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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.11-2025

Organization **Kaslo Concert Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Concert Grand Piano Maintenance**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
St. Andrew's United Church in Kaslo.

Importance to the community:
We average about 80 attendees for the concerts, which (for a classical music concert) is a high percentage (5%) of the 1600 people who live in the trading area.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/15/2025 Project End: 6/15/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			600	**600**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**1200**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
1200	**15150**	**15150**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The Kaslo Concert Society pays for the use of the Steinway grand piano, every time the piano is used in a concert. On top of this the piano must be tuned before each concert use, and occasionally more adjustments are needed. For the tuning and regulating, we hire a piano technician from Nelson.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The Kaslo Concert Society exists to promote the enjoyment of classical music by presenting five concerts every Sept - June season. We also arrange for our visiting musicians to perform at the local school, when that fits into their schedule. School students and young children are admitted to our regular concerts for free.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   We average about 80 attendees for the concerts, which (for a classical music concert) is a high percentage (5%) of the 1600 people who live in the trading area.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The piano is almost 100 years old, and yet the visiting musicians who play it all say it is in great condition, and should continue to be used. However, because of its age, more adjustments and regulating are needed than would be with a newer instrument.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   We have been doing this since the 1970s, and are one of the smallest villages around to succeed at it.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The Kaslo Concert Society and St. Andrew's United Church.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** KCS board members spend many hours organizing the concerts and helping with ticket-taking, refreshment baking and serving, making announcements, staging the piano, etc.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.13-2025

Organization **Diverse Family Roots**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting Families With Diverse Needs**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo
All throughout the RDEK and the communities Surrounding . Each region has its own unique identities and needs. These will take place virtually and in person in each community . Keeping in mind that each region has its own uniqueness and struggles.

Importance to the community:
Up until 2024, this kind of support has not existed in the region. Dads will benefit. Families will benefit. The family member will benefit because of the connections that dads / parents will be able to make. Empowering each other. Supporting each other. Inspiring each other. Families will benefit for learning about inclusive, intentional , supportive housing options for their family members. Promotes inclsuion.
Families will learn about how to have the " SEX" conversation. Adresss the Mental Health pandemic. Encourage Healthy relationships- with siblings. Learn all there is to know about supported, customoized employment.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 3/14/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
500	**2500**	**500**	**1000**	**750**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
1000	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
4500	**500**	**5000**	**500**	**1000**
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
500	**4500**	**750**	**4500**	**500**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
500	**500**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**31500**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
31500	31500	31500

1. **The project will provide:**
   Empowering Dads - Dads Matter. Connecting dads that have sons/ daughters with disabilities/ Diverse Abilities. Relieving the strain and pressures of not being alone.Connect dads to resources and to subject matter experts.
   Families on a Tuesday. Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities, Diverse Abilities. We will connect, support, Mentor, inspire , connect families to resources and to subject matter experts and other families with lived experience.
   Families Housing that Fits- Inclusive, supportive, intentional housing conversations. Sharing and discussion on housing options that could be available in each region and the role that families can play in that.
   Lets Talk about Healthy Sexuality. Mental Health for Everyone, Sibllings and Relationships, Supported Employment and how to get, keep and enjoy your employment expirence. The project will cover all of the West Kootenays , RDKB. Development and delivery of in person workshops in every community.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   Diverse Family Roots Society is the only grassroots, parent/family-driven support network for families with children or family members with diverse abilities/disabilities that is based in the Kootenays. Create a world where everyone is connected to support, families, resources, and to the community in which they live. Providing information sharing, mentoring, opportunities for connection and sharing, promoting awareness and inclusion.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Up until 2024, this kind of support has not existed in the region. Dads will benefit. Families will benefit. The family member will benefit because of the connections that dads / parents will be able to make. Empowering each other. Supporting each other. Inspiring each other. Families will benefit for learning about inclusive, intentional , supportive housing options for their family members. Promotes inclsuion.
   Families will learn about how to have the " SEX" conversation. Adresss the Mental Health pandemic. Encourage Healthy relationships- with siblings. Learn all there is to know about supported, customoized employment.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Issues of isolation, addressing the fact that Dads/ Families are not alone in their journey . Connection- connecting like families, meaning to connect families that have similar challenges. Whether it's ASD, ADHD, FASD, OCD, Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome and more we will connect, support those.
   Not is school because of the challenges of their son/ daughter.
   Lack of affordable, supportive housing options. It's an epidemic on its own . So many aging parents still have their aging sons/ daughter living with them with no safe solutions/ options to choose from.
   Lets Talk about sex- without talking about sex.
   Mental Health conversations and the stigma attached.
   Siblings and Relationships- Circle of Friends.
   Supported Employment. Everyone has the right to meaningful employment.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   We are grassroots. We promote inclusion. Lived experience is what we bring. We have 22 volunteer Family stewards spread out all through the region that are providing boots on the ground support. They are all parents of sons/ daughters with diverse needs not only navigating their own families needs but wanting to share / support/ inspire

others. As the father of a 36yr old woman who has multiple challenges , this has been my world for all of her life. Our collective lived experiences are unmatched.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Family Navigator as well as The volunteer Familiy Stewards that are located in many communtiies throughout the region. All project work is also monitored by the volunteer Board of directors of Diverse Family Roots.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

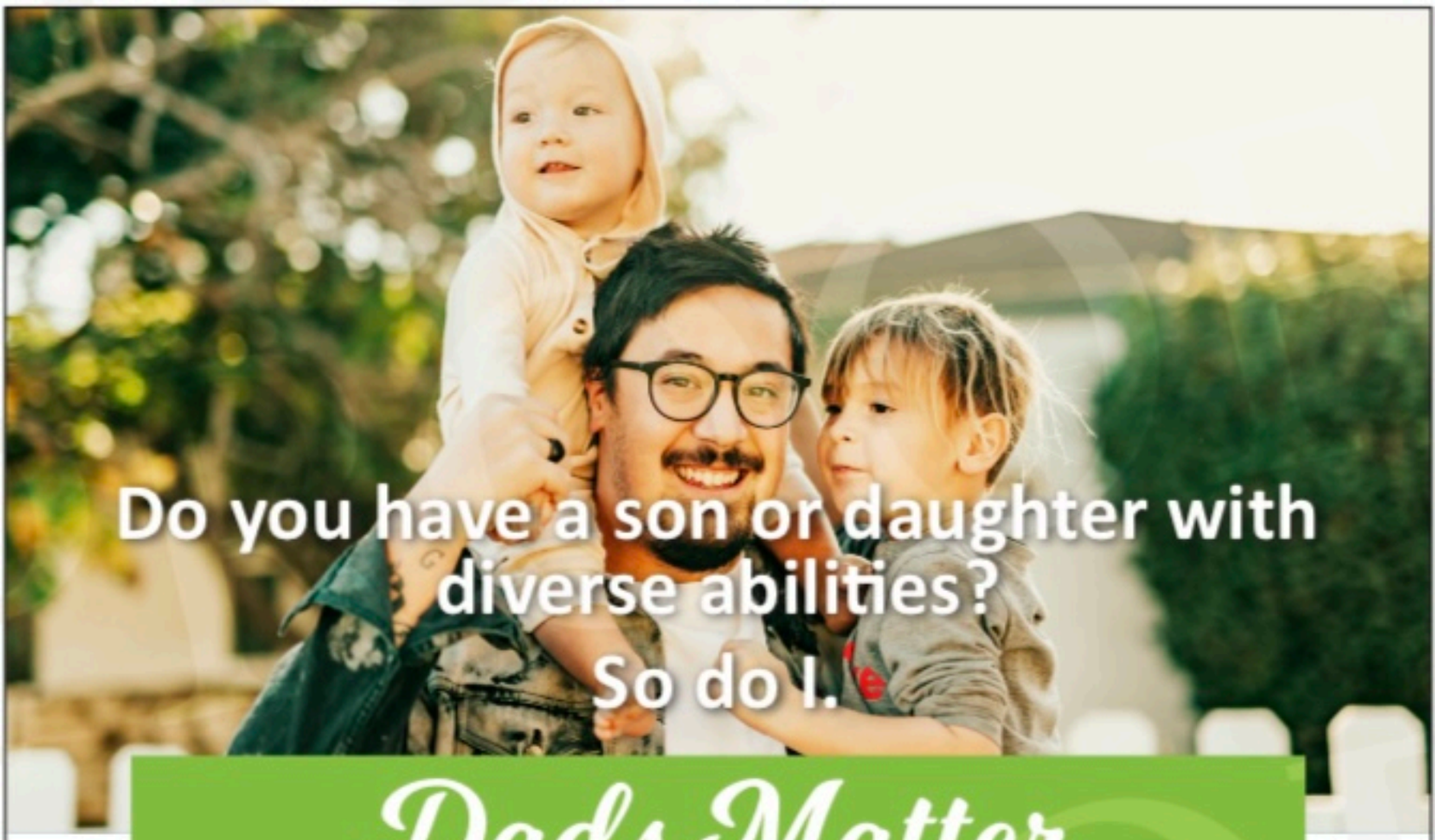
9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Radio Promotion through Bounce Radio, My Kootenay Now, Black Press. In Kind

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Dads Matter

Dads Sharing, Dads Supporting, Dads Inspiring,

Dads



Hosted By Ben Postmus

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Join us every Sunday evening on Zoom.
6:30 PST/ 7:30 MST
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Inclusive and Supportive Housing in Your Community



With Ben Postmus

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6:30 PST/ 7:30 MST

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Visit us at: diversefamilyroots.ca

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Diverse Family Roots Society (est. 2023) is the only non-profit, grassroots, parent / family-driven support network for families with children or family members with diverse abilities / disabilities that is based in the Kootenays.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX...

WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT SEX.

A PARENT'S EASY GUIDE TO TALKING ABOUT SEX, SEXUALITY, GENDER, AND SAFETY WITHOUT ACTUALLY TALKING ABOUT THEM



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March 5
April 2
April 30
May 28

at 6:00PM

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The Board and Members of the Diverse Family Roots Society is grateful to work, play, and raise our families in the territories of the Sinixt, Syilx, Ktunaxa, and Secwépemc peoples. We acknowledge and value the contributions of all Indigenous, Metis, and Inuit who call this place home, and who have stewarded it since time immemorial.



Families on Tuesday

Families Supporting Families

Hosted by Ben Postmus

Tuesday 6:30PM PST/ 7:30PM MST on Zoom



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RDCK File No.14-2025

Organization **NELSON MUSICAL FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2026 Kootenay Festival of the Arts**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson
The Nelson festival venues to be used are The Capitol Theatre, Nelson United Church, The Fairview Baptist Church, The Taghum Community Hall and possibly the Nelson Civic Theatre and the Bethel Christian Centre.

Importance to the community:
Participants benefit, with a very small entry fee, from exposure to professional adjudicators, workshops, mentors, teachers, peers and audiences. Outstanding performers are awarded bursaries to assist in their arts training and/or participation in the annual provincial festival run by partner Performing Arts BC.
The festival provides economic benefits to hotels, restaurants, retailers, local arts and recreation, service providers and local venues. Entrants and their families come from primarily the East and West Kootenay communities. Volunteers are given opportunities to participate in this venerable festival.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 3/16/2026 Project End: 4/18/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			100	**100**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
300	**300**	**100**		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	200	**200**	**3500**	**100**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	100		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**5000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

5000	**28450**	**28450**

1. **The project will provide:**
   Since 1930, the continuity of alternation with the Trail Festival of the arts has trained and challenged students, complementing the work of schools and studios by participant exposure and workshops with nationally recognized mentor/adjudicators. The festival serves to culturally bind the West Kootenay region.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   Since 1930, our organization has provided a two-week festival of adjudicated performing arts every two years (alternating with the City of Trail), providing workshops and sending to student performers to the PABC provincial festival. Disciplines include piano, strings, winds, vocal, choral, dance drama and speech arts.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Participants benefit, with a very small entry fee, from exposure to professional adjudicators, workshops, mentors, teachers, peers and audiences. Outstanding performers are awarded bursaries to assist in their arts training and/or participation in the annual provincial festival run by partner Performing Arts BC.
   The festival provides economic benefits to hotels, restaurants, retailers, local arts and recreation, service providers and local venues. Entrants and their families come from primarily the East and West Kootenay communities. Volunteers are given opportunities to participate in this venerable festival.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The needs were identified in 1930 and remain true today: the festival respects and upholds historical forms while embracing new forms of performing arts expression. Our mission: to keep the performing arts disciplines vibrant, to encourage praise and inspire young performers, to afford performers the opportunity to be professionally assessed, and to engage our communities in the promotion and enjoyment of live performance of music dance and drama.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   We would arguably stat that this festival and its generations of committed organizers have been the rock upon which the excellent quality of of the performing arts in our region have sprung. The experience and efficiency of the team is the reason for its continued success. Other festivals have sprung up over the years and disappeared, but this one thrives.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The Society has a proactive Board of Directors who serve as discipline coordinators, administrators, fundraisers and promoters. The current board includes President Ellie Hedges, Treasurer Margaret Stacey, Discipline coordinators Margot Zimmer, Carole Bonin, Brenda Reid, Tatiana Krol and Rachel deShon, past president Wendy Herbison and webmaster Jody Dudley. Volunteers are harnessed to manage the venues.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Mostly it takes intense coordinator and volunteer labor to mount the festival. Often individual households have contributed spaces for incoming piano student rehearsals and a church contributes space for the winds discipline. A couple of worker parking passes for the dance week were acquired near the Capitol Theatre. We look for B and B support to house an accompanist if needed.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

For forty years, I entered my students in the disciplines of singing and speech arts, choirs, and drama in the Festival of the Arts in Nelson and Trail alternately. Our own seven children performed for many years in both singing and speech and choirs.

The benefits of the Festival are immeasurable. Primarily it is an opportunity for music students to have a goal and a focus to aim for, which requires intense training and work to acquire the standards expected by the festival organizers and adjudicators. The obvious benefits are those of having to receive instruction, gaining self-confidence and receiving life skills. The Festival keeps classical music alive and well. There is a need for things of beauty in the lives of our young people. By delving into the depths of music and literature by the masters introduces one to that beauty which in turn gives a depth to the very being of themselves which they carry with them for the rest of their life. Festival is an important factor in that possibility.

