

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

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

**1. The project will provide:**

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

**2. Organization Mandate:**

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

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## In-Kind Donations

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

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

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

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





Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

**Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival**

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

**Ron LeBlanc**

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

# *Autonomous Sinixt*

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

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

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

Warm Regards,  
Marilyn James  
Autonomous Sinixt Matriarch



# Schedule



SPACES

SPECTRUM FIRE EARTH AIR WATER ETHER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

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

Organization **Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**

Registration # 12995 5286 RR0001  
Box 100, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Medical Bus**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

The bus will provide transportation from Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier and Edgewood to the Okanagan with dedicated stops in Vernon and Kelowna. Storage of the bus is located at the Community Services Building, 205 6th Avenue NW, Nakusp.

Importance to the community:

The most common barrier for our rural residents to access medical and specialized appointments is the lack of transportation particularly for seniors, low income and at-risk residents. This project helps remove barriers to access and provides options which are affordable, safe and reliable.

Maintaining health helps people adopt and maintain healthy behaviors resulting in lower healthcare costs. Providing affordable and reliable transportation for those needing it allows people in our area who may normally not have transportation options to continue to participate in their own wellness. Priority participants will continue to be seniors however this project will also target individuals and families living in poverty and people with diverse abilities including mental health, youth and youth at risk.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/1/2024      Project End: 5/30/2025

<b>RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS</b>				
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
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$7,900.00</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$750.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$11,400.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Medical Bus**

<b>\$11,400.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The project will maintain the use of the Medical Bus to connect vulnerable, rural, remote and isolated residents of Nakusp and area to reliable and affordable transportation to attend appointments in the Okanagan. Priority will be given to seniors and those attending medical appointments however with the flexibility to serve a more diverse clientele should seats be available.

The bus will provide a regular schedule to the Okanagan. Volunteers will be recruited and maintained to drive the bus.

ASLCS will collaborate with groups and organizations i.e. Senior's Centre, Halcyon Assisted Living, Mental Health Clubhouse, to identify individuals who experience barriers to transportation. ASLCS will market and promote services to maximize riders and create revenue to offset costs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Arrow and Slokan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) is a non-profit charity providing community based social services solutions for 50 years. Our Vision: "Advocating for vibrant, thriving and supportive communities." Our Mission: "Working together with our communities to provide innovative services and solutions." We successfully deliver over 20 diverse programs and services, i.e. Employment services, Women and Children's counseling, Home Support, Better at Home, Medical Bus, Food Bank and more. ASLCS is a financially solid and capable organization and holds many government contracts with a multitude of funding models. Successful simultaneous management of these contracts demonstrates that we have the capability to financially manage and support all services. ASLCS has a varied portfolio of assets, internal controls to maintain cash, savings and an undrawn line of credit. Our operating budget is \$1,191,544.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The most common barrier for our rural residents to access medical and specialized appointments is the lack of transportation particularly for seniors, low income and at-risk residents. This project helps remove barriers to access and provides options which are affordable, safe and reliable.

Maintaining health helps people adopt and maintain healthy behaviors resulting in lower healthcare costs. Providing affordable and reliable transportation for those needing it allows people in our area who may normally not have transportation options to continue to participate in their own wellness. Priority participants will continue to be seniors however this project will also target individuals and families living in poverty and people with diverse abilities including mental health, youth and youth at risk.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues:

Lack of reliable, affordable and accessible transportation for vulnerable populations to attend important medical and specialized appointments. Lack of support for seniors and other vulnerable populations to connect them with transportation resources.

Opportunities:

Promote and implement transportation opportunities.

Support seniors and others to maintain health and wellness by providing the ability to attend appointments which may otherwise be inaccessible.

Reduce isolation for seniors and vulnerable populations.

Generate revenue from bus fares.

Identified by:

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Service providers i.e. Stopping the Violence Outreach and Counselling, Better at Home, Halcyon Assisted Living, and Service Organizations I.e. Senior's Association, Arrow Lakes Healthcare Auxiliary.

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

ASLCS has demonstrated capacity to manage a variety of social service based programs. We currently manage 20+ programs, with our services impacting local populations from children to seniors.

Infrastructure for this project is in place.

ASLCS has experience and specialized staff who have cultivated and maintained excellent working relationships with partners and stakeholders.

We have demonstrated experience providing transportation for seniors to access medical appointments and health and wellness activities locally and regionally.

ASLCS has demonstrated experience recruiting volunteers to help with programs i.e. Better at Home, Food Bank, Holiday Hampers and our Community Works Gift Shop. We have a broad volunteer base with dedicated workers who have volunteered their expertise and time for many years.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project Administration - Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) at 205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp.

Coordination - ASLCS staff

Volunteers - Bus Drivers

**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:**

Coordination, scheduling, reservations, conducted by ASLCS staff, 2 hours/week at \$25/hour = \$2600

Bus parking

Volunteer Bus Drivers - a trip to the Okanagan is generally a 10-12 hour day. They are paid a \$80 honorarium per trip and volunteer their time.

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

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

Organization **Slocan Solutions**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

<b>\$8,400.00</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

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

**2. Organization Mandate:**

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

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

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

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

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

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

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

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



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

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

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Dear selection committee,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Cora Skaien

WildSafeBC Community Coordinator, Arrow-Slocan Lakes 2020-present

# Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share Summary 2023

## Background

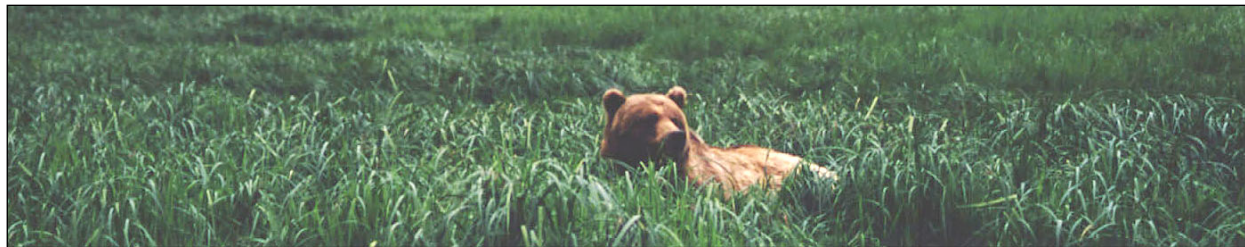
The Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share program for 2023 was a pilot year that included only the Villages of New Denver and Silverton, and RDCK Area H, for funding. There was substantial interest from Slokan and Nakusp.

## Summary

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

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

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



**Valhalla Wilderness Society**

Box 329, New Denver, B.C.

V0G 1S0

February 15, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne P. McCrory". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Wayne P. McCrory, RPbio. Bear biologist  
Director.

