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2021 Grant Applications Process for Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program opens January 4, 2021

Nelson, BC: Effective today, 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, 345 applications were received, of which 315 were approved. The majority of projects that received funding were supporting cultural, social, environmental and economic projects.

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

"This year more than ever, we know our communities and the non-profit societies that do astounding work for their benefit are in need," said Aimee Watson, Chair, RDCK Board of Directors. "There is much to recover, much to plan anew, and much to be inspired by. The RDCK is grateful for the on-going community support CBT provides through its myriad of programs and specifically, the ability for the community to participate in the engagement process that the CIP and AAP program requires. We wish all applicants well and thank you for your continued efforts and support of our shared communities."

[Click here](#) 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 26, 2021 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 www.rdck.ca.

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