Furthermore, having the Festival brings polished music and speech arts to our city.
I have entered hundreds of students who have all gained much and would not have had that opportunity without the Festival. It has played and will play a big part in culture for Nelson and Trail as it does in all the centers in B.C. and Canada. From the Festival, every year some have been chosen to represent us at the Provincial level and often receiving high praise and prizes.

In the name of culture for our young people, it is necessary that the Kootenay Festival of the Arts be financed and continued. It is volunteers who put the wheels into motion once the monetary issues are in place. Any monies available will be appreciated and put to use a hundredfold for the good of our present and future young people.

Mathilde Klassen, Nelson BC

I am writing to you to express my immense gratitude for the years Nelson has hosted the Kootenay Festival of the Arts.

Being the mother of a child who begged to play the violin since the age of two, embarking on this musical journey in the small centre of Nelson was no small task. At the age of 12, our daughter, Natasha Hall started to outgrow what Nelson had to offer if she was to fulfill her musical dream. She spent much of her childhood on the road traveling for her studies, competitions and concerts. Very often Natasha was asked “How did you ever get from the small town of Nelson to here?” Or for that matter to studying at Carnegie Mellon University, Cambridge International String Academy UK, Ottawa’s Young Arts’s Program under Pinchas Zukerman, Meadowmount NY, National Repertory Orchestra, US etc.

Looking back, we were blessed for Natasha to have had the opportunity to perform and compete in Nelson at the Kootenay Festival of the Arts each year since she started violin under Wendy Herbison at the age of seven. This regular exposure to different teachers/adjudicators was vital in her development as a musician and artist. Many of these adjudicators helped to steer us. It was here at Nelson’s Music Festival that Natasha received the offer from the adjudicator to study at Mount Royal College in the Senior String Academy for gifted youth at the age of 13.

Nelson’s festival was the door to expanding Natasha’s experience. From this local festival she went yearly to Provincials, meeting and hearing other children/students of a similar dedication and passion, furthering and expanding her exposure and goals. For many years after Natasha left Nelson, she would come “home” to play in the Nelson Festival. These years of regular Kootenay Festival of the Arts experiences have developed a sense of commitment and desire within Natasha to give back to a community who supported her. Natasha studied at Manhattan School of Music In New York, having already completed a post graduate performance program at Carnegie Mellon University.

I have also experienced the Nelson festival from the perspective of a cello teacher. The festival has been an incredibly supportive and important environment and opportunity for my students of all ages and abilities. Here they have been exposed to the picture that they are part of a community, that all students from different disciplines spend hours in the practice room alone as they do. During the weeks of the Nelson festival, the students, not only perform in their own disciplines, but are exposed to many disciplines enriching their experience of the different art forms. From here, friendships have been made and ensembles have been created fostering a love of art. The students and teachers have been exposed to high level teachers who have gifted the Nelson festival with their knowledge and experience. But the Nelson festival has also been recognized by the adjudicators coming in. Several years back, a very respected and known cellist from Calgary came to the festival and worked with the strings. He said to me after the festival “Do you know how incredible it is for me to see your students with such a solid and wonderful set up and base...these students would be a gift for me to work with when they are 18!”

So often I have heard how unique Nelson is, that a town so small has such a vibrant art community, giving children the opportunity to perform on any stage. Nelson’s own musicians, dancers and artists are blessed to have a festival of their own, giving them the first solid building blocks and connection to the outer world.

Sincerely, Nadja Hall, Nelson BC

Nelson focus areas 2025-26 Kootenay Festival of the Arts, Nelson Music Festival

"Sustainability is about a productive economy, well protected environment and healthy citizens with strong cultural connections."

Cultural Strength is about celebrating and embracing our history and our diversity. It is about using our many arts, traditions, heritage and recreation assets to enrich the quality of life for all citizens.

Cultural strength involves:

- Authentically representing our artistic and cultural values in how we live, move, play, shop and do business
- Using arts, heritage, recreation and our greatest community asset, our diversity, to create meaningful learning opportunities
- Facilitating cross generational and socio-economic relationships
- Conserving and enhancing our diverse recreational assets and opportunities
- Meaningful participation in our City's governance systems.

The Kootenay Festival of the Arts is all about Cultural Strength. This venerable festival has been a cultural cornerstone of the history of Nelson and Trail and all the surrounding communities since 1930. Indeed it is one of the oldest festival traditions in British Columbia. Its goals have always been to inspire, educate, evaluate and promote regional students in the performing arts disciplines of piano, strings, winds, vocal, choral, dance, drama and speech arts. The festival supports the many disciplines of performing arts teaching in our region. When School Districts sometimes find it no longer feasible to provide performing arts education or festivals, the local teachers are there, and the festival supports their work, retaining the cultural part of the community fabric. The Kootenay Festival of the Arts has embraced new forms of performing arts expression, while respecting and upholding the historical forms.

The format of the festival is to bring in excellent adjudicators in each discipline to work with students of local private and public school teachers. Some students with unusual proficiency are referred to the provincial festival (Performing Arts BC) where they may excel and be given opportunity to widely showcase. Our festival is actually the *only* way to participate in the provincial festival. Furthermore, as an example, in the 2018 provincial festival, Nelson students Lucas Alexander and Nico Bucher stunned adjudicators with their instrumental work, and big learning opportunities and scholarships opened to these boys as a result of the exposure.

Local impact: The churches and theatre venues of Nelson have always participated in this festival: The Capitol Theatre, Nelson United Church, First Baptist Church, Evangelical Covenant

Church, Church of Latter Day Saints, Taghum Hall, Studio88, and Bethel Christian Centre, as well as yesteryear uses of the Nelson Opera House and Civic Theatre as concert venues. The Festival opens opportunities for many volunteers to manage the venues and welcome the participants; many of these people are our seniors. Children as young as four years old participate. Adult learners are participants too. Local businesses have been pleased to contribute in support of the event since its inception. It is estimated that 3000 people are involved in this festival as participants, session audiences, sponsors, volunteers and two full-house concert audiences, all descending upon the downtown or church neighbourhoods of Nelson, dining and using hotels for a two week period. The festival has historically served to bind the region culturally, as Trail and Nelson have alternated and shared this event for so many years. The participants come from as far afield as Creston and Argenta, dance participants from Spokane and the Okanagan.

So yes, The Kootenay Festival of the Arts is authentic, diverse, relationship-building; it conserves and enhances the performing arts in our City and Region.

And lastly, many members of our successive and historical Boards have been keenly interested in the **governance of the City**. As one example, Bruce Hunter, former board chair of the Festival, was a long-time chair of the City's Youth Advisory committee as was board member Victor Neufeld, former counsellor and LVR teacher. As a well-loved band teacher who inspired many people and was honoured by the Osprey Foundation, Bruce knows better than anybody else how arts and youth, education, community and social issues are intertwined! Margaret Stacey, former Nelson city councillor, served specifically in the economic development portfolio, serves as treasurer for the Festival, and has been culturally active in the community since 1981 through community theatre and Capitol Theatre management, was also involved in the downtown/waterfront development advisory and in the development of the Path to 2040 Strategy.

We address the *Nelson Next* Strategy as follows:

- The festival is about **physical fitness**, particularly in the dance sector, but also important in the other musical disciplines.
- We **connect the region** through the biennial partnership with the Trail Society that mounts the festival in alternate years.
- **Environmental impact:** We are planning to use venues that are addressing the principles aspired to in Nelson Next: The Capitol Theatre, Civic Theatre, Nelson United Church, Studio 88 at the Legion, Taghum Hall. We have no facility of our own, buy locally, use no paper and have pivoted to allow submissions and adjudications virtually. We now take adjudicators to schools to avoid bussing large choirs and bands to a downtown venue.

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Organization **North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Art in the Market**

Project will be located in: Village of Kaslo
This activity takes place on the Front Street Park Stage in Kaslo, where the Saturday Farmers' market is held.

Importance to the community:
This project benefits the community economically, artistically and socially. Art in the Market draws a crowd, and indications are that almost all attendees of the market also spend money at nearby stores and restaurants. Providing a venue for less known artists is a stepping stone for them, and their willingness to engage with market goers creates the possibility for enhanced social connections.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/8/2025 Project End: 10/12/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			2150	**2150**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
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Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**4300**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
4300	**4300**	**4300**

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project offers a venue for artists and musicians to share their talents from the Front Street Park Stage, located in the park where the Saturday Farmers' market is held. A co-ordinator will find and book local presenters to perform, hold workshops, and hold art oriented events for children. In co-operation with Kaslo Community Services we will have 12 two hour sessions during market hours from June 8 to October 12.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To encourage and initiate arts and heritage related events in the North Kootenay Lake area (Kaslo and Area D).

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   This project benefits the community economically, artistically and socially. Art in the Market draws a crowd, and indications are that almost all attendees of the market also spend money at nearby stores and restaurants. Providing a venue for less known artists is a stepping stone for them, and their willingness to engage with market goers creates the possibility for enhanced social connections.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Local artists benefit as they become more widely known; the Village economy benefits because special events on the public stage attracts tourists and locals. Families benefit because their children can be engaged in a supervised activity while their parents shop.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   We are the only organization in Kaslo focused on the arts. Our board is composed of people involved with the Kaslo arts community, and have a wide range of contacts with artists throughout Kaslo and Area D.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Along with the NKLAHC board a hired co-ordinator will implement the project.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer hours on the part of members of and board of NKLAHC, mentoring by the past President of the NKLAHC, co-operation with Kaslo Community Services, the Food Hub, the Farmers' Saturday Market, and the Village of Kaslo.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Organization **Okanagan Nation Alliance**

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fish in Schools (FinS)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Slocan
The Columbia branch of FinS extends from Big White and Greenwood in the west, north to Nakusp, east to the north shore of Nelson, and south to Fruitvale, Trail, and Rossland. We currently support tanks across School Districts 8, 10, 20, 51, and 93. Classr

Importance to the community:
The FinS program educates young students about the importance of salmon - both from an environmental and a cultural perspective. Students learn how essential anadromous salmon are to the ecosystem as a keystone species and their crucial significance to the Syilx people as not only sustenance but as family that they are obligated to protect. This knowledge will encourage participant students to become stewards of the environment and perhaps inspire them to pursue careers in conservation or biological sciences. The benefits extend beyond individual participants as they share their knowledge with friends, family, and rest of their community. Most of all, the salmon themselves and the ecosystems to which they belong will benefit.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 6/27/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				1500
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
500				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**2000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
2000	75000	75000

1. **The project will provide:**
Operating in the Okanagan since 2003, FinS is a comprehensive fish education program for elementary to secondary students, with a focus on sc'win (sockeye salmon), their lifecycle and the importance of their ecosystems. By creating greater educational and
community awareness of fish species with students of different ages, the intent is for students to become future leaders, land protectors, water
managers, scientists and the multitude of environmental and social sciences professions that are available for them. In the Columbia, this program further cultivates awareness of salmon's historical runs from the ocean, up the One River. FinS has been operated by the ONA in the Columbia region since 2017. In the fall, participant schools are provided all necessary equipment for raising sc'win in the classroom from eggs to juveniles including tanks, water chillers, and feed. Students monitor and care for the young salmon during the winter months as they progress from eggs to alevin and finally to fry. As part of the program, we also offer educational visits to schools from fisheries biologists and Syilx knowledge keepers. In the spring, participants bring their juvenile fish (fry) to a community event where members of the Syilx Nation hold a salmon ceremony and the fish are released into the Columbia River.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
The Syilx People of the Okanagan Nation are a trans-boundary tribe separated at the 49th parallel by the border between Canada and the United States. Our Nation is comprised of seven member communities in the Southern Interior of British Columbia: Okanagan Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band, Penticton Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Upper and Lower Similkameen Indian Bands, and Westbank First Nation; and in Northern Washington State, the Colville Confederated Tribes. Our members share the same land, nsyilxcn language, culture, and customs. We are a distinct and sovereign Nation. In upholding the values of our member communities, the Okanagan Nation Alliance's Fisheries department's focus is the conservation, protection, restoration, and enhancement of indigenous fisheries (anadromous and resident) and aquatic resources within Syilx Okanagan Nation Territory. In this eastern part of Syilx territory (Central Kootenay), we are currently engaged in aquatic species conservation and monitoring in the Columbia River and its tributaries from the USA border to Revelstoke Dam.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
The FinS program educates young students about the importance of salmon - both from an environmental and a cultural perspective. Students learn how essential anadromous salmon are to the ecosystem as a keystone species and their crucial significance to the Syilx people as not only sustenance but as family that they are obligated to protect. This knowledge will encourage participant students to become stewards of the environment and perhaps inspire them to pursue careers in conservation or biological sciences. The benefits extend beyond individual participants as they share their knowledge with friends, family, and rest of their community. Most of all, the salmon themselves and the ecosystems to which they belong will benefit.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
A series of dams constructed along the mainstem of the Columbia River during the 20th century has cut off a once abundant salmon run that at one point extended into the headwaters of the mighty waterway beyond Revelstoke. The social, cultural, and ecological value provided by anadromous salmon has been lost to the upper reaches of the Columbia for decades. FinS is a community-focused program that is part of ONA's (along with the secwepmc, the ktunaxa, and the governments of BC and Canada) broader commitment to reintroduce salmon to the Canadian

portion of the Columbia River (https://columbiariversalmon.ca/). FinS is an opportunity for students and their broader community to become more aware and involved in environmental issues in their backyard from an Indigenous as well as a scientific perspective.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   The k cplk stim (roughly translates to "cause to come back") hatchery in Penticton has the capacity to rear 8 million salmon eggs and has been
   successfully revitalizing the near depleted salmon run in the Okanagan River since 2014.The ONA has been facilitating the Fish in Schools
   program for over two decades and FinS continues to grow every year. The Syilx see the health of the salmon population as their responsibility as ntytyix (Chief Salmon) is not only a form of sustenance, but also their relative, and an essential part of the continued resilience of the tmix (the natural world). The framework to deliver the program is well established and we wish to continue to grow the program as our capacity exceeds our participation at this point.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   ONA staff - including the k cplk stim Hatchery which provides the eggs to FinS participants. Technicians, biologists, and Syilx Okanagan Nation
   members from the Okanagan and Castlegar offices. Participant students and teachers are provided all necessary equipment and support and are then given the responsibility of caring for their salmon and transporting them to the release.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer time - usually 5 - 10 individuals to help on release day (one full 8 hour day).