## Human-Bear Conflict Survey Results - 2022

### Survey Background

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

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

### New Denver Executive Summary

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

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

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

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

## Silverton Executive Summary

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

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

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

## Nakusp Executive Summary

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

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

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

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

Organization **Burton Senior Citizens' Association Branch 124**

Registration # S0004367

4390 Highway 6W, Nakusp BC V0G 1R1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Replacing Chairs**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ  
Burton Community Hall

Importance to the community:

Everyone in the community will benefit from the new chairs as this is the main venue for all activities in the community be they social, sports, fitness, meetings, dinners, banquets, weddings, etc. This project is important for the safety of all users.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>\$6,788.25</b>	
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,788.25</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,788.25</b>	<b>\$6,788.25</b>	<b>\$6,788.25</b>



**Project: Replacing Chairs**

**1. The project will provide:**

The project is to replace our existing chairs in the Burton Community Hall. The existing chairs are worn out and beginning to be unsafe. This project will be achieved by purchasing new chairs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to provide activities to keep seniors active and socially involved. We provide banquets, potlucks, games, musical entertainment, Christmas carol sing, craft fair, fall fair, historical slide shows, guest speakers. For the 2023 fiscal year, our income was \$5,299.06 and our expenses were \$4,169.54. The balance in our operating budget on December 31, 2023 was \$3,613.89.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Everyone in the community will benefit from the new chairs as this is the main venue for all activities in the community be they social, sports, fitness, meetings, dinners, banquets, weddings, etc. This project is important for the safety of all users.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The issue is the safety of the existing chairs. This has been identified by the use of these chairs.

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

Our organization is best suited to deliver this project as the Burton Hall Association is currently extremely busy with looking at extending or renovating the existing building as it does not currently meet the needs of our community. This is a project that we are able to facilitate and have the volunteers necessary to replace the chairs and it is one less obligation that our Burton Hall Assn has to deal with.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Burton Senior Citizens' Assn will be involved as we utilize the hall on a free basis with the understanding that we assist with projects such as this to maintain the facility.

**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:**

Our volunteers will provide the labour required to remove existing chairs and replace them with the new chairs.

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

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

Organization **Lower arrow Lakes Conservation Association**

Registration # Inc # S0027933 Business #84877 1481 BC0001  
775 Worthington FSR, Edgewood British Columbia V0G 1J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **SS Minto Display**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

Project location will be in the community of Edgewood residing at the park with an appropriate backdrop of the Arrow Lakes.

Importance to the community:

Our Conservation group was placed as custodians of the SS Minto scale model. The now defunct Edgewood Lions Club were the the ones that commissioned the building of the scale model of the SS Minto, by Club members and numerous locals. It coincided with the 1992 Edgewood Homecoming Celebrations for it's inaugural launch. This scale model was built with extreme attention to detail of the original SS Minto, with functioning sternwheel that is powered by radio control. The entire community of Edgewood and Arrow Lakes Basin will benefit from the display of a model recreation that was the lifeline of transportation for the entire Arrow Lakes basin.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/2/2024 Project End: 11/1/2024

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
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
<b>\$1,500.00</b>		<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$500.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

To construct a small & secure enclosed structure to display a true to 1/16 scale model of the SS Minto. The project completion will allow permanent display of this historic sternwheeler along with the history of the vessel. It will be achieved thru funding and volunteer labor along with locally provided structural lumbers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Conservation of nature and environment is our primary focus while fostering pursuits in the outdoors for members, locals and visitors.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our Conservation group was placed as custodians of the SS Minto scale model. The now defunct Edgewood Lions Club were the the ones that commissioned the building of the scale model of the SS Minto, by Club members and numerous locals. It coincided with the 1992 Edgewood Homecoming Celebrations for it's inaugural launch. This scale model was built with extreme attention to detail of the original SS Minto, with functioning sternwheel that is powered by radio control. The entire community of Edgewood and Arrow Lakes Basin will benefit from the display of a model recreation that was the lifeline of transportation for the entire Arrow Lakes basin.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Possible issues are approvals from the local Parks Board, the Province and First Nations. Identified via initial process obligations.

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

We are best suited as we are the custodians of this important piece of history. It currently is stored in an enclosed trailer with few opportunities for public display.

Our members have a personal connection to this history and the skills to deliver the completed project.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project is being run and managed by the local Arrow Lakes Conservation Association.

**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:**

Local sawyers will provide the necessary wood for the structural frame.

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

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

Organization **Protecting Animal Life Society (P.A.L.S.)**

Registration # S-46628  
Box 56, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton  
We cover the areas from Edgewood, Fauquier, Burton, Arrow Park, Nakusp, rural Nakusp, New Denver, and Silverton.

Importance to the community:

Our programs are important as we strive to end the cruel cycle of pet overpopulation and its resultant suffering. As the only non-profit domestic animal rescue organization in our area, we feel a responsibility to work to keep the pet population in check and thus reduce the problems (disease and nuisance issues) resulting from roaming feral animals. The communities and the animals will all benefit from our work.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$2,500.00</b>				<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,500.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

We rescue abandoned, lost, abused, and unwanted pets and livestock, provide them with the necessary veterinary care and subsequent foster care until they are adopted. We also provide a Spay/Neuter program for low income pet owners, a Special Circumstances loan program for animal emergencies, and we maintain a Lost and Found pet registry. In addition, our Community Outreach service program provides information and support (emotional and financial) for animal issues that do not fall within our other programs. Our goal is to continue to promote education and awareness of responsible animal care and to reduce the number of unwanted and feral domestic animals in our communities.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mandate is to rescue, aid, and care for abused, neglected, abandoned or homeless domestic animals in the communities we serve. We provide them with veterinary care, food, foster care, and other necessary supplies until they are adopted into forever homes. We maintain a Spay/Neuter program for low income pet owners who might otherwise be unable to spay or neuter their animals. We also provide a Special Circumstances Loan program for animal emergencies, a Lost and Found registry, and a Community Outreach service program.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Our programs are important as we strive to end the cruel cycle of pet overpopulation and its resultant suffering. As the only non-profit domestic animal rescue organization in our area, we feel a responsibility to work to keep the pet population in check and thus reduce the problems (disease and nuisance issues) resulting from roaming feral animals. The communities and the animals will all benefit from our work.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We address the issue of pet overpopulation by providing our Spay/Neuter program to those who could not otherwise afford to spay or neuter their pets. Our Spay/Neuter program numbers reached a record high in 2023. We have seen a considerable surge in requests from people struggling financially with the expenses associated with providing responsible animal care, and we are assisting more people with basic needs such as pet food, and also with accessing veterinary advice and evaluations.

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

We are best suited for this work as we are the only non-profit domestic animal rescue organization in our area. We have been operating continuously since 2003 and have strong community support. We are run by hard-working, dedicated volunteers, and we receive professional guidance from the Nakusp Veterinary Clinic and our local Certified Dog Trainer.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The P.A.L.S. Board of Directors oversees the work with volunteers. We also have the full support and guidance of the Nakusp Veterinary Clinic, and also benefit from the expertise of our local Certified Dog Trainer.

**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 work is done by volunteers. The Nakusp Veterinary Clinic supports and participates in our work by providing discounted services and professional guidance. Our local pet supply store has a "consignment corner" where gently used donated pet supplies are sold for P.A.L.S. Our local Certified Dog Trainer assists with dog behaviour and other

**Project: P.A.L.S. Animal Rescue Program**

dog issues. Selkirk Realty generously sponsors our "Pet of the Week" adoptable pet ads in both the Arrow Lakes News and Valley Voice newspapers. Several businesses and individuals donate their recyclable cans, bottles and plastics. Supporters have also donated items that we sell at yard sales or online.

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

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

Organization **Burton Community Association**

Registration # S001957

125 Burton Main Rd, Burton BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community BBQ**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

This purchase will happen at the Burton Community Hall grounds, with the BBQ being stored within the Burton Community Association's Concession Stand.

