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## Grant Application Process for Columbia Basin Trust ReDi Grants opens January 2, 2025

Nelson, BC: Effective January 2, 2025, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will accept grant applications for the Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust) Resident Directed Grants (ReDi).

The program supports local projects that provide additional value to Basin communities. ReDi Grants are intended to be flexible and incorporate community-based funding decisions. Program funds are distributed annually to the Trust's regional government and First Nations delivery partners, including the RDCK.

"RDCK communities benefit from the continued commitment from Columbia Basin Trust to help support and build up local projects in our areas," said Aimee Watson, RDCK Board Chair and Electoral Area D Director. "As part of the ReDi program requirement, the highlight of the process is having our residents participate in the engagement process to help determine which projects will bring additional value to their communities and receive access to funding."

Last year, 311 applications were received, of which 288 were approved. The majority of projects that received funding were supporting cultural, social, environmental and economic projects.

The granting allocation for the RDCK for 2024 - 2025 is \$1,515,940.

Checkout [www.rdck.ca/ReDi](http://www.rdck.ca/ReDi) for more information about the Columbia Basin Trust ReDi Grants, including, who is eligible and how to apply. **The deadline to apply is February 19, 2025 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](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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