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.79-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**
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Primary Contact: Chelsey Jones (250) 353-8675 links@lardeauvalley.ca
Signing Authority: Chelsey Jones (250) 353-8675 links@lardeauvalley.ca

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **LINKS 2025 Newsletter**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
The LINKS office in Meadow Creek, online, and community message boards.

Importance to the community:
Living as remotely as we do, it is easy to become isolated. This project is important because it keeps us informed and connected to each other and to outside opportunities that may be of interest or benefit. The communication and connections made through the newsletter are community building and directly impact the social, economic and environmental interest of Lardeau Valley residents, businesses, and organizations. Outside organizations that service the Lardeau Valley also benefit from gaining insight to what is happening in our communities. This was identified as a priority by the direct feedback and request from community members.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				5345
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**5345**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
5345	**6495**	**6495**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The newsletter is a weekly email and print publication distributed to a 380+ and growing readership and posted on local message boards during high season. The newsletter provides a summary of upcoming local events, community updates, alerts, job postings, survey links, communications from our Area D director and any other information that might be of interest to North Kootenay Lake/Lardeau Valley residents. The newsletter is a community asset, and community members are encouraged and frequently do submit content to share on the newsletter. The newsletter is an important way for residents to stay connected and access information about our area, especially for those not on social media. Along with writing the weekly newsletter, this project will integrate the weekly newsletter platform with our community website, to seamlessly update the community calendar and news page on the website.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The purpose(s) of Lardeau Valley LINKS Society are:
   -To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
   -To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
   -To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
   -To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
   -To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Living as remotely as we do, it is easy to become isolated. This project is important because it keeps us informed and connected to each other and to outside opportunities that may be of interest or benefit. The communication and connections made through the newsletter are community building and directly impact the social, economic and environmental interest of Lardeau Valley residents, businesses, and organizations. Outside organizations that service the Lardeau Valley also benefit from gaining insight to what is happening in our communities. This was identified as a priority by the direct feedback and request from community members.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The Lardeau Valley is comprised of distinct communities, but there is a need for a central communication hub for residents, organizations and businesses. The LINKS newsletter is one of the primary tools LINKS uses to meet this need of connection, and is a primary way we engage with the community{ies} on a weekly basis. Many residents do not have access to social media, and many important notices don't make it onto local poster boards or community social media pages. The newsletter gathers pertinent information from multiple sources in one place for all community members. We have had countless community members express directly to LINKS that they find the newsletter critical to staying informed of area news.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   LINKS is a general services community organization located within the Lardeau Valley that serves all communities specific to the region for economic, social and environmental interests. Thus, we are positioned to deliver un-biased and accessible content to all residents. LINKS ED has the capacity to deliver this project. LINKS has been delivering the community newsletter since 2010 and has an established and growing mailing list.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project: LINKS 2025 Newsletter

This project will be led by the Lardeau Valley LINKS ED, Chelsey Jones. Chelsey is the main Newsletter writer. Beth Callon, administrative assistant at LINKS, will also write the newsletter about once monthly. Contributions to the newsletter, web content and design come from community members, local organizations, and local government.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer oversight by LINKS board of directors. Contributions by community members, businesses and organizations.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.80-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Jewett Elementary School PAC

Project Title **Jewett Elementary School Hot Lunch Program**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
At Jewett Elementary School. The meals might be prepared off site in the Lardeau Valley and delivered to the school.

Importance to the community:
Jewett Elementary School is a foundation of our community. Supporting a food program at the school is a direct way the community can contribute to and support the staff and students. Students, staff and parents of Jewett Elementary school will benefit from the project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				6120
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**6120**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
6120	**9120**	**9120**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The project will provide hot lunch to the students and staff of Jewett Elementary school once a week during school months. As funds are available it will also support other food services at the school including the year end celebration and morning snacks. The meals are provided by local cooks and parent cooks in the school, and the local restaurant. A schedule will be created each month and menu will be shared each week with parents.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The purposes of the Jewett PAC will be: 1.To promote the education and welfare of students in the school. 2.To encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement. 3.To advise the school board, principal, and staff on any matter relating to the school. 4.To promote the interests of public education and, in particular, the interests of Jewett Elementary School. 5.To provide leadership in the school community. 6.To contribute to a sense of community within the school and between the school, home, and neighbourhood 7.To provide parent education and professional development, and a forum for discussion of educational issues. 8.To assist parents in obtaining information and communicating with the principal and staff about their child's progress or other concerns. 9.To assist the principal and staff in ensuring the highest safety standards are maintained in the school and neighbourhood. 10.To organize and support activities for students and parents. 11.To provide financial support for the goals of the PAC, as determined by the membership. 12.To advise and participate in the activities of SD8 DPAC and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Jewett Elementary School is a foundation of our community. Supporting a food program at the school is a direct way the community can contribute to and support the staff and students. Students, staff and parents of Jewett Elementary school will benefit from the project.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Children come to school from a variety of different home situations, and are expected to act, learn, and do to their fullest potential. Sharing a meal is an equalizing measure and helps mediate the barriers that some children face. The hot lunch exposes the children to different culinary experiences and opportunities. It will support children in having a balanced diet and learning about different food options. It will help parents by providing a meal to the children that they do not have to buy and prepare. These opportunities were identified through feedback regarding the program from parents, children and staff.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Jewett PAC has been delivering a hot lunch program for many years successfully. We continue to have PAC members motivated to carry this program forward, including cooks and organizers.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Local cooks, Jewett parents, and The Meadow Creek Store and The Meadow Creek Bakery, Bar and Grill are involved in implementing the project. Everyone involved has experience delivering the hot lunch program in previous years, and new parents will be trained by veteran parents.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** All organizing and coordinating is done volunteer by Jewett PAC members.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.81-2025

Organization **West Kootenay Amateur Radio Club**
Registration # S0058938
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Mount Lavina: Replace a radio repeater (equipment) site due to Summer 2024 forest fire destruction.**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
On top of Mount Lavina, nearby the existing burned out Forestry Lookout building foundation

Importance to the community:
This will ensure that there is 100% radio coverage for Duncan Lake, and Kootenay Lake areas (including Kaslo), and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Lavina repeater site.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 10/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
750			**1000**	**3000**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
500				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**5250**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
5250	**5250**	**5250**

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project is to replace the amateur radio radio repeater equipment; which was lost due to Summer 2024 wildfire that completely burned/destroyed the building in which the equipment has housed in.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The purpose of the WKARC is to promote and assist in the use of amateur radio (Emergency) communications. WKARC has been serving the local Ham Radio community for over 50 years. Serving the Nelson, Castlegar, Slocan Valley, Kootenay Lake, and Duncan Lake areas. Our amateur radio club provides volunteer communications for events throughout the region. Club members are active in every facet of the hobby and they maintain several analog, digital, VHF & UHF mountain top repeaters. We are Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) Operators licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (formerly Industry Canada).

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   This will ensure that there is 100% radio coverage for Duncan Lake, and Kootenay Lake areas (including Kaslo), and surrounding communities throughout the entire year. Amateur Radio operators in this area can then provide emergency radio services to all communities within range of the Lavina repeater site.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   To restore amateur radio (repeater) communications for the entire area that was/is being served by this radio repeater. This is critical support during summer wildfire season.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   WKARC has the technical expertise to perform this type of work. It is very specialized, and requires 4-wheel drive travel up severe mountain roads to access the repeater site.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Technical support personnel from the WKARC society.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer time and labour for preparation of radio equipment, installation, and maintenance.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.







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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.84-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Argenta Community Workshop

Project Title **Argenta Community Workshop**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
The ACW has a room set up in the Argenta Press Building, and has led activities at the Lardeau Valley Marketfest events, the Argenta Fall Faire, and the Argenta Yuletide Faire, and will do the same this year.

Importance to the community:
This project supports the existing community values of reusing, repairing, creating and sharing in the Lardeau Valley. The Lardeau Valley consists of residents who are located far from retailers, are often low income, and have a strong culture of independence and resourcefulness. It was originally identified as a priority by community requests and the success of the pilot zipper repair business, as well as the loss of a community member who informally filled a role of repair service. Also LINKS has identified a need for more services for child/youth, which ACW is helping to provide. During this first year of operation we've been receiving feedback about how delightful it is to have a space where neighbours can meet and visit in the context of doing an activity and sharing expertise; and have been pleased with the demand for the services, and the donations of time and materials.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				8000
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**8000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
8000	36825	36825

1. **The project will provide:**
We operate a facility in Argenta that is a repair cafe, a makerspace, a tool and small equipment lending library, and a space to run workshops in these realms - available to the public in the Lardeau Valley.
The facility is currently staffed by two people, with additional resource people at times, open one to two days a week for drop-in use.
Additional services include workshops for adults and youth, out-of-hours consultation, and developing resource and influencing materials.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
1.The purposes of Lardeau Valley

Opportunity LINKS are:
- To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
- To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
- To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
- To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.
The goal of the Argenta Community Workshop is to promote a culture of values and skills, and provide services, related to repairing, making and sharing the items we use, with a focus on the Lardeau Valley.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
This project supports the existing community values of reusing, repairing, creating and sharing in the Lardeau Valley. The Lardeau Valley consists of residents who are located far from retailers, are often low income, and have a strong culture of independence and resourcefulness. It was originally identified as a priority by community requests and the success of the pilot zipper repair business, as well as the loss of a community member who informally filled a role of repair service. Also LINKS has identified a need for more services for child/youth, which ACW is helping to provide. During this first year of operation we've been receiving feedback about how delightful it is to have a space where neighbours can meet and visit in the context of doing an activity and sharing expertise; and have been pleased with the demand for the services, and the donations of time and materials.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
This is a small area, with under 400 full time residents. Correspondingly, demand for services is limited here, which is one reason Argenta Community workshop (ACW) houses a variety of activities in the same room.
ACW has been open since May 2024, with a good response from the communities. We've had about eight people stop in per week to work on projects with assistance, to use or borrow the tools, to take a class, to share their knowledge, or to drop off a project for the staff to complete. We've also received generous donations of tools and supplies from community members. So far group events have been led by our staff but we are making arrangements with community members who are interested in teaching skills.
So far the greatest area of demand is in sewing/mending/zipper repair, so this area of the operation has been expanded.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   One of LINKS' mandates is to provide sponsorship and support to community projects, such as this one, of broad community benefits. This project fulfills the environmental, economic, social aspects of our constitution. We have heard interest in this type of project and associated workshops from community members. Therefore, the LINKS is happy to sponsor the delivery of this project and has the capacity to do so. Sarah Ross is best suited to lead this project forward due to her existing skills, interests, and community connections. She has the capacity to do so.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   1.Sarah Ross is spearheading the project with enthusiasm. Experience includes mentoring youth, running a small business, leading workshops for adults and children in crafts, construction/woodworking, and now a year of hands on operation of ACW.
   2.Shannon Isaac has been instrumental. Her credentials include running the Kaslo Youth Centre.
   3. Lardeau Valley LINKS Society under assistance of Chelsey Jones is crucial in umbrella-ing and advising the workshop.
   4. As demand grows we are adding another staff member, and also organizing ourselves as a not-for-profit society of our own, drawing on community members.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Event leaders - labour $1000
12. Volunteers - labour $1000
13. Donations of tools - $2500
14. Donations of supplies $300

15. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Argenta Community Association
General Delivery, Argenta BC

Feb 18th, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for Lardeau Valley LINKS and their project, Argenta Community Workshop.

Part of the Argenta Community Association's mandate is to promote community improvement. We feel this project is an exciting addition to our community in terms of promoting services available locally and exchange of skills, tools and goodwill between community members.

We believe the LINKS is the appropriate organization to carry out this work as the project is of broad scope benefiting multiple communities in the Lardeau Valley.

Sincerely,

Beth Callon
ACA Board Member

Kootenay Outdoor and Environmental Learning Society
Box 2359
Rossland, BC, V0G 1Y0
Feb 12, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my support for Lardeau Valley LINKS Society and their project, Argenta Community Workshop.

This project is addressing a need Kootenay Outdoor and Environmental Learning Society has identified for community groups to develop programs addressing environmental sustainability. We have observed the need for more such community workshops to decrease the amount of items ending up in landfills due to the lack of skill, interest, or tools to repair them. We are behind the culture shift that this community workshop represents and believe such projects are an important step towards climate stability. One of our main focuses is to reduce the carbon emissions associated with the supply chain. By reuse of, repair and recycling materials locally we can have a substantial impact on carbon emissions.

This project will have broad scope benefiting multiple communities in the Lardeau Valley, as well as potentially inspiring similar projects in the West Kootenays and beyond. We are excited to see how it progresses.