Importance to the community:

This purchase is highly beneficial to our community because having a BBQ available allows for several outdoor events and celebrations to happen. One of the greatest memories, for community members who were here during the May Day's celebrations on May Long Weekend, were the fully operating concession stand with a grill for burgers and hot dogs. Our community as a whole will benefit from this project.

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

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
			<b>\$3,437.16</b>	
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$3,437.16</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,437.16</b>	<b>\$3,437.16</b>	<b>\$3,437.16</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Burton Community Association would like to purchase a large propane barbeque for all community events. Currently, our community doesn't have a large, outdoor barbeque for outside gatherings or events, this will bring great value to a few of our celebrations - New Years Eve, July First Celebrations, a future May Days celebration, and ideally many more events put on through private organizations.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our Vision -

BCA, as the governing body, works on behalf of the Burton community at large. The Burton Community Centre and Commonly owned Grounds are non-profit operated properties that offer long-term collaborative space at an affordable rate to other non-profit organizations, sharing resources and amenities between them, creating practical sustainability which supports social well being, and inclusion in the community.

Our Values -

Inclusive - Community Focused - Cooperative - Practical - Integrity - Sustainability - Diversity - Confidentiality

Our Mission -

Working Collaboratively with our community towards a healthier environment, connecting people and preserving the community for future generations to come.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This purchase is highly beneficial to our community because having a BBQ available allows for several outdoor events and celebrations to happen. One of the greatest memories, for community members who were here during the May Day's celebrations on May Long Weekend, were the fully operating concession stand with a grill for burgers and hot dogs. Our community as a whole will benefit from this project.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This genuinely will add to our community as a whole, the opportunities with the new barbeque are almost endless. There currently are no issues, unless product stock or supply chain challenges arise in the future.

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

The Burton Community Association is best suited to deliver this project because our mission is to create a healthier environment, connecting people and preserving the community for future generations to come. In part, we will also be connecting people with food, and everyone loves food!

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The board members of the Burton Community Association will be involved in the purchase of the BBQ, including the pick up and delivery, plus any set up of the BBQ.

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

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

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

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

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



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

Organization **Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services**

Registration # 12995 5286 RR0001  
Box 100, Nakusp BC VOG 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Nakusp and Area Food Bank and Breakfast Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

The Nakusp Food Bank-205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp. Open Thursday and Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm, closed between 12 and 1pm.

Holiday Hampers - Nakusp Sports Complex

Breakfast Programs - Nakusp Secondary School, 619B 4th Street NW at the Home Economic Room. Available every school day from 8am-9am.

Nakusp Elementary School, 619A 4th Street NW at the Breakfast Room, Available every school day from 8am-9am

Burton Elementary School, 219 Burton School Road, Burton BC. Available every school day from 8am-9am

Project administration - Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) at 205 6th Avenue NW Nakusp

Importance to the community:

Food Bank storefronts remain one of the fundamental services of Food Banks Canada in their effort to help people in need. Nakusp Food Bank helps provide recipients with essential food items to augment existing food supplies in their home when times are tough and hard decisions need to be made.

Participating in fresh food recovery to access surplus food that is fresh and healthy while simultaneously reducing food waste.

Conduit to refer clients to community programs to help educate individuals/parent/children on nutrition, helping to relieve food insecurity issues.

Breakfast Program - Nutrition/health education for children/youth, increase awareness of healthy eating habits.

Opportunities for students to learn/practice skills i.e. positive socialization and food preparation.

Involvement/education of the community/parents/school staff.

Improve attendance/reduce absenteeism resulting in successful learning.

Project will provide services to our most vulnerable residents of Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood, Summit Lake, and children attending NES/BES/NSS.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 5/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$41,708.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver

**Project: Nakusp and Area Food Bank and Breakfast Program**

<b>\$1,000.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$47,708.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
<b>\$47,708.00</b>	<b>\$96,183.00</b>	<b>\$96,183.00</b>

**1. The project will provide:**

The Food Bank collects nutritious food and works at the community level to distribute to those facing difficulties purchasing enough food to avoid hunger. The project will purchase food, receive donations, implement food recovery initiatives, and distribute nutritious food. The Breakfast Program provides nutrition to undernourished children at the local schools. Food is purchased including gluten free options and is delivered to the schools on a regular basis. Volunteers monitor the Breakfast Program at the Elementary Schools, and the grade twelve students and the Foods teacher oversee the high school program. The Loop Program is a food recovery initiative which collects and distributes food from the local grocery store which would otherwise go to waste. The project has expanded to food recovery from local producers and farmers. The Program requires a part time employee to execute the project deliverables and coordinate the volunteers.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) is a non-profit charity providing community based social services solutions for 50 years. Our Vision: "Advocating for vibrant, thriving and supportive communities." Our Mission: "Working together with our communities to provide innovative services and solutions." We successfully deliver over 20 diverse programs and services, i.e. Employment services, Women and Children's counseling, Home Support, Better at Home, Medical Bus, Food Bank and more. ASLCS is a financially solid and capable organization and holds many government contracts with a multitude of funding models. Successful simultaneous management of these contracts demonstrates that we have the capability to financially manage and support all services. ASLCS has a varied portfolio of assets, internal controls to maintain cash, savings, and an undrawn line of credit. Our operating budget is \$1,191,544.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Food Bank storefronts remain one of the fundamental services of Food Banks Canada in their effort to help people in need. Nakusp Food Bank helps provide recipients with essential food items to augment existing food supplies in their home when times are tough and hard decisions need to be made.

Participating in fresh food recovery to access surplus food that is fresh and healthy while simultaneously reducing food waste.

Conduit to refer clients to community programs to help educate individuals/parent/children on nutrition, helping to relieve food insecurity issues.

Breakfast Program - Nutrition/health education for children/youth, increase awareness of healthy eating habits.

Opportunities for students to learn/practice skills i.e. positive socialization and food preparation.

Involvement/education of the community/parents/school staff.

Improve attendance/reduce absenteeism resulting in successful learning.

Project will provide services to our most vulnerable residents of Nakusp, Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood, Summit Lake, and children attending NES/BES/NSS.

**Project: Nakusp and Area Food Bank and Breakfast Program****4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

Issues - low income families/individuals living in poverty/experiencing health issues/seniors on fixed income struggling to make ends meet with the high costs of rents/groceries. Rural and remote area where children are often on the bus for over an hour before arriving to school (Edgewood/Nakusp including ferry rides, 76km/one way). Children are hungry again when they arrive at school after the long commute.

Opportunities - supplementing groceries for our most vulnerable to help them in their struggle to put enough food on the table. Partnerships with summer market/community gardens/local farmers to provide seasonal healthy/nutritious/fresh fruits/vegetables.

Providing nutritious food for children to ensure academic success, educating children/youth re benefits of good nutrition.

Providing education to individuals/families with recipes/tips for cooking nutritious/budget-friendly meals.

Identified via results/analysis of recorded stats, numbers of families/individuals served, number of times services are accessed. Feedback from schools/service providers confirms continued and growing need.

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

ASLCS has demonstrated capacity to manage and support a variety of social-based programs. We have specialized with 35+ years of experience and we have operating the Food Bank for over 40 years. We consistently receive good feedback from community members and clients that use these services. At Christmas time we provide about 175 hampers to help those in need and it is a good feeling to be able to give to the community. The Food Bank and Breakfast Program have dedicated volunteers which is essential to delivery of the programs. Our agency works well together and we continuously evaluate our programs with the goal of improving delivery of needed services to our most vulnerable. ASLCS is a respected agency in our community, and residents and businesses continually amaze us with their generous and ongoing support especially considering the current economic climate.

