

Organization **Slocan Community Library**

Registration # S-0061537

PO Box 135, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

All library members and volunteers will benefit.

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

The library needs to replace the old and damage furniture.

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

All library members and volunteers will benefit.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Better work area and books presentation.

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The society directors

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Library volunteers and directors will handle all purchasing

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Valley Community Band**

Registration #

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$800.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$3,500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,300.00

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

Project: Slocan Valley Community Band Development Project

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**

Registration # S0077960

POBOX 434, Slokan bc v0g 2c0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

Project: HARMONY Community Festival on the Beach

1. The project will provide:

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Fuel for generator, posters, sand, raffle prizes.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

HARMONY JULY 15TH, 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Total Expenses	\$10,448.32
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Revenue

Arrow Slocan Tourism Association **\$2,000.00**

Columbia Basin Trust **\$500.00**

CK Community Futures, Make Music Here **\$400.00**

Slocan Village Market **\$350.00**

Nelson & District Credit Union **\$250.00**

Raffle prize sales **\$358.00**

Individual donations **\$5,581.82**

Patron donations at the gate \$4,680.15

Slocan Village Market @ till \$124.30

Winlaw Parent Advisory Council \$25.00

Wayne Savinkoff \$100.00

Arrowlake Painting \$50.00

Redbeard Contracting \$75.00

Karibu Park \$125.00

John Wittmayer \$50.00

Marilyne Taylor Guinette \$50.00

Hazel Bernhart \$50.00

Jenna Furtado \$25.00

Malin Christensson \$80.00

Leila Scannell Jul 15 \$25.00

Kyle Mclichty \$25.00

Silvio Albert Plonka \$30.00

Go Fund Me Campaign \$67.37

Vendor fees **\$1,008.50**

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

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

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

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

Organization **Kootenay Wellness Foundation**

Registration # XS0078058

514 Vernon Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Yoga Festival**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In-Kind Donations

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival

To whom it may concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

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

Autonomous Sinixt

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



To whom it may concern,

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

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

Warm Regards,
Marilyn James
Autonomous Sinixt Matriarch



Schedule



SPACES

SPECTRUM FIRE EARTH AIR WATER ETHER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

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

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

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

Organization **Slocan Solutions**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver British Columbia V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
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1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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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

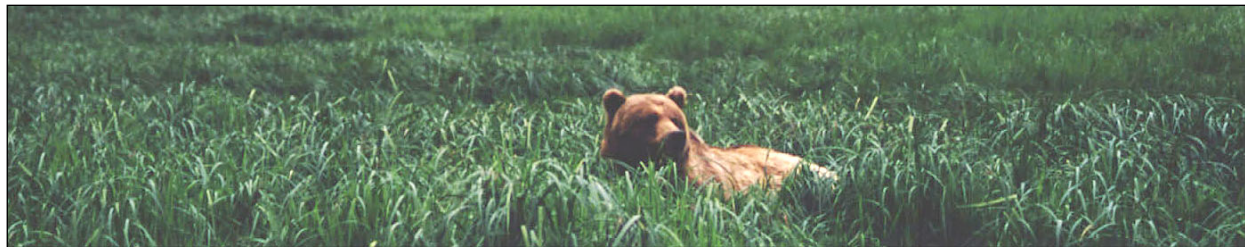
The Electric Fencing/Fruit Tree Replacement Cost-Share program for 2023 was a pilot year that included only the Villages of New Denver and Silverton, and RDCK Area H, for funding. There was substantial interest from Slocan and Nakusp.

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

New Denver Executive Summary

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

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

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

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

Silverton Executive Summary

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

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

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

Nakusp Executive Summary

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

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

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

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

Organization **Treehugger Retreats and Events Society**

Registration # S0077960

PO Box 434, slocan bc V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Winter Carnival**

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

Project: Winter Carnival

1. The project will provide:

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Firewood, propane, raffle prizes

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society**

Registration # S035527
Box 22, Winlaw BC V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

Registration # NON REGISTERED / NON-PROFIT
PO BOX 50, SLOCAN BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - SPIRIT OF SLOCAN

Project Title **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP CELEBRATION**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

On the grounds of the Village's Wellness Centre - there is a lot of space and parking and access to the Wellness Centre for a bathroom.

The Centre is located at 710 Harold Street, Slocan, BC.

Importance to the community:

This project is so important for everyone that lives in our village as well as the surrounding communities. As we live in such a rural area the access to large cities is almost an hour away. Having this event right in the Village - most families can just walk to our event and such a short drive for the smaller communities around Slocan Village - to be able to spend some quality time with neighbors to celebrate the season. The kids go crazy when they see Santa and they may not have that opportunity if we didn't have this event. It was our 10th annual event in 2023.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 11/23/2024 Project End: 1/4/2025

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
			\$900.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$900.00

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

Project: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP CELEBRATION**1. The project will provide:**

Volunteers of the Spirit of Slocan committee will liaison with the Village of Slocan office to organize the task of finding a Christmas tree within our community - to cut down and place at the grounds of the Village's Wellness Centre location. Committee volunteers will then invite members of our Village to help decorate the tree and the Wellness Centre grounds as well as the surrounding areas of the village with appropriate Christmas decorations. The Committee has involved small business owners and the Youth Centre to also help with the decorating of the Village. The committee will setup a properly lit and covered area for Santa and his helper for the day of the event. Two propane fire pits will be lit and maintained by a volunteer from the Fire Department - which the light and warmth from these firepits keep the event area warm and well lit. The Wellness Centre has donated their foyer space for the committee to setup a warm beverage area with cookies for the attendees. We also have a mailbox for Santa's letters which signage is placed at the local schools, the Community Centre and our Food Bank prior to the event. We will place signage at neighboring communities as well so anyone living in the Slocan Valley is aware and welcome to attend this joyous event.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Spirit of Slocan Group was formed 10 years ago to organize and implement various volunteer projects designed to improve the quality of life and spirit within the Village of Slocan.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is so important for everyone that lives in our village as well as the surrounding communities. As we live in such a rural area the access to large cities is almost an hour away. Having this event right in the Village - most families can just walk to our event and such a short drive for the smaller communities around Slocan Village - to be able to spend some quality time with neighbors to celebrate the season. The kids go crazy when they see Santa and they may not have that opportunity if we didn't have this event. It was our 10th annual event in 2023.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

To make sure the area is well lit we are in need of purchasing more hanging lights. We are presently using two propane firepits but the area around Santa could use some better lighting. The lit Christmas tree isn't quite enough.

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

We have the Village - the space - the volunteers and the support of our Village office.

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

The Village of Slocan office staff and the Spirit of Slocan Committee.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

We are using two of the volunteers propane fire pits, we are using another volunteers' Santa chair. We use the volunteers ladders to decorate. The Legion lends use the coffee and tea urns. We usually can get hot beverage cups

Project: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT-UP CELEBRATION

and one hot beverage from a local market as a gift. We cannot count on any donations of food or beverages - we are just hopeful!

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S-0058249

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Slocan Saturday Market

Project Title **Slocan Saturday Market**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

Gail Morris helps with organization and landscaping.

Project: Slocan Saturday Market

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

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

These are the main people involved in implementing this project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Slocan Saturday Market



LOCAL FARMERS & ARTISANS
LIVE MUSIC KIDS ZONE
GREAT FOOD

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

CALL CHRISTINA 250-355-2635

@SLOCANSATURDAYMARKET

Here are letters of support for the Slocan Saturday Market

The year of 2024

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

Awen Geluk Of Boddhi Tree imports from India.

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

Teresa Bryanton

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

Lori Steel

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

Gail Morris

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

Merina Matthew

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

Kevin Joseph Sisk.

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

Tony Jodoin

Slocan Solutions Society

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2023

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

Income Statement – for year ended June 30

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

Organization **Slocan Solutions Society**

Registration # S0058249

411 Derosa Drive, New Denver BC V0G 1S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Valhalla Community Choir**

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$1,300.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$1,800.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,100.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,700.00

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Project: Valhalla Community Choir

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

Slocan Solutions Society

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Organization **Bee Awareness Society**

Registration # S0065268

4654 Slocan River Rd, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Bee Awareness Education Program**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00			\$10,500.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$1,500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$20,000.00

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

Project: Bee Awareness Education Program

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



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

Registration # 886669142RR001

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Slokan Valley Seniors' Lunch**

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

Project: Slocan Valley Seniors' Lunch

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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Feb 01/2024

In support of the
senior's lunches,

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

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

Alida Darleen
Whipple

Executive Director

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

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

Attn: Chantal

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

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

With much gratitude

Jana



Slocan Valley Legion Branch 276
Box 90, Slocan, BC
Phone: 250-355-2672
Email: 276svl@gmail.com
facebook.com/slocanvalleylegion

February 14, 2024

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

Re: Application for a ReDi Grant

This is to advise that:

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

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

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

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

Carol Barclay
Secretay

c.c. John Gates, President

Organization **Slocan Valley Threads Guild**

Registration # S0016735

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

The Guild hosts a library of over 750 books.

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

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

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$15,500.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$16,000.00

Project: Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement

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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

Project: Slocan Valley Threads Guild Interior Floor Replacement

one constructed in 2022 and a retrofitted shed, finished in 2023. If the floor project is not funded, the floor will continue to deteriorate and will require constant maintenance work, some of which will not be possible without removing the marmoleum. The issue was identified by the members attending workings at the Guild.

Guild membership stands at 127, more members than in previous years. Our membership is getting younger, and the building needs to stay intact to ensure that the upcoming generations continue to use the Guild.

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

The Guild has owned and operated this building since 1981. The board is active, engaged and works well together. The Guild welcomes new members and through new marketing endeavors, including webpage, Facebook and Instagram, has succeeded in reaching a younger membership. The Board is confident that with a sturdy building, the organization will continue for another 42 years.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A team of four board members, Joanne Feenstra, Brenda Elder, Sharon Block, and Julie Davies have collaborated on this project. Local contractors have been asked for quotes; materials will be sourced from local hardware stores. Joanne provides the bookkeeper and paperwork expertise, Brenda provides the building's historical information and Sharon and Julie will provide backup. Mike Naylor, a local tradesperson who has construction experience and works in the construction industry, will provide three on site visits to ensure quality control.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The Guild will provide the labour to remove cupboards, tables, and equipment from the inside of the building and replace it after construction. This work will take approximately 80-100 hours of labour.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Balance Sheet

Slocan Valley Threads Guild

As of Jan 16, 2024

ACCOUNTS	Jan 16, 2024
Assets	
Cash and Bank	
Cash on Hand	\$69.60
Equity Shares	\$70.31
Etransfer	\$511.92
Memberships Paid in Advance	\$40.00
Service Plus 102 (regular chequing)	\$8,231.48
Shares	\$51.69
Super Saver 101 Contingency Fund	\$6,006.57
Total Cash and Bank	\$14,981.57
Other Current Assets	
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Long-term Assets	
Threads Guild Building	\$129,600.00
Total Long-term Assets	\$129,600.00
Total Assets	\$144,581.57
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$415.33
Prepaid Memberships	\$40.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$455.33

Liabilities	
Long-term Liabilities	
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$455.33

Equity	
Retained Earnings	
Profit for all prior years	\$6,011.68
Profit between May 1, 2023 and Jan 16, 2024	-\$3,839.42
Building Equity	\$129,600.00
Cash Equity	\$12,353.98
Total Retained Earnings	\$144,126.24
Total Equity	\$144,126.24

Profit and Loss

Slocan Valley Threads Guild

Date Range: Jan 01, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023

ACCOUNTS

Jan 01, 2023
to Dec 31, 2023

Income	
Bank Interest	\$21.17
Building Rentals	\$800.00
Class Supplies	\$380.00
Classes	\$200.00
Donations	\$419.67
Gab and Jab	\$10.00
Gift Certificates	\$100.00
Member Days	\$289.66
Memberships	\$1,840.00
YNY - Donations	\$249.60
YNY - Equipment	\$185.50
YNY - Fabric	\$2,002.30
YNY - Food	\$1,672.15
YNY - Guild Building Sales	\$164.40
YNY - Notions	\$285.80
YNY - Plants	\$2,123.90
YNY - Yarn	\$1,640.75
YNY Gate	\$113.50
Total Income	\$12,498.40

Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$0.00
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Gross Profit	\$12,498.40
As a percentage of Total Income	100.00%

Operating Expenses	
Class Supplies	\$380.00
Cleaning	\$210.96
Filing Fees and Memberships	\$40.00
Fortis - power bills	\$2,211.95
General Supplies	\$30.40
Heddle Looms	\$1,657.60
History Project	\$275.00
Instructor Fees	\$608.00
Insurance – Property	\$3,660.00
Library	\$594.48
Nelson Library Magazine	\$72.96
New Sign	\$392.00
Supplies for Classes	\$14.27
Tents and Tables	\$268.76
YNY - Start Up Expenses	\$316.17
Yard Work/Maintenance	\$260.00
advertising	\$10.00
bank charges	\$15.10
Total Operating Expenses	\$11,017.65

Net Profit

As a percentage of Total Income

\$1,480.75

11.85%

The Slokan Valley Threads Guild is exploring funding from:

Kootenay Saving Credit Union

[Community - Kootenay Savings Credit Union \(kscu.com\)](https://www.kscu.com)

March 31 deadline, Community Foundation Grant

The ReDI Grant

[Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants | Regional District of Central Kootenay \(rdck.ca\)](https://rdck.ca)

Deadline for submissions: Feb 21, 2024

The Slokan Valley Co-op

[Small Grant Program | Slokan Valley Co-op](#)

Maximum \$5,000, deadline Feb 29, 2024

WKCA

[Home - West Kootenay Regional Arts Council \(wkartscouncil.com\)](https://www.wkartscouncil.com)

Discussions underway.

SV Legacy Society - [Slokan Valley Legacy Fund | Slokan](#)

The Slokan Valley Threads Guild also has approximately \$6,000 in savings for unexpected expenses that may occur.

Future Options

If we are not able to secure enough funding, we will pursue funding through

1. Stellar Vista Credit Union (submission deadline of June 30, maximum amount \$5000).

[StellerImpact | StellerVista Credit Union](#)

2. Discretionary Grant through RDCK - Before applying, applicants MUST first discuss a grant application with the applicable Area Director(s) to ensure they are supportive of the project.

[Discretionary Grants | Regional District of Central Kootenay \(rdck.ca\)](https://rdck.ca)

Research

Heritage BC does not pay for interior floor renovations.

