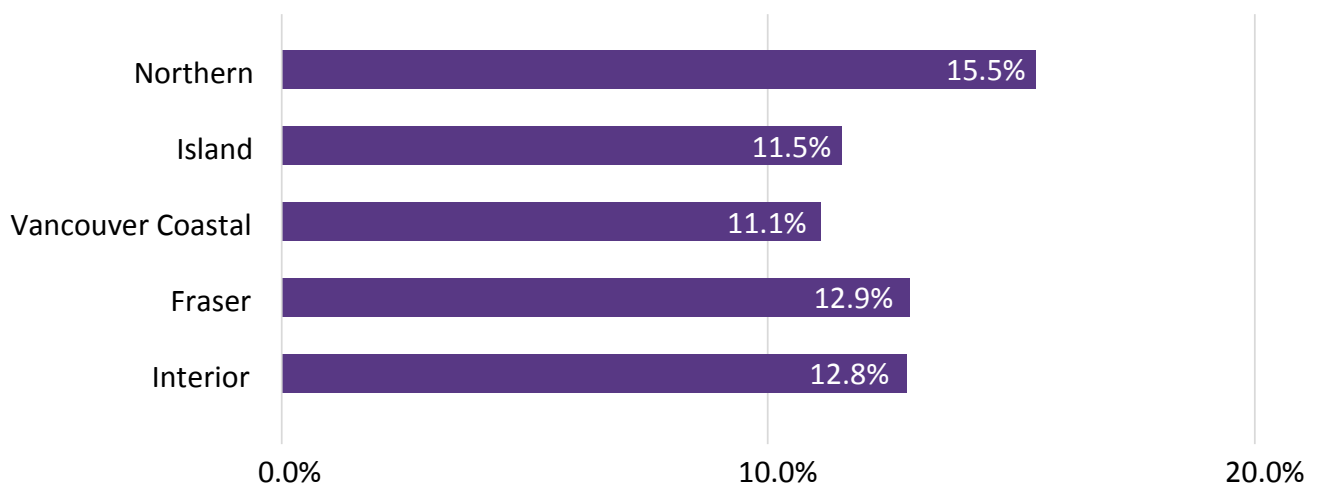
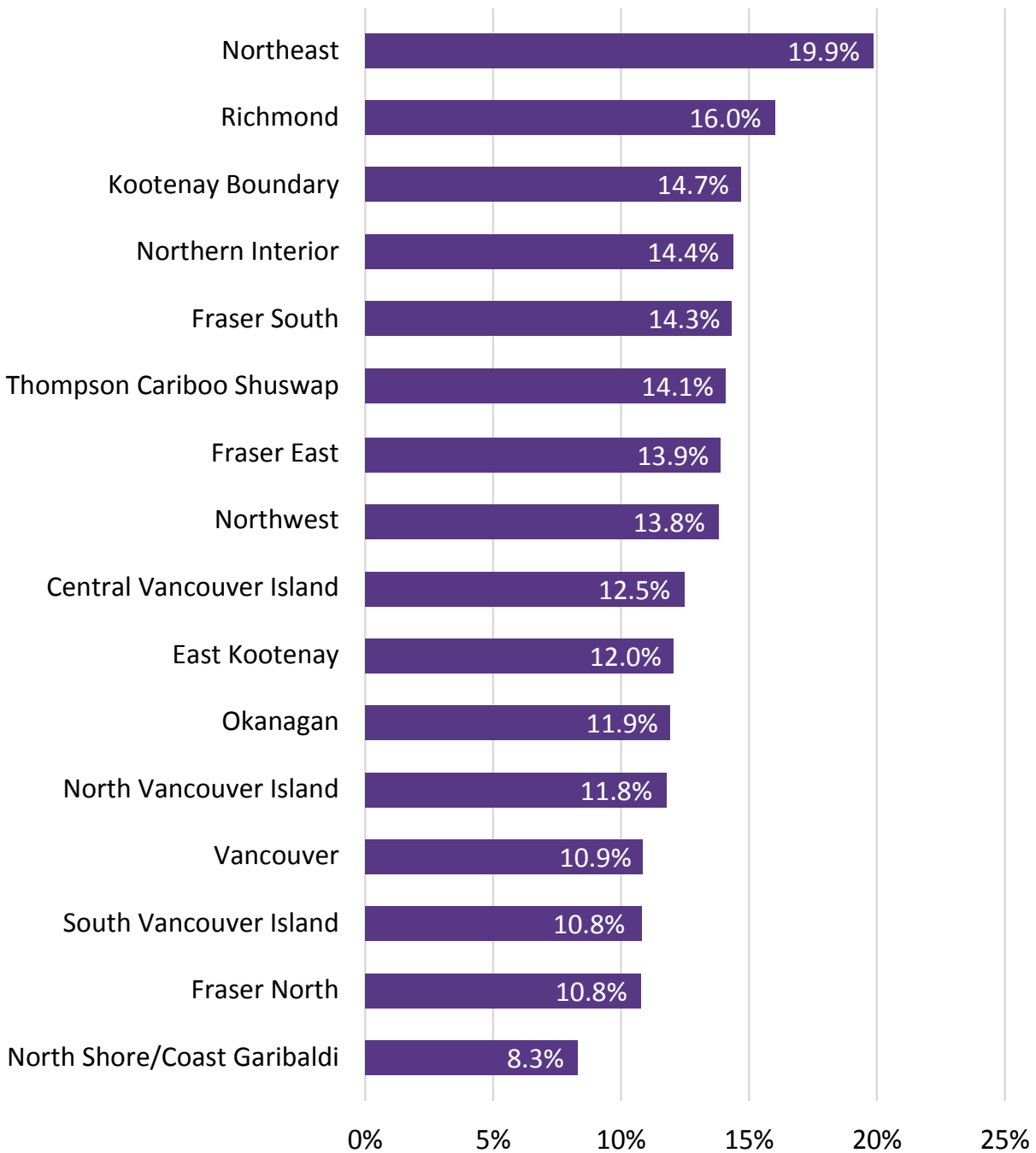
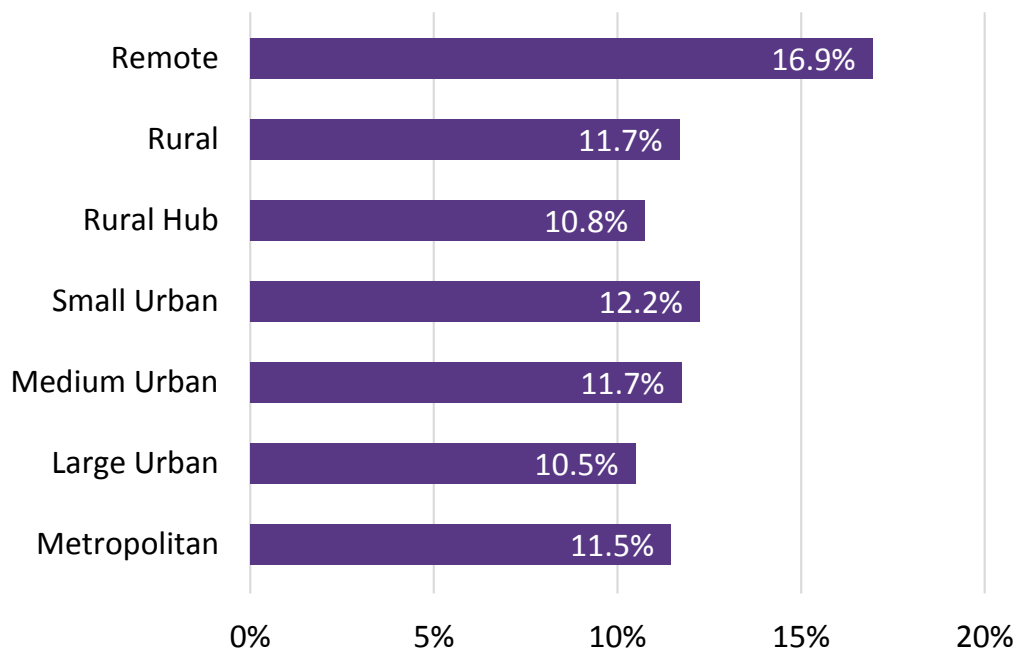


Figure 8. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA)