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

ASLCS - administration, finance, supervision of the project

Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator - coordinate the Food Bank activities, purchase food, deliver food the Breakfast Programs, implement The Loop Program, staff the Food Bank, communications and support.

ASLCS volunteers - helping with the Food Bank, Holiday Hampers, Breakfast Program, The Loop, Nakusp and Burton Elementary School and Nakusp Secondary School staff and principals to implement the Breakfast Program.

SaveOn Grocery Store - The Loop Food Recovery Initiative.

**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:**

Donations of groceries, toys, clothing and toiletries comes from the community is valued at \$7000. Volunteer contribution to the Breakfast Program is 375 hours, Holiday Hampers is 130 hours. Total 505 volunteer hours valued at \$10,100.

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

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

Year	<30	31-60	60+	Children	People	Houses	# Donated	Given Out #	Singles	Families
2023										
Jan	2	58	28	29	117	89	820	2650	56	33
Feb	3	35	12	33	73	82	804	4000	58	24
Mar	6	59	21	30	118	58	650	1860	49	9
Apr	10	45	30	30	118	110	420	4290	77	33
May	5	75	10	22	112	72	650	2850	49	23
June	6	93	33	49	181	96	303	3990	59	37
July	7	61	16	48	132	70	505	2690	42	28
Aug	3	64	20	20	101	65	214	2240	43	23
Sept	4	51	29	26	110	64	506	2670	39	25
Oct	4	60	30	42	136	76	602	3066	50	26
Nov	2	79	26	38	140	77	504	3180	61	19
Dec	5	34	24	21	73	53	495	2100	46	14

179 Hampers given out at Christmas



NAKUSP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes)

Box 250, Nakusp BC, V0G 1R0  
Telephone: 250-265-3638 Opt. 4  
Facsimile: 250-265-3081

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter of support for ASLCS grant application connected to food services at NES and NSS. NES students have benefitted from ALSCS breakfast and snack supplies for the last few years. During these times of financial insecurity for many families in our community, students often come to school without sufficient or nutritious food supplies.

This program has supported our students by bringing food that our Breakfast Program facilitator, Deb Guest, prepares for kids. Students can go to the breakfast room and have hot food and snacks that supplement their lunches. Anne from ASLCS has been bringing healthy snacks like fruit, yoghurt, cheese, and cereal. This ensures that all students have equitable access to food. We know that these students have more energy and are better prepared for learning as a result of being properly fed.

NES is grateful for ALSCS support in this regard and we hope that this relationship can continue moving forward. NES is currently being renovated and a multipurpose room will allow us to build on our existing program and provide even better food services for our students. Our partnership with ALSCS will undoubtedly improve our breakfast program over the coming year.

Thank you for considering this information during your granting process.

Best regards,

Mike Hibberson

Principal of Nakusp Elementary School

Organization **Burton Community Association**

Registration # S001957

Box 185, Burton British Columbia V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Friends of the Burton Walkway

Project Title **Mulch and Gravel for Burton Walkway**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The project will take place in Burton.

Importance to the community:

The Burton Walkway is an important asset to our community. This Walkway represents a safe, accessible trail that is used by people of all abilities. The Walkway is used by residents and visitors all year long.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/8/2024 Project End: 5/30/2025

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Mulch and Gravel for Burton Walkway**

The project will upgrade the entrance of the walkway located at the Burton Historical Campground Park by landscaping the entrance with mulch, gravel and plant material. These actions and activities are integral to the ongoing maintenance of the Burton Walkway. The mulch and gravel will be delivered by local contractors and volunteers will be responsible for the spreading the mulch and gravel.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The Friends of the Burton Walkway is a volunteer group responsible for maintaining and improving the Burton Walkway and adjacent area. This local path is a 1km trail situated along the Arrow Lake waterfront between the Burton Historical Campground Park and the Burton Historical Cemetery. Friends of the Burton Walkway report directly to the Burton Community Association as the Walkway is a community asset.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Burton Walkway is an important asset to our community. This Walkway represents a safe, accessible trail that is used by people of all abilities. The Walkway is used by residents and visitors all year long.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

During the 2024 annual Walkway clean-up, volunteers identified that the mulch and gravel at this entrance had deteriorated and needed to be replaced. In the summer of 2024, heavy rainfall had drained over a small section of the entrance and washed away some of the gravel. A fresh layer of gravel will help to resurface the Walkway and improve the path surface for users. The mulch will be beneficial to plant material and trees at entrance area by keeping weeds down and conserving moisture.

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

This project fits with the mandate of the Friends of the Burton Walkway to maintain and improve the pathway. This pathway was originally established by the Burton Seniors in 2005, the Walkway continues to be maintained by community volunteers.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our volunteer working group will be responsible for implementing the project such as ordering the materials, planning a volunteer work bee, and recruiting volunteers to help. Friends of the Burton Walkway have developed a large group of community volunteers who are dedicated to helping with annual clean up and special projects.

**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:**

Volunteers will be responsible for the project labour, including the donation of equipment if required.

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

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



Organization **Nelson Civic Theatre Society**

Registration # 811788702 RR 0001

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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](http://www.agathebernardphotography.com), [www.carvinglandscapes.ca](http://www.carvinglandscapes.ca), [www.agathebernard.com](http://www.agathebernard.com)*

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

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

*~Kathy Cooper, CEO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism*

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

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

*~Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director, Community Futures Central Kootenay*

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

*~Jonathan Robinson, Director, FMRL Productions*

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

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

*~Tucker Anderson, Freelance Filmmaker, Tucker K Anderson Films*

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

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

*~Carlo Alcos*



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February 20, 2024

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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 February 18, 2013.

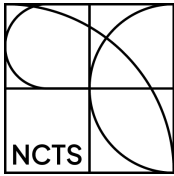
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**Nelson Civic Theatre Society**

719 Vernon Street

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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 **Nakusp Ski Club Association**

Registration # S68813

Box 436, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Summit Lake Ski Area Night Skiing Improvement**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp  
Summit Lake Ski Area, south of Nakusp

Importance to the community:

The Summit Lake Area provides one of the few opportunities for residents of all ages who reside in the Arrow and Slocan Lakes Area to participate in a healthy, outdoor, family oriented Winter activity. The night skiing provides the area with something unique for people of all ages, and also brings tourism as people from nearby town are willing to travel and spend money in the area to experience it. Summit Lake is a gathering place and a wonderful environment to initiate children to sport and practice an healthy life style. Friday night skiing is a key piece of weekend entertainment, and with better lighting, can work in synergy with music, video, food, games, and other offerings in place to become a gathering hub for the local population. By diversifying its offering, the hill would satisfied the needs of a larger part of the community, hence becoming more sustainable.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/21/2024 Project End: 5/24/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$27,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,260.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
<b>\$1,000.00</b>			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$32,260.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$32,260.00</b>	<b>\$34,650.00</b>	<b>\$34,650.00</b>