Organization **Nelson Disc Golf Society**

Registration # S0070725

1613 WARD ST, NELSON BC V1L 1V7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

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

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Donated professional project management fees 200 hours x \$55/hour = \$11 000
Donated construction labor fees 32 hours x \$50/hour = \$1600
Donated landscaping labor fees 200 hours x \$30/hour = \$6000
Donated professional arborist fees \$1200/day x 2 days = \$2400
Donated meeting rental space 14 months x \$120/month = \$1680
Total estimated in-kind value= \$22 680

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



**Mount Sentinel
Secondary School**

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

To Whom It May Concern,

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

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

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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

February 12, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Laura Radridge

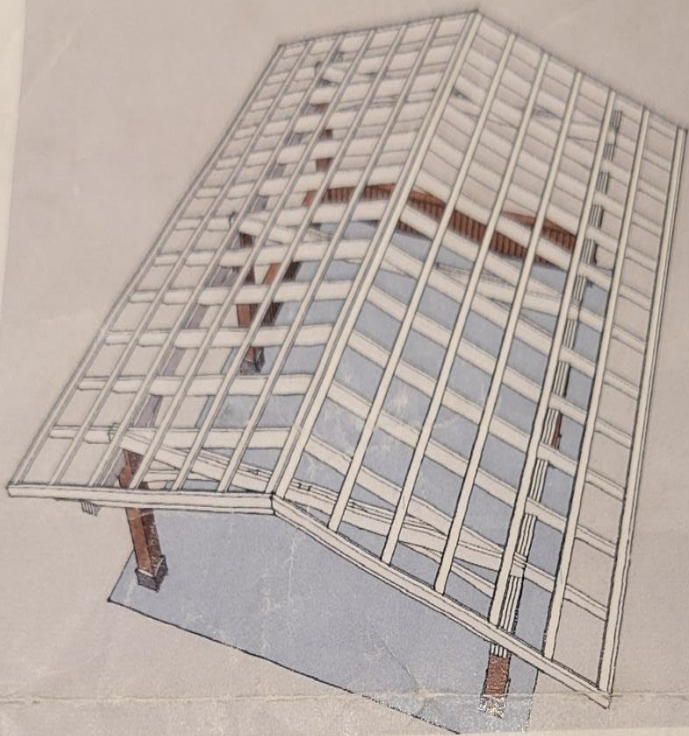
Classroom Teacher, Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Box 40 - 1092 Highway 6 Crescent Valley, BC

To Whom It May Concern,

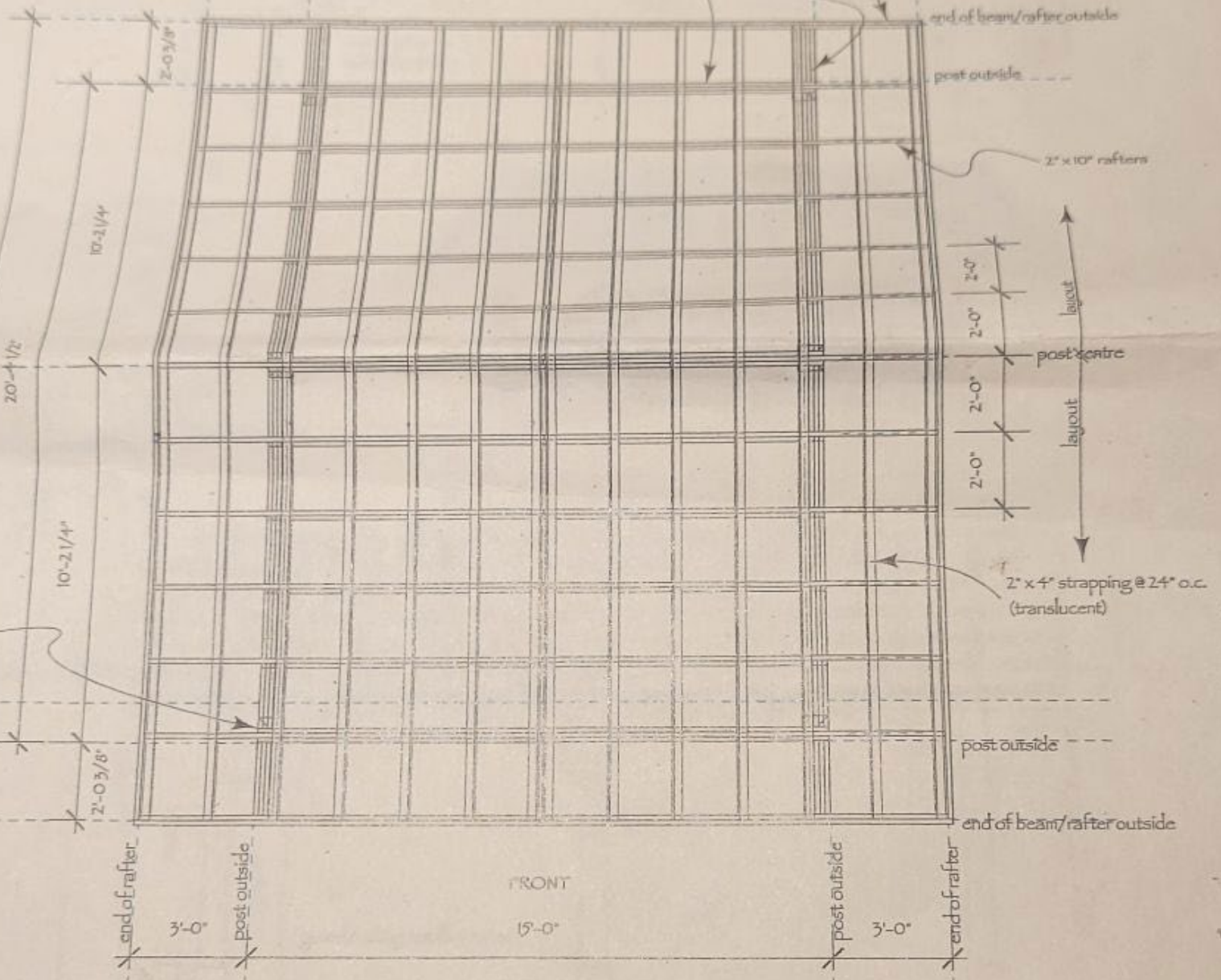
I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the enhancements to the Highwater Disc Golf Course Proposed by the Nelson Disc Golf Society. As a teacher working at Rosemont Elementary, I've been lucky enough to have access to the course at Art Gibbons, and have seen the positive ways that my students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

Yours Truly,

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



paired 2" x 10" collar ties 4-ply 2" x 10" beam 2" x 6" fascia (eave & gable)



Organization **SQx Danza**

Registration # 813604683RR0001

983 Kelly Drive, Castlegar BC V1N 4P5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Tidal Wave - Year 2**

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

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

Schools in the areas above

Schools in the areas above

Blewett

JVH

Mount Sentinel

Brent Kennedy

Yaqaan Nukiy

LVR

Wildflower-Creston

Wildflower

South Nelson

Redfish

Rosemont

Salmo

Hume

Trafalger

Canyon-Lister

Erickson

ARES

Crawford Bay

Nakusp

Lucerne

Twin Rivers

Kinnaird

WE Graham

Importance to the community:

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

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

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

From 2020-2022, we:

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

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

Mandate:

Mandate & About:

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

Graham Community Service Society is helping us

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

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

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

CONTEXT:

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

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

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

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

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

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

AIP ACHIEVEMENTS

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

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

YOUTH DESIGN, PRESENT, & EVALUATE IMPACT.

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

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

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



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

Wednesday 17 May, 2023

Phone: 250-355-2484
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PO Box 10,
1001 Harold St.
Slocan, BC
V0G 2C0

RE: SQx & WEGCSS Tidal Wave Partnership

On behalf of W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) we agree to partner with SQx in the development of their new program arts-based Community Development program, Tidal Wave.

Tidal Wave is a new dance performance program aiming to raise awareness about the oscillation between environmental sustainability and climate change with social inclusion.

We want to partner with SQx on this project because Tidal Wave uses creative workshops, performances, learning, teaching, and training to help alleviate rural isolation and lack of social and recreational services for Slocan Valley youth through an environmental & cultural lens.

In partnership SQx & Latséeni Daakahidi (House of Wellness and Strength) - Taku River Tlingit First Nation, and SD67 Okanagan - Skaha, WEGCSS roles and responsibilities include providing:

- On-site monitoring in the Slocan Valley during piloting
- Educator and student survey feedback
- Impact measurement feedback
- Discussion topic feedback
- Thematic feedback

Like WEGCSS, SQx is an established Slocan Valley service provider. SQx has been providing blended social-cultural programming in the Kootenays for more than decade. Therefore, as a like-minded organization we are eager to formalize a relationship between us through Tidal Wave.

Please note, however, that WEGCSS is providing services and support for Tidal Wave, but not financial support. We are a partner; not a funder. WEGCSS is not financially liable for any components of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require further confirmation of our support.

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



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

At SQx, we pride ourselves on our ability to advance 9 of the 17 United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) for peace & prosperity for people & the planet.

2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	8 DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
13 CLIMATE ACTIONS 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE, & STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



2 ZERO HUNGER

SQx aims to increase food security & improve nutrition in remote areas in Canada. When touring to remote communities with high food insecurity, we bring fresh produce to make healthy smoothies & snacks for students & staff.

3 GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING

SQx promotes physical activity & boosts the health & well-being of vulnerable youth by increasing access to Arts, Culture, & Sport.

In June 2023, we tracked 1,011,160 minutes of physical activity in vulnerable communities in Remote & Northern Canada.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

SQx provides equal access to free, inclusive, & socially-responsible programming that aims to foster positive youth development & civic engagement.

From 2020-2023, we presented our Active Inclusion Program (AIP) to 31,015 youth. 218/218 educators said AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, & racism.

5 GENDER EQUALITY

100% of SQx's Leadership Team are women. We empower women & gender diverse people to ensure full & effective participation & equal opportunities for all.

Our works (i.e. Cecilia, Anti-Bullying Movement Program, Active Inclusion Program), aim to disrupt all forms of discrimination against women & girls across the globe.

8 DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

SQx provides long-term, inclusive, & sustainable employment for vulnerable artists.

By digitizing & diversifying our work, SQx has doubled our artist numbers & contract lengths, meaning we created more jobs for diverse artists. In addition, artists (excluding management), working with SQx across 2 seasons (2022-2023) received an average wage increase of 20%.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SQx promotes the social inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status.

We ensure that diverse artists are at the forefront of creation & development to give voice & visibility to vulnerable populations. Each artist brings special knowledge & experiences to increase the social inclusivity outcomes of our works.

13 CLIMATE ACTIONS

Climate actions are at the heart of SQx. We're committed to ending the climate crisis through the development of hybrid program & performance architectures, responsible consumption & production patterns, & the creation of works that raise awareness about climate change & its impacts.

From November 2020 - June 2023, we reduced our carbon footprint by 479,557 kg.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE, & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SQx fosters peaceful & inclusive communities through socially-responsible performance & performance programming, & aims to provide justice for all.

232/237 educators said our Active Inclusion Program increased their students' knowledge & ability to show citizenship, selfless gestures, & kindness to encourage belonging within Canada.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

We have strong global partnerships for the sustainable development & growth of SQx. Partnering with CIRCE - Experimental Platform for Dance & Theatre in Tbilisi, Georgia for our "Cecilia" double-bill amplified arts engagement in vulnerable populations, fostering international social change. Additionally, collaborating with Taku River Tlingit First Nation for our "Tidal Wave" project ensures it's culturally safe, respects Indigenous voices, & honours their perspectives.

Organizational Highlights



Our mission is to use contemporary dance to promote kinship, collaboration, and teamwork. We further the development of dance and public engagement through performance and outreach programming. We provide flexible touring series for arts venues, public schools, and conservatories to bring performances and interactive programming to both large and small communities. We use dance to make the world a better place.

Fiscal Responsibility

SQx has 9 years of audited financial statements to ensure we maintain the highest standard of trust with those most affected by our organization's actions (formally known as stakeholders). Additionally, only 5.5% of our annual revenues goes to office and administration. We use dance to make the world a better place, and revenues are genuinely felt in vulnerable communities (rather than an office).

Fair Wages & Sustainable Employment

SQx employees are paid in accordance with the fee and rate standards set by Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists (CADA) Professional Standards. In fact, artists (excluding management) working with SQx across 2 seasons (from 2022-2023) received an average wage increase of 20%.

100% of SQx artists believe that their job with SQx is sustainable. We continue to sustainably improve the well-being of emerging and professional artists across Canada through stable, long-term, and full-time employment.

Positive & Healthy Work Culture

We believe in a culture of respect, inclusion, collaboration, and trust. We prioritize the health and well-being of our employees by leading regular check-ins, and facilitating open communication and collaboration.

100% of SQx artists believe that SQx provides a safe work environment that supports artists mental health. We provide various employee wellness programs, including monthly team lunches and weekly yoga classes to boost team morale and promote physical, emotional, and mental prosperity.

A Great Place to Work

100% of SQx artists feel their work at SQx is meaningful and creates transformative meaningful change both for employees and recipients of SQx's work.

100% of SQx artists feel SQx's response to COVID (including pandemic and post pandemic response) positively impacted their career and experience as an employee.

100% of SQx artists feel they have accomplished a career goal in the last 6 months.

100% of SQx artists believe SQx is dedicated to diversity and inclusiveness and they consistently make efforts to ensure everyone at work feels respected, supported, and included.

100% of SQx artists think SQx is successful at accommodating diverse work styles.

"I'm really proud to work for an organization that is seeking to make the world a better place. It's also evident that management cares about the well-being of their employees and are working hard to make positive changes for the health and well-being of us artists."

"SQx is an inclusive and caring environment. Everyone is here to lend a helping hand to fellow coworkers AND to any student teacher or school that needs it. You can see how much everyone at SQx is willing to put themselves on the line to support people in need."

"SQx strives to find connection between their work and the community (beyond that of the contemporary dance community). In my opinion, SQx creates meaningful change within the contemporary dance community and the broader community."

"What stands out to me about working with SQx is being able to work with women who are so well-rounded and truly intelligent. We're not only dancing, but we're all actively participating in important discussions and are quickly learning new skills to contribute to the organization in various ways. I work with people who are brave, resilient, and creative -- and that, is very inspiring and makes me incredibly happy!"



ACTIVE INCLUSION PROGRAM (AIP)

AIP is an interactive performance program that uses dance to disrupt discrimination, intolerance, racism, and hate.

Participant Demographics

76%

Multi-Barriered

70%

Low-Income

50%

Minoritized Ethnicities

35%

Remote/Rural

21%

Indigenous

15%

Official Language Minority

14%

Newcomers

From September 2020 to June 2023, we presented AIP to

31,015 YOUTH



MISSION & IMPACT

AIP empowers youth to recognize Canada's diversity as a source of strength, and encourages youth to show citizenship, selfless gestures, and kindness to increase belonging within their communities for the full and meaningful participation of all. AIP also brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to share and learn about reconciliation and decolonization in Canada.

100% of educators (Grade 3 and above) feel AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, and racism.

99% of educators feel AIP increased their students' knowledge and ability to work collaboratively and as a team.

97% of educators feel AIP inspired their students to become more physically active and express a positive attitude towards being physically active.

96% of educators feel AIP inspired their students to become positive role models and leaders within their community, family, and school.



"Loved how involved, engaging, and responsive the instructors were. Their abilities to make connections with the students are incredible!"
Arts Education Director, WP Bate, Saskatoon, SK

"Thank you so much for everything that you've done for our classroom and community. You had 100% participation the entire time and my students were so excited to dance with you every morning. This program is incredible. I'm a huge fan of your mission. Kukwstsétsemc!"
Educator, Sk'elep School of Excellence, Kamloops, BC

"A program that reaches the body, heart, and head, and has an impact."
Educator, École South Pointe School, Winnipeg, MB

"AIP was amazing! I enjoyed myself so much! [...] I made so many memories and connections about the history about Canada. [...] The only thing that I wish is that the AIP dance was longer."
Student, Osoyoos Elementary, Osoyoos, BC



Organization **New Denver Hospice Society**

Registration # 887722406BC0001
Box 217, New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Volunteers Make a Community Healthier**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

The projects will take place in either New Denver or Silverton. Our aim is also to include members from Slokan and Nakusp who wish join us.

Importance to the community:

Dying can be a lonely and event, surrounded by fear. Hospice aims to bring volunteers to support those that are lonely and those who may or may not have family. As the end of life becomes clear Hospice volunteers are there to be with the palliative patient. Our wish is to have enough volunteers that we can be there at the bedside 24 hours a day. The volunteer benefits, the family and the person at the end of life benefit.

Holding Death Cafe events we believe we would have more people feeling like they could talk about end of life, they could ask questions, understand more about grief and how to be with others for support.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/11/2024 Project End: 12/3/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
\$500.00	\$300.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,500.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00

Project: Volunteers Make a Community Healthier

1. The project will provide:

To educate and build up a community of active volunteers to support the Hospice Programs. New Denver Hospice Society will engage facilitators to deliver the necessary 30 hour Hospice Training as required by BC Hospice and Palliative Care Association. Our desire is to be able to offer training twice yearly. To further our outreach and our community understanding of Hospice we will host four Death Cafe sessions. Bringing people together to discuss and understand end of life and how to best help yourself, family and community be prepared.

2. Organization Mandate:

New Denver Hospice Society supports quality of living while in the process of dying and supports a healthy transition through grief for the bereaved. Our purpose is to select, train, and provide ongoing education and support to volunteers.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Dying can be a lonely and event, surrounded by fear. Hospice aims to bring volunteers to support those that are lonely and those who may or may not have family. As the end of life becomes clear Hospice volunteers are there to be with the palliative patient. Our wish is to have enough volunteers that we can be there at the bedside 24 hours a day. The volunteer benefits, the family and the person at the end of life benefit.