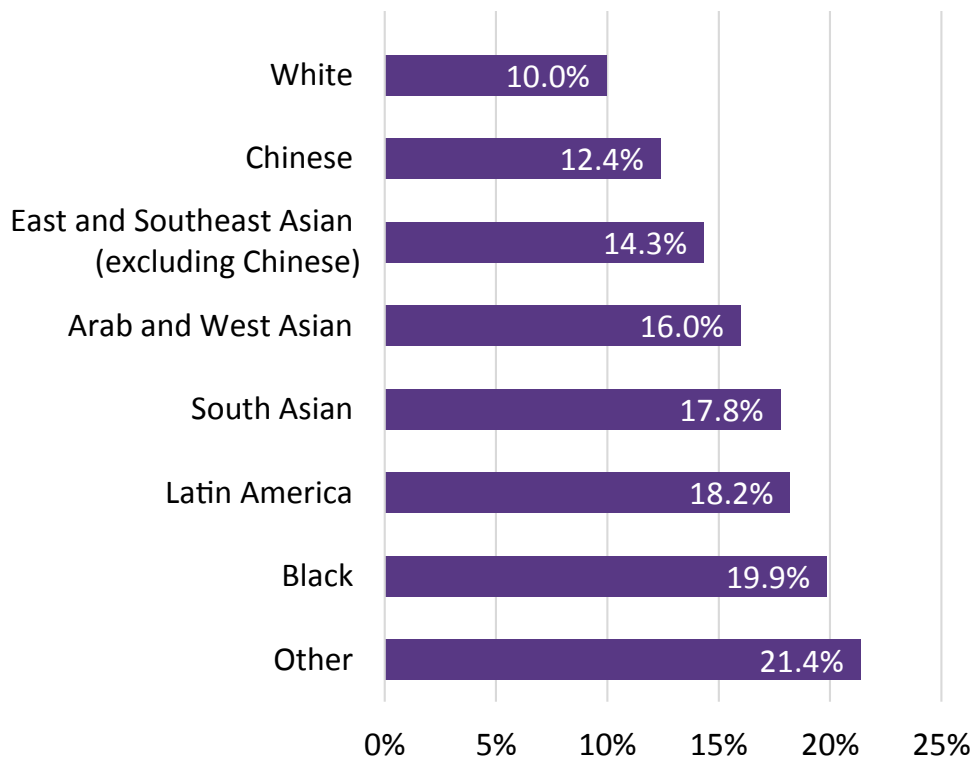
The level of urbanization of respondents' geographic location was classified by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications (metropolitan, large-urban, medium-urban, small-urban, rural-hub or rural or remote). Remote CHSAs had the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%), 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



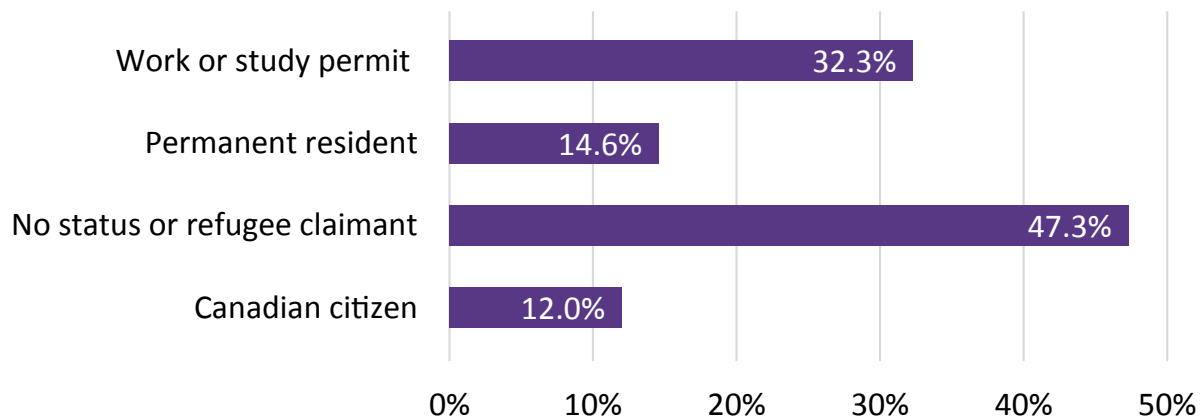
There are marked differences in the prevalence of concern for food security based on self-reported race/ethnicity. Previous research has shown that racialized populations experience higher rates of food insecurity than those who identify as white due to structural racism and social and economic determinants 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



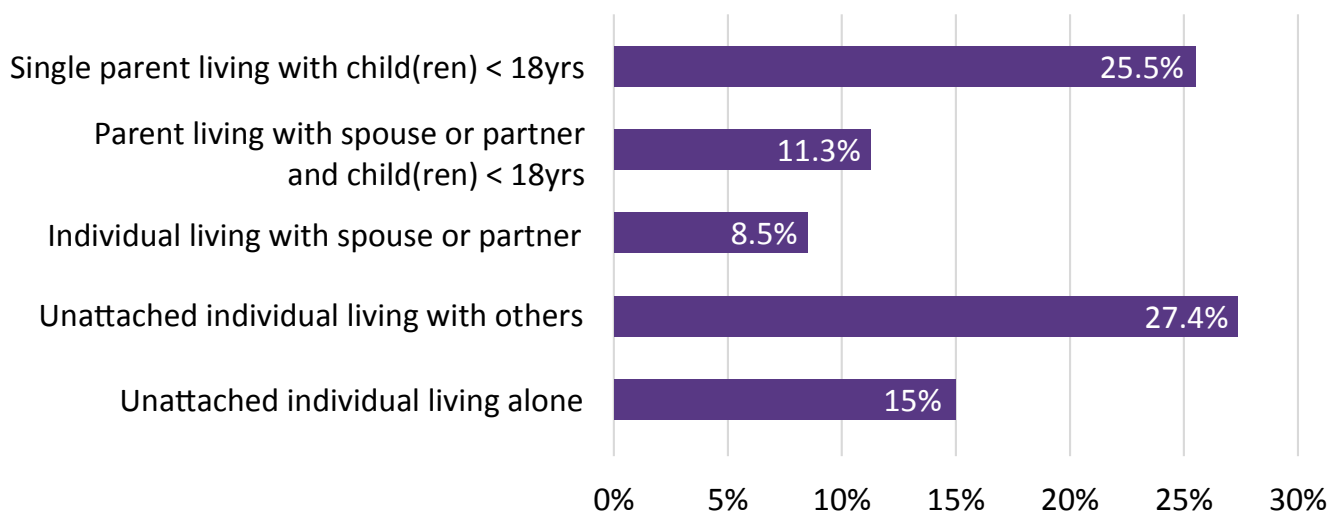
The prevalence of concern for food security differed based on people’s immigration status. People with no status or refugee claimants and those on work or study permits had the highest rates, at 47.3% and 32.3% respectively. This finding is consistent with Canadian studies which have shown that international 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



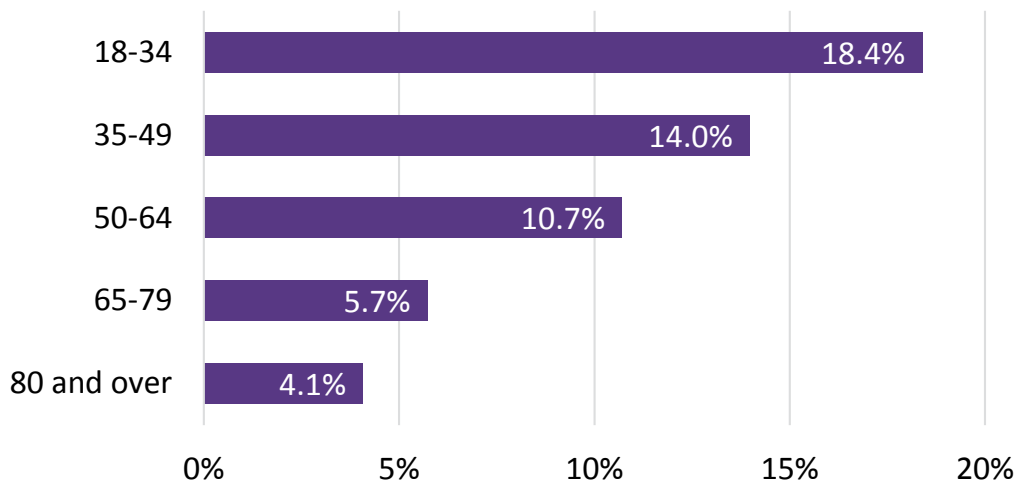
Rates of concern for food security differed by family composition. Prevalence was highest among unattached individuals living with others (27.4%) and single parents living with children under the age of 18 (25.5%). People living with a spouse or partner and no children had the lowest rate (8.5%).