**Project: Summit Lake Ski Area Night Skiing Improvement****1. The project will provide:**

The project is to update the existing night skiing light system. It will provide users with more visibility and a more enjoyable experience, as well as increase safety for all. It will be achieved by replacing poles and installing new energy efficient lightbulbs. This will also provide long-term environmental and cost savings for the hill. The new asset for the Ski Hill would in return bring in more tourism for the region as night skiing is an unique experience and apart from Summit Lake Ski Area, the closest ski hill to offer night skiing is Silver Star, 221km and 3.5 hours away.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purposes of the society are

- a) to locate, acquire, develop, and maintain a suitable ski hill that will satisfy the skiing requirements of the Nakusp District population,
- b) to establish and operate within the scope of its financial means, suitable facilities such as a ski lodge and ski tows for the benefit of the skiers, and
- c) to provide ski instruction for beginners, families, and school communities.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The Summit Lake Area provides one of the few opportunities for residents of all ages who reside in the Arrow and Slokan Lakes Area to participate in a healthy, outdoor, family oriented Winter activity. The night skiing provides the area with something unique for people of all ages, and also brings tourism as people from nearby town are willing to travel and spend money in the area to experience it. Summit Lake is a gathering place and a wonderful environment to initiate children to sport and practice an healthy life style. Friday night skiing is a key piece of weekend entertainment, and with better lighting, can work in synergy with music, video, food, games, and other offerings in place to become a gathering hub for the local population. By diversifying its offering, the hill would satisfied the needs of a larger part of the community, hence becoming more sustainable.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The lighting system in place for night skiing is not providing enough light for guests to experience safe and enjoyable skiing. The system hasn't been updated in over 40 years so it is not energy efficient. Each new lights would be 100 watts more efficient. About twenty of the existing poles need to be replaced as they do not meet industry standards for their structural integrity, and cannot be climbed.

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

The Nakusp Ski Club has successfully owned, maintained and operated the Summit Lake Ski Area for 60 years using volunteers and qualified contractors. The club is qualified to ensure completion of this project, and Jacob Butt, owner of One Time Electric, has offered to support this application. Crescent Bay Construction, who will replace poles, is owned by a Summit Lake Ski Area board member, and is happy to also support and offer the machinery and labour for free.

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

Volunteers of Nakusp Ski Club Association.  
One Time Electric Ltd  
Crescent Bay Construction

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

**Project: Summit Lake Ski Area Night Skiing Improvement**

**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 Nakusp Ski Club Association will be heavily involved with coordinating the project. They will also work with the specialized contractors where possible.

Labour and machinery for both electrical and pole installation will be subsidized by One Time Electric and Crescent Bay Construction, respectively.

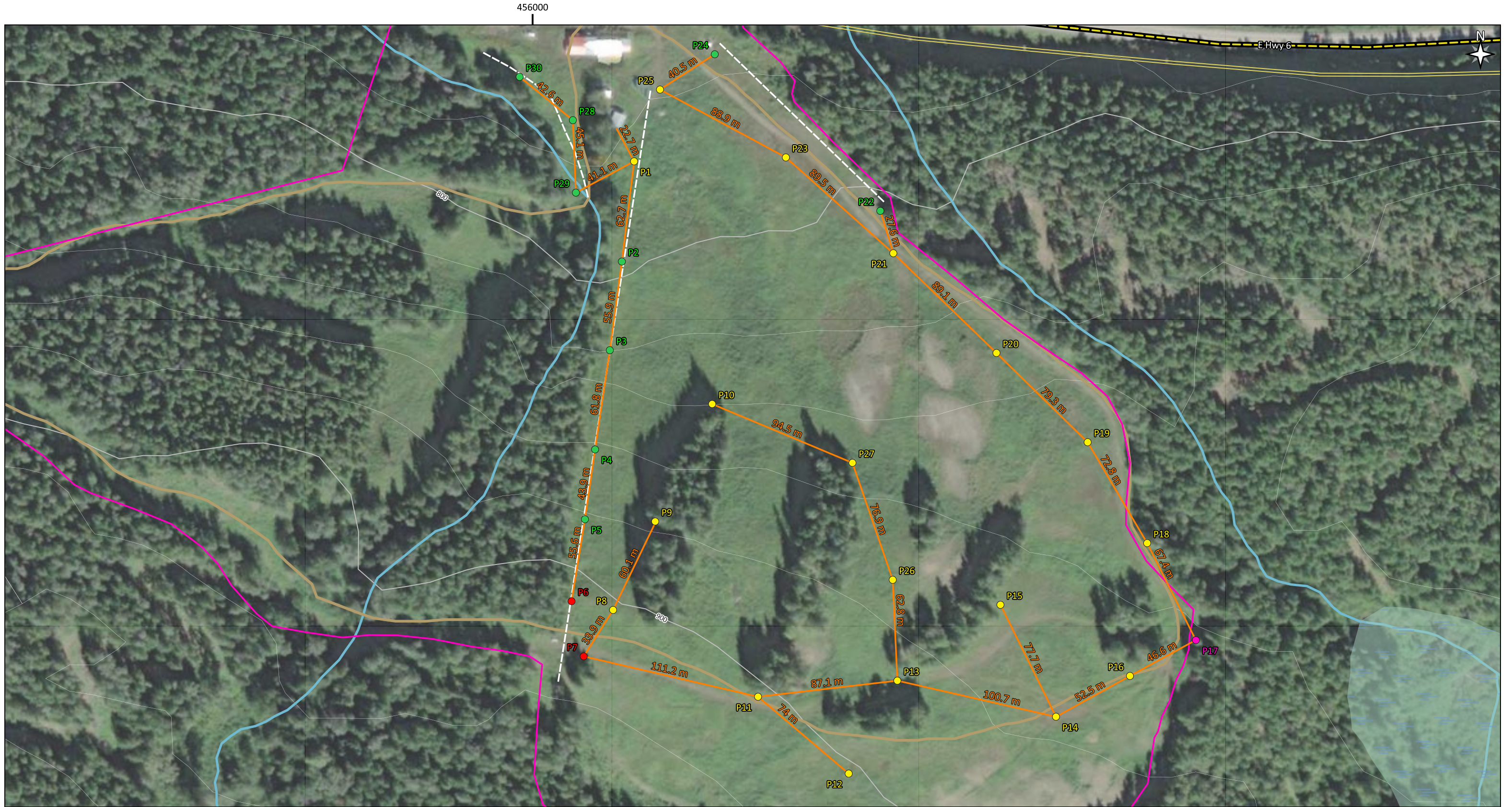
One Time Electric Ltd will be volunteering staff for the installation of the lights, a value of \$1000

Crescent Bay Construction will be providing the staff and machinery necessary for the replacement of the poles, a value of \$10 000.