Sincerely,

Craig DeLong



Director
Kootenay Outdoor and Environmental Learning Society

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.90-2025

Organization **Argenta Community Association**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Argenta Fall Faire**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Argenta Hall and grounds

Importance to the community:
The population of Argenta, along with the rest of the Lardeau Valley, will directly benefit from this project, which gives opportunities for economic, social and community growth. Indirectly, folks from Kaslo, Nelson and beyond visit out community for these events, introducing them to our area and population. Meaningful connections are made at these events.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				4500
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**4500**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
4500	**9500**	**9500**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The project is the Argenta Fall Faire event and its related seasonal fundraising events. Argenta and its surrounding communities are rural and sparsely populated, which can lend itself to easily falling into a sense of isolation.Regular community events reminds us that we have loving neighbours and a community support network. They are important to maintaining the social fibre and well-being of Argenta. Among the most attended in our area, are the Argenta Fall Faire and its related seasonal fundraising events. With these community events, we are creating opportunities for connection and celebration. These events also attract patrons from outside of our immediate community, allowing for a more expansive sense of community. Economically, they provide a market for local artists and businesses to sell to locals and visitors, and an opportunity for patrons to support their friends and neighbours in return. They provide a venue and audience for local artists and musicians to perform, and expose our locals to new experiences. All of which are valuable for creating a sense of belonging in community.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   1. The name of the Society is Argenta Community Association.
   2. The purposes of the Society are:
   a.) to acquire and own the parcel of Crown land on which to build and manage a community hall to be used for artistic, cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities;
   b.) to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available;
   c.) to promote community improvement.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   The population of Argenta, along with the rest of the Lardeau Valley, will directly benefit from this project, which gives opportunities for economic, social and community growth. Indirectly, folks from Kaslo, Nelson and beyond visit out community for these events, introducing them to our area and population. Meaningful connections are made at these events.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The seasonal events will address issues of isolation, community well-being, and social networking. They will provide opportunity for vendors, musicians, performers and the locals, to support one another and share in experience. Opportunities were identified by talking with locals, being part of community, engaging with the Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society, and as members of the Argenta Community Association, which actively engages with community and their concerns.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   The Fall Faire has been running in Argenta for decades under volunteer committee leadership. The Argenta Fall Faire Standing Committee is the group organized, dedicated and experienced to deliver the project.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The Fall Faire Standing Committee will implement the project along with other community volunteers.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Countless hours of volunteer labour are devoted to putting on the events. All labour towards the event is volunteer.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.93-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Opportunity LINKS Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Lardeau Valley Emergency Preparedness**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Meadow Creek, Lardeau, Argenta

Importance to the community:
All residents will benefit from bolstered emergency preparedness. The Lardeau Valley is remote and geographically dispersed, and many critical emergency services rely on the volunteer capacity of residents who live here. This project will provide a support and training and serve as an access point for residents and larger regional and provincial programs, which might otherwise remain disconnected. Community members of various organizations will be involved in organizing the events such as the emergency preparedness fair.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				6000
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**6000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
6000	**11300**	**11300**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The project will offer a series of emergency preparedness tools and services for residents of the Lardeau Valley including:
   -S100 Wildfire Fighter Training - offered in-person annually to maintain a crew of trained residents prepared to immediately respond to fires in our communities. We want to add an extra session this year as attendance has been oversubscribed the last 2 years.
   -Emergency Preparedness Fair - An annual event to celebrate our local and regional emergency services and to bring awareness about emergency preparedness to our communities.
   - Presentation of the Jewett Elementary School Firesmart Demonstration project.
   -Disaster Recovery planning for LINKS as an organization

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The purpose(s) of the society are:
   To link individuals, businesses, and other groups and organizations
   throughout the Lardeau Valley in order to help build a cohesive structure conducive to enabling community members to live and thrive in the area.
   To promote and facilitate the social, economic and environmental interests of residents of the Lardeau Valley.
   To assist individuals, groups or organizations, who wish to develop projects, services or businesses of balanced benefit to the Lardeau Valley.
   To operate as a resource "hub", to provide research, information or assistance via the website and office/staff to projects, services and businesses in the Lardeau Valley.
   To assist with distribution of funding on behalf of local government and other organizations.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   All residents will benefit from bolstered emergency preparedness. The Lardeau Valley is remote and geographically dispersed, and many critical emergency services rely on the volunteer capacity of residents who live here. This project will provide a support and training and serve as an access point for residents and larger regional and provincial programs, which might otherwise remain disconnected. Community members of various organizations will be involved in organizing the events such as the emergency preparedness fair.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Because of our remote location, efficiency in communication and strong emergency preparedness are necessary for our resilience. The need for emergency preparedness has been made evident by the severe weather and climate events of the past year's wildfire/smoke, prolonged power outages, floods/landslides, road closures, heavy snows, prolonged and extreme cold-spells, infectious diseases. Many of these courses and events are annual occurrences, and their continued high attendance and the frequency of requests makes it clear they are valued by the community.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Because of our position as communications hub for the area through our newsletter and website, LINKS is frequently involved in liaising and connecting the many amazing volunteer and governmental service providers with the community. While naturally we are not involved with emergencies directly, we play a role in bringing awareness to emergency preparedness. We have been offering emergency preparedness courses and events for many years and have shown our capacity to do so. Members of our board include members of Kaslo Search and Rescue, the Argenta Emergency Preparedness Group, and the Lardeau Valley Firesmart and Resiliency Committee.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**

LINKS ED and LINKS Community Resilience Coordinator, with the support of the LINKS Board, the Lardeau Valley Firesmart and Resiliency Committee, community emergency committees and groups, local community hall boards/administrators. This project is also in partnership with emergency preparedness services offered by the regional and provincial government and other relevant institutions.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer participation by LINKS board of directors and other community volunteers.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.111-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Historical Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Fire-smarting Concrete Aprons Around Museum Buildings**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
At the Lardeau Valley Museum in Meadow Creek.

Importance to the community:
The Museum houses many hundreds of irreplaceable storied items tied to the history of our local community and, as such, attracts not only local visitors but also many visitors from farther away. Keeping our Museum collection safe benefits current generations as well as those upcoming.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2025 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				925
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**925**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
925	**925**	**925**

1. **The project will provide:**
   Following a fire-smarting assessment, and using local volunteer labour and equipment, we will construct a 12-inch wide, 3-inch thick concrete apron around the external walls of each of the following Museum buildings: the main building; the Tourist Station building; the pioneer Billy Clark cabin; and, the Bosworth Shed. The total linear length of apron required is 340 feet.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The LVHS Museum keeps alive the history and heritage of the upper Kootenay Lake region (broadly defined as including the Lardeau River Valley upstream to Trout Lake, the Duncan River Valley upstream to Hall Creek, and the Kootenay Lake Valley south to Johnsons Landing on the east side and Schroeder Creek on the west side) by collecting, preserving, documenting, exhibiting, and interpreting its artifacts, records and stories. The Museum will, to the best of its ability, employ acceptable and recognized standards for museum and archives procedures and ethics. The Museum welcomes visitors to come and both explore and help enrich the body of knowledge that makes up this region's history.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   The Museum houses many hundreds of irreplaceable storied items tied to the history of our local community and, as such, attracts not only local visitors but also many visitors from farther away. Keeping our Museum collection safe benefits current generations as well as those upcoming.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The concrete apron, poured tight to each wall, will prevent potential wildfire embers from settling on and igniting dry vegetation otherwise growing up against a wall. The need for this action was identified by a site fire assessment undertakenin 2024.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   By using volunteer labour and basic equipment, we will complete the project easily and at relatively low cost.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Lardeau Valley Historical Board members and other community volunteers.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** No

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** All the labour is provided by volunteers.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.121-2025

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Family Centre Guest Speaker Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
Kaslo Family Centre at JV Humphries School, Meadow Creek Family Centre at Jewett School.

Importance to the community:
Many Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake residents have low income and have limited opportunity to access educational events. Costs for travel and childminding can be prohibitive. Rural living can also be isolating, especially when caring for pre-school aged children. More and more, studies emphasize the importance of the Early Years in a child's development as well as the importance of social supports for both parents and children in social determinants of health**. Supporting rural families is an important part of addressing Health Equity for Rural Populations***.
**Ref. Government of Canada https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/population-health/what-determines-health.html
***Ref. https://health-infobase.canada.ca/health-inequalities/

The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our community.
Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			5000	**5000**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	**10000**

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
10000	**18160**	**18160**

1. **The project will provide:**
This project will bring in speakers on topics related to parenting and young children. This will engage parents in discussion and learning and will help to build a supportive community of parents with young children. Childminding will be offered on-site as well as a healthy snack. Parents will be invited to suggest topics for the presentations. Past topics have included: Childsafe First Aid, Freezer Meals for families; Raising Children with Money Sense and Managing Meltdowns. Some sessions may be held in Meadow Creek and gas vouchers will be available to support families to travel to attend Guest Speaker sessions in Kaslo.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
Kaslo Community Services Society is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
Many Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake residents have low income and have limited opportunity to access educational events. Costs for travel and childminding can be prohibitive. Rural living can also be isolating, especially when caring for pre-school aged children. More and more, studies emphasize the importance of the Early Years in a child's development as well as the importance of social supports for both parents and children in social determinants of health**. Supporting rural families is an important part of addressing Health Equity for Rural Populations***.
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4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
Issues:
- Parenting is challenging for everybody.
- Many parents in Kaslo and RDCK Area D are isolated, have low incomes and may have limited education.
- Studies have shown the importance of the Early Years of 0-6 in children's development*.
- Poverty and busy lives can make it difficult to travel to a larger centre for educational opportunities.
- Parents may not be aware of additional services available to them.

Opportunities:
- Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity for open discussion on topics that are important to them
- Busy parents and those of limited resources have the opportunity to get up-to-date information without having to travel to a larger centre.
- Parents have the opportunity to meet with local service providers in a comfortable and familiar setting.

*Ref: First Call BC https://firstcallbc.org

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff along with a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting requirements for grant funding.
   KCS operates the Kaslo Family Centre, providing a variety of programming for young families, including:
   - Strong Start Parent and Child Time drop-in program
   - Growing With Baby pregnancy outreach program
   - Nobody's Perfect parenting program
   - Baby-supplies Cupboard

   When staffing permits, KCS also operates a Family Centre at Jewett School in Meadow Creek.
   The Family Centres provide a comfortable and familiar space for both parents and children.
   Family Centre staff can also help parents to access other services that they might need, including KCS counselling services, food cupboard or early intervention services such as speech therapy.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Barb Cyr, BSW - Project Coordinator - experienced in group facilitation and event coordination.
   Family Centre facilitators and childminding staff
   Jana Gmur, BA - Co-Executive Director - Counselling and Early Years
   Jane Ballantyne, Msc - Co-Executive Director - Finance and Administration
   Heather Hamilton, Office Manager and IT Manager

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** In-Kind: KCS - Insurance, office rent, computer, phone, internet, external IT support, office supplies and printing - Est. value $1,500
12. In-Kind: speakers - $150 x 3 sessions = $450 (local professionals whose role includes outreach and education)

13. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



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barbcyr@kaslo.services



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RDCK File No.138-2025

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Parent And Child Time - Meadow Creek**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Meadow Creek Family Centre at Jewett School in Meadow Creek.

Importance to the community:
- Parents in the Lardeau Valley area can experience isolation due to low income and the remoteness of the communities.
- Parenting can be challenging at times for everybody and this project brings an early learning program closer to home for young families.
- Families may be unaware of resources and services outside of Meadow Creek, or how to access those services.
- The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our rural communities.

Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				12000
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**12000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

12000	**28640.03**	**28640.03**

1. **The project will provide:**
   Parent and Child Time (PACT) is a weekly drop-in program for children aged 0-6 accompanied by their parent or caregiver. Sessions include circle time, gym time, storytelling, crafts, activities, free-play and a healthy snack. Staff offer fun early learning activities for children and their parents or caregivers; model healthy interactions with children; and are available to discuss parenting concerns and make referrals to other services if requested. Funding from CBT ReDi grants will pay for a second facilitator at the PACT program at the Meadow Creek Family Centre at Jewett School. Having a second facilitator at the program allows for a richer program and more individual support. During recent years, we have struggled with a staffing shortage for the PACT program in Meadow Creek. However, we are very happy that we were able to offer PACT in Meadow Creek for 13 weeks from September 24 to December 17, 2024 and the program will resume after Spring Break 2025. We are now fully staffed and expect to be able to offer the PACT program in Meadow Creek for the full school year 2025-26.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   Kaslo Community Services Society is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   - Parents in the Lardeau Valley area can experience isolation due to low income and the remoteness of the communities.
   - Parenting can be challenging at times for everybody and this project brings an early learning program closer to home for young families.
   - Families may be unaware of resources and services outside of Meadow Creek, or how to access those services.
   - The support of young families is vital for the continued health and development of our rural communities.

   Families with young children will be the primary beneficiaries of this project. In addition, when our youngest community members are well-supported, then the whole community benefits.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Issues:
   - Parenting is challenging for everybody.
   - Many parents in Kaslo and Area D are isolated, have low incomes and may have limited education.
   - Studies have shown the importance of the Early Years of 0-6 in children's development.
   - Poverty and busy lives can make it difficult to travel to a larger centre for educational opportunities.

   Opportunities:
   - Young children will have the opportunity to build social skills and develop early learning skills through play.
   - Parents will have the opportunity to connect with other parents, access parenting information, and obtain referrals to other services as needed.
   - Parent-child relationships will be strengthened through engaging together in a variety of early-learning activities.

   Family Centre Staff have observed that when 2 facilitators are present they are better able to offer more individual support and also offer enhanced programming.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   KCS has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff along with a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding.

KCS operates both the Kaslo Family Centre and the Meadow Creek Family Centre, providing a variety of programming for young families, including:

- Strong Start Parent and Child Time drop-in program
- Mothercare pregnancy outreach program
- Nobody's Perfect parenting program
- Baby-supplies cupboard

KCS also offers additional counselling and support services located at our office in Kaslo, and on-line via Zoom. Family Centre Staff can facilitate access to these additional services and counselling staff visit the drop-in program in Meadow Creek to introduce themselves to participants in a familiar and comfortable setting.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Sarah Evans, BA, Early Years Coordinator - experienced in project management and group facilitation
   Family Centre Facilitators
   Jana Gmur - Co-Executive Director - Counselling and Early years
   Jane Ballantyne, MSc - Co-Executive Director - Finance and Administration
   Heather Hamilton, Office Manager and IT Support

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** In-Kind KCS - Insurance / Office space and computer / Phone and Internet - estimated value $1,500

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Organization **Greater Trail Community Skills Centre Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Designing a Regional Training Hub**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo
We will rent meeting room space in Castlegar, Salmo, Nelson, Creston, Nakusp, Kaslo and Slocan to host the roundtables. The training centre is located at 1060 Eldorado St, Trail. We are asking for input from RDCK communities so the centre can serve the RD

Importance to the community:
This project involves engaging governments, businesses, organizations, community members, and Skills Centre clients, including equity deserving groups, to obtain a variety of perspectives and input into the design and use of the training centre.