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



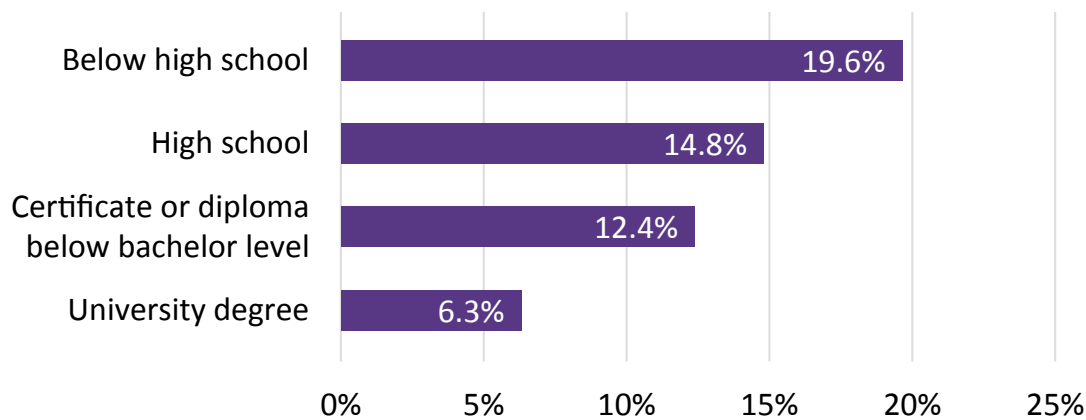
The prevalence of concern for food security was highest among those aged 18-34 and 35-49, at 18.4% and 14.0% respectively. Prevalence decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates at 5.7% and 4.1% respectively.

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



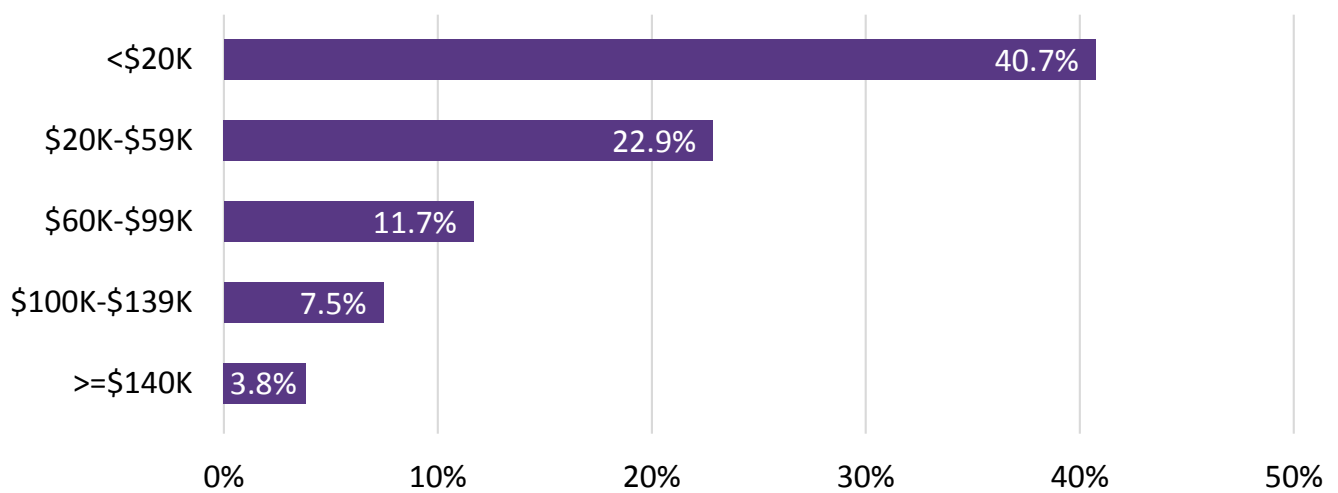
Prevalence of concern for food security also differed based on levels of formal education. While people with a university degree had the lowest prevalence (6.3%), 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed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

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



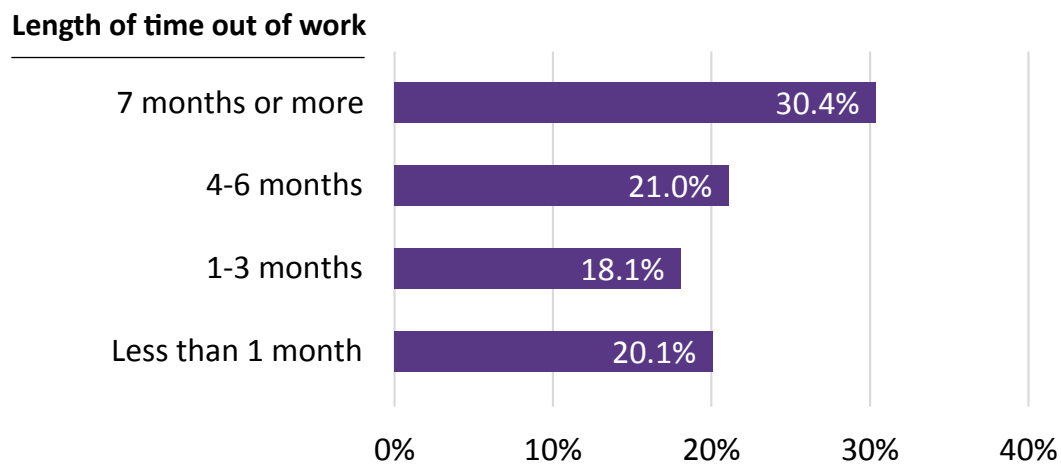
Similar to the CCHS data in this report, which showed that household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles of income distribution, concern for food security was most prevalent among respondents to the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) with the lowest annual 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 **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 **Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**

Registration # BN 769710328 RR 0001

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,250.00		\$1,250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$3,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,200.00		\$3,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$20,800.00

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Special Operations Medical Retrieval Service



**Kootenay Emergency Response
Physicians Association**

Annual Report 2023

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

Aim

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

Background

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

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

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



KERPA's Emergency Response Vehicle & Physician

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

Calls Attended

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Early Advanced Diagnostics /Medical /Surgical Interventions - 2023:

HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

DIRECT PRESSURE	2
HEMOSTATICS APPLICATION	1
TOURNIQUET USE	1

AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS

NASO-PHARYNGEAL AIRWAY	1
ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE INSERTION	3