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

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

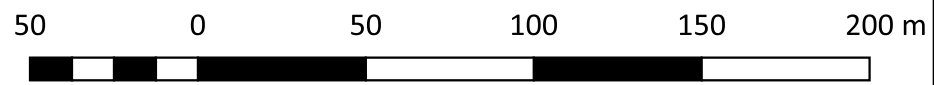




- Major Roads
- Secondary Roads
- Transmission Lines
- Lakes and Streams
- Wetlands
- Electrical Cable
- SLSH Operating Area

- Replace Pole and Rigging, Reuse Anchors
- Replace Pole and Rigging
- Replace Rigging
- Replace Pole and Rigging, New Anchors

**Nakusp Ski Club Association**  
 Proponent NSCA  
 Location Summit Lake  
 Client Project ID Proposed LED Lighting Upgrade  
 Datum NAD83  
 UTM Zone 11U  
 Projection EPSG:22711 - NAD83(CSRS)v7  
 Map Date 2024-01-25  
 Map Scale 1:2,250



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Map Date:2024-01-25

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## Estimate

**ADDRESS**

Summit Lake Ski Hill

**ESTIMATE #** 1191

**DATE** 13-02-2024

ACTIVITY	SKU	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
CHANGE LIGHTS OUTDOOR LIGHTS TO LED TYPE RSXF1				
<b>LABOUR:Labour</b>	Labour	1	3,600.00	3,600.00
Labour				
<b>Materials</b>	Materials	1	17,387.96	17,387.96
Labour & Materials				
REBATE OF \$2387.47 FOR THIS FROM BC HYDRO AFTER WORK COMPLETE				
			SUBTOTAL	20,987.96
			GST @ 5%	1,049.40
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,037.36</b>

Accepted By

Accepted Date

Organization **Summit Lake Racers (Nancy Greene Club)**

Registration #

PO Box 554, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Summit Lake Nancy Greene Ski Coach Training**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The benefit and resulting program implementation will occur at Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area in Summit Lake, at 2915 Highway 6. Training will take place at the closest available training venue that coaches are able to attend (likely Whitewater Ski Hill, Revelstoke Mountain Resort, or Kickinghorse Mountain Resort).

Importance to the community:

Each year approximately 20 youth 12 and under participate in the Summit Lake Racers Alpine Ski Racing program. These youth come from throughout RDCK Areas H and K and their member municipalities. Coaches receiving training will also benefit from this project. The club will make an effort to recruit youth coaches, providing these youth with a skill-building, leadership opportunity.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 10/1/2024      Project End: 3/31/2025

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,475.53</b>	<b>\$4,475.53</b>



**1. The project will provide:**

This project will provide financial support for two or more individuals to receive alpine ski race coaching training, preparing them to provide coaching services to the local Nancy Greene Ski Racing program at Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area (Summit Lake Racers), as well as support returning coaches in professional development and cover the costs of lift passes and security checks required for Summit Lake Racers Coaches. All Summit Lake Nancy Greene ski program participants benefit from this project, as does the community ski hill.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide Nancy Greene alpine ski racing programs to youth in the Summit Lake Ski Hill catchment area. To support our athletes to achieve their personal best and grow from their experiences, and coaches to learn and develop. To create and nurture a culture of excellence and a love of skiing amongst club athletes, parents, and coaches. To create a supportive, competitive sport environment that will allow all young athletes to achieve their personal best and grow from their experiences in an environment where coaches are encouraged to learn and develop.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Each year approximately 20 youth 12 and under participate in the Summit Lake Racers Alpine Ski Racing program. These youth come from throughout RDCK Areas H and K and their member municipalities. Coaches receiving training will also benefit from this project. The club will make an effort to recruit youth coaches, providing these youth with a skill-building, leadership opportunity.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The project goal is to ensure a sufficient number of trained and licensed coaches are available for anticipated registration in the 2024-2025 season (July 2024 to June 2025). The club is forecasting one coach continuing and recruiting two new coaches and one coach-in-training. Our target is young adult candidates - 16 to 25 years of age.

To accomplish the goal, the club will need to support candidates with coach training courses, coach registration fees, coaching expenses, and coach lift tickets. Virtually all ski clubs provide this support to enlist young adults, provide part-time employment; and introduce a possible career path.

Receiving grant funding to cover these items reduces costs to families, making this program and the sport accessible to more local families. For this reason, we are seeking CBT's Resident Directed funds, as all communities throughout Areas H and K can benefit by having youth from their region participate.

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

The Summit Lake Racers are committed to developing skills, and a life-long love of skiing. We are a community ski club training at our local ski hill - Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area. This club is the only ski racing club for young participants, 14 and under, operating out of Summit Lake Ski & Snowboard Area. The Summit Lake Racers has a long history of working with and supporting the Nakusp Secondary School Ski and Snowboard Team.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Members of the Summit Lake Racers (Nancy Green Summit Lake) is a group coordinating a ski racing club based out of Summit Lake Ski and Snowboard Area. This group has been operating for several years and maintains a budget, bank account, and informal executive.

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

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

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

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

The Volunteer Club will work to promote this coaching training, recruit coaches, coordinate coaches' attendance at the training, and coordinate the ski club season as usual.

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

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

# **15 Years Old ? You're old enough to be a ski coach!**

**Entry Level Coach Courses**

**Dec 8 to 10 - Whitewater & Sun Peaks**

**<https://bcalpine.com/calendar/>**

If you're a strong skier and interested in coaching Nancy Greene Ski League, the Summit Lake Racers support Coach Training & Development

For More Info - email [slrracers@gmail.com](mailto:slrracers@gmail.com)



Organization **Old Fire Hall Collective Society**

Registration # S0062753

Box 392, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Feed the Future**

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

The greenhouse and community garden will be located at the Nakusp Secondary School 619 - 4th St. NW Nakusp, BC

Importance to the community:

Benefits of a geothermal greenhouse and community garden

- Living science lab
- Programs designed to help students K through 12 to acquire the knowledge needed to become agriculturally literate
- Improved health by consuming more fruits and vegetables year-round.
- Improved access to fresh foods.
- Improved food security/autonomy over food sources with a greenhouse, community garden, forest, foraging and knowledge sharing.
- Opportunity for volunteerism, contributing to individual well being.
- Work and life skills through responsibility of growing, maintaining and harvesting a crop.
- Horticultural therapy through positive green, light, and humid space.

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
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$31,240.00</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$2,100.00</b>				<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$40,940.00</b>



Project: Feed the Future

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$40,940.00	\$170,610.00	\$170,610.00

**1. The project will provide:**

The Greenhouse project came about while researching sustainable food production. Inspired by the video "Greenhouse in the Snow" , we felt that Nakusp is an ideal location for a geothermal greenhouse to address food security and sustainability. A community greenhouse can be a solution. The project will contribute not only to food security and improved health through better quality and nutritious foods year-round, but it will also provide an educational environment, skills training, community pride and well being by growing fresh foods for students, vulnerable population, soup kitchen, seed saving, planting, harvest, processing, composting, and produce storage workshops. Partnering a geothermal greenhouse with the community garden creates the opportunity for education related to geothermal technology, food security/self sufficiency/sustainability for generations to come.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

The purpose of the society is to inspire, nourish and support local communities by acting as an incubator for ideas that are economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

Benefits of a geothermal greenhouse and community garden

- Living science lab
- Programs designed to help students K through 12 to acquire the knowledge needed to become agriculturally literate
- Improved health by consuming more fruits and vegetables year-round.
- Improved access to fresh foods.
- Improved food security/autonomy over food sources with a greenhouse, community garden, forest, foraging and knowledge sharing.
- Opportunity for volunteerism, contributing to individual well being.
- Work and life skills through responsibility of growing, maintaining and harvesting a crop.
- Horticultural therapy through positive green, light, and humid space.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

There are several factors contributing to accessibility and affordability of good quality food. The cost of importing fresh unprocessed food to sparsely populated rural and remote areas is predicted to continue to rise with increased transportation costs. It is a concern that vulnerable consumers may become more reliant on packaged foods that are less expensive, but far less nutritious than fresh food. 2019 RDI community Profiles state that 24% of Area K and 16.6% of Nakusp populations are low income. Basic household expenses have risen since 2019. Individuals on a fixed income directly experience rising costs.