The training centre's infrastructure will enable regional training providers, businesses, and community organizations to deliver a range of sector-specific programs and skills training. By establishing a facility that meets the needs of multiple industries-including trades, industrial, arts, and technology-the project offers local and regional businesses a space to host essential training sessions, certifications, and workshops that might otherwise take place outside the region.

Furthermore, nonprofits and charities, including the Skills Centre, will have a purpose-built facility for delivering subsidized or grant-funded programming, drawing in additional resources to the area. These revenue-generating opportunities will not only strengthen individual organizations but also foster a network of sustainable training options that boost the local economy.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2025 Project End: 3/31/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
1000	**2000**	**1500**	**2000**	**1500**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
2000	**2000**	**2850**	**2000**	**1500**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
4500	**500**	**5000**	**500**	**1000**
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
500	**8670**	**2500**	**7690**	**1500**

Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
1000	**1000**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**52710**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
52710	**52710**	**52710**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The Skills Centre will engage community members, employers, training providers, regional and local governments and leaders in consultations to design a training hub within their three-story warehouse. Through roundtable discussions, we will identify infrastructure gaps and regional needs across the trades, industrial, arts, and technology sectors. Feedback from these discussions will then shape the architectural and engineering plans for the renovation, ensuring the space meets community and regional needs.

   This project supports our long-term goal of completing a sustainable, accessible renovation of our three-story warehouse into a training centre - the second phase of a two-phase renovation (the first phase being the office renovation completed in December 2024). The Skills Centre will rent space in each of the project locations to host the roundtables. Funding from the ReDi Grants will be used for staffing and event costs, including a facilitator, meeting recorder, meeting equipment, food, meeting room rental, and participation supports as needed (e.g. stipend, transportation, childcare).

   This project aims to create a modern, flexible, energy efficient and accessible space that empowers the community through increased access to enhanced training facilities and additional economic opportunities.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The Skills Centre's mission is to strengthen BC rural and industrial communities and workplaces through workforce skills development, training services, social development and poverty reduction programming. Our vision is an inclusive, resilient and prosperous community. Our priorities are to create solutions to build and expand an inclusive and diversified labour market; create, model and inspire social and economic development; and promote inclusivity, equity and diversity in the community and in the workplace.

   The Skill Centre offers poverty reduction services and employment skills training programs for equity deserving groups who face significant systemic inequality or other barriers to full and equal participation in the labour market and society. Our clients include youth, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, women, 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, racialized people, newcomers and immigrants, and people living with low income. By providing access to employment skills training and poverty reduction services, we help break the cycle of poverty by empowering individuals to build better futures for themselves and their families. We also contribute to systemic change through advocacy, including the Living Wage Campaign and Ending Working Poverty program. In 2024, we completed a deep green and accessibility renovation of the office building at 1060 Eldorado St.

   Our 2024/25 operating budget is $2.3M.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project involves engaging governments, businesses, organizations, community members, and Skills Centre clients, including equity deserving groups, to obtain a variety of perspectives and input into the design and use of the training centre.

The training centre's infrastructure will enable regional training providers, businesses, and community organizations to deliver a range of sector-specific programs and skills training. By establishing a facility that meets the needs of multiple industries-including trades, industrial, arts, and technology-the project offers local and regional businesses a space to host essential training sessions, certifications, and workshops that might otherwise take place outside the region.

Furthermore, nonprofits and charities, including the Skills Centre, will have a purpose-built facility for delivering subsidized or grant-funded programming, drawing in additional resources to the area. These revenue-generating opportunities will not only strengthen individual organizations but also foster a network of sustainable training options that boost the local economy.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our research on the local labor market and poverty issues has revealed a workforce heavily skewed by gender, with women historically underrepresented in skilled, well-paying industrial jobs. This highlights a valuable opportunity to expand access to these jobs for women and other underrepresented groups, addressing both economic and social gaps in our region.

Over the past year, we have informally consulted with tradespeople, contractors, training providers, unions, and government to identify infrastructure and training gaps. Community enthusiasm is strong. Employers seek a facility where new workers can gain hands-on skills, making them eligible for entry-level roles. Additionally, businesses that require safety training, such as fall protection and confined spaces, travel out of town due to a lack of local options. Some employers are also interested in developing and delivering unique training programs locally.
This project will bring people together and move forward in the most beneficial way for the region.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The Skills Centre has over 25 years of experience delivering diverse social and community services, funded by municipal, provincial, and federal governments, as well as community organizations and foundations.

The Skills Centre hosted community consultations in 2018 regarding the development of a shared, collaborative community space in Trail. Several local service agencies attended, showing strong desire to create a community space. We used results from that meeting, as well as consultations with engineers, architects, and others, to develop the plans for our office renovation. The total renovation cost was approximately $5.3M. The new office space has resulted in three organizations relocating or expanding services to this location, as well as several nonprofits and businesses renting meeting rooms for events.

We anticipate the total cost of the training centre renovation, should the region support it, to be approximately $3.0M including architect, engineering, permits, labour, demolition, disposal, materials and equipment.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted:

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Skills Centre, who would be implementing this project, recently completed a deep green and accessibility office renovation. The development manager would be the project coordinator. We will hire a facilitator experienced in group management and skilled at guiding discussions. This role requires expertise in communication and group dynamics to maximize the value of each roundtable session. To document and analyze the roundtable discussions, we will need at least one dedicated recorder to take thorough notes and capture key points from participants. This person will also be responsible for compiling and organizing data that will inform the training centre's design.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Salary - Project Finance and Risk Oversight (CFO) - $4100
12. Salary - Project Administrative Oversight (ED) - $5000
13. Salary - Project Cost Administration (Accounting Technician) - $1100
14.
15. Salary Communications & Marketing Manager - content development and coordination - $1900
16. Salary - Internal Project Lead (Deputy ED) - $6100
17.
18. Final written report - $2000
19. Team wrap up event and webinar - $500

20. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Community Futures South Kootenay

October 30, 2024

Re: Training Centre Renovation Funding

To Whom It May Concern,

Community Futures South Kootenay is a community driven organization consisting of a team of business savvy individuals and volunteer board of directors. We work with budding entrepreneurs, existing businesses and local community partners to ensure our region will be competitive in the global economy.

Our role is to help our communities become more entrepreneurial by providing access to capital through our business lending, by providing advisory and training services and by supporting economic development projects.

Since 1987 CFSK has served our catchment territory that is comprised of Fruitvale, Montrose, Trail, Rossland, Warfield, and Areas A & B of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary. We partner with various provincial and federal agencies to provide business educational and training services and to develop new socioeconomic opportunities.

We are very excited to hear of the Skills Centre's plan to develop their warehouse into a training centre for trades-related education. Having a training centre located in Trail will promote economic development in the city and the region. It will draw employers and help more of our residents obtain training so they will be qualified and productive in the community. Their newly renovated office building, currently the greenest and most accessible building in Trail, has helped revitalized Trail's downtown core. This renovation will further improve inclusion, accessibility, and energy efficiency of our community buildings.

We are happy to extend our support for this project.

Sincerely,



Erik Kalacis
Executive Director

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October 31, 2024

Re: Letter of support for training centre

Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd. is a Canadian owned company that undertakes projects throughout Southeastern British Columbia. Our projects span commercial, institutional, industrial and custom residential areas of the construction industry. We specialize in general contracting, design build, project management and pre-construction assessment. We were the prime contractor for the Skills Centre's Eco-Renovation Project that was a deep green energy and accessibility retrofit renovation of their main office building.

The renovation of the Skills Centre's warehouse into a training centre would benefit many new job seekers and help them enter the trades, as well as help businesses and their employees attend local training instead of going out of area. Having a large space to host training events would benefit the community and employers.

In addition to benefiting the community, the renovation of the Skills Centre's warehouse into a training centre presents significant advantages for Hil-Tech Contracting Ltd. By fostering a local workforce equipped with advanced skills, we can enhance our project teams' capabilities and ensure a steady pipeline of qualified talent. We are excited about the possibility of arranging training sessions in this space, allowing our employees to gain valuable hands-on experience in sustainable building practices.

We would also support sending our team members to training opportunities organized by others in this facility. Renovating older, inefficient buildings not only reduces environmental impact but also sets a standard for sustainability in the construction industry. The skills our workers will acquire through this renovation, including energy-efficient design and construction techniques, will be essential as we move towards a greener future.

We believe that this project will not only strengthen our company but also contribute to a more sustainable and skilled community. We are happy to support this project.

Sincerely,
Darren Schleppe
Hil-tech Contracting Limited

LCCDT
Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society

October 15, 2024

Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB)
Infrastructure Canada

RE: Letter of Support for the Trades Training Centre Eco-Renovation

The Lower Columbia Community Development Team Society (LCCDTS) (previously the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation) works collaboratively with the communities in the Lower Columbia region, local agencies, organizations and businesses to develop and implement strategies that will assist in strengthening or regional economy. The LCCDTS works to develop a creative dynamic and competitive business environment that fosters economic growth and community resiliency. One of our major programs is the regional Metal Tech Alley which supports the promotion and expansion of businesses that are working in the circular economy.

The Skills Centre has been supporting the Lower Columbia regional community and beyond since 1997. Their skills training programs, poverty reduction services, supports for businesses, and community research projects play and important part in building community capacity. The Skills Centre is an important community organization that provides services and supports to some of the regions most vulnerable citizens.

We are pleased to offer a letter of support for the next phase of the renovation of the building that they purchased in 2022. The Skills Centre has recently concluded a deep green renovation of the office portion of the buildings they purchased. This involved the retrofit of approximately 9200 square feet of space to provide community programming for both the Skills Centre and other community and business organizations. The community response to the new building has been positive and many organizations and businesses are interested in renting the space – which is positive for the whole community.

The next phase of their renovation is to provide a space for a wide range of trades and trades-related training. As they did before, the Skills Centre will use this opportunity to build skills and capacity in our local and regional contractor community to further support green building and retrofit projects. This will be another significant asset to the entire region and we can imagine that many organizations, business and trades training institutions will be able to use the space for the training needs. This will be positive for the entire area and hopefully will add to Trails reputation for industrial excellence and will further the goals of Metal Tech Alley.

Regards

Jacomien van Tonder
Executive Director - LCCDTS

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Dear Emily,

I'm excited to provide you with a letter of support for the phase two of you building renovation in Trail.

When I visited the Skills Centre in August, you showed me that the Skills Centre can take a largely dilapidated building, perform a successful environmental and accessibility retrofit and transform it into a wonderful and well-used community asset. I'm excited that you are proposing to match the environmental outcomes of the previous retrofit with this new retrofit.

The idea of turning the second building in the complex into a trades training centre is another potentially transformative idea for the community. I know that there are many potential partners that will want to use the facility to teach entry level and new workforce members or to upskill existing trades workers, but I am excited to be able to use the facility to teach an annual course for Canadians who are interested in entering the theatre and music industry as Lighting Designers and Operators, Sound Designers and Operators, Riggers, Instrument Technicians, Stage Directors or Stage Builders. Having a singular space that can go from education and training of building a live event to execution of live event is something that is not easily available anywhere in Canada.

This type of training facility will not only add another enhancement to Trail's downtown core but will also provide an opportunity to provide training that is not available elsewhere in Canada.

Sincerely,

Louise Simpson

Lighting Designer/Director/Operator

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Neighbours United

October 11, 2024

Re: Training Centre Eco-Renovation

Since 1994 Neighbours United has been taking on the big challenges and community projects in Canada. Neighbours United brings people together in rural, small, and suburban areas to support policies that help people & nature. Our vision is that rural, small-town, and suburban neighbours work together to reduce pollution, transition to clean, renewable energy, conserve nature, and secure clean air and water.

We are happy to provide a letter of support for the Skills Centre's training centre eco-renovation project. The Skills Centre successfully completed an environmental and accessibility retrofit with their office building. Having that experience under their belt, the proposed project will result in even better environmental outcomes.

Twenty-one local governments have passed resolutions for the transition to 100% renewable energy at the community-level, including 14 in the Kootenay region. The West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan outlines steps to achieve this goal. Improving the efficiency of existing buildings with improved insulation, air sealing, and more efficient appliances is the second greatest potential impact for several communities.

According to recent analysis from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, buildings across the region consume 62% of current community energy and create 35% of community GHG emissions. Retrofitting old buildings can be a component of rural and small town mitigation and adaptation measures to help meet Canada's net-zero by 2050 target. Retrofitting these old buildings can showcase a positive climate solution in working class towns while also adding vitality and renewal to community centres.

The retrofit will also enable the Skills Centre to provide opportunities for new and experienced contractors to develop the skills necessary to enable the region to address regional GHG emissions from the built environment. In addition to providing an opportunity for contractors to learn about how to effectively retrofit an existing building, the Skills Centre is also planning to promote the project as a great example of how communities can retrofit and repurpose existing buildings in a way that can contribute both to reducing local GHG emissions while providing a centre to support essential community programming.

The Skills Centre is planning to incorporate a range of green and sustainable technology in the building including upgrades to the building envelope, HVAC and electrical systems. We believe this project will build momentum for the region for additional building retrofits. The ongoing

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possibilities for educating residents before, during, and after the retrofit are exciting and something we look
forward to supporting to continue encouraging more existing building retrofits for commercial and residential buildings.

Having a retrofitted old building as well as this energy efficient new building will be important for our community to continue to build momentum in reaching net-zero and 100% renewable energy by 2050. I hope the Skills Centre's application is successful.

Sincerely,



Montana Burgess
Executive Director
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Neighbours United

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.143-2025

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Youth Art and Culture (YAC)**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
Various locations in Kaslo and Meadow Creek, as appropriate for the activity. Locations may include but are not limited to: JV Humphries School, Jewett School, Kaslo Youth Centre, Meadow Creek Hall.