BREATHING INTERVENTIONS

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

CIRUCLATION INTERVENTIONS

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

OTHERS INTERVENTIONS

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

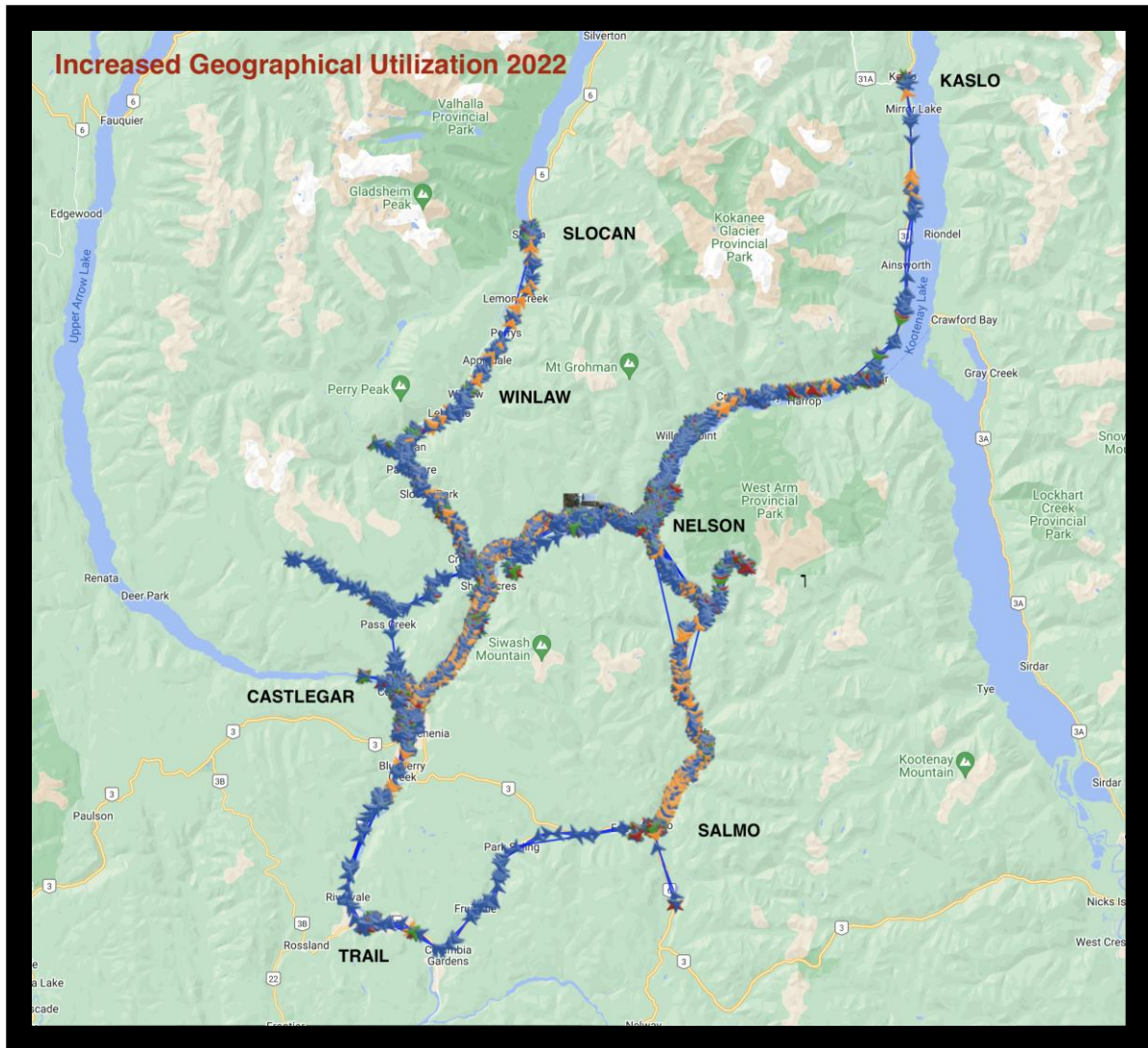
MEDICATIONS

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

Response Area

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

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



Satellite Tracked Locations of ERP1 Response Vehicle

Service Documentation

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

Program Developments

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

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



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



ERV1 and ERV2 Vehicles in Nelson

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

Total assets value & infrastructure = \$450,000.00

Discussion

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

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

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

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

Chain Saw Accident – Massive Hemorrhage

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



KERPA mobilizing to a remote incident by helicopter

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



Flying to a remote location in the Kootenay Region

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

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

Areas with potential for growth

1) Service Support

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

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

2) Dispatch & Geographical Response Area

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

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

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

3) Geographical Response Area

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Appendices:

Appendix 1

The Board of Directors of



hereby awards accreditation to

Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association

From July 17, 2021 to July 17, 2024

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

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

The Medical Transport Service is granted this Certificate of Accreditation by the authority of Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems

An organization with equal representation from each of the following member organizations:

- Aerospace Medical Association
- Air Medical Operators Association
- Air Medical Physicians Association
- Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- American Association of Respiratory Care
- American College of Emergency Physicians
- American College of Surgeons
- Association of Air Medical Services
- Association of Critical Care Transport
- Emergency Nurses Association
- European HEMS and Air Ambulance Committee
- International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics
- International Association of Medical Transport Communications Specialists
- National Air Transportation Association
- National Association of EMS Physicians
- National Association of Neonatal Nurses
- National Association of State EMS Officials
- National EMS Pilots Association
- United States Transportation Command

The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems is dedicated to improving the quality of patient care and safety of the transport environment for services providing rotorwing, fixed wing and surface transport systems.

 Chair  Secretary  Executive Director

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 **The Kootenay Swim Club**

Registration # S0054417

PO Box 1106, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar

Our programming promotes physical literacy by providing swimmers with the opportunity to engage in physical activity in two regional pools as we train out of the Castlegar & District Community Complex as well as the Nelson & District Community Complex ensuring we are as inclusive to as many families as possible in a small rural region. Children engage socially and interact with each other in these two stimulating recreational environments.

Importance to the community:

The Kootenay Swim Club adds value to our community by creating the leaders of tomorrow as well as creating success to be celebrated within our small rural area for the provincial level success swimmers will experience this swim season. We offer families access to affordable recreational activities. Families living throughout our region choose to live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. Living, learning, and playing near bodies of water increases the necessity for our club to support strong safe swimmers. Learning water safety and having the opportunity to develop the ability to swim is a life skill for athletes. Our club has also identified the benefit of social connection, to re-establish the vital sense of belonging within our extended community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

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
\$760.00	\$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
	\$1,075.00		\$1,250.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,585.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades

\$4,585.00	\$21,385.00	\$21,385.00
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1. The project will provide:

The Kootenay Swim Club is a regional Winter Swim Club that draws membership throughout the West Kootenay region and utilizes both the Castlegar & District Community Complex as well as the Nelson & District Community Complex. Our program predominantly provides swimmers aged 8 to 18 the highest level of training and opportunity to compete in SwimBC and SwimCanada sanctioned events; the highest swim level in Canada which makes our programming unique. We offer pool training times 6 days a week, covering everyone from beginner swimmers to national level aspiring competitors. We also offer opportunity for senior swimmers to gain valuable coaching and leadership experience. The program offers youth the ability to train and compete in a swim program where they can follow a path to the highest level swimming can offer. The Kootenay Swim Club offers 10 months per year of fitness training to our swimmers. It's important to note that our programming offers exercise, fitness and leadership through the winter months when outdoor activities are not as accessible for our local youth. With the generous support of the ReDi grant we look to improve and expand our equipment supplies to enhance training opportunity for all athletes, but to assist in final preparation for Provincial competition for our competitive athletes.

2. Organization Mandate:

Our swim program predominantly provides swimmers aged 8 to 18 to train and compete in SwimBC and SwimCanada sanctioned events; the highest swim level in Canada. We offer pool training times 6 days a week, covering everyone from beginner swimmers to national level aspiring competitors. We also run a Masters and Triathlon swimming program for adults who want to fine tune their abilities. We also offer coach training to our swimmers who are interested in becoming leaders

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Kootenay Swim Club adds value to our community by creating the leaders of tomorrow as well as creating success to be celebrated within our small rural area for the provincial level success swimmers will experience this swim season. We offer families access to affordable recreational activities. Families living throughout our region choose to live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. Living, learning, and playing near bodies of water increases the necessity for our club to support strong safe swimmers. Learning water safety and having the opportunity to develop the ability to swim is a life skill for athletes. Our club has also identified the benefit of social connection, to re-establish the vital sense of belonging within our extended community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Board of Directors identified the barrier which led to recent membership loss for our swim club as the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused significant training disruptions due to lockdowns, quarantines, and strict adherence to pandemic protocols. Our swim club was unable to offer swim experiences to the youngest members of our community due to protocols preventing coaches from touching and properly teaching young swimmers the fundamentals of techniques. A sign of a healthy swim club is one in which there are more younger swimmers in relation to older swimmers. A full season with no incoming beginner participants resulted in financial deficits to our organizational budget.

Membership rates are once again increasing, but our budget needs the financial support to replenish necessary equipment and supplies to further support our young athletes. Our swim club hopes to offset this cost without introducing a financial barrier to swim families.

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

The Kootenay Swim Club was formed to develop a love for swimming and a more intimate understanding of the competitive lifestyle. The Kootenay Swim Club fosters an environment that allows swimmers to identify their

Project: Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades

personal goals and gives them the resources and the training skills necessary to achieve them. Our club understands the importance of healthy community, we are well-suited to facilitate programming which provides the opportunity for swimmers in the Kootenay region the chance to utilize their swimming as a motivator to pass on their knowledge and become leaders within our community.

We wish to encourage versatility both in and out of the water. Commitment to goals and to the means of achieving those goals are important lessons to be learned from swimming, keeping in mind that children need time to be children. Accordingly, Kootenay Swim Club swim groups provide all levels of participation and commitment.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Niallan Collier has extensive coaching experience. He first started coaching part time with the Kootenay Swim Club in January 2021 and has been making an impact on swimmers in the role of Head Coach since the 2021/2022 season. Niallan was one of the first swimmers to join the Kootenay Swim Club when it was founded in the 2008/2009 season. During Niallan's time as a swimmer he attended high level meets such as Western Nationals and Senior Nationals. He brings a passion for long-term athlete development protocols and our regional swimmers benefit from his dedication and experiences.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-kind sources and contributions include many hours of passionate volunteerism.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



February 21, 2024

RE: Kootenay Swim Club – equipment upgrades

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter in support of the Kootenay Swim Clubs (KSC) ReDi grant application for funding to purchase new training equipment.