Holding Death Cafe events we believe we would have more people feeling like they could talk about end of life, they could ask questions, understand more about grief and how to be with others for support.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issue is having a sustainable number of volunteers. This year we have had numerous community deaths. Many required volunteers to sit vigil and be with the person at the end of life. We would like to increase the number of volunteers, educate community and help people be able to share concerns about end of life.

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

New Denver Hospice is established as the only society in the community providing education regarding death and dying and Hospice Care. We have two qualified facilitators to teach the Volunteer Training. We have a board with sufficient experience to be able to deliver these programs. The Death Cafe events will be accompanied by other groups to enrich the opportunities and the information. We will welcome Green Burial Society as well as Last Wishes, Better at Home and Nav Care.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

New Denver Hospice Society will implement the projects, find the appropriate facilitators, advertise and find the suitable venue.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

The New Denver Hospice Board will help organize and prepare for the Death Cafe events. Substantial volunteer time goes into planning and making the sessions for the training run smoothly

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Valley View Golf Club**

Registration # S0007905

6937 HWY 6, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024**

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

All aspects of this project will take place on site at Valley View Golf Club and Restaurant.

Importance to the community:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slocan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work. We provide a fun form of recreation for all, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive environment for people of all ages and walks of life. VVGC is a place where young people can learn the sport, golfers can practice their skills, and where people can gather, socialize, and utilize the many functions of our fantastic facility. Implementing this project will improve the vitality of our valley.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 10/18/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$15,850.00	\$1,500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$2,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$23,350.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024

\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00
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1. The project will provide:

Our project goal is to refresh and upgrade the basic and vital elements required to maintain our facility, in turn, helping to grow our membership, and to provide a better quality experience for our guests. Year after year, we struggle with climate change and the asset management required to keep the course in acceptable playing condition, and to make course improvements. Through recent years, COVID and inflation have impacted the course in both positive and negative ways, and this year, as in each year previous, we intend to upgrade the course incrementally so as to remain a priority recreation and tourism facility for our community. Both the course and the clubhouse/kitchen have items that are in need of attention in order to provide optimal service and maintain the most positive experiences for our customers.

Equipment, irrigation hardware, fertilizers, and clubhouse supports are needed so Valley View Golf Club can continue to provide this vital and important sport and recreation destination within the Slokan Valley. During the 2024 season, our staff, BOD, and volunteers will be working as a team to complete the necessary upgrades and maintenance duties that will have an immediate and lasting effect on the experiences of our members, guests, and staff.

2. Organization Mandate:

Valley View Golf Club is a non-profit organization providing affordable golfing facilities to the public for the past 57 years. Our full service clubhouse and restaurant provide the community with an affordable recreational and social venue, providing opportunities for social games, tournaments, weddings, or gatherings, and public or private events. Our operating budget for the upcoming season is \$138,600 in revenues and \$128,300 in expenses.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slokan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work.

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our priority action items are as follows:

The nine greens are in need of fungal disease control, turf management, and focused maintenance.

All tee boxes (some hold 2 sets of tees, total of 22 areas of intent) require leveling, overseeding, and some disease control.

Ongoing sprinklerhead maintenance, replacement, and relocations are required on specific areas of the course.

Mowers barrel assemblies for the diesel mower, and turf aerator tines need replacement.

Fertilization and sand/seed top dressing of greens and tee areas of the course is required.

A new, modern Point Of Sale system with database and analytics for the clubhouse.

A new upright freezer.

New junior and adult rental club sets.

Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024

Rental golf carts are in need of repair, maintenance, and replacement. 2 additional carts would benefit our future revenue streams.

These items have been identified by the BOD in communication with the Greens Superintendent and management staff.

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

Our Board members and staff are passionate, dedicated, and hardworking. The course has been in operation for nearly 60 years and through that experience, the ability to provide quality improvements to the infrastructure, assets, and services have been a yearly endeavor. With a passionate membership, BOD, and community, we share the workload and strive to continue to support this area with a solid plan to provide a quality product for everyone. The capacity to complete the project will be within the normal operation framework and will not require additional staffing to complete, other than the expected volunteer efforts.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Our maintenance(Greens) staff, management staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers will be implementing the project. The BOD has a wide variety of expertise in many fields, for example: bookkeeping, business, golf course operations/maintenance, carpentry, marketing, community outreach, food & beverage management, etc. Our grounds maintenance staff will be returning and have years of local on site experience, and know exactly how our systems and equipment work. We have a dedicated group of volunteers to pool from that help out year after year and will continue to help us implement various changes and upgrades.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Various members and local machine operators, contractors, and merchants have extended interest in providing in kind contributions to the course improvement project. Local operators have offered to provide machinery and labor to get the tee boxes leveled an irrigation improvements completed. Slocan mechanic has offered to install parts and do set up on the new mower blade kits, and aerator tines. Many members have shown interest in providing minor labor enhancements to any of the maintenance procedures which qualify.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society**

Registration #

3762 Little Slokan South Road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Silverton, Village of Slokan

The Vallican Whole Community Centre, on Little Slokan South Road in Winlaw (Vallican) area, in the Slokan Valley.

Importance to the community:

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$1,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
\$500.00	\$700.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,200.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab

\$4,200.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00
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1. The project will provide:

A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab, hosted at the Vallican Whole Community Centre in Winlaw, July 18 - 21st 2024, will be a 4-day artist-focused series of performances, workshops, masterclasses, discussions and community-networking events that is focused on empowering theatre and performance artists - germinating the next new wave of impactful, exciting and relevant art making for those who call the Kootenay mountains home. Created for performers, playwrights, directors, presenters, producers and practitioners, this festival will aim to ignite contemporary artistic development, while also fostering local connection and collaboration.

This event will bring together rural theatre practitioners from the Central Kootenay region (and beyond), connecting creators for collaboration and learning. It will also offer public performances open to anyone interested in taking in locally created theatre. The organizing committee will be formed by engaging local theatre artists and arts community members, representing a diverse sect of the regional performing arts community. The organizing committee will reach out to artists in the region to propose workshops, performances, masterclasses and other events, and co-create a program that will be engaging, useful and inspiring for participating artists, and will generate exciting public performances for the wider community.

Programming will be released in spring and registration (fee-based, but with accessibility in mind) will be open to anyone interested in joining the Lab.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society, parent organization to the Vallican Whole Community Centre, is a community hub, bringing people together to learn, share skills, celebrate, engage in the arts, explore topical issues, and create rurally relevant strategies for sustainable living.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Creating and sharing theatre in a rural community like the West Kootenays can sometimes be challenging and isolating. Resources, performance opportunities, and learning spaces are scarce and harder to access than in larger cultural centres. This Lab seeks to address the challenges that rural theatre-makers face in honing their craft, developing professionally, and sharing their work, by inviting collaborative learning and strengthening of the local theatre community.

There are many theatre-makers in the rural Kootenays, often working in isolation or needing to leave the area for job opportunities. This Lab provides relationship and community building space to reduce isolation, inspire collaboration, and increase the skillset and connectivity of these talented artists.

Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab

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

The Vallican Whole has a long history (over 50 years) of facilitating rural arts and culture, and has been home to many rural theatre creation groups and performances, including Theatre Energy in the 1970s-'90s, and the Valley Gems in the 2010s and '20s. It has hosted many performances, and slowly over the years developed a reputation as a unique and flexible theatre creation and performance space. The Whole is also working to increase its infrastructure and capacity as an arts-incubation space, and has recently undergone some venue improvements that support theatre making. Current Board and Staff at the Whole are passionate about creating accessible community theatre in the Slokan Valley, and interested in building relationships with other curators/producers in the region. The Whole also received a CKCA grant to support this project in 2023.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Steering Committee is made up of local arts practitioners and representatives from local arts organizations and a Vallican Whole board member. The Committee will provide direction and feedback to the Artistic Director of the Lab, Marya Folinsbee, who is also the Administrator for the Vallican Whole Community Centre. We may engage other contract employees and certainly engage many volunteers to help implement the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Abundant volunteer labour - likely over 200 hours.

The Vallican Whole Space, and it's existing resources - valued at over \$3000 for the full weekend use including theatre resources and amenities.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Compilation of Artist Support for “A Country Road” Theatre Festival

To Whom it may Concern,

I am a theatre artist, director and educator. I recently moved to Slocan, BC. I would be a very strong and enthusiastic supporter of a rural multi day theatre festival located in the beautiful and artistically vibrant Slocan Valley. The opportunity to bring artists together in a natural setting outside of an urban area is an idea with so much creative potential. I believe the festival would also spark initiatives that would continue long after the actual event. I am 100% onboard and happy to participate and support the venture whole heartedly.

Sincerely,

Valerie Campbell
Associate Professor Emerita - Drama
School of Creative and Performance Arts
University of Calgary

After a long, odd and lengthy pandemic of distancing, there is no better time than now to be re-sewing the foundation of performance making and gathering for theatre. I would be thrilled to be part of such an event focused on bringing together Slocan artists, generating new visionary momentum, creating intentional bonds, sharing in peer to peer creation, but most of all, to be even deeper embedded in the community that is inspired to keep revitalizing the live theatrical experience for those living throughout the valley.

Elaine Weryshko
Educational Director of the Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry
Winlaw / Calgary

As a rural artist and theatre maker I am incredibly excited at the prospect of an opportunity to collaborate with other rural artists in a structured and curated container such as the one Marya is proposing. So often I have felt isolated in my practice, with large distances to travel and barriers I face getting to see other work and meet other theatre artists. I think a retreat and festival is a wonderful idea and I can imagine new collaborations and work being seeded at such an event.

Ellie Reynolds
Writer/Performer of “The Way They Came” and “On the Other Hand”
East Shore of Kootenay Lake

Timestamp	Name (First and Last)	Email	professional theatre workshops would you be interested in seeing at
2024/02/14 12:31:10 PM PST	joanne feenstra	jofeenstra@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing
2024/02/14 8:15:02 PM PST	Sydney Black	info@ndac.ca	Directing;Design and Tech
2024/02/15 10:04:44 AM PST	Ingrid Love	ingridloveconsulting@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Movement / Dance;Creating
2024/02/16 6:07:52 PM PST	Madeline Setzer	madeline.c.setzer@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Devising New
2024/02/19 8:53:00 AM PST	Valerie Campbell	vcampbel@ucalgary.ca	Devising New Creation;Movement /
2024/02/19 3:41:06 PM PST	Bryan marrion	b.l.marrion@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Devising New
2024/02/20 9:05:32 AM PST	Daniela Bustos	danibustos80@gmail.com	Creating in community/amateur

offering a workshop or session to Lab programming (paid)? If	performance piece (short or long-form) that you would consider	in joining a planning committee for the festival?	Can we add you to our email list?
no...	No	Yes	Yes, please!
production management session, or I could talk about the hot tips of starting your own	No	Yes	Yes, please!
Not just now	No	Maybe	Yes, please!
Acting- Meisner,	I would consider it.	Maybe	Yes, please!
Movement-	No	Yes	Yes, please!
Maybe	I would consider it.	Yes	Yes, please!
	No	Yes	Yes, please!

What types of discussions would you want to have at this theatre festival?

not committed to anything

How are we navigating social shifts in the theatrical world? The foundation of theatre often involves actors taking on experiences that are not their own. How do we perform without appropriating? Where is the "line"?

Chats about where the industry is at right now (and what needs to change), and a conversation using unusual spaces for Community based discussions - how to get artists involved in creating and producing works

Collaboration and community building

Survival community fundraising

hoe to bring people from different countries to Kootenay

What would be a dream workshop or event that you would like to recommend for this festival?

play writing, then performing it. the 24 hour box idea.
productions...like western canada theatre and the citadel's situation. Also just learning from western canada theatre about how they have created a professional theatre situation in a town that isn't huge would be very interesting to me.
Anything! This region has so few opportunities for theatre professional development

Spymonkey!!!!

Artistic support
anything related to production, how to make a production theater happen here (I'm not from here)

October 11, 2023

Dear Marya,

I would like to offer my support (and interest, and curiosity) for your Rural Theatre Festival project, which I believe to be a timely and necessary project for the arts community in our region. I recently completed an MFA at the University of Guelph largely because of the musical I wrote, directed and produced in my own small town near yours.

As a theatre creator, I could see myself preparing a play for the event. In fact, I have a piece that I began a few years ago using a dozen interviews with Rossland locals. The conversations suggested a common narrative of injury/recovery. I used this text for a five-minute long verbatim theatre piece that was performed using collaboratively improvised movements twice at Winter Carnival in 2020. With the invitation to prepare something for your festival, I would be compelled to expand the piece for a larger audience outside of the specific town whose words fuelled it.

I am in full support of your Rural Theatre Festival project, and would like to reiterate the importance of this kind of community-led theatre endeavour in developing emerging artists.

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Organization **Nelson Civic Theatre Society**

Registration # 811788702 RR 0001

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

We fulfill our mission through:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Values

Our programming reflects our community's diversity and culture.

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

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

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

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

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~Kathy Cooper, CEO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism

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

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

~Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director, Community Futures Central Kootenay

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

~Jonathan Robinson, Director, FMRL Productions

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

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

~Tucker Anderson, Freelance Filmmaker, Tucker K Anderson Films

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

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

~Carlo Alcos



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February 20, 2024

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

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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.

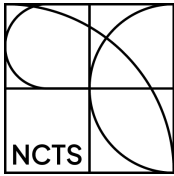
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Nelson Civic Theatre Society

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February 20, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

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

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

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

Arts, Culture and Heritage

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

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

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

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

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

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

Energy and Climate Change

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

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

Healthy Living and Social Wellbeing

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

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

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

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

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

Local Economy

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

LE2: Foster and support entrepreneurial leadership in the community.

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Eleanor Stacey
Executive Director

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

Registration # 889369906RR0001
520 Falls Street Nelson, NelsonBC BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00		\$7,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$250.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$10,000.00

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Priority Health Equity
Indicators for British Columbia:

Household Food Insecurity

Update Report | October 2023



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control provides services to communities across British Columbia, on the territories of many distinct First Nations. We are grateful to all the First Nations who have cared for and nurtured the lands and waters around us for all time, including the x^wməθk^wəy'əmə (Musqueam), Skwx_wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səł'ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on whose unceded and ancestral territory our head office is located.