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

Successful projects, large and small, of the past and ongoing programs ensure that we have the volunteers and experience to see this project through to completion.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Old Fire Hall Collective  
 Nakusp Seniors Citizens Association

**Project: Feed the Future**

SD 10, Burton, Edgewood, Nakusp, New Denver schools

Community at large - families, youth, groups, adults, seniors

All individuals and groups will bring to the project their experience, expertise and enthusiasm

**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 includes: fence posts, labour, firewood for fund raiser, volunteer time for committee work

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

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

Nakusp Senior Citizens Association  
210 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW  
Box 802  
Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

March 16, 2023

Old Fir Hall Collective Society

Box 392

Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

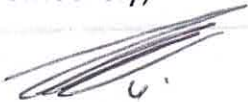
**Attention: Rosemary Hughes – Letter of Support**

Dear Rosemary:

This letter is being sent further to your email to our secretary Doreen Desrochers on February 14, 2023.

At our regular board meeting on March 15, 2023 a motion of support was passed in principle for your geothermal greenhouse project. We wish you success as you move forward on this project.

Sincerely,



Thorlief (Tom) Lie, President.



# NAKUSP & AREA

## DEVELOPMENT BOARD ▶

June 23, 2022

To whom it may concern,

The Nakusp and Area Development Board (NADB) would like to express our strong support for the Old Firehall Collective's (OFC) efforts to fund and build a geothermal greenhouse in Nakusp.

NADB is an incorporated non-profit society whose purpose is to benefit the residents of Nakusp and area by promoting economic growth and development in the West Kootenay region, and we believe Nakusp and its residents would benefit greatly from a project such as this one.

It has become obvious over recent years—through disruptions to our societal and economic fabric due to the COVID-pandemic, local wildfires and evacuations, and flooding and highway washouts and closures—that the supply chains that provide the essentials of life to rural and remote communities such as ours have become vulnerable. Consequently, developing locally based infrastructure to provide fresh and nutritious local produce, food-science education, and skills training has become increasingly important.

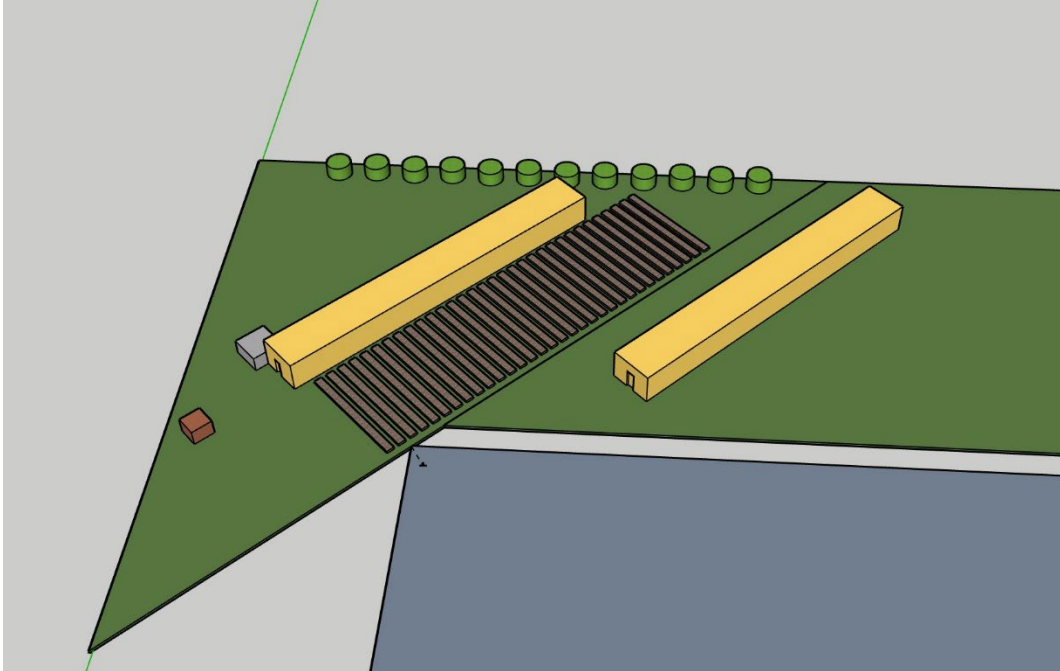
Through community consultation processes over the last two years, NADB has identified developing local agriculture and food security as high-priority strategic goals, and we are glad to have the OFC pursuing this worthy endeavour. We strongly encourage your support for the OFC's effort to fund a geothermal greenhouse in Nakusp, and we look forward to working with them to improve access to locally grown produce and to help address food security issues in our rural and remote area.

Sincerely,



Corinne Tessier, President  
Nakusp and Area Development Board





The above is an artist's 3D of the project with Highway 23 at the top of the picture on the northeast side of the Nakusp Secondary School grounds. The second greenhouse is a future project for when the technology and sustainability of the first is proven.

Organization **Arrow Slokan Community Services (Fauqueir Family Programs)**

Registration # S00 109 17  
Box 100, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Childrens Summer camp & Movie Nights**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The Summer Camp is planned for Detta Beach in Fauquier (central community) and has Pavillion backup for wet weather.

Importance to the community:

These are low cost, easy access programs.All families in our Lower Arrow Lakes Region will benefit.With Summer Camp elementary age children join together for outdoor focused fun and connection. Crafts,fun activities,snacks & lunch provided in a lovely outdoor setting.

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 5/24/2024      Project End: 12/27/2024

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
			<b>\$1,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,200.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$6,200.00</b>	<b>\$8,160.00</b>	<b>\$8,160.00</b>

**Project: Childrens Summer camp & Movie Nights**

**1. The project will provide:**

This program supports families from Fauquier,Edgewood and Burton by providing a cooperative,safe,low barrier Summer Camp for children each summer break period.This gives opportunity for a healthy,social group activity in the summer months when school is not bringing children together.

Hosting monthly Family Movie Nights in the Community Hall and other family focused social programs.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

To provide social supports and opportunities to the people of Arrow and Slocan Lakes area.Host to several funding streams and government initiatives.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

These are low cost, easy access programs.All families in our Lower Arrow Lakes Region will benefit.With Summer Camp elementary age children join together for outdoor focused fun and connection. Crafts,fun activities,snacks & lunch provided in a lovely outdoor setting.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

When school is out of session it is a good time to connect families and provide a hub for support & fun.There are few organized activities for families living in the lower Arrow Lakes. This need was identified years ago by teachers and parents alike.

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

Fauquier Family Programs has been coordinating family programs for over 25 years. There is a good connection with families and this grant is a great addition?subsidy to the MCFD funding that provides the core funds of this organization.The network is set up and the delivery model is successful.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Fauquier Family Programs will implement the programs. Youth and parent mentors are always key to these successful programs.

**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:**

Equipment & games lending without rental fees. Vehicle transport of supplies & gas used.