The Kootenay Swim Club was founded in 2008 and has evolved to now offer a unique swim program which involves the planning, organization and implementation of age and stage appropriate swim activities for children age 8 – 18. KSC Coaches are committed to respecting the best interests of each child and train them to compete in a manner that will provide valuable life skills once their swimming days are behind them. This organization prioritizes a commitment to their mission statement – Swimmers today, leaders for a lifetime.

Within Balfour Golf & Recreation's aims to promote healthy living and community spirit throughout all of its operations. This shared mindset aligns with the values instilled via KSC programming and we therefore encourage you to support the swimmers of our region via the ReDi grant funding stream.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Wilkinson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Craig Wilkinson

General Manager

Balfour Golf & Recreation

REDI GRANT – CITY OF NELSON SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES, GOALS, and OBJECTIVES

The intended purpose of this document is to highlight how the Kootenay Swim Club aligns with current City of Nelson sustainability strategies, goals, and objectives.

The Nelson Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy serves as an umbrella document that sets the direction for future policy and planning decisions. This strategy is comprised of varying components which include sustainability principles and directions which define Nelson's community vision. These five principles, to varying levels, all align with the Kootenay Swim Club's policies and actions.

Cultural Strength uses arts, heritage, and recreation to establish diversity and ultimately the creation of meaningful learning opportunities; this is at the heart of the Kootenay Swim Club. Our organization supports healthy living; foster an inclusive and respectful community; and maximize intergenerational connections.

Healthy neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, connected places with meaningful opportunities to interact with neighbours of all ages and income levels. The Kootenay Swim Club creates safe, welcoming, and connected spaces in two regional recreational complexes and prioritizes meaningful interactions among athletes, coaching staff, parents as well as community members. The swim culture is filled with personal moments; these young athletes learn the fundamentals together, train together, and compete together. Moments of joy, sadness, and triumph are important as they bring the individual swimmers together as teammates and friends. All swimmers understand the struggle of the sport and understand the importance of respecting each other as well as other teams, striving to make each other better and stronger.

We serve the community through social and cultural programs that engage, connect residents, and enhance quality of life. All of which align with the overarching pillars of the Path to Sustainability in the municipal vision. We endeavour to purchase all of our new equipment locally whenever possible, our organization supports local business which contributes to the economic success and prosperity of our community. We also provide meaningful employment to a head coach, intermittent assistant coaches as well as junior coaches who help throughout the swim season.

Nelson Next guides our community towards systemic solutions that address our climate change priorities while also advancing other community needs, such as economic development and diversification, improved health, and increased social connection which is what is at the heart of our Swim Club.

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

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 **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 **Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ**

Registration # 5098

1876Brilliant Road, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4K2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

Verigin Memorial Park

1814 Terrace Road

Castlegar BC

Importance to the community:

Verigin Memorial Park is an important cultural/tourism site. In addition, it is the burial site of Peter V. Verigin who is designated as a person of national historic significance. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of his untimely death. It is also a peaceful meditative place with spectacular views of the Columbia and Kootenay River valleys. Many local residents have come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the park. They often return bringing out of region visitors to the park.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 6/24/2024

Project End: 9/6/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$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
	\$3,000.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$13,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$13,000.00	\$14,661.00	\$14,661.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will be an opportunity for youth to learn about both heritage and botany alongside our volunteers while at Verigin Memorial Park. With a reduced water supply the park is moving toward the use of different flowers/plants to consume less water. Employed students will act as tour guides at the park, a premier West Kootenay cultural tourism destination. They will interact with visitors to share Doukhobor culture and heritage, as well as learn about other cultures. The students will provide visitors with information on the significance of the park as a historic heritage site and its relationship to local West Kootenay history. The student guides will also distribute literature that summarizes Doukhobor culture and heritage. They will also promote the city of Castlegar and the West Kootenay region as a hub of cultural and outdoor activities. They will highlight related sites such as the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, the Mir Centre and the Brilliant Suspension Bridge.

2. Organization Mandate:

The union of Spiritual Communities of Christ works to advance religion by establishing facilities to be used for religious programs, cultural events, conferences, workshops, music, Russian language training and other organizational and community needs in accordance to the tenants and doctrines of the Christian faith through the Doukhobor life concepts specifically.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Verigin Memorial Park is an important cultural/tourism site. In addition, it is the burial site of Peter V. Verigin who is designated as a person of national historic significance. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of his untimely death. It is also a peaceful meditative place with spectacular views of the Columbia and Kootenay River valleys. Many local residents have come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the park. They often return bringing out of region visitors to the park.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In addition to the financial benefits of summer employment students will gain valuable work experience in the fields of tourism and grounds maintenance. They will also have a greater awareness of the present and historic contribution of the Doukhobor people to their local, national and global communities. Visitors (and students) will gain insight into Doukhobor culture and history and the West Kootenay region. The students hired will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills and goal setting.

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

Verigin Memorial Park is the final resting place of Doukhobor leaders Peter V. Verigin "Lordly", Peter P. Verigin "Chistyakov", their wives, Anna P. Markova (daughter of Peter P. Verigin), and the late honorary Chairman of the USCC, John J. Verigin (great grandson of Peter V Verigin) and his wife Laura P. Verigin. Collectively the Verigins have made many contributions to the Doukhobor movement in both the practical and spiritual sense over the last century. The park is a valued and esteemed site to the USCC organization. The park manager, a USCC volunteer, provides training and supervision of park maintenance.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The USCC Executive Committee and the USCC Finance and Asset Stewardship Committee are responsible for the overall operation of the Memorial Park. A volunteer Park Manager will select the students, manage their training and supervise their work.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

Project: Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

A volunteer park manager oversees training and provides supervision of the student employees. The manager ensures proper supplies, materials and equipment to maintain the park are available.

A volunteer historian provides training sessions for the students to prepare them to provide background and answer questions from visitors.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society**

Registration # S0049764

1300 Frances Moran Road, Trail BC V1R 4L9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **School Time Capsule Project**

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

The project is open to all elementary schools in the Castlegar catchment area and the Stanley Humphries Secondary School.

Importance to the community:

The project is part of an effort to appreciate our community's history and what has made the community what it is today. The students will learn about their community's past and how their current learning environment has been impacted by that. They will also have to think about what will be important to those students who will open the time capsule 50 years for now and what will the current students think they should know about the present educational environment they are living in. The students should have fun determining what is important for inclusion in their time capsule.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/16/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

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
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$250.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$1,000.00

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

1. The project will provide:

The project will create a time capsule for each school in School District No. 20. There are 10 schools in the District. The students of each school will collect artifacts and printed materials for inclusion in their school's time capsule. A teacher, or teachers, will coordinate the project in each school. Either one class or more than one class or the entire school can participate. Once the project is finished, the time capsule will be given to the KCEHS for safe keeping in their archives at the JL Crowe Secondary School in Trail. Each time capsule will be opened by the school that created it in 50 years. The time capsules will be provided to the school by the KCEHS.

2. Organization Mandate:

To collect, preserve and make available to the public the history of education in School District No. 20 (Kootenay Columbia)

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The project is part of an effort to appreciate our community's history and what has made the community what it is today. The students will learn about their community's past and how their current learning environment has been impacted by that. They will also have to think about what will be important to those students who will open the time capsule 50 years from now and what the current students think they should know about the present educational environment they are living in. The students should have fun determining what is important for inclusion in their time capsule.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The project will reflect the student's view of their educational experience and the world in which they live. It will encourage them to think about their educational environment, what an education means to them and how their school is integrated into the current life of their community. It will generate interest in current affairs, what is happening at their school and create a learning experience on which the teacher can build upon. The KCEHS will request the teacher(s) involved prepare a report on how the project was initiated, who participated and what was included in their time capsule and why. This record will be kept with the time capsule for future reference.

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

Our organization is the only heritage organization in the region dedicated to the preservation of the history of education in School District No. 20

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A teacher sponsor will be sought and he/she will determine how the students of his/her school will become involved in the project. The Administrator of the school will be the primary contact person for the KCEHS.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteers of the KCEHS will assist with the coordination of the project among the participating schools and provide guidance to the teacher(s) involved regarding the project expectations and outcomes.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Castlegar Villa Society**

Registration # S0007657

100-718 Valhalla Street, Castlegar BC V1N 3S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Elevator for Rota Villa**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The elevator will be located on Valhalla side of the property. This is where the contractor indicated would be the best location.