Prepared for the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)

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Executive Summary

Introduction

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

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

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

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

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

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

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

Indigenous Context and Data

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

Methods

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

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

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

Moderate food insecurity:

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

Severe food insecurity:

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

Key Findings

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

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

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

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

Discussion

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

Conclusion

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

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

Introduction

Context for this report

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

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

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

Box 1

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

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

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

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

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

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

The impact of household food insecurity on diet and health

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

Household food insecurity in children and youth

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

Household food insecurity in adults and seniors

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

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

Circumstances that create household food insecurity

Household food insecurity and economic factors

Income

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

Income source

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

Housing and homeownership

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

Employment

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

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

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

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

Systemic racism: a structural driver of household food insecurity

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

Evidence-based interventions to address household food insecurity

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indigenous Context and Data

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Methods

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

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

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

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

Box 2

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

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

Moderate food insecurity:

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

Severe food insecurity:

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

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

Analytical approach

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

Findings

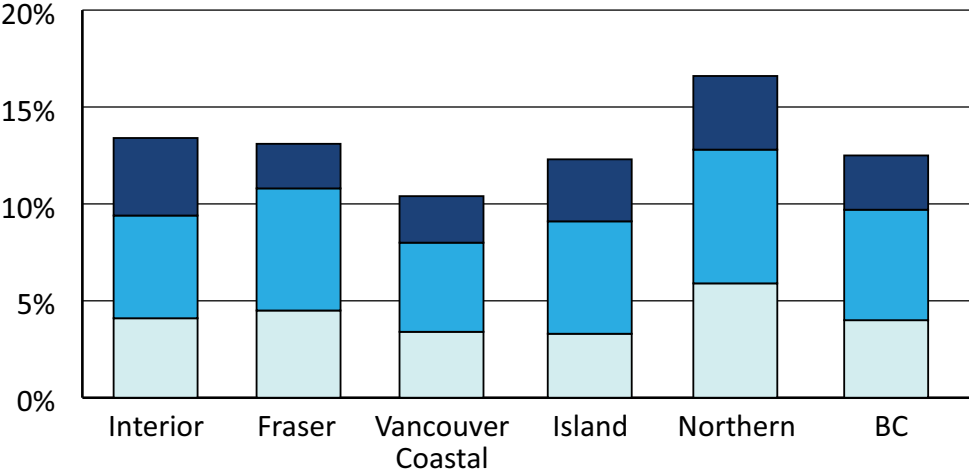
Prevalence of Household Food Insecurity across British Columbia

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

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

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

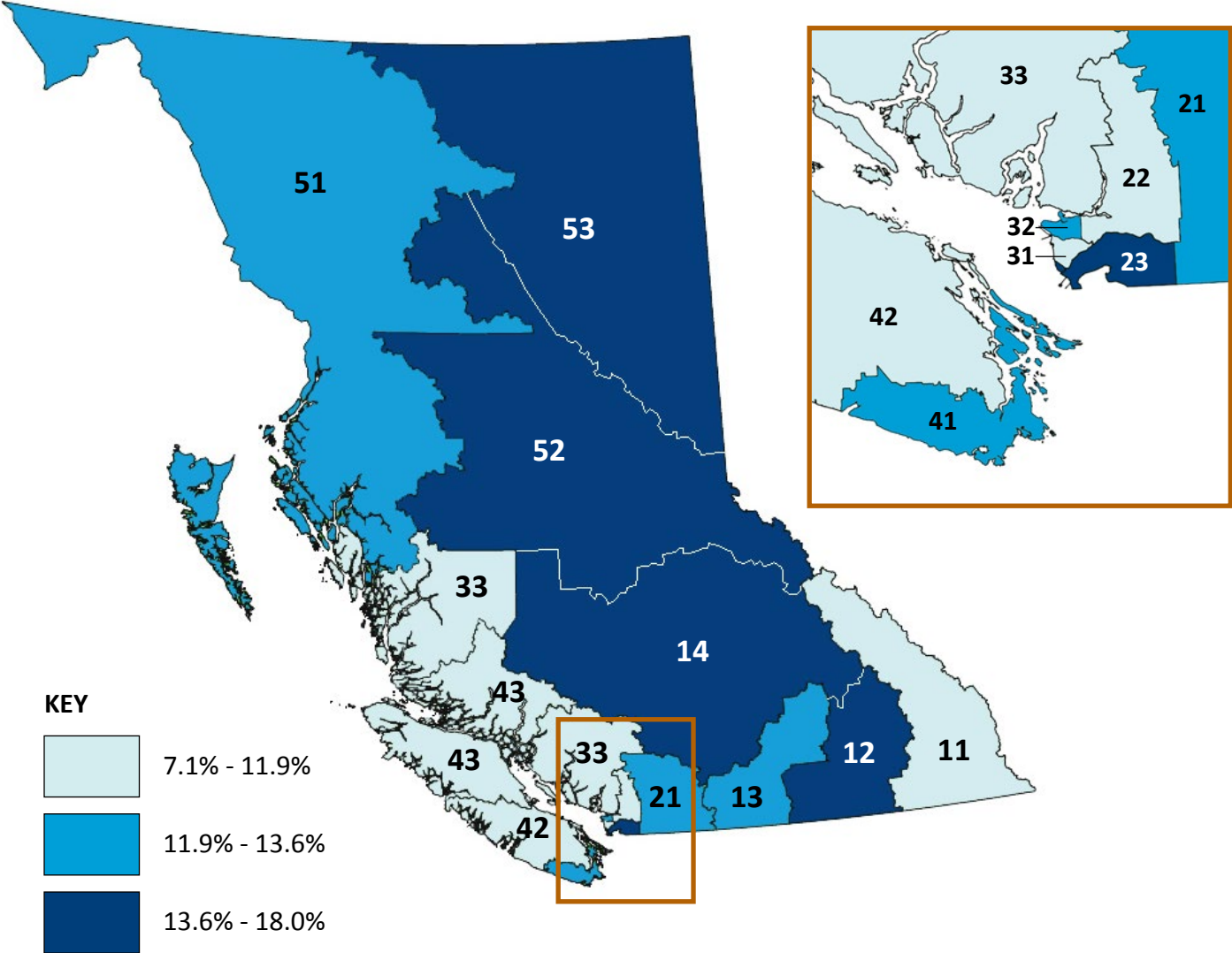
Figure 1. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by Health Authority



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

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

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



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

Which households are most susceptible to household food insecurity?

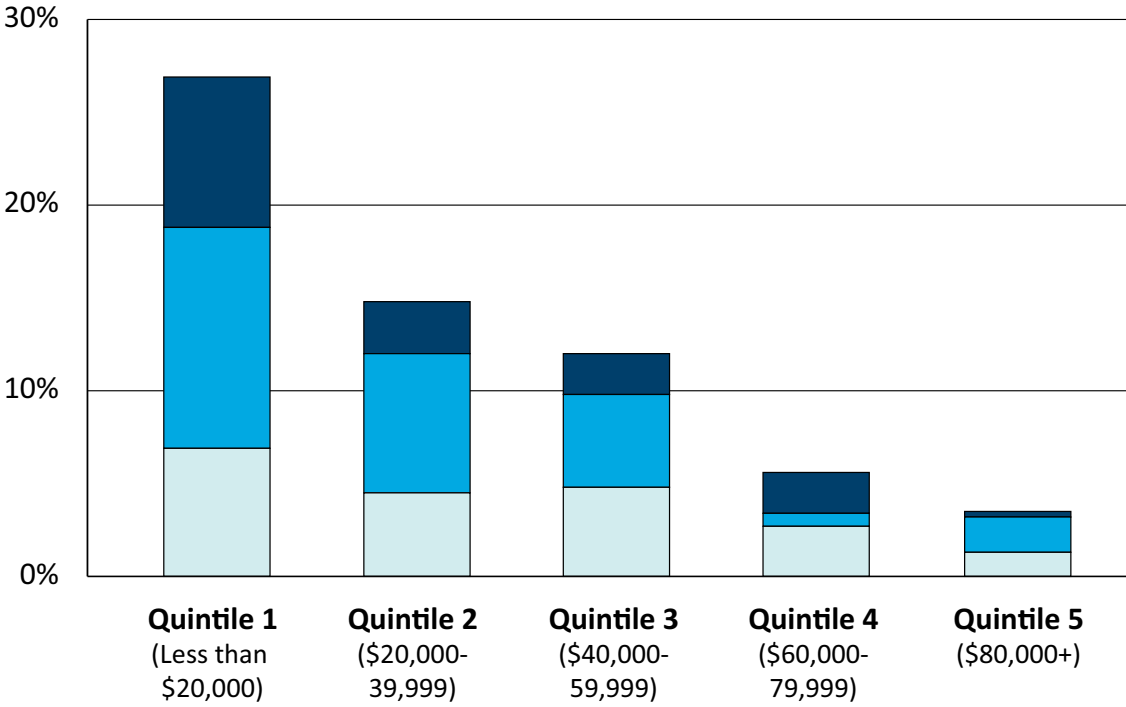
Household food insecurity and economic factors

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

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

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

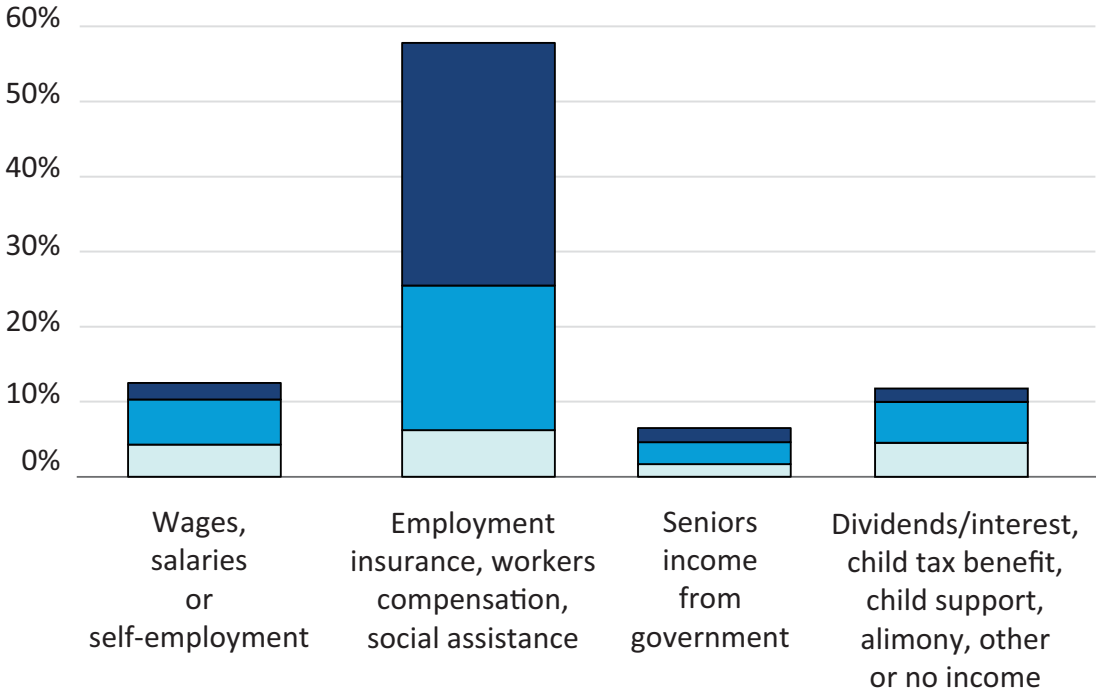
Figure 3. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and household income quintile



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

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

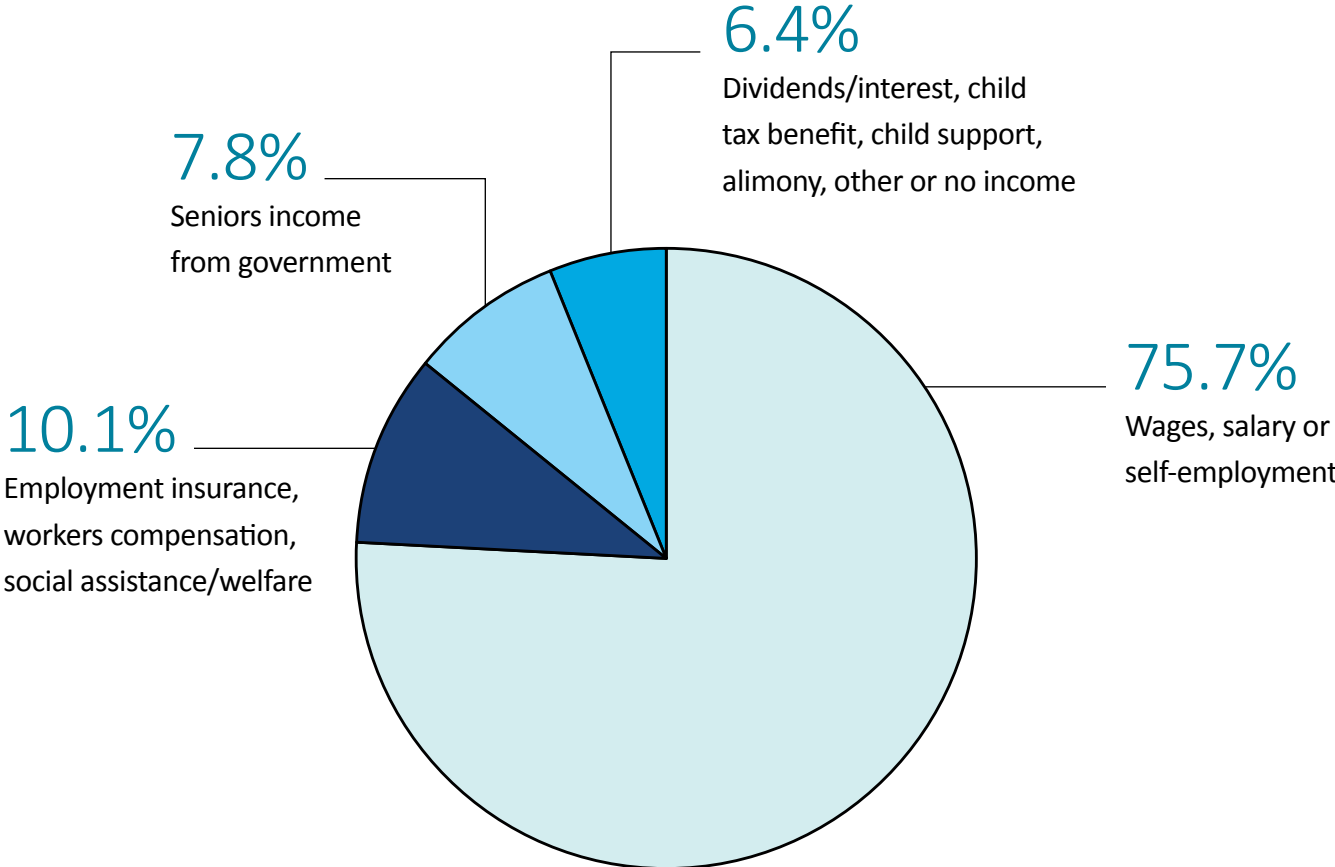
Figure 4. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and households' main source of income



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

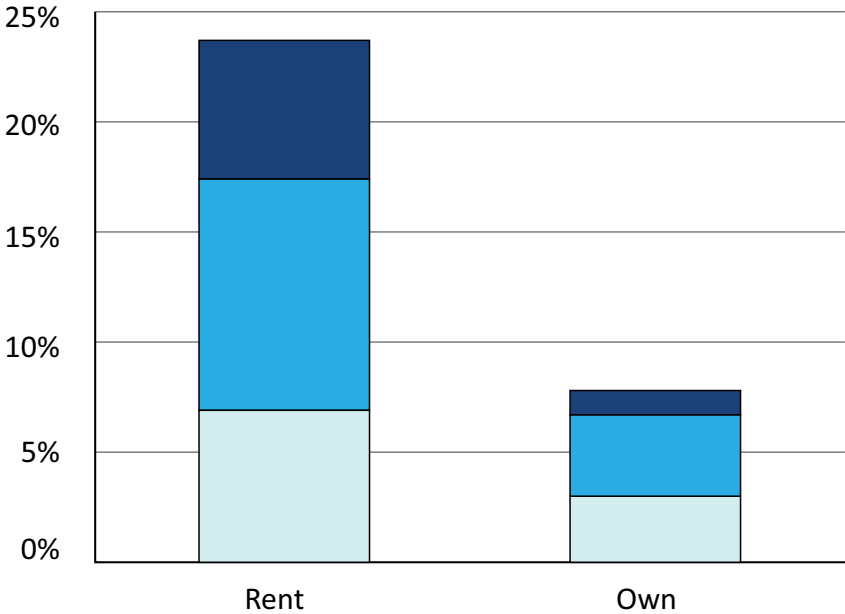
While the prevalence for people living in food insecure households where the main source of household income was from wages and salaries is relatively low, among all people living in food insecure households, 75.7% reported their main source of income were wages, salaries or self employment (Figure 5).