Importance to the community:

- All Children and youth in Kaslo and Area D deserve to have the opportunity to experience art and cultural activities, irrespective of family income. Their lives will be enriched by the experiences offered.
- We have a huge resource in the community of highly skilled artists and cultural leaders. By facilitating the connections between artist and children and youth, we will build an appreciation of the arts and offer children and youth experiences that may become lifelong interests.
- Children and youth will benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, experience new activities and learn new skills.
- Children and youth will have the opportunity for new experiences that may develop into lifelong interests
- Local artists and cultural presenters will benefit from the opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm about their art and culture
- Local artists and cultural leaders will benefit from a small honorarium

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			6000	**6000**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	**12000**

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
12000	**16500**	**16500**

1. **The project will provide:**
The Youth Art and Culture (YAC) project will provide free art and cultural activities for children and youth in Kaslo and RDCK Area D. Activities will be presented by a local artist or cultural presenter, assisted by the project coordinators. Separate sessions are offered for children aged 6-11 and for youth aged 12 - 18. YAC sessions will be offered both in Kaslo and in Meadow Creek. Past sessions have included: Pottery, Baking, Deep-Dive Art Sessions and Bowling at the Lardeau Valley Community Centre.
Participants are encouraged to suggest ideas for future activities.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
Kaslo Community Services Society is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
- All Children and youth in Kaslo and Area D deserve to have the opportunity to experience art and cultural activities, irrespective of family income. Their lives will be enriched by the experiences offered.
- We have a huge resource in the community of highly skilled artists and cultural leaders. By facilitating the connections between artist and children and youth, we will build an appreciation of the arts and offer children and youth experiences that may become lifelong interests.
- Children and youth will benefit from the opportunity to meet new people, experience new activities and learn new skills.
- Children and youth will have the opportunity for new experiences that may develop into lifelong interests
- Local artists and cultural presenters will benefit from the opportunity to share their skills and enthusiasm about their art and culture
- Local artists and cultural leaders will benefit from a small honorarium

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
Issues:
- Many families in Kaslo and Area D do not have the resources to travel to Nelson or pay for private lessons and activities.
- Children and Youth in Kaslo and Area D do not have the same opportunities for arts and cultural activities that would be available in a larger centre.

Opportunities:
- We have numerous talented local artists and cultural leaders who enjoy the opportunity to share their skills and encourage young people to explore art and culture.

These issues and opportunities were observed by KCS staff and corroborated by the enthusiastic participation of children and youth of all ages in past YAC programs.
In between YAC sessions, Family Centre and Youth program staff are often approached by local children, youth and parents asking when there will be more YAC activities.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding. KCS operates the Kaslo Family Centre and the Meadow Creek Family Centre and employs a Youth Coordinator and a Family Support Worker. We have run past YAC programs which have been well-received. KCS Staff are well-connected with area children, youth and families. In addition, many of our staff live locally and can draw on personal connections with artists and cultural leaders.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Shannon Isaac - Project Coordinator - YAC for Youth - worked at KCS since 2012 as KCS Youth Coordinator - experienced in program management, group facilitation and event coordination.
   Sarah Evans - Project Coordinator - YAC for Kids - worked at KCS since 2008 as Family Centre program facilitator and Early Years Coordinator - experienced in program management, group facilitation and event coordination.
   Local Artists and Cultural Leaders - experts in their specific field
   Jane Ballantyne, MSC - Co-Executive Director - Finance and Administration
   Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** In-Kind KCS - Insurance / Office space and computer / Phone and Internet - estimated value $1,200
12. Venue Rental - $40 x 24 = $960

13. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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RDCK File No.144-2025

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Mental Health Matters**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo
Year one commenced January 2025 with securing approvals and equipment quotes, grant writing and fundraising with major donors. Regular meetings will occur between the mental health leadership team and the Foundation to ensure the highest priority areas ar

Importance to the community:
For mental health patients the environment is a critical component of their recovery and healing process. Safe, calming, and thoughtfully designed spaces reduce stress and anxiety, which are often elevated in patients experiencing mental health crises.

By upgrading safety features, we will protect both patients and staff. Security enhancements such as improved sightlines, new alarm systems, and controlled access to critical areas will mitigate risks, while weighted furniture and soft materials will help prevent self-harm or injury.

Children and adolescents experiencing mental health issues will benefit from a dedicated therapeutic outdoor area that is safe, engaging, and comforting. Designing spaces that consider the unique needs of young patients as well as their families will aid in their recovery by providing outlets for expression, therapy, and recreation.

These enhancements will build a mental health system that prioritizes compassion, dignity, and patient-focused care, benefiting patients, their families and our communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
500	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
3000	**3500**	**2000**	**500**	**1500**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
10000	**500**	**500**	**500**	**500**

Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
500	**6000**	**2000**	**6000**	**500**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
500	**500**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**41000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
41000	**2000000**	**2000000**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The $2 million Mental Health Matters Campaign is a dedicated initiative to transform mental health services at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) and its associated facilities, aiming to significantly enhance patient care, ensure safety, and support community reintegration.

   This two-year campaign will prioritize fundraising in a phased approach to address the most urgent needs first: critical upgrades to the Daly Pavilion, the central hub for acute care psychiatric services providing mental health care to adults aged 18 and older for all of the Kootenay Boundary Region; upgrades to Harbour House, the residential rehabilitation facility; and the addition of a Pediatric Outdoor Space-each providing unique and vital support to mental health patients of all ages across our region.

   These enhancements will create safer, more therapeutic spaces, support the well-being of healthcare workers, and help reduce stigma around mental health treatment. By improving these facilities, we will provide a more dignified and empowering experience for patients, families, and caregivers, ultimately contributing to a stronger, healthier community.

   The focus of this application will be priority equipment and security enhancements to the Daly Pavilion.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   Since 1988, the KBRH Health Foundation has raised over $24.9 million to advance healthcare in the Kootenay Boundary. The Foundation's revenue is generated through gifts from donors. Funding priorities include medical equipment, patient care & comfort items and staff education.

   Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) serves as the primary referral hospital for the Kootenay Boundary Service Area, addressing the healthcare needs of approximately 88,000 residents. Located in the BC Interior, KBRH provides comprehensive medical care with 81 acute care beds and 125 long-term care beds. The referral base spans over 29,000 square kilometers, encompassing a diverse patient population from pediatrics to seniors, including residents and visitors to the Kootenay Boundary region who may require medical assessment or intervention.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   For mental health patients the environment is a critical component of their recovery and healing process. Safe, calming, and thoughtfully designed spaces reduce stress and anxiety, which are often elevated in patients experiencing mental health crises.

By upgrading safety features, we will protect both patients and staff. Security enhancements such as improved sightlines, new alarm systems, and controlled access to critical areas will mitigate risks, while weighted furniture and soft materials will help prevent self-harm or injury.

Children and adolescents experiencing mental health issues will benefit from a dedicated therapeutic outdoor area that is safe, engaging, and comforting. Designing spaces that consider the unique needs of young patients as well as their families will aid in their recovery by providing outlets for expression, therapy, and recreation.

These enhancements will build a mental health system that prioritizes compassion, dignity, and patient-focused care, benefiting patients, their families and our communities.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
The Daly Pavilion, Harbour House, and Pediatric Unit collectively provide comprehensive care for individuals of all age groups with:
- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar Disorder
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Suicidal Ideation
- Borderline Personality Disorder
- Substance Use Disorder

The Daly Pavilion focuses on acute crisis stabilization for adults, Harbour House offers rehabilitation for adults working toward community reintegration, and the Pediatric Outdoor Space offers a secure area for youth in crisis.

Patient-Centred Care: Improve the environment to send a strong message to patients: their well-being matters, and they are valued members of our community.
Reducing Stigma: Foster greater understanding and acceptance of mental health challenges, encouraging more people to seek help when they need it.
Supporting Vulnerable Populations: Work closely with individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to deliver comprehensive care that helps them regain stability, access critical resources, and reintegrate into the community.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
KBRH is the regional hospital for the Kootenay Boundary and has a proven track record of delivering quality patient care. The Foundation's mandate is to purchase priority medical equipment to improve patient care. Funding shortfalls continue due to budget constraints and competing demands to fund priority equipment across all sites in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District and Interior Health.

Hospital Foundations play a critical role in supplementing equipment purchases, supporting facility renovations, and assisting with patient care programming costs so that our community members can receive the best healthcare possible. This campaign has just launched with donations totaling $5,800 in the first 2 weeks. We remain committed to raising the $2 million to ensure all priority equipment is on site as soon as possible and the facilities can be upgraded as intended.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Director and Managers of Clinical Operations for the Daly Pavilion, Harbour House, and the Pediatric Unit will work with the KBRH Health Foundation to purchase the equipment once funding is secured. KBRH Plant Services and the Project team will assist with the coordination and planning for any structural enhancements.

The Foundation team includes long term staff with over 25 years fundraising and other applicable experience, combined.

The KBRH staff working on this Project are all licenced and accredited by their respective governing agencies.

Interior Health's KBRH Administration and the KBRH Health Foundation's Board of Directors have approved this Project.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** The KBRH Health Foundation will provide the in-kind contribution of staff time as follows:
12. Presentations to municipalities (50 hours)= $1,750.00
13. Time spent on grant application (10 hours)= $500.00
14. Time spent with IH on administration and ordering process (15 hours)= $525.00
15. Time spent completing final reporting for the grants, if successful (4 hours)= $140.00
16. Total In-Kind = $2,915.00 depending on presentations.

17. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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City of Nelson Addendum to CBT-ReDi Grant Application 2025: Mental Health Matters Campaign

The Mental Health Matters Campaign is a region-wide initiative that strengthens mental health care services at KBRH, ensuring individuals of all ages can access critical treatment, resources, and support closer to home. The Daly Pavilion at KBRH serves as the regional service hub for acute psychiatric care for adults aged 18 and older throughout the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Area. Investments in mental health care not only improve patient outcomes but also help foster resilient communities by reducing barriers to access, minimizing the need for travel, and enhancing local healthcare infrastructure. The Mental Health Matters Campaign will positively impact Nelson's Path to Sustainability Strategy Goals and Objectives in the priority areas of: Prosperity and Resiliency, and the Focus Areas of Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Economy.

The majority of funding for the Mental Health Matters Campaign will be derived from donors within the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, including support from residents (individuals and families), auxiliaries, corporations, and municipalities throughout Trail, Warfield, Rossland, the Beaver Valley and the Electoral Areas A & B. Funding has been requested from the RDKB CBT-ReDi program totalling $44,000. For proportional funding requests within the RDCK, please see the full CBT-ReDi submission documents. Every area/municipality in the RDKB and RDCK has been asked for funding support through the ReDi Grant process.

The Mental Health Matters Campaign has recently launched and fundraising for the project has only just begun. We have secured $5,000 in donations so far and expect to reach our goal by the end of 2027.

Prosperity & Resiliency:

- The Mental Health Matters Campaign strengthens existing healthcare infrastructure and personnel, ensuring Nelson residents have access to essential mental health services. Interior Health employs over 600 healthcare professionals in the region, and this initiative directly supports their ability to provide high-quality care. The Daly Pavilion at KBRH serves as the regional hub for acute psychiatric care for adults aged 18 and older, offering critical services to individuals from Nelson and across the Kootenay Boundary region.

- Our hospitals (KBRH and KLH) play an important leadership role in maintaining regional hospital services. This role includes providing our citizens with the best healthcare possible and thus investment in this existing healthcare model is imperative. Our citizens expect a high level of healthcare provision, and it is our responsibility to facilitate an improved level of health care whenever possible, which will benefit all residents across the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.

- Economic security and meaningful employment are benefits that can be derived from improvements in our regional healthcare system. As our facilities are improved, through capital projects and expansion of services, the importance of our healthcare system when considering regional referral services also increases.

- Enhancing mental health services strengthens patient care and community well-being while also supporting economic security. Investing in existing services helps retain healthcare professionals and ensures continued access to high-quality care for residents.

- The medical upgrades and equipment purchases requested in this grant will provide our Mental Health Care Teams with the critical tools necessary to continue their excellent work providing:
    - **Counseling Services**: Offering specialty services such as seniors' mental health, early psychosis intervention, and eating disorder programs.
    - **Support Programs**: Intensive case management, treatment, support and recovery services, a volunteer program, and the drop-in Clubhouse program.
    - **Culturally Safe Support**: Access to an Aboriginal Patient Navigator, ensuring culturally safe, inclusive, and personalized care for Indigenous patients.

Please see the grant application itself for full details on the Mental Health Matters Campaign.

Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Local Economy:

- Supporting our healthcare system and improving our access to advanced healthcare strengthens our social and economic systems and will benefit the entire West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District during challenging times.

- Maintaining our current hospital system provides stable employment opportunities for many citizens and is an important economic driver for our communities.

- During times of mental health treatment and crisis, it is crucial for our citizens to access care locally, ensuring they receive a comprehensive array of services within their communities. The benefits of local care include:
    - Stronger resilience and reintegration into daily life by remaining close to home, where patients can receive continuous support from their families and community.
    - Preservation of intergenerational connections, which provide emotional strength and stability throughout recovery.
    - Reduced stress on employment and financial stability, as patients can avoid taking extended leaves of absence from work by receiving treatment locally, preventing disruptions to their livelihood.
    - Lowered costs associated with travel, eliminating the need for long-distance referrals, accommodations, and meals, which can place additional strain on families already facing mental health challenges.

We **thank you** for considering a contribution for the Mental Health Matters Campaign through the RDCK CBT-ReDi Program. We appreciate contributions of any value. Your participation will enhance healthcare and maintain good health for all those who choose to live and work in the City of Nelson and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,



Lisa Pasin
Executive Director, KBRH Health Foundation

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Friday January 31, 2025

KBRH Health Foundation
Attn.: Lisa Pasin
1200 Hospital Bench
Trail, BC V1R 4M1

Dear Lisa and KBRH Health Foundation Team,

I am writing to request partnership and funding support to improve Mental Health Services provided by the Daly Pavilion (KBRH) and Harbour House.

Our appeal is to the KBRH Health Foundation to support efforts to enhance the patient experience and safety at the Daly Pavilion, as well as Harbour House, and better reflect recovery-oriented principles in delivering patient care.