Importance to the community:

This will allow our tenant more accessibility, ability to socialize and access ways to move around our community via city bus. This benefits all current and future tenants that live here at the Villa.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

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
\$23,549.33				\$23,549.33
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$23,549.56			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$70,648.22

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$70,648.22	\$70,648.22	\$70,648.22

Project: Elevator for Rota Villa

1. The project will provide:

The Villa was built some time ago, lacks accessibility. We are hoping to provide more accessibility for our tenants. Building is two story/split level square building. Access between floors is accessible by two ways, stairs or by walking in the street all the way around the building. This is the biggest challenge that we have, especially in the winter months. We have a lot of tenants that use walkers and have health issues, so the stairs are not an option. Some of our tenants also cannot drive and must use public transportation. We are fortunate enough to have a bus stop right outside of the Villa, located on the upper level. With limited accessibility, it is harder for them to use this great resource. At the Villa we have a Common Room for our tenants. This is used for group functions eg. Christmas party, game night. The facility is also used for tenants to socialize with each other. This is located on the top level and the tenants that live on the bottom, feel isolated.

As we are a non Profit, grants are the only way that we can make this project happen.

In 2023 we received a total of \$18715.78 from ReDi grants and we also received \$2500 from the RDCK community development grant.

2. Organization Mandate:

1) To establish, maintain, support or continue the establishment, maintenance or support of residential accommodation for elderly citizens of low or moderate income who are established residents of Castlegar and vicinity.

2) To promote the recreational, social, intellectual and physical welfare of persons described in (1) above

3) To acquire, hold, control, administer, mortgage and or dispose of property, whether real or personal and wherever situated in order to promote the objectives contained in the above.

4) To receive grants, bequests, donations of money or goods and to manage, organize and operate funding-raising activities in order to raise funds for these purposes.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This will allow our tenant more accessibility, ability to socialize and access ways to move around our community via city bus. This benefits all current and future tenants that live here at the Villa.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Accessibility for the tenants from one floor to another. This will allow them to access the amenities on both levels of the building even if they have health issues and can't use the stairs. This issue is identified by complaints from the residents.

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

Here at the Villa we strive to help all seniors that live here currently and in the future. This means that we encourage socialization and mobility. This can happen with an elevator.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Kootenay Columbia Home Medical, Arrowtech Electrical and Mac Brothers Contracting

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Mac Bros

Quote

2644-4th Avenue
 Castlegar BC
 V1N 2R9
 (250) 687-0725
BILL TO:
 Castlegar Villa Society
 100-718 Valhalla Street
 Castlegar BC

February 13 2023

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
RE: Savarnia Vertical Platform lift -Budget Price Scope of work Remove and relocate retaining wall Aprox 6' back Remove 10x14 concrete pad dig out site for platform lift form and pour foundation pour new retaining wall pour new patio clean up site supply engineering drawings for city <u>budget price</u> * note price does not include elevator**		\$ 35,000.00
BN 11776 5206 RT0001 WCB# 285180 Make all cheques payable to Mac Bros All invoices are due on completion of work	Subtotal Tax Rate Sales Tax Worksafe Other	\$ 35,000.00 5.00% 1,750.00 \$ 36,750.00

36,750.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Castlegar Villa Society
711 11th Street
Castlegar, BC
V1N 2J7



ARROWTECH
Arrowtech Electric
1353 Columbia Rd
Castlegar, BC
V1N 4M1
(250) 304-7462
cory@arrowtechelectric.com

Estimate

Estimate Number E00099
Estimate Date Feb 9, 2023

Description	Amount
Provide a 20A 120V circuit with local disconnect for elevator. Provide control wiring for auxiliary controls.	3,000.00

Sub Total	GST	Incl. GST
3,000.00	150.00	3,150.00
Total Estimate		3,150.00



Cranbrook (mailing) Castlegar
 250 Slater Road NW 630 17th St. Unit 130
 Cranbrook BC V1C 5C8
 TF: 800 661-4022 TF: 866 515-7772
 P: 250 426-6600 P: 250 365-7772
 F: 250 489-2400 F: 250 365-7791

Quote

Q000044473

Date August 22, 2022
Billing ROTVIL
Customer

Bill To: Castlegar Rota Villa
 Contact: Kailee Ross
 #1 - 711 11th Street

Castlegar BC V1N 2J7

Ph. (250) 365-7010

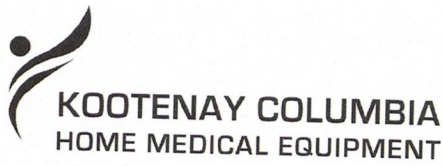
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Castlegar BC V1N 2J7

Ph. (250) 365-7010

Order Date	PO Number	Ordered by	Client ID
22-Aug-2022			
Required Date	Appointment	Reference	
		Q000044473	
Shipped Date	Salesperson	Clinician	
	Jocelyn F.		

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		Sarvaira V1504 two stop lift configured with 36" x 54" platform On/off same side Plexiglass enclosed with dome Call/send buttons at each level Outdoor package U-Bracket& support legs Key on/off switch 4" pit Hands free phone- required								
		Optional upcharge items included: Mixed plexiglass inserts								
		Optional upcharge items available, not included: Auto door operators								
EK	ELVLABOUR	Elevator Labour	EA	1	0		8,000.00	0.0	8,000.00	8,000.00
EK	SHIPCHRG	Shipping from Manufacturer to Cranbrook	EA	1	0		1,500.00	0.0	1,500.00	1,500.00



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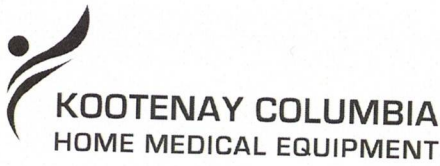
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	Jocelyn F.		

WH	Part Number	Description	Unit	Ord	Ship	B/O	Retail Price	Disc. %	Unit Price	Ext. Price
EK	ENGINEERING	Below Permits required for installation and permitting of Commercial lift Elevator Engineering fees	EA	1	0		600.00	0.0	600.00	600.00
EK	PERMIT	Commercial Elevating Permit Application Fee (2022)	EA	1	0		358.00	0.0	358.00	358.00
EK	INSPECELV	Inspection Fee for VPL (2022)	EA	1	0		484.00	0.0	484.00	484.00
<p>This quote assumes any construction, dedicated 20A 120V electrical circuit, disconnect with auxiliary contact, GFI outlet, switched pit light, 15A 120V cab lighting circuit with disconnect, and telephone line are provided by others.</p> <p>Technical Safety BC requires all commercial lifts to have a 24 hour monitored ADA phone within the lift. Phone line to the lift and monitoring services provided by others and to be in place prior to inspection.</p> <p>Technical Safety BC requires all elevating devices have a quarterly maintenance contract in place. KCHME offers these contracts at \$1100 per year for vertical lifts, \$1000 per year for incline platform lifts and \$900 for stair chairs per year.</p> <p>All owners of elevating devices are required to have an operator's permit from Technical Safety BC at a current cost \$166 per year (2022).</p>										



Cranbrook (mailing) Castlegar
 250 Slater Road NW 630 17th St. Unit 130
 Cranbrook BC V1C 5C8
 TF: 800 661-4022 TF: 866 515-7772
 P: 250 426-6600 P: 250 365-7772
 F: 250 489-2400 F: 250 365-7791

Quote

Q000044473

Date August 22, 2022
Billing ROTVIL
Customer

Bill To: Castlegar Rota Villa
 Contact: Kailee Ross
 #1 - 711 11th Street

 Castlegar BC V1N 2J7

 Ph. (250) 365-7010

Ship To: Castlegar Rota Villa
 Contact: Kailee Ross
 #1 - 711 11th Street

 Castlegar BC V1N 2J7

 Ph. (250) 365-7010

Order Date	PO Number	Ordered by	Client ID
22-Aug-2022			
Required Date	Appointment	Reference	
		Q000044473	
Shipped Date	Salesperson	Clinician	
	Jocelyn F.		

