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## Grant Application Process for Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grants opens January 9, 2023

Nelson, BC: Effective January 9, 2023, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) will accept grant applications for the Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust) Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) formerly known as the Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program (CIP/AAP).

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.

"We're excited to continue to support projects that benefit the broad community and public good through ReDi Grants with RDCK and our other delivery partners across the Basin," said Will Nixon, Senior Manager, Delivery of Benefits, Columbia Basin Trust. "As in past years, local residents will have the opportunity to bring forward their project ideas for discussion with fellow community members to ultimately access funding to make those projects a reality and to bring additional value to their communities."

Last year, 275 applications were received, of which 266 were approved. The majority of projects that received funding were supporting cultural, social, environmental and economic projects.

The granting allocation for the RDCK for 2023 is \$1,515,940.

[Click here](#) 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 17, 2023 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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