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



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

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



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

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

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

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

Household food insecurity and mental health

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

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

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

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

Methods

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

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

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

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

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

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

Analytical approach

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

Equity-based analysis of concern for food security

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

People who reside in remote communities:

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

Racialized people:

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

Immigration status:

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

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

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

Findings

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

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

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

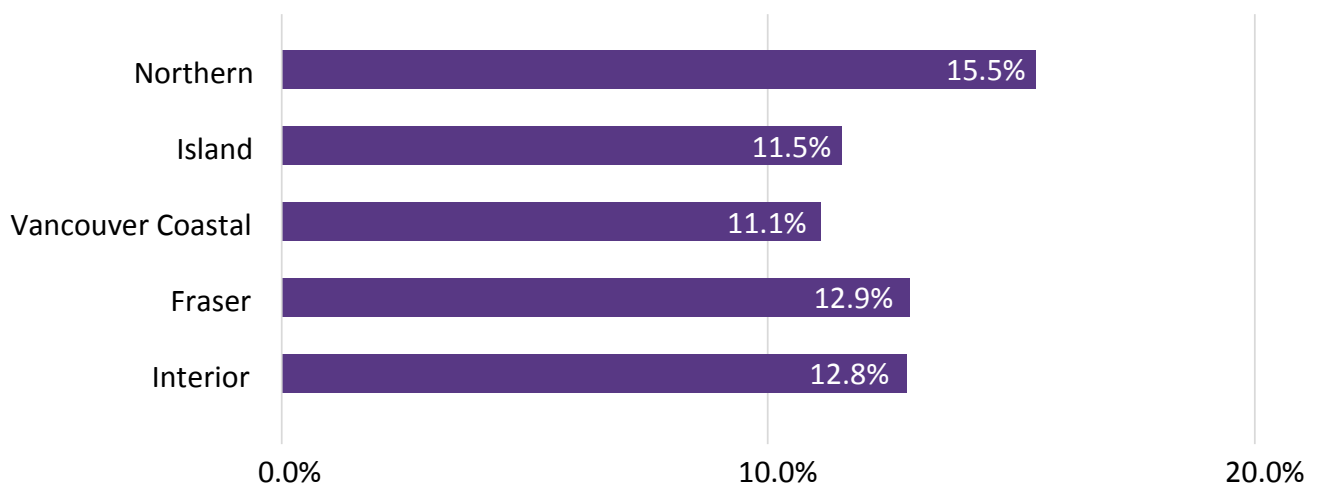
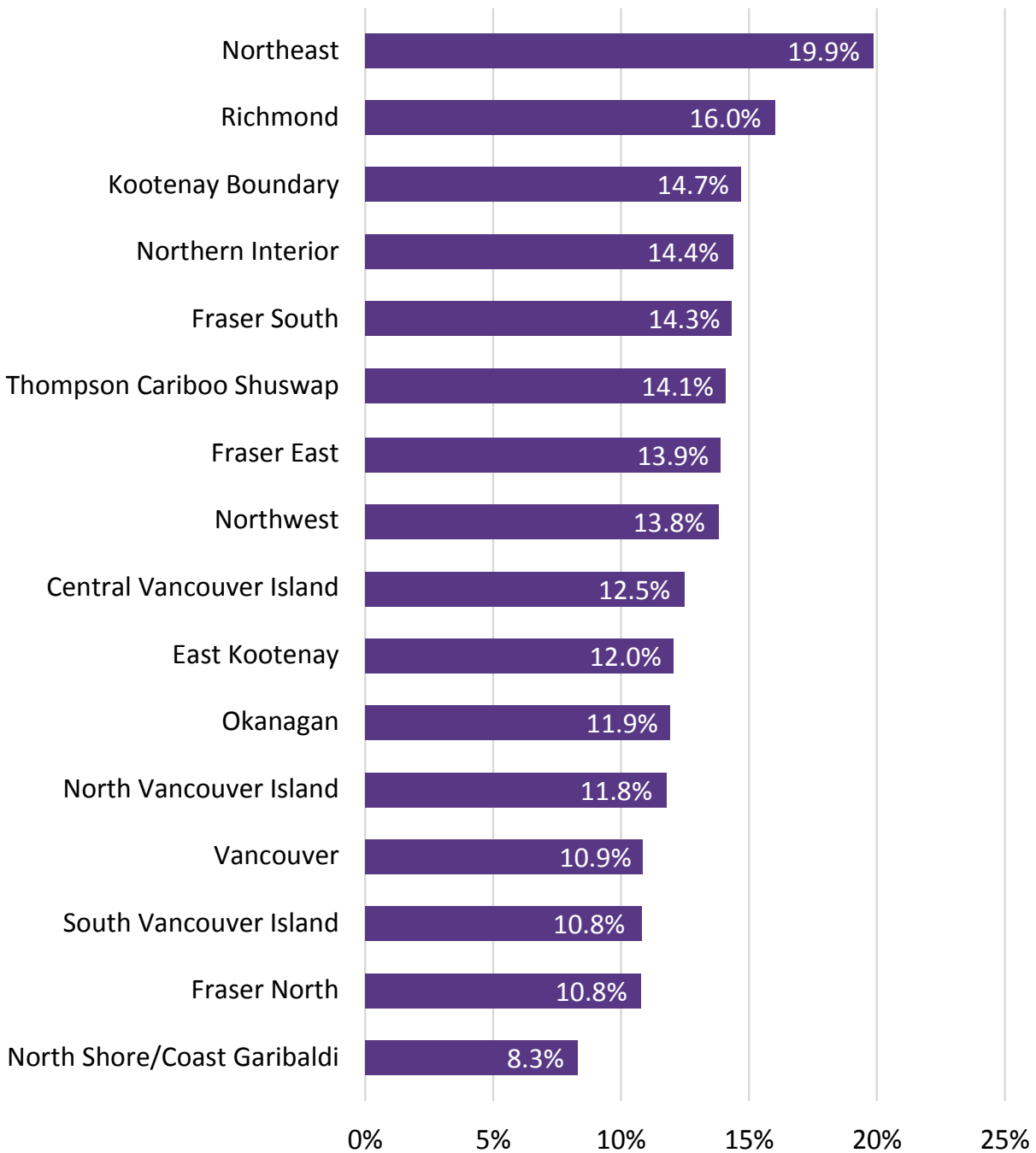
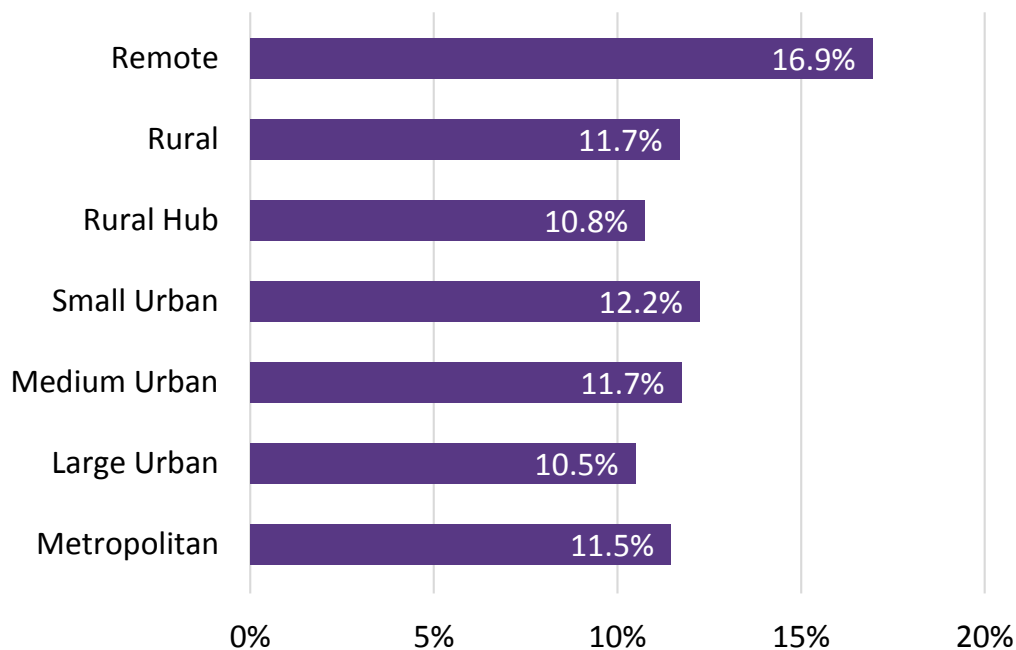


Figure 8. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA)



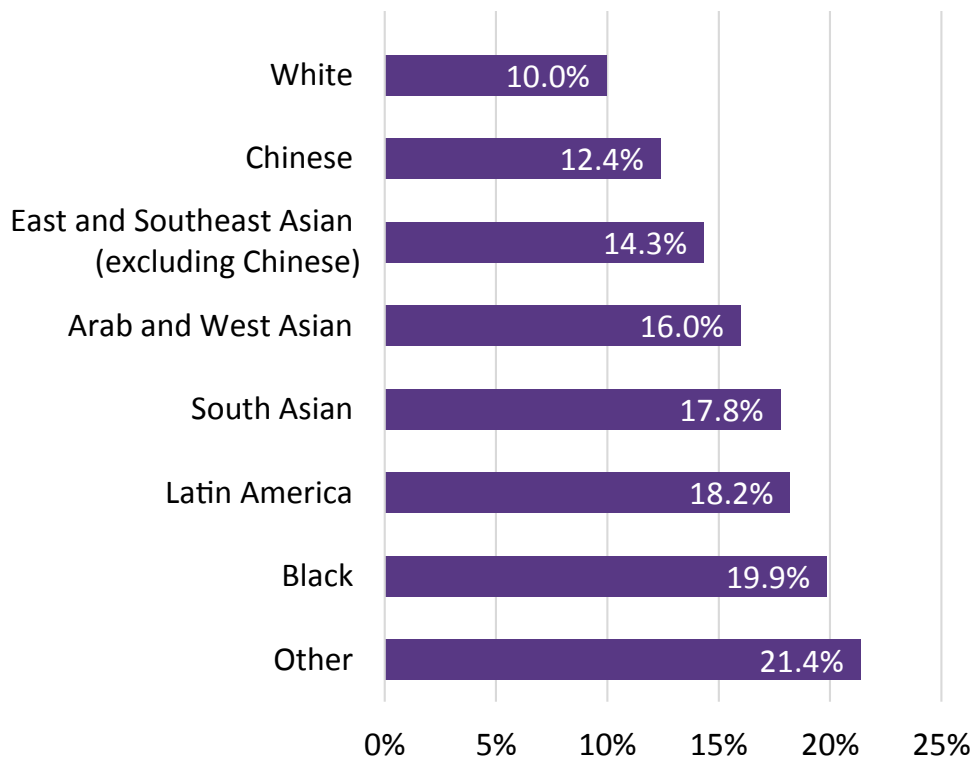
The level of urbanization of respondents' geographic location was classified by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications (metropolitan, large-urban, medium-urban, small-urban, rural-hub or rural or remote). Remote CHSAs had the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%),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

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



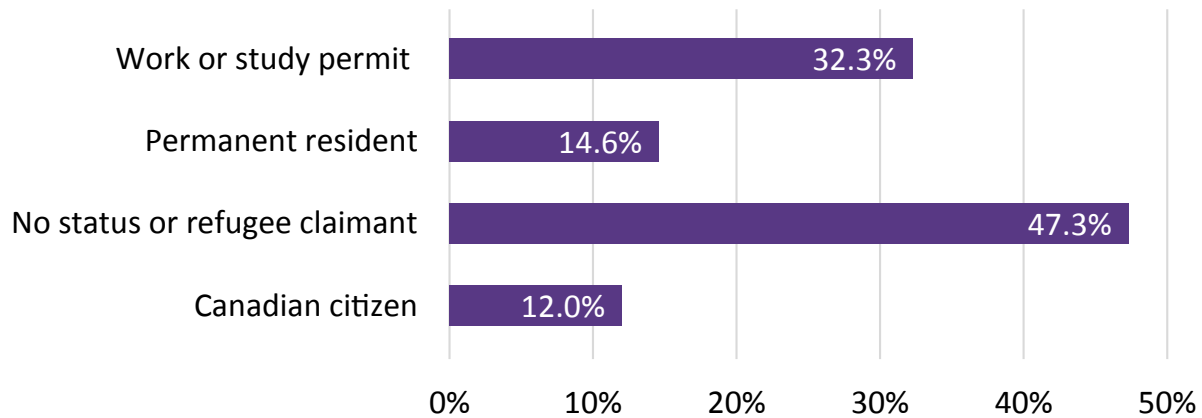
There are marked differences in the prevalence of concern for food security based on self-reported race/ethnicity. Previous research has shown that racialized populations experience higher rates of food insecurity than those who identify as white due to structural racism and social and economic determinants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

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



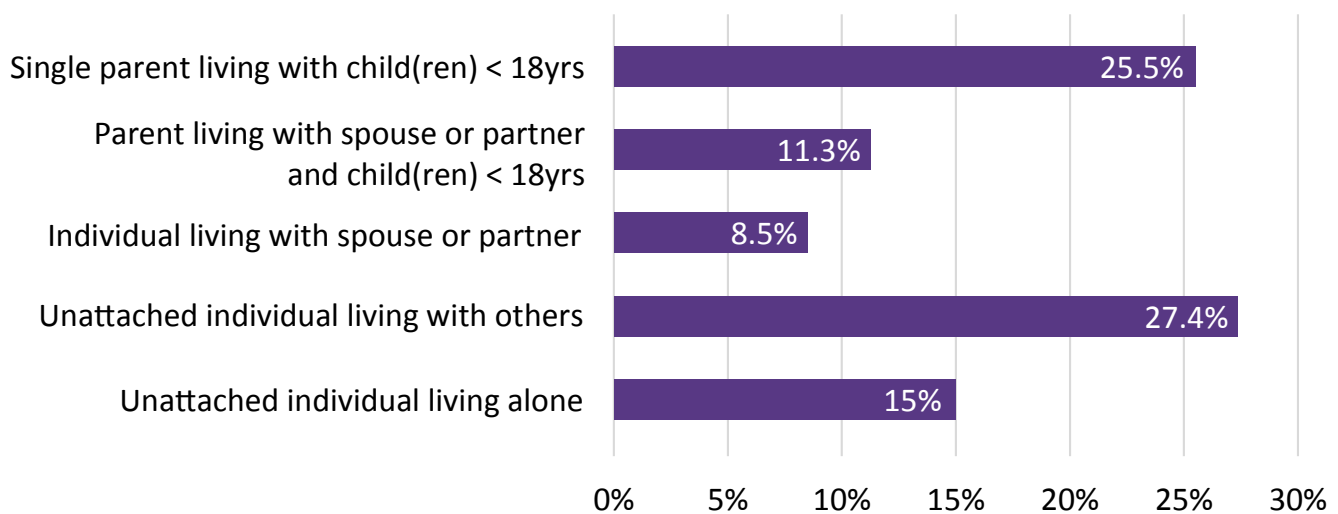
The prevalence of concern for food security differed based on people’s immigration status. People with no status or refugee claimants and those on work or study permits had the highest rates, at 47.3% and 32.3% respectively. This finding is consistent with Canadian studies which have shown that international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

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



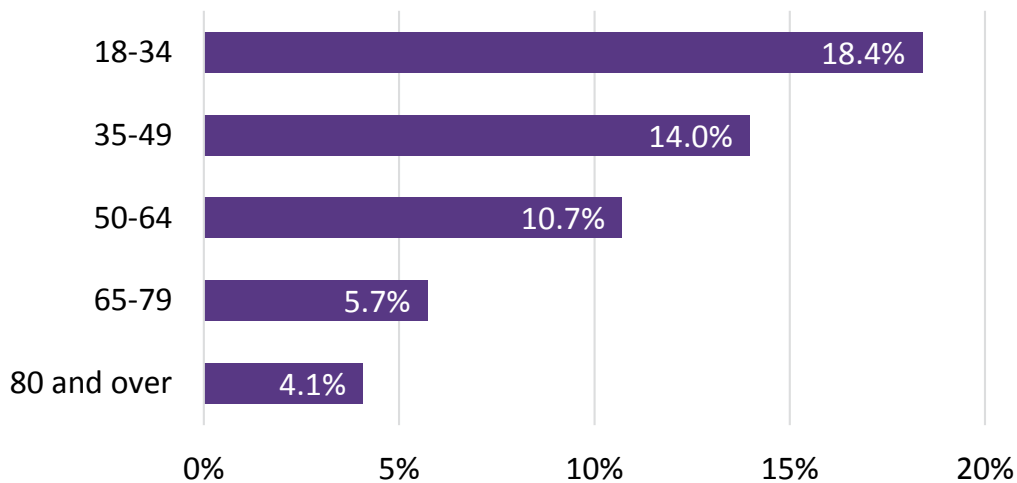
Rates of concern for food security differed by family composition. Prevalence was highest among unattached individuals living with others (27.4%) and single parents living with children under the age of 18 (25.5%). People living with a spouse or partner and no children had the lowest rate (8.5%).