WH	Part Number	Description	Unit	Ord	Ship	B/O	Retail Price	Disc. %	Unit Price	Ext. Price
		Quote is supplied for budgeting purposes only. Actual price may vary based on configuration requirements and additional options selected at time of purchase.								
		Quote is valid for 30 days. We accept cash, Visa, MC, EFT, debit, and cheque								
		GST #13938 6551 MDEL 224								
							Net Amount		51,847.00	
							G.S.T.		30.00	
							P.S.T.		42.00	
							Total Due		51,919.00	

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Hygiene and sterile products are not returnable. Fabric products are eligible for a full refund/exchange within 48 hours (stockings, bracing, pillows, etc.). Regularly stocked products (other than hygiene, sterile and fabric) are refundable within 14 days: 25% restocking fee applies within 30 days. All returns require original packaging in new condition & original invoice. Custom orders are placed upon receipt of a deposit and are non-refundable. In the case product orders are cancelled prior to delivery, the deposit will be applied to shipping and restocking fees.

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Financial Position

March 31

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 85,596	\$ 84,666
Prepaid expenses	<u>6,263</u>	<u>6,279</u>
	91,859	90,945
Tangible capital assets (Note 3)	<u>258,775</u>	<u>265,414</u>
	<u>\$ 350,634</u>	<u>\$ 356,359</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,113	\$ 21,849
Prepaid rental revenue	646	-
Damage deposits	10,606	10,238
Callable debt obligation (Note 4)	<u>106,077</u>	<u>116,923</u>
	<u>141,442</u>	<u>149,010</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets invested in tangible capital assets	152,698	148,491
Unrestricted net assets	<u>56,494</u>	<u>58,858</u>
	<u>209,192</u>	<u>207,349</u>
	<u>\$ 350,634</u>	<u>\$ 356,359</u>

Subsequent event (Note 5)

Approved by the Directors

_____ Director

_____ Director

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31

2023

2022

Revenue		
Rental	\$ 250,645	\$ 237,535
Laundry	5,214	4,527
Grants	5,000	500
Interest and sundry	292	1,224
	<u>261,151</u>	<u>243,786</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	2,525	4,989
Amortization	6,639	6,853
Bank charges	145	625
Conference and travel	1,130	-
Insurance	11,317	9,727
Interest on callable debt obligation	4,596	5,023
Light and power	7,789	8,508
Management fees	-	2,731
Office and miscellaneous	10,417	8,021
Professional fees	34,548	12,311
Repairs and maintenance	79,366	82,465
Telephone	1,711	1,029
Television cable	20,334	20,712
Wages and benefits	54,803	55,452
Water, sewer and waste management	23,988	23,275
	<u>259,308</u>	<u>241,721</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 1,843	\$ 2,065

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year ended March 31

	Unrestricted Net Assets Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total 2023	Total 2022
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 148,491	\$ 58,858	\$ 207,349	\$ 205,284
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	-	1,843	1,843	2,065
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(6,639)	6,639	-	-
Callable debt obligation principal repayment	10,846	(10,846)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 152,698</u>	<u>\$ 56,494</u>	<u>\$ 209,192</u>	<u>\$ 207,349</u>

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31

2023

2022

Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities

Cash received from tenants for rent and damage deposits	\$ 251,659	\$ 238,288
Cash received from grants	5,000	500
Cash received from laundry	5,214	4,527
Cash received from interest and other	292	1,224
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(245,793)	(238,282)
Interest paid	<u>(4,596)</u>	<u>(5,023)</u>

	11,776	1,234
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Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities

Repayment of callable debt obligation	(10,846)	(10,169)
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Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities

Purchase of tangible capital assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,796)</u>
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Increase (decrease) in cash	930	(13,731)
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Cash

Beginning of year	<u>84,666</u>	<u>98,397</u>
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End of year	<u>\$ 85,596</u>	<u>\$ 84,666</u>
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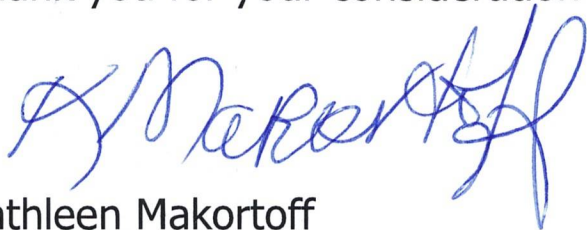
Draft for discussion purposes

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kathleen Makortoff and I live here at the Rota Villa. I am writing this letter in support of an elevator here at the Castlegar Rota Villa. I live on the bottom floor and currently cannot drive. I now must take the bus to get to appointments and to get groceries. Due to health reasons, I also must use a walker. Stairs are very hard, and I can not currently use them. This means that I must walk all the way around the building with my walker just to catch the bus.

An elevator would help me so much as it would allow me to access the bus stop with much more ease, as well as our common room for meetings, parties and gatherings.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Kathleen Makortoff

Unit 23 Castlegar Rota Villa

To whom it may concern,

My name is Janet Poznikow and I live here at the Rota Villa. I am writing this letter in support of an elevator here at the Castlegar Rota Villa. I live on the bottom floor. Due to health reasons; I also must use a walker. Stairs are very hard, and I can not currently use them.

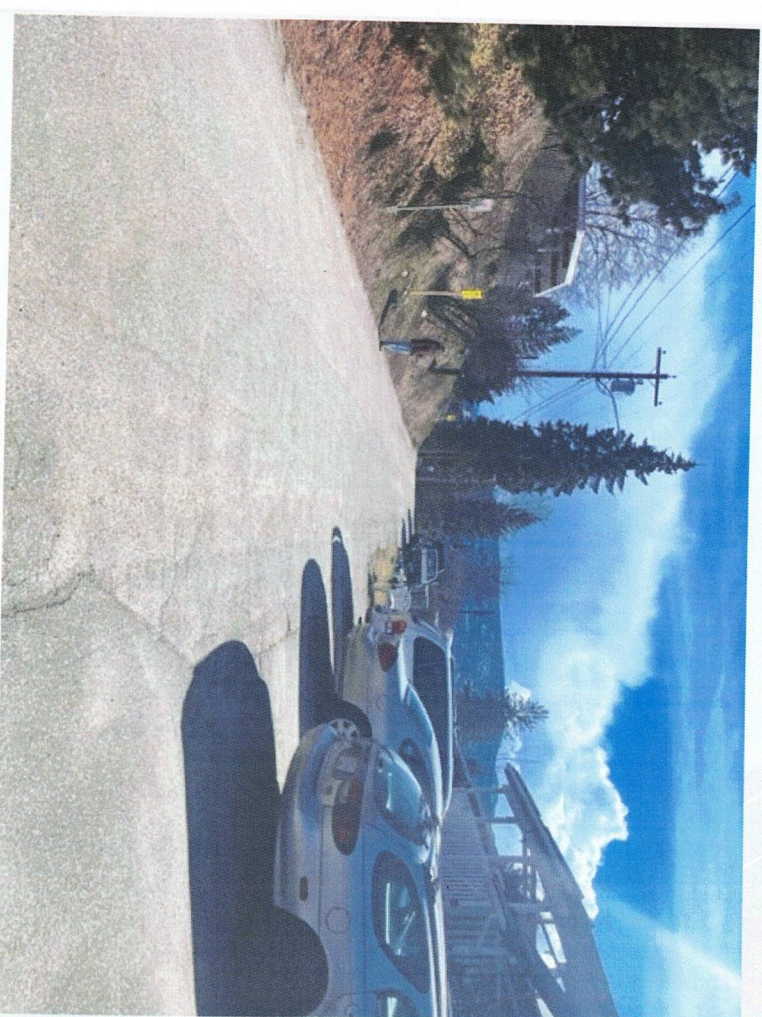
An elevator would help me so much as it would allow me to access our common room for social gatherings and my friends on the top level of the building.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

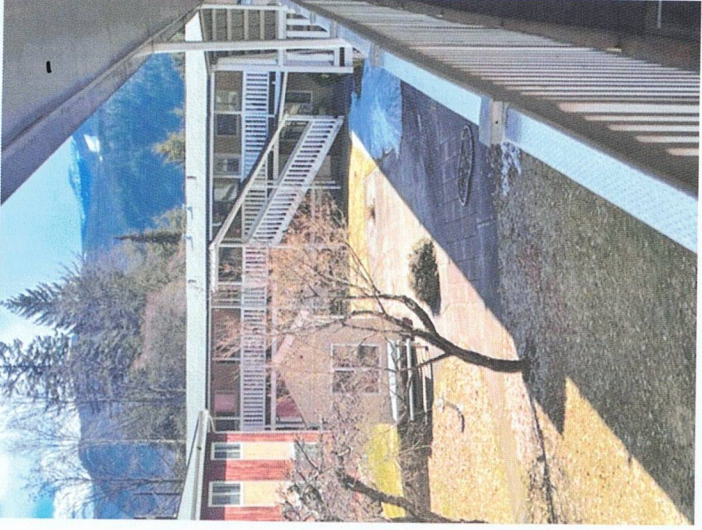
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Poznikow". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Janet Poznikow

Unit 206 Castlegar Rota Villa



This is the street that tenants have to use to walk to the top side of the building. It is all up hill. In the winter this street is one of the last to be plowed.



