



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Online engagement tool for Columbia Basin Trust CIP/AAP grants We want to hear from you!

Nelson, BC: Public engagement is an integral part of the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program Funding (CIP/AAP) process. Normally, public input into the grant awards would be received at community meetings held throughout the region every April. Due to the current restrictions on public gatherings, staff from the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) have worked closely with Columbia Basin Trust to develop an online engagement tool to ensure the grant process moves forward. This tool will allow the public to give their feedback on proposed projects for the area in which they live.

Please note that the online engagement tool is not a voting system, but a way for the public to provide the feedback on projects they feel are most important to the area they live in. Once collected, all feedback will be shared with each area's adjudication committee for their review and consideration.

The public engagement period will be from **May 1, 2020 at 8:00 am to May 11, 2020 at 4:30 pm.**

To participate in the public engagement process, please visit the RDCK website at <http://rdck.ca/cip-aap> after May 1.

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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