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



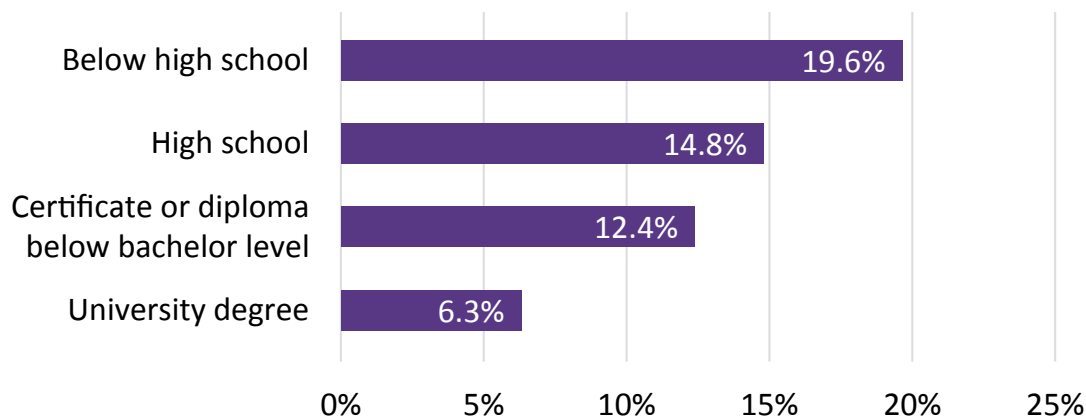
The prevalence of concern for food security was highest among those aged 18-34 and 35-49, at 18.4% and 14.0% respectively. Prevalence decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates at 5.7% and 4.1% respectively.

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



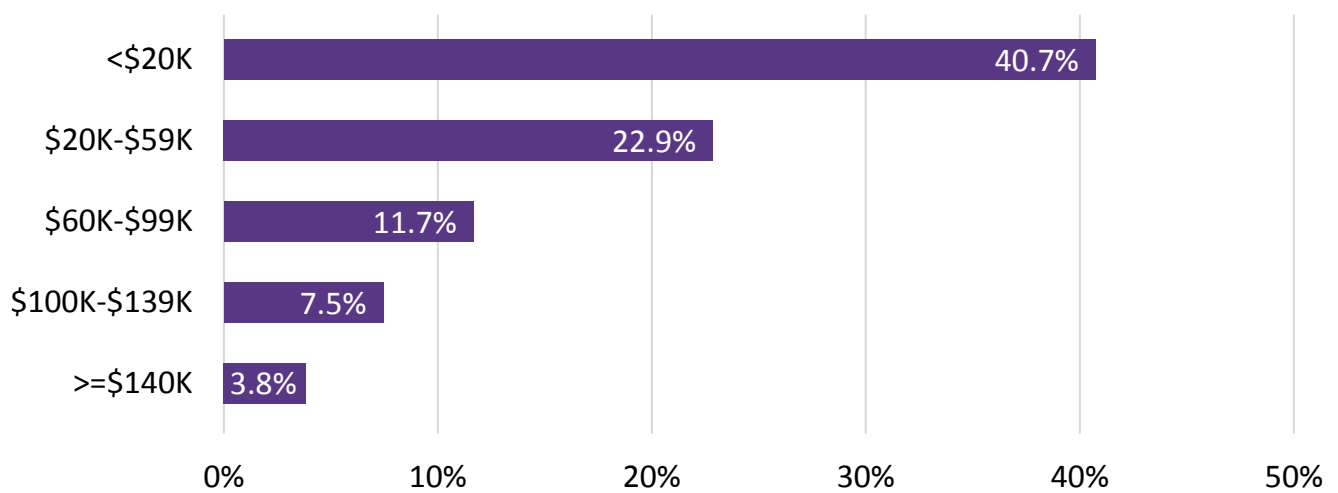
Prevalence of concern for food security also differed based on levels of formal education. While people with a university degree had the lowest prevalence (6.3%), 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed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

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



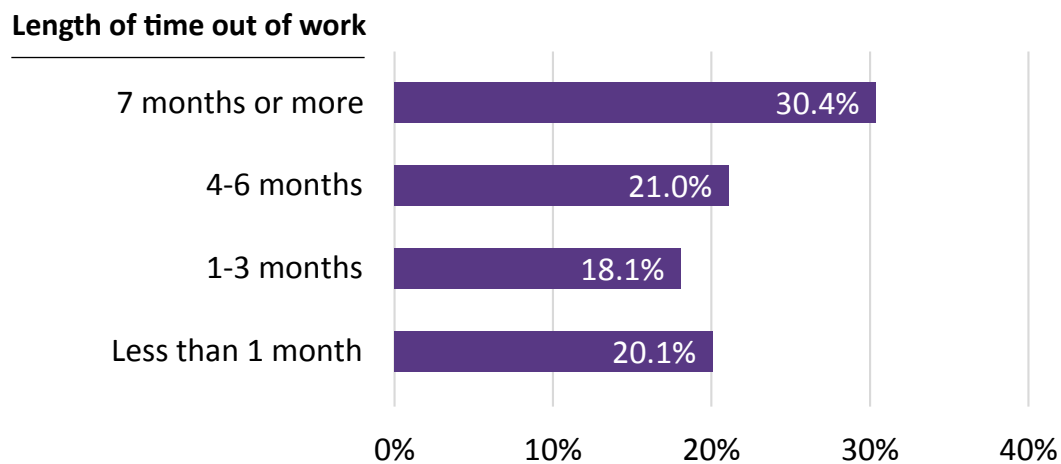
Similar to the CCHS data in this report, which showed that household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles of income distribution, concern for food security was most prevalent among respondents to the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) with the lowest annual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

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



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

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



Summary of findings

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

Discussion

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

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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Appendix

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

Table 1

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

Table 2 data for Figure 7

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

Table 3 data for Figure 8

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

Table 4 data for Figure 9

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

Table 5 data for Figure 10

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

Table 6 data for Figure 11

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

Table 7 data for Figure 12

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

Table 8 data for Figure 13

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

Table 9 data for Figure 14

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

Table 10 data for Figure 15

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

Table 11 data for Figure 16

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

Organization **Village of Slocan Fitness Centre**

Registration #

Box 318, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Clifford Froehlich

Project Title **Slocan Fitness Centre upgrades**

Project will be located in: Village of Slocan

The project will take place at the fitness centre in the village of Slocan. Although the fitness centre is located in Slocan, it serves a large amount of people up and down the valley.

Importance to the community:

Over the years that Slocan Fitness Centre has proven to be an essential part of the overall physical fitness, and the mental health of the members of our community and surrounding area. It is important to have our fitness centre and equipment in good condition. It is an outlet for people of all ages, physical conditions, and abilities. Our fitness centre users are welcome from a wide demographic and have varying needs for accessing the facility. Some are competitive athletes. Some are recovering from injuries, but most are those that are seeking physical fitness and general well-being. Our facility offers memberships at a very low cost to ensure that it is not cost prohibitive.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2024 Project End: 2/28/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$2,500.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$4,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,500.00

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

1. The project will provide:

Slocan Fitness Centre has been in operation for about 14 years. The fitness equipment was originally purchased as used equipment. It is aging, wearing out, and in need of replacement to maintain a healthy and safe environment. New, updated equipment will entice more of our community members to be involved with the fitness center. Physical fitness and activity leads to healthier bodies, minds, emotions, and spirits and general health of the community as a whole.

The building which is home to the Fitness Centre is about 90 years old. With that comes an accumulation of dust and unknown particles in the air. It needs to be cleaned, mopped and dusted regularly to try and keep it clean. With the purchase of portable air filtration systems, it will help to keep the air clean for our users.

Our user numbers have increased dramatically over the past few years. In 2023 we had in excess of 4500 visits by our members. With the increased number of users comes new challenges. Our building security is one of those challenges. Currently we have a manual door code lock system making the facility accessible by our users any time of the day or night. We are in need of an updated electronic card swipe system in order to limit the access times of our users.

2. Organization Mandate:

Slocan Fitness Centre will provide our community and surrounding area an opportunity to access a good quality, well-maintained, fitness center. The fitness centre must be accessible and affordable to our users in order to improve and maintain the physical fitness, mental health and general well-being of our community as a whole.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Over the years that Slocan Fitness Centre has proven to be an essential part of the overall physical fitness, and the mental health of the members of our community and surrounding area. It is important to have our fitness centre and equipment in good condition. It is an outlet for people of all ages, physical conditions, and abilities. Our fitness centre users are welcome from a wide demographic and have varying needs for accessing the facility. Some are competitive athletes. Some are recovering from injuries, but most are those that are seeking physical fitness and general well-being. Our facility offers memberships at a very low cost to ensure that it is not cost prohibitive.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Equipment that is currently being used at the facility is in need of expansion. With our increased number of members, there is often wait times for the equipment that we have. An expansion of our equipment base is necessary to fulfil the needs of the members.

Currently, there is no air filtration system in the building. It is heated with electric wall-mounted heaters. The equipment and ceiling fans are often noted to be dusty and in need of cleaning. With the addition of portable air filtration systems, we will address the issue that regarding the amount of dust and unknown particles in the air.

The electronic door code system will limit the access times to the building and will also identify the individuals who are accessing the fitness center.

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

Slocan Fitness Centre has been in operation for several years and is well established. We work well in collaboration with the Village to Slocan. Our dedicated group of volunteers consist of a good cross-section of people from the community who are reliable and well-versed in understanding the fitness needs and wants of our community. We understand that the facility must be well maintained and updated in order to meet the fitness requirements of our community and surrounding area.

Our current venue is pushed to the Kim in order to meet the needs of our users. Constant improvements, updates and changes are necessary due to the increasing number of the fitness centre members.

Project: Slocan Fitness Centre upgrades

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Fitness centre committee members are involved as a whole and the village of Slocan is acting as a sponsor for the fitness center.

Cliff Froehlich will oversee the project as part of the committee and Ezra Buller, who is a village councillor and also a member of the committee, will act as the liaison for the village of Slocan.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Slocan Waterfront Society**

Registration # S0065799

P.O. Box #205, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**

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

This is all within a purpose build container beside Springer Creek, in either the village of Slocan or in the Area H portion beside Springer Creek on the East side of Highway #6, TBD.

Importance to the community:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/21/2024

Project End: 6/29/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$8,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$8,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$26,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$26,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00

Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**1. The project will provide:**

This is the start of a long over due restocking help for our local fish communities. That were cut off from their traditional spawning grounds because habitat destruction and dams.

By installing an off-grid hatchery, we will be able to augment our local fish communities for the benefit of all species. Thus, increasing our local food security. We will grow our own Kokanee fish, and release them at the optimal age into Springer Creek, which used to be the primary fish spawning habitat on Slocan Lake. By getting this funding, we will be able to leverage it and get other funding to actually get a hatchery in a box set up near Slocan, with installed solar panels be set up as a low tech, secure, fish raising facility.

2. Organization Mandate:

With respect for the value, both now and to future generations, of thriving ecologies and resilient local economies, our mission is: To facilitate the restoration of the Slocan Lake Waterfront including Springer creek, (as it flows thru culverts in the old mill site) in conjunction with the development of sustainable business activities befitting the unique beauty, history and ecological significance of historic Slocan Bay. Research and promote the day lighting of Springer Creek on the former mill site. .ECOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY MINDFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Engagement and inform, Organize frequent public events in Slocan to build community awareness of the history, ecological significance and social importance of Slocan Bay waterfront. Research low-carbon and low impact development possibilities, particularly those that provide quality jobs for Slocan area residents. ENABLE Promote local and regional food sustainability initiatives as part of site redevelopment. GENERAL Seek appropriate granting and pursue other fundraising possibilities to realize our purposes. Seek collaboration and partnerships with like-minded organizations at all levels in pursuing common goals.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

At issue is the lack of fish in Slocan Lake and Slocan River, and the fact that Kokanee fish cannot successfully reproduce enough fish in the Kootenay reservoir to stop the Kokanee fish communities from collapsing, regularly. By providing more Fish fingerlings, we are growing the next generation of fish, for other fish to eat, and other animals, including humans too. "Kokanee eggs feed dippers and ducks to name just a few while bears, raccoons, eagles and several other animals eat the adults and fry. The dead fish fertilize the surrounding forest."

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

Slocan Waterfront Society was formed to do this type of work, we have been educating ourselves to increase our capacity. We like many others got thrown off by covid and sadly, by society member deaths, but we are coming back and feel up to this task in 2024 and beyond!

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

Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake

Many Folks, the Slocan Waterfront Society will be buying the hatchery from ONA, they will instruct us how to manage the technology, etc. Many locals will help in the installation and daily checks, and at Fish release time! If the village of Slocan allows this on their lands, then we would partner with them. Otherwise it will go on Area H land and we would then partner with the RDCK.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Many, many volunteer hours by many Folks. Because most of us want to see the Fish return.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Engaging in the future of our community

By the Slocan Waterfront Society.

At our last Official Community Planning (OCP) meeting about ten years ago, it was clear that most of us choose to live here because of the natural beauty, pristine nature, and quiet lifestyle. Luckily the Corporation of the Village of Slocan thinks along the same lines, and signed the Climate Action Charter in 2008 to become completely carbon neutral by 2050. This number still seems a long way off, but we have targets to meet by 2030, and sadly as a province and a country so far, we are failing, our emissions have gone up instead of down. Our emissions in the Slocan valley come from transportation, and the heating of our homes and buildings and our waste. Sadly, due to exploitive logging practices now the logging of our forests gives off more GHG emissions than released by fossil fuel emissions in all of 2017. Environment Ministry.

At that meeting years ago, we all agreed that the climate is changing. The Village of Slocan Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 616 calls to “Encourage a local action plan towards a sustainable society and adaption to the effects of climate change.” Other agreements were that most of us loved Slocan and growing food. By making different choices to be more sustainable included, driving less and carpooling, taking the bus. Other suggestions from the group included drying clothes on the line, not in a dryer. Planting a garden. Recycle more, use a shovel not a snowblower in the winter. Insulate your house, change your windows to double paned (they are RDCK and Provincial grants and rebates available.) Community gardens were suggested, so glad WEGCCS Fran and Leela are doing that this year!

In September 2019, the Slocan Waterfront Society organized the *Making Connections: Renewable & Resilient Slocan*, a community interactive workshop to envision Slocan’s future together, which was well attended by about 40 residents. Mayor Jessica Lunn opened the event and asked the participants “What kind of future do we want to create?”. Presenter Dr. Lily Yumagulova, a Slocan resident with global experience in resilience planning, presented many examples of small villages and towns reinventing themselves in a good way for all:

Jerome, Arizona lost 97% of its population after the collapse of its mining industry, reinvented itself as a tourist-attracting arts centre. Gudvangen, Norway a remote village is now home to the Viking Valley, one of the “most-visited cultural attractions in Norway”. Portmeirion Village in Wales, a booming tourist attraction, was developed to show how a naturally beautiful location could be developed without spoiling nature but enhancing it. Tofino, BC marketed its cold, wet winter season into a storm-watching season. Leavenworth, Washington a rundown mill-town reinvented itself as a “little Bavarian town” and attracts many tourists. Lac Megantic, Quebec, after a devastating train explosion rebuilt as a green, connected, and compassionate community. Detroit, U.S.A. was a ghost town after industries closed, and a food desert. “One person woke up and they were determined to make change”. Now Detroit has hundreds of small gardens and farms and feeds its citizens healthy food. In Peterborough, Ontario, they produce their own energy, run their own utility, and give energy incentives for low-income folks and students, through a community run Green Up program.

“What do we need to make us more resilient?” – this was the question at the heart of the workshop. These are some of the examples we came up with (please see the beautiful tree that captures the voices and visions expressed by workshop participants):

1. Energy: Electric Vehicles; Solar panels on all homes; local jobs to reduce commuting;
2. Nature: Clean air / water / soil; Restore & Bioremediate Springer Creek;
3. Youth: expansion of the Valhalla Wilderness Program at WE Graham Community School; Opportunities for youth; Train Youth for the future.
- 4) Feeding ourselves: We grow our own food; Greenhouses and gardens in open spaces;
Our community: A hotel, inn, accommodation; Car free centre; Reliable help for Seniors to keep them and their homes in shape; a Centre meeting place; Arts & Healing centre;
- 5) Economy: an Economy based upon Nature + Wellness; Reduce consumption; Organized nature trips for groups, lake navigation, survival training; Good water systems, No marina, Wind power, more hiking trails, ecotourism.

Slocan needs a clear and simple vision with clear policies. A self-sustaining vision with environmental and economic objectives. Looking forward to the future and the shaping of it, and it would be good for all of us to remember why we live here. It was for the natural beauty and fresh air and good kind neighbours.