These enhancements for patient care at the Daly Pavilion are designed to enrich recovery in an environment that is trauma-informed and better contributes to cultural safety and reflect our diverse patient needs. These enhancements will support quality patient care and ensure that patients experience the support they need during this most difficult time such as creating inviting and safe patient areas, improvements to increase opportunities for group programming that focus on life skills, creating space for family visits and expanding access to outdoor space.

The enhancements for the Daly Pavilion will also address improvements to safety for patients, staff and our Psychiatrists/Physicians such as installation of improved patient room doors, specifically designed weighted furniture for the acute care environment and improved visual coverage of the unit.

The KBRH Health Foundation Mental Health Matters Campaign will also add to the client experience and recovery at Harbour House by providing comfort and support necessary for long-term recovery from mental illness. This will include specifically designed furniture to increase safety and comfort, up-dating of the residence to better reflect client needs, increasing access for group programming by enhancing physical space and provision of supplies that will focus on improving life-skills and support community integration.

With thanks and appreciation for your consideration-

Sincerely,



Karen Leman
Clinical Operations Director-KB MHSU, Allied Health and Arrow Lakes

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February 6, 2025

KBRH Health Foundation
Attn.: Lisa Pasin
1200 Hospital Bench
Trail, BC V1R 4M1

Dear Lisa and KBRH Health Foundation Team,

I am writing to request partnership and funding support to improve the Pediatric Outdoor Space located outside of the Daly Pavilion at KBRH.

This space was originally constructed through funding graciously provided by your Foundation. We humbly request additional financial support to further optimize this area for the pediatric psychiatric patients we serve.

This space allows these patients to spend time off the pediatric unit in a safe environment, supporting de-escalation of behaviours and providing opportunities to experience the healing properties of nature-sunshine, fresh air, outdoor activities and unrestricted movement.

We are hoping that the KBRH Health Foundation will consider providing funds that will enable completion of the ceiling in the existing covered area, including the addition of sofit and lighting. It will allow for placement of film on windows for added security and privacy. Additional funding will also support the purchase of safe and functional outdoor furniture, purchase of recreation activities and supplies, and finally a camera system for improved safety for all.

With thanks and appreciation for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrea Dutchak
Clinical Operations Director-Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

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RDCK File No.164-2025

Organization **Kootenay Mushroom Festival**

Registration # N/A but BC Non-profit Society incorporation process begun this year
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Signing Authority: Robin Mercy (604) 355-1885 robin@mrmercysmushrooms.com

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Mushroom Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, Village of Salmo, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo
The Festival is held in Kaslo, BC, with walking forays into the surrounding forest trails. Venues for social, market and educational sessions include the Legion, Langham Hall, the Seniors Centre, Vimy Park and local church halls. We arranged to close the

Importance to the community:
Kaslo benefits from the influx of weekend visitors, which our surveys tell us rent hotel rooms and campsites, and purchase meals locally. We rent several venues throughout town for the Festival and hire local restaurants, caterers and brewers to provide the food and drink. We connect with local restaurants who offer mushroom specials. Parts of the festival remain free for drop-in guests. Kootenay based growers, artists and crafters benefit from the market opportunity, and visitors and locals enjoy these offerings. Our attendees love the sense of community that the Festival brings for people who come together to learn about a topic they find intriguing. Festival-goers come away armed with knowledge that will make their forest and fungi explorations safer and more responsible. More than two-thirds of the attendees are from other local towns, and it's been an honour to "curate"• the sense of Kootenay connectivity we've seen evolve between people.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/15/2025 Project End: 11/15/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
200			**1999**	**250**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
400	**200**	**200**	**200**	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
			750	**400**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
300	**100**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING**	**4999**

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
4999	**13694**	**13694**

1. **The project will provide:**
The format is a weekend festival in Kaslo, including forays, educational and creative sessions featuring topics like toxicity, ID, basket-weaving, dying fabrics with mushrooms, growing, processing, and cooking mushrooms, and medicinal mushrooms. Last year we sold out 120 tickets for guests to enjoy woods forays led by Kootenay experts and small group learning sessions at local venues. We hold an evening mushroom-themed dinner social, with live local music. This year we hope to have a people's choice multi-media art show. We will repeat our bustling mushroom-themed market, which complements the last seasonal Kaslo farmer's market. Many attendees are from other Kootenay areas, plus as far as Calgary and Surrey, and stay in Kaslo overnight and enjoy its services. The Festival is becoming a real Kaslo tradition and a Kootenay celebration. Attendees overwhelmingly tell us we have created a warm, social atmosphere of connection over this common interest, and that they love the learning. As volunteers, we want to continue these achievements of bringing people together and providing valuable, scientific information as well as fun. Each year we try to change things up a little so guests remain engaged, and part of the reason for this request is to seek funding to bring in a new "draw"• speaker from further away to maintain interest and offer something different.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
The Kootenay Mushroom Festival has been held in Kaslo, BC, for the past three years and has steadily grown. We create access to learning in a fun and social format, taught by expert locals who have spent years studying mushrooms. Our purpose is educating the public about the safe, respectful, and enjoyable identification and collection of edible mushrooms. We deliver a ticketed weekend festival and free market in Kaslo annually in October, which attracts vendors and participants from all over the Kootenays and beyond. Our operating budget in our first two years was funded from ticket sales only, and last year tickets funded 90% of our $13,600 budget.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
Kaslo benefits from the influx of weekend visitors, which our surveys tell us rent hotel rooms and campsites, and purchase meals locally. We rent several venues throughout town for the Festival and hire local restaurants, caterers and brewers to provide the food and drink. We connect with local restaurants who offer mushroom specials. Parts of the festival remain free for drop-in guests. Kootenay based growers, artists and crafters benefit from the market opportunity, and visitors and locals enjoy these offerings. Our attendees love the sense of community that the Festival brings for people who come together to learn about a topic they find intriguing. Festival-goers come away armed with knowledge that will make their forest and fungi explorations safer and more responsible. More than two-thirds of the attendees are from other local towns, and it's been an honour to "curate"• the sense of Kootenay connectivity we've seen evolve between people.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
Survey and committee-identified issues:
1- attendees tiring of the format or speaker selection
2- volunteer burnout
1- This year we would like to expand our offerings. We want to engage local artists to create mushroom-themed art for an art show. To encourage Kootenay artists to participate we would like to offer an incentive of $50-$100 for art

supplies, and prizes for Festival favourite pieces (art can be for sale). To maintain our audience interest, we want to bring in a new, bigger name speaker who would have to travel, so we need to be able to fund that.
2- Last year we were lucky enough to receive funds from the village of Kaslo to help pay for some coordinator hours. This kept overworked volunteers sane and we hope to be able to repeat that, and expand the request to two positions, day coordinator and market coordinator.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
We have successfully run three mushroom festivals on budget with a slightly shifting core group of volunteers. Some of our volunteers have strong connections in the "mushroom community"• to draw on for booking speakers, and assessing the value of resources and topics. Our volunteers are spread out and Kootenay-based, with a few in Kaslo who have intimate knowledge of the community and the surrounding area (valuable for planning foray sites and venues). We have volunteers with arts community contacts who help us access talent for displays, music and the market. We have learned a lot from our "near-misses"• and our planning processes, and we've kept detailed records. Each year we add to our planning road map, and we work well together as a collective. We have each settled into an area of duty. We've done this with only our volunteer time and our ticket sales as funding until last year.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
A core group of volunteers runs the festival. We were brought together by Robin Mercy, who operates a mushroom growing facility in Kaslo and teaches mushroom identification courses for Selkirk College. Current committee members are Robin plus Caroline McChesney, Sydney Smith-Brinkman, Niesz Koziol, Leanne Reitan, Monique Gottlieb, Taylor Olson and Brian Bookhout. Speakers and foray leaders include Tyson Ehlers, a published local expert, and Robert Macrae, a former Selkirk science professor specializing in mushroom identification, as well as other professional local mushroom growers and teachers. The volunteers include people with event planning, legal, graphic arts, media, science and marketing experience.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Our volunteer Directors donate countless hours to planning the Festival, creating graphics, responding to queries, arranging speakers and insurance and venues, and staffing the day. We have additional local volunteers and some Selkirk student volunteers who help with set up and clean up and receive cost-free partial day tickets. Some refreshments have been donated in the past but as we have grown more successful we are able to pay local vendors.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Meet the Kootenay Mushroom Festival organizing team!

Keep an eye out for some of these friendly faces at the festival this year. A huge thank you to our volunteers and staff, past and present!

Taylor Olson, Day Coordinator. Taylor joined our team this year and she in an incredible asset, passionate mushroom enthusiast, and an artist. You can find her jewelry at the Kootenay Mushroom Festival Market. 🍄

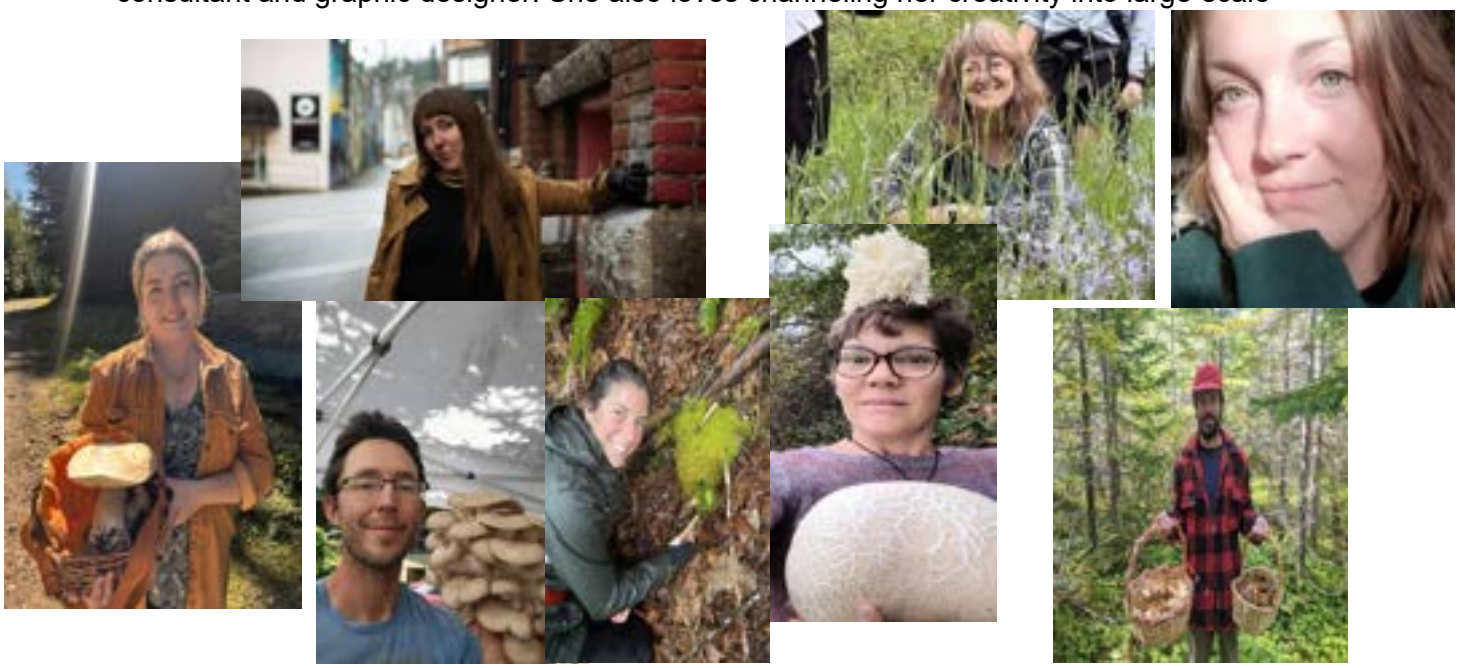
Robin Mercy of Mr. Mercy's Mushroom Co. Robin wears many hats; farmer, scientist, foray leader extraordinaire, workshop host, and much more! Find his mushrooms in local restaurants and grocery stores.

Niesz Koziol began organizing events during her studies and is now involved in grassroots initiatives, blending her marketing knowledge with a love for arts and community. She is one of the Kootenay Mushroom Festival's marketing coordinators. She also runs her own energy advising company and helps people qualify for grants and loans to upgrade the efficiency of their homes.

Caroline can’t walk more than 20 paces without stopping to look at a plant or mushroom and so is tiresome company. She’s kinda the mom on the planning committee and tries to feed everyone and nags people about details. Caroline is also President of the Kootenay Native Plant Society and Vice-Chair of the Nelson Library Board.

Leanne Reitan has been here since the beginning, helping to grow the Festival to what it is today. Leanne works at Selkirk College, as Faculty Assistant to the School of Environment and Geomatics.

Monique is passionate about bringing the mushroom community together. When she's not managing ticket sales or answering your emails about the event, Monique works as a marketing consultant and graphic designer. She also loves channeling her creativity into large-scale



interactive art installations for local arts events, hiking in the backcountry with her two adorable dogs, and is currently working on a mushroom-themed children’s book!

Sydney Smith-Brinkman is our market manager. When she's not foraging, you can find her in her garden or stained glass studio.

Brian Bookhout is our newest member, and we're so glad he joined us! Brian is a wealth of knowledge, and will also be one of our foray leaders.

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RDCK File No.166-2025

Organization **Argenta Community Association**
Registration # S-19094
General Delivery, Argenta BC V0G 1B0
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Signing Authority: Shannon Isaac (250) 366-4162 argentaboard@gmail.com

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Bulmer's Beach lease land outbuilding**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
ACA lease land known as Bulmer's beach.

Importance to the community:
Bulmer's beach is enjoyed by residents of diverse ages, from infants to elders. Many children's (and adult) birthday parties have been held on this beloved sandy beach. This project will primarily benefit community members with reduced physical capabilities, such as families with young children and elders because they will have a secure location to leave items such a beach blankets/chairs, children's toys, pfds, etc which will facilitate their ease of walking to/from the road to the beach.