**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		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING</b>	<b>\$29,500.00</b>



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

**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

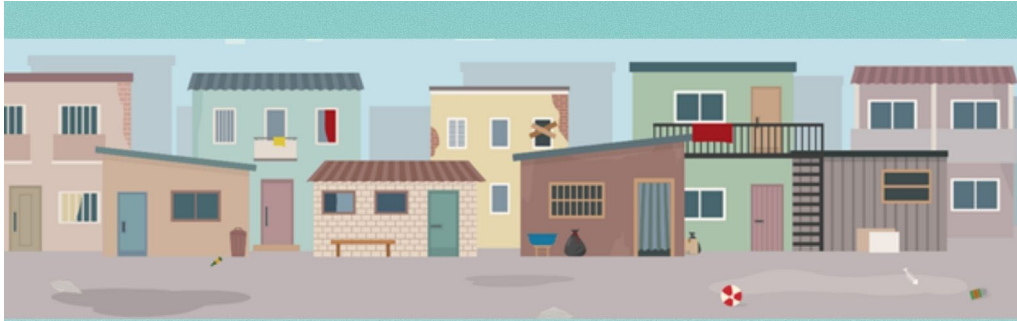
Tuesdays 6:30 pm on Zoom

## Families Supporting Families

- Support
- Listening
- Sharing
- Connecting

Hosted by Ben Postmus  
[diversefamilyroots@gmail.com](mailto:diversefamilyroots@gmail.com)





# FAMILIES HOUSING THAT FITS

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*[Click here to register](#)*

*or*

*email: [diversefamilyroots@gmail.com](mailto:diversefamilyroots@gmail.com)*



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Supportive  
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Community



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**SO DO I.**

*DADS  
MATTER*

Dads Sharing  
Dads Supporting  
Dads Inspiring Dads

Join us every Sunday evening on zoom.  
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Organization **Arrow Lakes District Arts Council Society**

Registration # Business number 8933114369 Society number S-0061148

PO Box 895, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Arrow Lakes & District Arts Council Society - Arts and Culture Events**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ , Village of Nakusp

Nakusp Park Gazebo for Music in the Park

Bonnington Theatre for other events.

Legion for the Octoberfest

Importance to the community:

It has been an institution for the past 25 years. It give all community member exposure to quality entertainment at no cost. Presents the community in a positive light for tourists. Opportunity for local artist to take the stage and perform, giving them exposure to their talent. Brings money to the community, assisting the hospitality sector of Nakusp. This is also a draw from tourist of Nakusp being a destination that provides quality entertainment in a beautiful environment. These events provide an opportunity for seniors who are in the Halcyon House Assisted Living Complex. The seniors only have go out to their court yard or just outside the building to enjoy the music. Many seniors from the community also come to the park to enjoy the entertainment or the Bonnington Theatre.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
<b>\$250.00</b>				
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

<b>Total ReDi Funding Requested</b>	<b>Total from Other Sources</b>	<b>Total Project Cash Budget</b>
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**Project: Arrow Lakes & District Arts Council Society - Arts and Culture Events**

<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$16,460.00</b>	<b>\$16,460.00</b>
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**1. The project will provide:**

The ALDACS has been involved with MITP since 2019, an event that had been running for 25 years. We have increased attendance by 40%. Resulting in bringing over 50 bands/musician since we took over this event in 2018. We provide a venue for musicians to showcase their talents. MITP consists of musical evenings, every Wednesday July/August it is free to the public. We have from 150-250 people who attend each performance. This makes us the largest musical entertainment provider in Nakusp. These performances are family oriented, attracting locals, people from the surrounding area and tourist.

It is socially and economically based. It brings people to our area and people book their trips around our evening. This event helps enhance the wellbeing of our community by coming together and meeting friends, making new connections and highlighting our community to tourists for the summer. We have families, couples and seniors, some that attend every week.

Live musical Performances at the Bonnington Theatre. This venue is more intimate, with professional sound and lighting, 70% of the performers are from the Basin. Our plan for this year is to include a Dance for Octoberfest, and an events to celebrate International Women's Day. We plan to collaborate with other local organizations to work together with these larger endeavors.

**2. Organization Mandate:**

- To promote an interchange of educational and cultural endeavors between local and outside artisans, professional and amateur, as well as a variety of other community related efforts, for Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes region
- To foster interest and pride in the cultural heritage of the Arrow Lakes area
- To promote and enhance the Arrow Lakes area's economic potential related to local cultural fields
- To subscribe to, become members of, and co-operate with any other society or association, whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are in whole or part similar to those of this society
- To encourage the participation of the elderly, handicapped and youth in the various activities of the Society BC

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

It has been an institution for the past 25 years. It give all community member exposure to quality entertainment at no cost. Presents the community in a positive light for tourists. Opportunity for local artist to take the stage and perform, giving them exposure to their talent. Brings money to the community, assisting the hospitality sector of Nakusp. This is also a draw from tourist of Nakusp being a destination that provides quality entertainment in a beautiful environment.

These events provide an opportunity for seniors who are in the Halcyon House Assisted Living Complex. The seniors only have go out to their court yard or just outside the building to enjoy the music. Many seniors from the community also come to the park to enjoy the entertainment or the Bonnington Theatre.

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

This event has be ongoing for the past 25 years, we don't anticipate any issues that we don't already a plan in place. This has always been a well behaved event and people are respectful of what is being offered. As our audience increases we have the opportunity to do larger events. No only Music in the Park but also our Concert Series. If they enjoy the free quality entertainment and trust us in what we do they will also attend our paid for events with the Concert Series.

**Project: Arrow Lakes & District Arts Council Society - Arts and Culture Events**

Opportunities to work with other community groups and support other community groups, Legion, SD 10, Village of Nakusp(May 2024 Cinco Demio) Arrow Slocan Lakes Community Services(Harvest and Heritage Fair 2023)

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

The Arts Council has 35 years of doing these types of events. Since being involved with MITP we have been successful and on budget.

Our Arts Council working board has experience with booking acts, performers and musical acts contracts, sound and lighting, production coordination, marketing, social media and budgeting cash flow.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Michele Williams

Rob Plaskett

Tania Quigley

Destiney Froom

**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:**

Accommodations - \$1500

Concession - \$250

Volunteer hours - \$3685 MITP, \$2345 Concert Series Dance

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

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



**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		<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$32,000.00</b>
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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](mailto: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 **Burton Community Association**

Registration # S001957

125 Burton Main Rd, Burton BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Burton Volunteer Fire Dept

Project Title **Equipment Purchase**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area KÂ

The Burton and surrounding area

Importance to the community:

The equipment will help get the scene of and to fight grass and forest fires and get water to the scene more effectively

Work Plan Dates:      Project Start: 7/10/2024      Project End: 10/15/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
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			
			<b>\$7,365.00</b>	
			<b>TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT</b>	<b>\$7,365.00</b>

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
<b>\$7,365.00</b>	<b>\$7,365.00</b>	<b>\$7,365.00</b>

1. The project will provide:

**Project: Equipment Purchase**

To purchase needed equipment for the Fire Dept. Each item will improve our ability to get to and deal with fire scenes. This will be achieved by training with and implementing the new equipment

**2. Organization Mandate:**

Our mission is to protect community, property and the environment through the delivery of efficient and effective fire safety services.

The Burton Community Association recognizes that our Level of Service to the Community is that of Exterior Operation Level.

**3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

The equipment will help get the scene of and to fight grass and forest fires and get water to the scene more effectively

**4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

We have identified areas thru our training where we are lacking the equipment to do the task, safely and efficiently

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

We are the only trained firefighters responsible for our area. We currently operate with 16 trained members.

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

**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

All of the personnel on the Fire dept. led by our Training Officer and myself.

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

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

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

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

Volunteers training on and using the equipment

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

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