

# **Media Release**

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# 2022 Grant Applications Process for Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program opens January 3, 2022

Nelson, BC: Effective January 3, 2022, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will accept grant applications for the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program (CIP/AAP).

The programs support local projects that provide additional value to Basin communities and that benefit the broad community and public good. The CIP/AAP are intended to be flexible and incorporate community based funding decisions. Program funds are distributed annually to the Trust's regional government and indigenous partners, including the RDCK

Last year, 280 applications were received, of which 265 were approved. The majority of projects that received funding were supporting cultural, social, environmental and economic projects.

The granting allocation for the RDCK for the 2021-2022 is \$1,486,212.

"As a basin community, we at the Regional District of Central Kootenay continue to benefit from Columbia Basin Trust's long term commitment to support and build up local projects in our area," said Aimee Watson, RDCK Board of Directors Chair. "We look forward to seeing the submissions and having our community participate in the engagement process that the CIP and AAP program requires."

<u>Click here</u> to find more information about the Columbia Basin Trust CIP/AAP, including, who is eligible and how to apply. **The deadline for application is February 11, 2022 at 4:30 pm**.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit <a href="https://www.rdck.ca">www.rdck.ca</a>.

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