

## **Media Release**

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## Grant Application Process for Columbia Basin Trust ReDi Grants opens January 3, 2024

Nelson, BC: Effective January 3, 2024, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will accept grant applications for the Columbia Basin 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 Columbia Basin Trust's regional government and First Nations delivery partners, including the RDCK, where the program is available to all 11 electoral areas and nine municipalities.

"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 Chair and Electoral Area D Director. "We look forward to seeing the submissions and having our community participate in the engagement process that the ReDi program requires."

Last year, 337 applications were received, of which 312 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 \$1,409,829.

<u>Click here</u> to find more information about the Columbia Basin Trust ReDi Grants, including, who is eligible and how to apply. **The deadline to apply is February 21, 2024 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="www.rdck.ca">www.rdck.ca</a>.

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