With the purchase of the mill site, the Village will be conducting engagement sessions to inform the Official Community Plan update. Please come out when times are favorable for the new Official Community Planning and help shape the future. Let's make a sustainable difference!

In closing, thanks to community funding from the RDCK CBT, and to Kathy's cuisine for the fabulous healthy, local food! SWS, just gave away Swallow and Chickadee houses, soon we will have more and Bat houses too, stay tuned into the Valley Voice for updates.
Happy Summer to you all.

Norman Johnson <njohnson@syilx.org>

Feb 7, 2022, 12:03 PM

to me

Good Morning Denise

I will need to review our costs, as we have had a few large price jumps in the last year. The price will be somewhere between \$55-\$60,000 but is dependent upon the equipment that you require inside.

Our model SHU-100 is delivered to your site as a "plug and play" unit. You will need to hook up a water supply (25 gpm max) and electrical (110V 15-30 amp). We provide connection points on the outside wall of the HIB.

The SHU 100 will raise 100 kilograms of fry from egg to the size you need. This means 100,000 at one gram or 25,000 at four grams.

The equipment provided is :

20 foot steel seacan with an steel side door added

- Exterior styro insulation with vinyl siding
- Interior styro insulation with washable fiberglass paneling
- Spray foam on the ceiling and the back doors
- Vinyl flooring

Two Heath tray egg incubators

Two 6 ft round fiberglass rearing tanks

GFI interior plugs, two 4 ft LED lights, one photoperiod light, one humidistat controlled exhaust fan

Custom alarm system (wifi, Cloud hosted) with SMS text and email callouts

Custom oxygen system with automatic on solenoid for emergencies

Custom aerators and spray bars for the rearing tanks

Health Management Plan

Full suite of Standard Operating Protocols (SOP's)

Delivery to site (end of road only)

We have recently been selling a recirculating chilled water incubation system to allow the rearing cycle to match the wild fish timing. This is an extra cost.

Email or call if you need more information

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Norm Johnson

Senior Fisheries Biologist

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

Registration #

PO Box 554, Nakusp BC V0G 1R0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

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

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

Entry Level Coach Courses

Dec 8 to 10 - Whitewater & Sun Peaks

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

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

For More Info - email slrracers@gmail.com



Organization **WE Graham Community Service Society**

Registration # 886669142RR001

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

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Learning Centre Technology, Access & Equity Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan
At the Slocan WEGCSS Learning Centre and Slocan KIATA makerspace.

Importance to the community:

The Learning Centre benefits the people of Slocan, and the surrounding area. It is considered by some as their main office. It is a place where people of all walks of life can come for free help. In an area where computer literacy is generally low, the community greatly benefits by having a place to go for help when they need it. We help teach people how to help themselves, and properly use their own tools to the fullest, as well as introduce them to new tools and skills they might not be exposed to otherwise.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$3,916.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$2,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,916.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,916.00	\$6,228.40	\$6,228.40

1. The project will provide:

Our project goal is to provide, to the public, readily available access to technology, computer assistance, lessons on our equipment, and a safe space to socialize.

This space is used to study, access the internet, ask questions, perform job searches, meet with employment counsellors, print documents, and learn about 3D modelling, 3D printing, and laser cutting.

By offering these services, we will provide equitable technology access to the community, which is largely made up of people who may not otherwise have access to equipment needed to perform requisite tasks, and people who are not proficient with the technology they do have.

This will be achieved by offering open access to the centre on week days, hosting formal classes on a variety of tech and art related topics, as well as hiring specialists in varying relevant fields to provide specialized classes. Specialized professionals include (but are not limited to) employment counsellors to help residents find work, technical artists to help small businesses explore creative options for branding and publishing, robotics experts to teach about coding or programming, and bookkeepers to help train people to manage their money and documentation.

2. Organization Mandate:

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slokan Valley. Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Learning Centre benefits the people of Slokan, and the surrounding area. It is considered by some as their main office. It is a place where people of all walks of life can come for free help. In an area where computer literacy is generally low, the community greatly benefits by having a place to go for help when they need it. We help teach people how to help themselves, and properly use their own tools to the fullest, as well as introduce them to new tools and skills they might not be exposed to otherwise.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Learning Centre addresses critical issues, such as computer literacy, unemployment, isolation, and computer security, computer literacy challenges manifest into basic skill gaps. Unemployment is evident through high demand for WorkBC services and one-on-one assistance for job seekers. Isolation results from limited social activities and technology access in small towns, exacerbating the impact of low computer literacy. Computer security concerns arise, with individuals seeking help against scammers and resorting to actions like canceling credit cards.

The Learning Centre provides diverse opportunities, including classes for all ages and exposure to new possibilities. Equipped with high-end computers and multimedia tools, it facilitates in-person and web courses. The center aims to demystify technical skills, enabling individuals to 3D print and design, fostering a culture of curiosity, experimentation, and proactive problem-solving. This approach not only addresses immediate challenges but also empowers the community to create innovative solutions that may evolve into businesses or industries.

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

The WEGCSS Learning Centre has a reputation for free public access to technology in our area. We have the space and hardware to host workshops, offering each attendee a high speed gaming computer (up to 8). We also have 3 FDM 3D printers, a resin 3D printer, a laser cutter, VR headset, and TV. Furthermore, we can facilitate online lessons hosted elsewhere thanks to our headsets, webcams, and microphones.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Peter McRory, Digital Artist (EMIT Studio), Learning Centre Manager (WEGCSS), 3D printing advisor (Tempus 3D)

Professional speakers TBD based on interest, availability & need.

Partnership may be further utilized through STAC staff (Selkirk College Technology Access Centre) and Tempus 3D staff .

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

WEGCSS in kind contribution will be space rental in the amount of \$5000.00 for the year.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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



Feb 17 2023

To Whom it may concern,

I am a teacher at WE Graham Community School in Slocan BC. I teach a grade 7/8 class and we combine outdoor learning with in class academics. This is intended to be a letter of support for the WEGCSS computer lab. Peter has welcomed students from WEG to use the technology lab after school and has welcomed students from our school to learn about the process of 3d printing as well as the software and design components to create something tangible. I am able to send small groups of students to meet with Peter two times a week and he has done an excellent job engaging the students with technology and makerspace. The students cant wait to go to the tech lab and we at the school are very grateful for Peter and technology lab at WEGCSS.

Ben Porteous

Lisa Parente

PO BOX 194, Slocan, BC, V0G 2C0

February, 15th, 2023

To: W.E.G.C.S.S Learning Centre Manager

Re: Letter of Support

Hello Peter,

I write to you to share my gratitude for you and the Learning Centre. I live off grid in rural Slocan and would not be able work online if it had not been for the Centre. I am also a single mom and the flexible hours allows me to have my child with me and work at the same time. I recently planned the Slocan Winter Carnival and spent on average 3 days a week and 4 hours a day at the Centre.

Here is a list of what I've learned and appreciated since my time at the Centre:

- Better computer comprehension
- Learning Photoshop
- Learning Microsoft 365 transcription tool
- Other IT help
- Comfortable chairs
- Ergonomic keyboards
- Fast computers

Once again, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Lisa Parente

kevin-joseph:sisk, Esq.

drsiskphddd@msn.com

Box 416,

Slocan, B.C.

VOG 2C0

To Whom it may concern,

The addition of Peter McRory - Learning Center Manager / WEGCSS, Digital Art, Web Design, 3D Printing, Virtual Reality Development to the Learning Center has been a blessing for me and as I see it many others in our community.

I was a graphic arts Trade Shop Sales Manager for years, back in the day, and have been at the beginning of many new ventures.

I started designing in Illustrator in 1988 and have many original designs. I have a Registered Trademark for marking metals, silver/gold/etc. The laser in the community center has made outputting original designs possible. My vision is not so good of late and at 72, I must note, I am slowing down, however, not half of my songs have been sung.

Two friends, when they saw the laser cut out, that Peter cut out for me, were inspired to create a joint venture with me and my images. One guy, with a sawmill and a kiln, would inlay the etched plywood into locally milled wood and start making inlaid coffee tables. The other friend wishes to inlay them into cutting boards. I wish to do both.

I gave up my driver's license. There is no way that I could output anything with that laser.

Whoever provided the funding for this, I thank you. You've extended my creative career in a bonus fashion.

Sincerely,

kevin-joseph:sisk,Esq

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

Registration # 886669142RR0001

Po Box 10, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council

Project Title **Early Years Communication & Coordination Project**

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

The project takes place within Area H & the Village of Slocan. Encompassing the Slocan Valley, from The Village of Slocan to South Slocan.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because of the challenges of living rurally for families with young children. Such as distance, the Slocan Valley is 47km long made up of many communities. Also communication- having young children can be very isolating. To know about and access free programming in your community and online and be reminded and informed on a regular basis has incredible value for families with young children. Informing families is another reason this project is important, making sure families are aware of the free services and resources that exist and they are entitled to receive should they need them. One such example is Early Intervention; free intervention services that are available for children 0-6, such as infant development, speech, occupational and physio therapy. The importance of receiving a regularly updated and well researched Email Bulletin focused on the Early Years fulfills a great need in our communities.

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

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

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Early Years Communication & Coordination Project

\$4,500.00	\$6,768.00	\$6,768.00
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1. The project will provide:

The project connects families with young children (0-8) to free events, resources, workshops, activities and professional intervention services and shows how low-income families can apply for bursaries within the community. The project seeks to break down barriers of isolation and poverty that can accompany rural living by helping to network and create healthy communities, these free services have the greatest impact on those who cannot afford otherwise. The project achieves this by hiring a community coordinator to put together a biweekly email bulletin that reaches over 495 families in the Slocan Valley with the above information of free services and programs available to families with young children. The project incorporates the community coordinators role in creating/sending the email bulletin and social media outlets. The coordinator attends regular early years programming such as strong start and the family fairs in the valley to share information (provide opportunities for development screening) on the importance of the early years. Further, the project will be achieved by the coordinator organizing quarterly meetings for the members of the council, who then strive to find ways to improve access to free community activities for families with young children and to hold a space and collaboration for early years professionals, volunteers and parents to speak to areas needing more assistance in the early years Slocan Valley networks.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council is a voluntary council of organizations, service providers, and parents focused on the well-being of young children and their families in the south Slocan Valley (from Slocan south to South Slocan).

Council efforts and activities stem from the knowledge that strong families, supported by healthy communities, give children their best start in life, and that children's development during the early years, from 0-6, impacts their health and abilities to succeed throughout their lives and to become contributing citizens. By working together, the Council reduces duplication, identifies gaps in service, creates strong networks, and supports programs and initiatives for families and young children in the Slocan Valley.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important because of the challenges of living rurally for families with young children. Such as distance, the Slocan Valley is 47km long made up of many communities. Also communication- having young children can be very isolating. To know about and access free programming in your community and online and be reminded and informed on a regular basis has incredible value for families with young children. Informing families is another reason this project is important, making sure families are aware of the free services and resources that exist and they are entitled to receive should they need them. One such example is Early Intervention; free intervention services that are available for children 0-6, such as infant development, speech, occupational and physio therapy. The importance of receiving a regularly updated and well researched Email Bulletin focused on the Early Years fulfills a great need in our communities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues surrounding communication with families with young children in a rural setting such as the Slocan Valley are vast; isolation, poverty, travel to activities access to resources are challenges that many families face daily.

These issues were identified by the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council's committed members, most of whom are professionals in their respected Early Yeas field, parents, school representatives, health services all of them strive to shape finding ways to face these challenges. These issues will be addressed with the SV Early Years Coordination & Communication project, which allows for a community coordinator to communicate

Project: Early Years Communication & Coordination Project

directly with families in the Slocan Valley, to share information and promote free programming, activities, and professional intervention services and show parents where families with low incomes can find bursaries.

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

W.E. Graham Community Service Society, operating since 1997, has experience and knowledge in building sustainable programming. WEGCSS depends on strategic planning for each of the programs we offer. We are best suited to deliver the project as the Early Years council is made up of Early Years Professionals, parents and volunteers who have a great variety of experiences and understand the intricacies, challenges and opportunities that exist in the Slocan Valley. Our community coordinator is an experienced Early Years Professional, she has a diploma in Child and Youth Care, a certificate in Behavior Intervention and two young children of her own. She is well versed in this role and researches, informs and advocates for families with young children. When families are supported by healthy communities, this gives children their best start in life, and that children's development from 0-8, impacts their health and abilities to succeed throughout their lives.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council will oversee the project and it will be implemented by Community Coordinator Jennifer Evdokimoff. W.E. Graham Community Service Society administers the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

At present our in-kind contributions are the members volunteer time for Early Years collaboration including expertise from CCRR, Kootenay Kids, Kootenay Family Place, Metis Nation BC, Cbal, Interior Health, and SD8. We also have free advertising in the Slocan Valley Recreation guide. The use of a W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) laptop for the coordinator (the laptop has Microsoft Software and applications), WEGCSS email address through a secure server, and the input and collaboration of the Executive Director at WEGCSS.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

ABRIDGED VERSION OF EBULLETIN EXAMPLE FOR REDI GRANT
(Full version is 11 pages)

Please join/like/follow our Facebook community too @SVECCAC
Or visit our page at fb.me/SVECCAC



Programs in the e-bulletin are free unless otherwise specified.

Local Events
Health & Well-being
Online Events and Activities
Local Resources
Community Resources

Local Events

Spark in the Dark – Today!

Saturday January 27

Parade Starts at 4:45pm

Kohan Reflection Garden in New Denver

Imagine, create, parade, dance, eat and warm yourselves by the fire. Parade starts at 4:45 at the entrance to the Kohan Reflection Garden and finishes at the Bosun Hall for music, refreshments (\$cost for refreshments) and lantern display. See website for more information. www.Sparkinthedark.ca. Adult and kid's categories for best lanterns!

Family Game Night! Starts Wednesday!

Wednesday's

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Winlaw Elementary School Library

Join us every Wednesday for this free program! Children 6-13 and their caregivers are welcome to come play some games, enjoy a light meal and connect with other families.

Games will be available throughout the week, and we encourage families to bring along some of their favorite games to share.

Registration is required.

Please register here or contact sknight@cbal.org for more information.

<https://form.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=A1F2BAFF-BD5B-4FB9-8C84-60B08D69364C>

Indigenous Family Night

1st Thursday of the Month

4pm – 7pm

Passmore Hall (Old Passmore Road, Passmore BC)

Join us for an evening of Fun, Drum and Food. Nourishing meal provided. Games, Crafts, Elders. See poster at bottom for more information. Contact James for more information and to register 250-444-5437 or ifs@kootenaykids.ca

Alphabet Soup

Friday's 9:00-11:00, Jan 12 - Mar 15

Valhalla Children's Centre (across from W.E. Graham School)

Join us every Friday for this fun program for preschool-aged children (2.5-6 yrs.). This free program allows children and their caregivers a chance to get their hands dirty in the kitchen and cook nutritious, child-friendly recipes together. Join Tamara e for a morning of circle time, free play, stories, and cooking!

Link to register:

<https://form.simplesurvey.com/f//CBALSlocanValleyFamilyRegistration>

Program name: Alphabet Soup

Parent Connection

Thursday February 8th

10am - 1pm

Passmore Hall

3656 Old Passmore Rd, Slocan Park BC

Parent Connection is for parents and caregivers with young children aged 0-8. It's a free social, with an exchange of baby and young children's goods; clothes, maternity clothes, toys, diapers, bouncers, books, etc. And there is a play area with toys and books for children.

There's no requirement to bring things--you can always just take what you need (or gather stuff for a friend) and join us for a hot, nutritious lunch and the company of other families. Babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers welcome--grandparents, too!

Please sort your exchange items, and just bring the best to share—clean & seasonally appropriate and not tooo much!

This month's special guest is **Annabelle Piche**, Program Coordinator at the Slocan Valley Rec Centre/RDCK. She will be there to share upcoming programming and answer questions, and have some outdoor kids equipment for borrowing.

Parent Connection is the 2nd Thursday of every month. (Except July, August & December).