**These are views of the building and
how different levels look.**



This is one of the stair cases that that are used to access each level. We have 5 staircases like this around the building.

Organization **Shoreacres Hall Society**

Registration # S0078213

2625 Shoreacres RD, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4P8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Marketing project and grounds maintenance personnel.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

2625 Shoreacres Rd Castlegar / 2625 Davidson Rd.

Importance to the community:

Our whole community of Shoreacres will benefit from this project.

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

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
				\$5,475.00
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	\$5,475.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,475.00	\$5,475.00	\$5,475.00

1. The project will provide:

Project: Marketing project and grounds maintenance personnel.

Set up advertising and promote our Community hall to support the costs and maintenance of the hall. Maintain the grounds of the hall and our cemetery grounds, mowing and weeding as required.

2. Organization Mandate:

Maintaining the grounds of our community hall and our community cemetery.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Our whole community of Shoreacres will benefit from this project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Visual appearance to promote the use of our Community Hall and Cemetery. Lack of experienced personnel and lack of funds for this position.

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

We are the only organization in our community that has looked after this hall and property since 1964.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Shoreacres Hall Society directors

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

All volunteer organizing and running of the project. All tools needed for this maintenance of this project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Diverse Family Roots Society**

Registration # 711389619

Po Box 461, Fruitvale BC V0G 1L0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo

These will take place virtually and in person in each community . Each region has its own unique identities and needs. The project encompasses the RDKB, RDCK, RDKB.

Importance to the community:

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

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

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/24/2024 Project End: 5/17/2025

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues of isolation, addressing the fact that Dads/ Families are not alone in their journey . Connection- connecting like families, meaning to connect families that have similar challenges. Whether it's ASD, ADHD, FASD, OCD, Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome and more we will connect, support those.

Not in school because of the challenges of their son/ daughter.

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

Lack of Inclusive, intentional housing options. Lack of affordable, supportive housing options. It's an epidemic on its own . So many aging parents still have their aging sons/ daughter living with them with no safe solutions/ options to choose from.

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

The only grass roots family to family, parent to parent group for dads/ Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities/ diverse abilities that is based in the Kootenays. The Family navigator has 35 yrs of lived experience. Our volunteer " Family Stewards' are all parents that live through out the region and have lived experience .

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Family Navigator.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

TECK Trail Operations- 1000.00.

BOUNCE (WK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements(PSA) . 1yr.- 20,000.00

PLAN- Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network- 1500.00

Pattison Media (EK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements (PSA) . 1yr- 20,000.00

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

FAMILIES ON TUESDAY

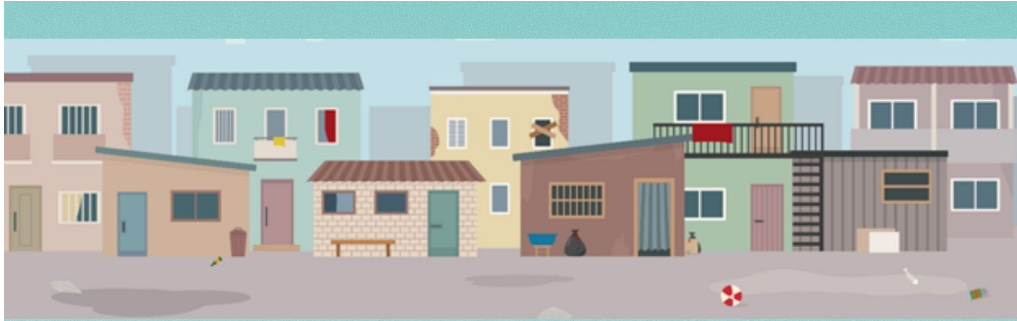
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Organization **Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital & Health Foundation Society**

Registration # 89312 3034 RR0001

1200 Hospital Bench, Trail BC V1R 4M1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Orthopedic Enhancement Project**

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

Phase 1 of the Project commenced January 2023 at the KBRH Health Foundation/KBRH including planning, securing approvals and equipment quotes, grant writing and broad reaching fundraising. Phase 2 includes the CBT ReDi Grant process, purchasing equipment and reporting back as required. Fundraising for this project will occur at the KBRH Health Foundation. Procurement of the equipment will occur at KBRH. Usage of equipment associated with the Orthopedic Enhancement Project will take place at KBRH in the Operating Rooms, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

Importance to the community:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

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

\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$32,000.00
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$32,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00

1. The project will provide:

In September 2023, the KBRH Health Foundation launched the Orthopedic Enhancement Project, a \$750,000 effort to advance patient care at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH). This Project will purchase state of the art medical equipment for the Operating Rooms at KBRH, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will support 2 new Orthopedic Surgeons, who have been recruited to work at KBRH, as well as our existing team of 4 Orthopedic Surgeons. The equipment purchased will allow the surgical team to continue their excellent work providing hip and knee replacement; hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, hand and wrist repair; and trauma surgeries.

Notably, this Project will also support a new level of service for patients including total ankle replacements, hip and knee replacements with a one-day discharge, reverse shoulder arthroplasties and it will change the way some current procedures are performed.

The total Project (Phase 1 & 2) is \$750,000 with \$430,000 donated to date; \$320,000 remains outstanding (for Phase 2) and is the focus of this application, emphasizing the Foundation's commitment to advancing healthcare accessibility and patient care for residents of the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.

2. Organization Mandate:

Since 1988, the KBRH Health Foundation, formerly the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation, has raised over \$24.9 million to advance healthcare in the Kootenay Boundary. The Foundation's revenue is generated through gifts from donors. Funding priorities include equipment, patient care & comfort and staff education. The operating budget for 2024 is \$1,750,000.

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) has 81 acute care beds, 50 multi-level care beds, and responds to the health care needs of 88,000 residents. KBRH offers specialist services, core medical services and advanced diagnostic services to the residents of its 29,000 sq. km area of accountability. The funds stewarded through the KBRH Health Foundation directly benefit patients receiving healthcare services within the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

File No. 73-2024

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

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

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

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

April 3, 2023

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

Dear Lisa,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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

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

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

Prosperity & Resiliency:

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

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

Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Local Economy:

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

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

Sincerely,



Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation

Organization **Slocan Park Community Hall Society**

Registration # S0013916

PO Box 5, Slocan Park British Columbia V0G 2E0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Seniors Gathering Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

Weekly sessions are held at the Slocan Park Community Hall.

Importance to the community:

Seniors are an integral part of most communities and this program will benefit them. The project is important because it gives voice to our seniors, adds value to all our lives because of the connections that are made, brings joy and laughter and acknowledges that our seniors are valued in our community. There is also a lot of networking that goes on and the educational speakers are very informative. This project also gives seniors a designated day to look forward to and to get out of their homes and join the group for the morning.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 9/10/2024

Project End: 6/10/2025

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

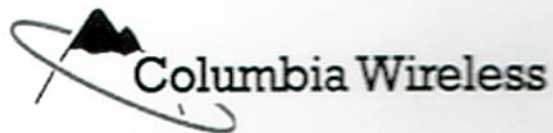
We look forward every week to participate in this very important, valuable "Coffee Time" for Seniors.

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
M. ang.

Love These Get together
THANK YOU "PETE"
MABEL & PETER

Thank you
for
every 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 BROWN

Holidays
Happy to see you
I hope you have
a great one
do you still say
"everything"

Thanks for everything
Pete & Barb

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!

Keith & Sheila

And all good wishes for love
Health & Peace.

These Gratitude to you All
B1 or Dook-
Thank you for
reaching out to
us Seniors
kinda margin

Merry Christmas
Thank you for your kindness
Thank you for
everything
Always
generous!
THANK YOU
ALWAYS

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

To Whom it May Concern

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

Best Regards,

The Recreation Team
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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F | 250-428-2103

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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.