



Board Highlights

May 18, 2023

Resident Directed (ReDi) grant funding

The Board approved the 2023 Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed (ReDi) grant funding. A total of \$1,402,026.37 in funding will be allocated to 312 different project proposals. This year marked a return to in-person public engagement meetings. 22 area intake meetings were held during the month of April. [Click here](#) for a complete list of all the recipients of ReDi funding. The programs support local projects that provide additional value to Basin communities, and that benefit the broad community and public good.

Housing Action Plan

The Board endorsed the RDCK Housing Action Plan prepared by M'Akola Development Services Ltd. and direct staff to draft an implementation work plan to be considered by the Board at a future meeting. The plan identifies practical, realistic and achievable actions to help address needs for affordable, accessible and inclusive housing in the RDCK's 11 Electoral Areas. [Click here to read the complete plan \(pg. 338\)](#).

Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society Pilot

The Board approved \$6,500 in funding to support a Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society pilot of residential power back up/renewable home assessment and rebates. The goal of the program is to build energy resilience in homes that deal with frequent and prolonged power failures. Similar to the FireSmart program, consultants will come to your home and provide a free assessment, providing recommendations for what the building or property needs to ensure grid resilience. If the program is successful, it could be expanded to additional RDCK communities.

Funding for feasibility and planning study for an indoor sports facility

The Board approved a grant of \$5,000 for the Nelson Soccer Association to conduct a feasibility and planning study for an indoor sports facility. The funding will come from the Nelson and District Recreation Commission No. 5 budget. This commission includes the City of Nelson, Electoral Area F and part of Electoral Area E. The study, which will be conducted by RC Strategies, will identify primary and secondary program components, potential sites, as well as impacts on existing facilities, capital and operating financial implications, and recommend a course of action.

RDCK Quarterly Report

The Board received the 2023 Q1 Quarterly Report which details the current projects and initiatives of the RDCK. Please [follow the link](#) to the most recent RDCK Quarterly Report.

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Director's Reports

RDCK Directors provide monthly reports outlining what they have been working on. [Click here](#) to read the May reports in the Board minutes (agenda item 4.4, pg. 157).

Discretionary Grants

AREA A

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society – Junior Squad Summer Day Camp \$2,500

AREA B

Rick Clark Memorial Society – Rick Clark Memorial Golf Tournament \$500

AREA C

Kootenay Milk Producers – Breakfast and More \$1,500

Rick Clark Memorial Society – Rick Clark Memorial Golf Tournament \$500

AREA I

Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society – Yearbook Scanning Project \$750

Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ – 76th Annual Union of Youth Festival \$500

AREA J

BC Old Time Fiddlers Kootenay #9 – Kootenay Fiddle, Guitar and Piano Camp \$500

Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society – Yearbook Scanning Project \$750

Community Development Grants

AREA A

East Shore Trail and Bike Association – Trail map updates and printing \$1,000

AREA B

Creston Valley Libation Producers Society – Hop to Vine Hustle \$1,500

AREA C

Creston Valley Food Action Coalition – Creston Valley Cookbook \$1,000

AREA D

J.B. Fletcher Restoration Society – Ainsworth Museum Project \$7,500

AREA E

Redfish Elementary School PAC – Redfish Elementary Spring Swim Lesson Program \$2,550

Balfour and District Business and Historical Association – Coordinator Funding \$10,000

Balfour Recreation Commission – Balfour Daze \$4,000

AREA F

Polka Dot Dragon Arts Society – Remember the Dead \$1,000

AREA H

Slocan and Area Trail Society – Road Maintenance Slocan Area (Ottawa Hill) \$3,000

AREA I

Castlegar and District Community Services Society – Street Outreach & Community Centre \$2,500
Castlegar Villa Society – Elevator \$2,500

AREA J

Castlegar/Robson Br#170 R.C.L. – Replace flooring in lounge area \$24,743.03
Deer Park and Area Communications Society – Communication Upgrade Deer Park \$13,050
Cops for Kids – Cops for Kids Charitable Bike Ride \$2,000
Castlegar and District Community Services Society – Street Outreach & Community Centre \$10,000

AREA K

Arrow Lakes Search and Rescue Society – UTV Purchase \$5,000

KASLO

Village of Kaslo – Vimy Park Gazebo \$19,640.50

SALMO

Community Futures Central Kootenay – Kootenay Cannabis Council 2023 \$1,000

Community Works Fund

AREA D

Kaslo infoNet Society – Fibre to the Home throughout Area D \$98,188

AREA E

Balfour Wharf Road Water Line Replacement \$150,000

AREA F

Sitkum Creek Improvement District – Emergency Highway 3A Waterline Crossing Replacement \$40,000

Nelson and District Recreation Commission No.5

Nelson Soccer Association – Feasibility and planning study for an indoor sports facility \$5,000

Recreation Commission No.7 – Salmo and Area G

Salmo Childcare Society \$2,000
Nelson District Rod and Gun Club \$2,000
Salmo and Area Supportive Housing Society \$500

Recreation Commission No.10 – Portion of Area E

Nelson Reflections Artistic Swimming	\$750
Redfish Parent Advisory Committee	\$2,000
Balfour Recreation Commission (Recumbent Bike)	\$1,000
Balfour Recreation Commission (Balfour Daze)	\$1,500