Please note: We can only take small amounts of donations from each family and no large items. If you have a lot of clothing donations or toys consider bringing them to Emporio Winlaw (at Spicer Centre) or Nelson to Positive Apparel, or other thrift stores. If you have any questions about Parent Connection please email Jen at svearlyyears@wegcss.org

Slocan Valley Strong Start

9:00am - 11:30am

Monday - Brent Kennedy School

Tuesday and Thursday - WE Graham Community School

Wednesday and Friday - Winlaw School

There will not be a program happening on January 15 at Brent Kennedy as SD8 schools are closed for a Professional Development day. Please refer to the attached calendar at bottom of ebulletin.

Welcome to Strong Start 2023/24!!

Participate with your young child (aged birth to five) in play-based early learning activities: including stories, music and art. Strong Start participants have access to movement time and a free healthy snack. Registration is required <https://innovativelearning.sd8.bc.ca/strongstart-registration>

If you have yet to register and it's a Strong Start day - no worries! We will help you get the application started at the school. Photocopies of essential documents may also be completed with the school's amazing clerical staff. Any other questions Email Pati McLaughlin Strong Start facilitator at svstrongstart@wegcss.org

Canadian Dental Benefit for Children- Update

The Canadian government has come recently come out with another option for qualifying individuals for coverage for dental care. They are just starting the roll out of this program and this will take place of the Canada Dental Benefit for children **after June 30th, 2024**. The application schedule below, is available through the link below.

Please let me know if you have any questions:

Nikki McElhinney, Dental Hygienist

250 505 7226, nikki.mcelhinney@interiorhealth.ca

Application schedule

Children under the age of 18 Starting June 2024

All remaining eligible Canadian residents Starting 2025

[Dental coverage - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental.html)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/dental.html>

Winter RDCK Leisure & Recreation Guide – Registration now open! (~~\$~~cost)

Spring Break Camps, Adult Sports and more!

To see what's in the leisure guide and to register please see the link below.

https://www.rdck.ca/assets/Services/Recreation/Leisure~Guide~Files/2023-11-27_Slocan%20Valley-Winter-2024-FINAL.pdf

Helpful Information:

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and Educator

(Car Seat Technician) – Junction area. Want to get your child's car seat checked to ensure it is installed correctly?

Jen Popoff offers a FREE service to families and she can be reached at (250) 505-3747.

Please call if you have any questions or to arrange a meet up so she can check your car seat.

This E-bulletin is hosted by the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council (SVECCAC), a voluntary group of service providers, educators, and parents focused on giving children their best start in life. The E-bulletins are intended to keep families with young children informed of opportunities and activities available to them.

This past year 2023, all SVECCAC projects and initiatives, including this email bulletin are most graciously being supported by grants from

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We thank you for your support!*



We also want to thank W.E. Graham Community Service Society as our Managing Partner!



Please feel free to send us your feedback or for more information, join/like/follow our facebook community @SVECCAC. Visit our page at fb.me/SVECCAC.

If you wish to be added to the distribution list, or to be removed from the list or for more information, please email valleyconnection@gmail.com

5211 Pedro Creek Rd
Winlaw, BC
VOG 2J0

To whom it may concern,

I write to you in support of the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council. Having worked for over three years for Slocan Valley Recreation as well as holding my current position as Community Literacy Co-ordinator in the Slocan Valley, I am able to recognize the benefits that this Council brings to our community.

In rural communities such as those that exist in the Slocan Valley, programs that aim to increase socialization and education for young families is pertinent. Not only has the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council (SVECCAC), played a key role in creating programs and workshops for families with young children, but has also created a hugely successful networking tool that allows over 490 families, throughout the entire Slocan Valley, to be kept up-to-date with the happenings throughout the community. As someone who has worked in program coordination in our area for nearly 8 years, as well as a mother of two young children, *I find the SVECCAC's ebulletin to be invaluable.* Also, I've learned from doing feedback forms for my programs, that the ebulletin is where the majority of community members hear about the literacy programs I offer. *To have this well established and well utilised source of communication cease to exist would be very unfortunate.*

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council plays a key role in our community. I believe that the ebulletin managed by the Council is crucial for community organizations to advertise their services to young families. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this further. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support.

Sincerely,

Sayre Knight
Community Literacy Coordinator
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy- Slocan Valley
Phone: 250-226-6949
Email: sknight@cbal.org

Patricia McLaughlin
Box 127 Slocan,
BC V0G2C0

To whom this may concern,

I am writing in support of the Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council. A council that I have had the pleasure to be a member of since its inception over a decade ago. The Council and it's Ebulletin is a fundamental source of reliable and accurate information for parents and caregivers of young children. Further, the council brings together educators and service providers quarterly to support and inform each other.

To say that this council is a support to families with young children would be accurate, and also an understatement. It is the main source of support that families with young children have accessible to them in the rural area this council calls home. In larger towns and cities families see resource centres with services and programs built in, convenient and one stop. Here in the valley, we are able to access such establishments with a lengthy commute. Fortunately, we can have the outreach information of the Ebulletin which has service providers and all that pertains to early childhood right at our fingertips. I use the Ebulletin all the time as a parent and also in my role as Strong Start Educator as a means to convey pertinent and current information to families who access my program. The Ebulletin not only supplies information on local happenings, but also allows access to knowledge on government grants and programs that can be accessed to make life with young children easier.

The council has supported events promoting education, play and togetherness over the years and particularly filled in the gap of services during the pandemic. The council has its ear to the ground always for ways to help families and is a trusted hub that parents and caregivers can turn to for answers and support.

The Slocan Valley Early Childhood Community Advisory Council is a staple in the Slocan Valley, one that has lasted many changes to funding and has thrived during the pandemic. This is simply because the current and past coordinators have cared deeply and also because it works. This council fills the need of support that families with young children have in this valley, and I personally would like to see it have every opportunity available to grow and continue to do the wonderful work it is known for.

Sincerely,

Pati McLaughlin
Slocan Valley Strong Start Facilitator
Phone: 250-777-4291
Email: pats.mclaughlin@gmail.com

Organization **Village of Slocan**

Registration #

Box 114, 609 Springer Street, Slocan British Columbia V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Halloween Hoot**

Project will be located in: Village of Slocan

The event takes place at Expo park in the Village of Slocan

Importance to the community:

We've estimated that close to a thousand people turn up for the celebration. The population of Slocan is under 500 people. So not only is it a benefit to Slocan, but the surrounding area as well.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 11/16/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$4,999.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,999.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,999.00	\$5,141.08	\$5,141.08

1. The project will provide:

Project: Halloween Hoot

The Slocan Halloween hoot has been an annual celebration for over 30 years. It was started by volunteers as a means to help curb the amount of vandalism that used occur every Halloween. It worked better than anyone had anticipated. the kids do their trick or treating, then head to the park at 7:00 pm for free hot chocolate and a hot dog. The parents all come down for celebration, and when it's over the parents and kids all go home. I find it amazing how well this event brings together young and old and gives them a sense of belonging in the community. The event will continue, but we need to upgrade our failing and outdated fireworks firing system.

2. Organization Mandate:

To keep providing an annual halloween celebration for the community. Providing hot dogs, hot chocolate, and a fireworks display. We require a new firing system for the fireworks display.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

We've estimated that close to a thousand people turn up for the celebration. The population of Slocan is under 500 people. So not only is it a benefit to Slocan, but the surrounding area as well.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The problem is that the celebration is 100 percent volunteer, all funding has been through fund raising. The fireworks are expensive, and price keeps going up. and we're struggling to get basic expenses covered. Now we need a new firing system.

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

We have a good core of volunteers to run the concession, fundraise, tend the bonfires and 7 certified people to work with display fireworks.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

I will take care of purchasing the new firing system. There are several people involved in organizing and working 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:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Organization **Diverse Family Roots Society**

Registration # 711389619

Po Box 461, Fruitvale BC V0G 1L0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

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

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

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

Importance to the community:

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

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

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

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

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS

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

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

1. The project will provide:

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

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

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

2. Organization Mandate:

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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

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

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Family Navigator.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

TECK Trail Operations- 1000.00.

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

PLAN- Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network- 1500.00

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

FAMILIES ON TUESDAY

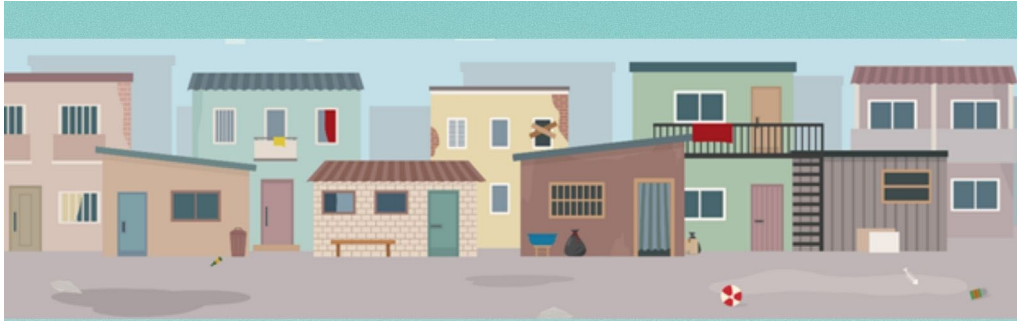
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- Listening
- Sharing
- Connecting

Hosted by Ben Postmus
diversefamilyroots@gmail.com





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Thursdays 6:30 pm PST

[Click here to register](#)

or

email: diversefamilyroots@gmail.com



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Housing in your
Community



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

Registration # 89312 3034 RR0001

1200 Hospital Bench, Trail BC V1R 4M1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Orthopedic Enhancement Project**

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

Phase 1 of the Project commenced January 2023 at the KBRH Health Foundation/KBRH including planning, securing approvals and equipment quotes, grant writing and broad reaching fundraising. Phase 2 includes the CBT ReDi Grant process, purchasing equipment and reporting back as required. Fundraising for this project will occur at the KBRH Health Foundation. Procurement of the equipment will occur at KBRH. Usage of equipment associated with the Orthopedic Enhancement Project will take place at KBRH in the Operating Rooms, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

Importance to the community:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$8,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$32,000.00
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$32,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00

1. The project will provide:

In September 2023, the KBRH Health Foundation launched the Orthopedic Enhancement Project, a \$750,000 effort to advance patient care at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH). This Project will purchase state of the art medical equipment for the Operating Rooms at KBRH, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will support 2 new Orthopedic Surgeons, who have been recruited to work at KBRH, as well as our existing team of 4 Orthopedic Surgeons. The equipment purchased will allow the surgical team to continue their excellent work providing hip and knee replacement; hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, hand and wrist repair; and trauma surgeries.

Notably, this Project will also support a new level of service for patients including total ankle replacements, hip and knee replacements with a one-day discharge, reverse shoulder arthroplasties and it will change the way some current procedures are performed.

The total Project (Phase 1 & 2) is \$750,000 with \$430,000 donated to date; \$320,000 remains outstanding (for Phase 2) and is the focus of this application, emphasizing the Foundation's commitment to advancing healthcare accessibility and patient care for residents of the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.

2. Organization Mandate:

Since 1988, the KBRH Health Foundation, formerly the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation, has raised over \$24.9 million to advance healthcare in the Kootenay Boundary. The Foundation's revenue is generated through gifts from donors. Funding priorities include equipment, patient care & comfort and staff education. The operating budget for 2024 is \$1,750,000.

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) has 81 acute care beds, 50 multi-level care beds, and responds to the health care needs of 88,000 residents. KBRH offers specialist services, core medical services and advanced diagnostic services to the residents of its 29,000 sq. km area of accountability. The funds stewarded through the KBRH Health Foundation directly benefit patients receiving healthcare services within the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately

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

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

File No. 73-2024

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

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

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

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

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

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

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

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

April 3, 2023

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

Dear Lisa,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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

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

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

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

Prosperity & Resiliency:

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

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

Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Local Economy:

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

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

Sincerely,



Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation

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

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Better at Home Emergency Response**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan
Slocan Valley Better at Home will serve RDCK Area H, New Denver, Silverton and Slocan.

Importance to the community:

This program holds immense significance for the communities we cater to. By providing the opportunity for our elderly population to remain in the familiarity and comfort of their own homes, we are alleviating additional burdens for families and caregivers. Moreover, this enables seniors to experience a life that is both comfortable and enjoyable. Our non-medical accessible support and services are readily accessible, ensuring that our seniors receive the care they need. This enriching program is made possible by the dedicated efforts of 5 part-time employees, 3 casual employees, youth volunteers, and a social work practicum student.

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

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$3,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
				\$2,937.50
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$2,937.50	\$3,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,875.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,875.00	\$15,555.00	\$15,555.00

1. The project will provide:

Better at Home offers non-medical assistance to seniors to enable them to maintain their independence and continue to live in their own homes. In certain situations, such as emergencies, additional support is required. This initiative aims to address these urgent needs by providing extra assistance during unexpected events such as falls, injuries, the loss of a loved one, or surgeries. Moreover, Better at Home also offers support during extreme weather conditions such as cold temperatures, power outages, heatwaves, heavy rains, and forest fire smoke. Additionally, the project caters to individuals facing multiple vulnerabilities, such as visual impairment, poverty, disability, or extensive loneliness. Depending on the specific requirements, clients may receive increased hours of housekeeping and friendly visits for a designated period. This could involve regular check-ins, visits, or additional housekeeping services. Furthermore, the project ensures the provision of necessary supplies tailored to individual needs, including clothing, prepared food, groceries, and emergency items like heaters and air purifiers.

2. Organization Mandate:

WE Graham Community Service Society provides programs and services to residents of the rural Slokan Valley. Where possible, WEGCSS also refers people to the services of other local organizations.

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

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In the remote and rural location of Slokan Valley, the response to emergency needs for seniors is unfortunately lacking in promptness and availability. This delay in assistance poses a significant challenge for the many seniors who face difficult circumstances and multiple vulnerabilities within our catchment area. Better at Home, with its dedicated staff and volunteers, has witnessed firsthand the overwhelming demand in this region. Our staff and volunteers provide crucial support, allowing seniors to stay in their own homes. We offer housekeeping, friendly visits, and extra check-ins during extreme weather events. We also provide essential items like food, heaters, purifiers, and clothing. However, our ability to help is limited by funding, which we are encouraged to outsource. With more funding, we can provide more services and ensure no senior is left without assistance.

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

For over 26 years, the W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) has been dedicated to delivering exceptional projects and programs. Our commitment to community consultation ensures that Better at Home is tailored to the unique needs of each community. Through engaging with local seniors and stakeholders, we have received unanimous support for our program. With a highly skilled operational staff, extensive experience in working with seniors, and an unwavering desire to assist the most vulnerable members of our communities, WEGCSS is the perfect fit to host this program. The positive feedback we have received from our seniors and neighboring programs like Nav-CARE further validates our ability to make a

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meaningful impact.

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

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Better at Home program coordinator, Miryam Bishop, as well as service providers and volunteers, have been successfully implementing these services for the past year. WEGCSS, which has been operating since 1997, accommodates the staff and also collaborates with Better at Home on various programs, including the youth network, foodbank, and senior food services.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

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

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

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

This funding will enhance the larger budget of \$85,000 annually that will be spent on this program. In-kind contributions include volunteer hours and office space provided by WEGCSS.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

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

Feb 5, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Ana Bokstrom. I am the coordinator for the Nav-CARE program in the Slocan Valley and as such I work with many low-income seniors in the area. I am writing to express my support for the Better at Home program operated by W.E. Graham Community Services Society. I have enrolled many of my clients in the Better at Home program to receive subsidized housekeeping. This service often is the difference between being able to stay home and live independently and well versus moving to long term care or living in unsanitary or unsafe conditions.

In addition, the Better at Home team is a regular touchpoint to monitor the circumstances a senior is living in and often can give us the heads up that more intervention is necessary, before it becomes a problem.

I hear repeatedly from my clients how much they value the support that the W.E. Graham Community Services Society provides, both for the return to order in their homes, the pride that instills, and for the social connection with the staff when they come.

Sincerely,

Ana Bokstrom

Nav-CARE coordinator, Slocan Valley

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Supporting Documents from our Seniors



“Since meeting all of you, these have been the happiest years of my life. I am just so happy to be able to stay at home.”

Nellie Sookro, Slocan Park



“The Better at Home program has come to me as a welcomed support. I’ve had assistance with cleaning, food and volunteer visitors. As a senior living with health problems, I have been grateful for this program. Thank you so much.”

Wendy Willows, Winlaw BC