The local handy-people involved in building the outbuilding and repairing/doing maintenance on the trail will benefit from local work.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				4980
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**4980**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

4980	**4980**	**4980**

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project is to build an outbuilding on the ACA lease land adjoining Bulmer's beach. A local carpenter/handyperson will be responsible for purchasing building materials and the construction of the outbuilding. This building will include space that can be utilized as a change room, as well as storage for some basic tools such a shovel and pruners for trail maintenance, as well as cubbies and hooks for community members to store items such as pfds away from harmful uv. The importance of this building has steadily grown over the past few years as the subdivision at Bulmer's Pointe has grown a much larger presence on the land and beach. The previous Argenta Community Association board was able to secure this property for the community's use, our current board wants to ensure community member/user comfort and accessibility. Additionally this project will include a small amount of hand work to repair/maintain the existing walking trail used to access the beach.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The purposes of the society are: to acquire and own the parcel of Crown land on which to build and manage a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, emergency, and other community activities; to finance all buildings/structures and the community hall & ground and its subsequent maintenance through donations and grants as they become available; to promote community improvement and well-being.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Bulmer's beach is enjoyed by residents of diverse ages, from infants to elders. Many children's (and adult) birthday parties have been held on this beloved sandy beach. This project will primarily benefit community members with reduced physical capabilities, such as families with young children and elders because they will have a secure location to leave items such a beach blankets/chairs, children's toys, pfds, etc which will facilitate their ease of walking to/from the road to the beach.

   The local handy-people involved in building the outbuilding and repairing/doing maintenance on the trail will benefit from local work.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   As Bulmer's beach is our local sandy swim beach it has been heavily used by community members for decades, though in recent years the use has dwindled somewhat due to the construction of a house on Bulmer's Pointe land adjacent to the ACA lease land and very close to the public beach. One common complaint families have is that as the beach is accessible only by foot it is arduous to transport all the required beach gear down and back up. Our goal is to provide a place for community members to store beach/swim items in order to facilitate increased use of this community resource. Further, this project will provide short term employment for a few local handy-people.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   The ACA board is directly and solely responsible for this community lease land. As such we are the primary organization that can undertake projects designed to improve/facilitate multi-generational use and enjoyment of this piece of property. We have successfully completed many ReDi grants, and RDCK Community Development grants, and the community continues to offer immense financial support and volunteer time towards these projects. We are also very fortunate to have local carpenter/handyman Marco Pfuendner agree to build this outbuilding as he successfully built one of a similar design on the Argenta Hall grounds for the ACA in 2022.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The ACA board, primarily jennie Phoenix, as well as local carpenter Marco Pfuendner, a few other local handy-people for trail maintenance/labour activities.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** There will be some volunteer labour involved, as well as in-kind contributions of building materials. The ACA may use some general funds to top up building cost if necessary.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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RDCK File No.168-2025

Organization **Kootenay Wellness Foundation**
Registration # XS0078058
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Primary Contact: Amy Heasman (403) 688-2688 yogamy108@gmail.com
Signing Authority: Amy Heasman (403) 688-2688 yogamy108@gmail.com

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Wellness Festival 2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H
Our festival takes place at the Vallican Whole Community Center in RDCK Area H, connecting communities across the West Kootenay region. We aim to host a number of small events throughout the year in Nelson, Castlegar and more rural areas to build a more e

Importance to the community:
Now in its fifth year, our festival has made a significant positive impact on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the broader community. This project is essential for promoting a healthier lifestyle across the Kootenays, benefiting the entire region.
Over the next two years, we will focus on developing our foundation's membership program, which will continue connecting individuals with wellness services while boosting the local economy and supporting small businesses. This initiative will provide sustainable funding, allowing us to develop a community bursary and increase accessibility to our year-round events.
Additionally, we are committed to Indigenous health and reconciliation through collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people, fostering awareness of the traditional territory we live on with educational opportunities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2025 Project End: 5/15/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
400	**1000**	**100**	**400**	**400**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
1000	**2000**	**400**	**1500**	**1000**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
1500	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
100	**500**	**200**	**500**	**100**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
100	**400**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**12000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
12000	44397	44397

1. **The project will provide:**
   Our organization has been running an annual festival surrounding the themes of wellness, local heritage & arts. Our main event is based in the Slocan Valley (Area H), currently titled 'Kootenay Wellness Festival' (previously, Kootenay Yoga Festival). We recently changed the name of our event to be more accessible and inclusive to all aspects of wellbeing, not only yoga. Over the last 5 years, this event has become more widely recognized across all communities in the Kootenays and attracts many out of town visitors, supporting tourism in our local area.
   At our 2025 festival in September we expect around 300 attendants, of a variety of ages, who will come together to engage in holistic wellness activities and enjoy local artistic and cultural experiences. The festival builds a bridge between our surrounding communities in the West Kootenays and serves as a platform for individuals and groups to showcase their passions, performances, wisdom, and skills. Local artists will share their offerings throughout the weekend and we will also provide access to a diverse range of yoga & movement classes, self development workshops, and educational talks.
   Our main focus is to make art and holistic wellness more accessible to the general public by creating an environment that supports the needs of everyones physical, mental, emotional, and creative health.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The Kootenay Wellness Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the well-being of all lives in the Kootenay region, with an impact that ripples across the province. Our main project is the Kootenay Wellness Festival (formerly Kootenay Yoga Festival), and we aim each year to improve the accessibility of our projects through various formats that serve the broader community needs. Through ongoing initiatives and community events throughout the year, our organization is cultivating nourishing environments and providing holistic wellness practices to all. We work with financial barriers of individuals & families to provide free resources & low-income services for physical, mental & emotional well-being. Our goal is to empower people to improve their own lives through self-care and ancestral healing practices as well as to create a circular economy with the local businesses, practitioners & facilitators in our area. We hold the vision in which the Kootenay region is a place where everyone has access to the health and wellness services they need to thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Now in its fifth year, our festival has made a significant positive impact on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the broader community. This project is essential for promoting a healthier lifestyle across the Kootenays, benefiting the entire region.
   Over the next two years, we will focus on developing our foundation's membership program, which will continue connecting individuals with wellness services while boosting the local economy and supporting small businesses. This initiative will provide sustainable funding, allowing us to develop a community bursary and increase accessibility to our year-round events.
   Additionally, we are committed to Indigenous health and reconciliation through collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people, fostering awareness of the traditional territory we live on with educational opportunities.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   We recognize the many at-risk individuals in our communities facing financial hardships and health challenges. To support them, we aim to make alternative health services more accessible and foster community connection, especially in rural areas of the Kootenays. We ensure affordability by offering a discounted ticket program, special

youth and elder passes, and a volunteer exchange program for free entry . By hosting year-round events at accessible prices, we increase participation at local gatherings and workshops.

In 2024, we reduced wellness barriers by creating trauma-informed spaces, ensuring safety and autonomy for all participants. For our 2025 festival, we plan to provide clearer scheduling and venue information, allowing attendees to determine accessibility based on their needs. Additionally, we seek to expand mobile outreach and transportation options, making it easier for rural communities to attend. Through these efforts, we strive to build a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
Our team is made up of hardworking individuals dedicated to improving our community through the vision of our foundation. Each member brings valuable skills, successfully managing their time and tasks to make this project a reality. Through past festivals and events, we've received positive feedback and strong collaboration from the community, reinforcing the impact of our work.

Since our festival's inception, we have experienced steady growth, expanding our reach and engagement each year. With the continued support of the ReDi Grant, we've been able to conduct successful market research, refine our advertising and promotion strategies, and develop a solid volunteer program. These efforts have strengthened our foundation, allowing us to create a more inclusive and accessible festival experience. Moving forward, we remain committed to fostering wellness, cultural connection, and community engagement, ensuring the ongoing success and sustainability of our festival and year-round initiatives.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
Our dedicated team has volunteered time and energy to launch this project as well as involving local residents as volunteers. This year, we aim to engage at least 50 community members for our exchange program. We also work closely with our advisory board for expert guidance and have a sponsorship program for local businesses to support the event. Our core team includes Amy Heasman (CEO), Jase Aether (Graphic Designer & Digital Communications), Alison Evin (Fundraising Director), Amber Walpole (Volunteer Coordinator), Laura Flair (Art & Design Director), Alex LeFleur (Sound Technician), Raya Sun (Catering) and Lisa Parente (Sponsorship Coordinator).

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** - Virtue Tea Products ($40 value)
12. - Hall Printing sponsorship discount ($50 value)
13. - Oso Negro Coffee Products ($100.00 value)
14. - Linden Lane Farms 60% wholesale discount on organic produce
15. - Luvaffair Pastries Wholesale discount ($75 value)
16. - Curbex Signage Printed Advertising ($350.00 value)
17. - Love of Shiva Decorative Products ($150.00 value)
18. - Viva Cacao Products ($155.00 value)
19. - Happy Gut Pro Products ($300.00 value)
20. - Kootenay Co-op In Store Credit ($200.00 value)
21. - Ralcomm Radio Rentals ($510.00 value)
22. - Shady Spaces discount on tent rentals ($600.00 value)
23. - Top Knott volunteer gifts ($750.00 value)
24. - Life Untethered Coaching raffle prize ($833.00 value)
25. - Ripley's Garden flowers & plants ($950.00 value)
26. - Mountain Valley Media Advertising ($1,342.00 value)

27. - Retreat Guru Booking Software ($1500.00 value)
28. - Live Harmonics Sound Systems ($3,480.75 value)

29. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Autonomous Sinixt
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Letter of Support 2025

January 24, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Kootenay Wellness Festival and the Kootenay Wellness Foundation. As a proud supporter of initiatives that enhance the vibrancy and well-being of our community, I recognize the significant role this event plays in fostering connection, wellness, and economic vitality in the Slocan Valley and beyond. The Kootenay Wellness Festival is a shining example of locally-driven programming that resonates with both residents and visitors. It brings together diverse individuals to celebrate health, mindfulness, and community engagement.

The Kootenay Wellness Festival has always welcomed the Autonomous Sinixt to participate in their events, worked in right relationship with us, and have been respectful to the Sinixt təmxʷúlaʔxʷ (homeland) upon which they operate. For this I am grateful and am happy to offer them my support.

I wholeheartedly encourage others to support the Kootenay Wellness Festival and Foundation in their mission to uplift our community through wellness-focused initiatives. Together, we can contribute to the development of a thriving and connected region.

Sincerely,



Marilyn James
Matriarch
Autonomous Sinixt

website: sinixt.org
contact: info@sinixt.org

Letter of Support

January 16, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to offer my support for the Kootenay Wellness Festival and the Kootenay Wellness Foundation (KWF). I believe it fills an important community function here in the Slocan Valley.

Over the past few years I have witnessed KWF's initiative and development of the festival and foundation and have supported their good work. I find the organization to be very collaborative, well-organized and community-minded. I have no doubt that these endeavours will prove fruitful and beneficial to the Slocan Valley and region in its wellness and diversity.

As a regional stakeholder, Community Futures Central Kootenay, through our service contract with local government in the Slocan Valley, are committed to supporting appropriate economic development and diversification. Supporting events like the Kootenay Wellness Festival is an investment in the continued growth, health, and prosperity of our region.

Furthermore, I commend the Kootenay Wellness Foundation's dedication to fostering inclusivity, engaging local First Nations meaningfully, and championing wellness across diverse sectors. Their work aligns with key recommendations outlined in the Slocan Valley Economic Development Strategic Plan, such as supporting non-profit organizations in the wellness industry and sponsoring community wellness events.

I wholeheartedly encourage others to support the Kootenay Wellness Festival and Foundation in their mission to uplift our community through wellness-focused initiatives. Together, we can contribute to the development of a thriving and connected region.

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

Ron LeBlanc

Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator
Community Futures Central Kootenay

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.173-2025

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Food Cupboard**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
The Food Cupboard is in the basement of St Andrews Heritage Hall at 500 4th Street in Kaslo. We also travel once a week on Wednesdays to Meadow Creek and operate a satellite food cupboard out of the Lardeau Valley Community Hall there.

Importance to the community:
- Many Kaslo and Area D residents live in poverty and have a monthly income that is insufficient to meet the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. By supplying free food to those in need, we help to meet the basic living needs of our community members.
- Low-income community members of all ages are the primary beneficiaries of the program. However, it also presents an opportunity for community engagement. Local residents are exceedingly generous with cash donations and many local gardeners and businesses donate excess food and are happy to see it put to good use.
- Local Residents contribute volunteer time in meaningful and accessible roles. Volunteer work is social, can help to meet educational requirements and builds self esteem and job skills.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			11500	**11500**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**23000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
23000	177788.8	177788.8

1. **The project will provide:**
The Food Cupboard will be open twice weekly in Kaslo and once a week at the Lardeau Valley Community Hall. Free food is provided at both locations to those in need. Food Supplies are sustained through grants and donations, as well as food recovery efforts. Community members, gardeners and local businesses are generous in their donations of excess food. We will take advantage of bulk purchasing to get best value for the funds available. Over 20 volunteers help with food processing, packaging, and distribution. Paid staff coordinate volunteers and manage purchasing and record keeping.
New this year is a pilot project funded by Vancouver Foundation to hire an Outreach Support Worker to work one-on-one with Food Cupboard clients to connect people with services (eg training, job hunting support, getting up to date with tax returns) that could help them to rely less on the Food Cupboard.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
Kaslo Community Services Society is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
- Many Kaslo and Area D residents live in poverty and have a monthly income that is insufficient to meet the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing. By supplying free food to those in need, we help to meet the basic living needs of our community members.
- Low-income community members of all ages are the primary beneficiaries of the program. However, it also presents an opportunity for community engagement. Local residents are exceedingly generous with cash donations and many local gardeners and businesses donate excess food and are happy to see it put to good use.
- Local Residents contribute volunteer time in meaningful and accessible roles. Volunteer work is social, can help to meet educational requirements and builds self esteem and job skills.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
Issues:
- Some residents of Kaslo and RDCK Area D do not have enough to eat, and many find the increased cost of living means that there isn't enough money to buy enough food or good quality food.
- The cost of food has increased significantly over the last few years.
- Food Cupboard clients include families, individuals, seniors, people living with a disability, employed and unemployed. A recent survey showed that 50% of clients were families with children, and 15% were seniors living on a fixed income.
- 249 unique individuals accessed the Food Cupboard during 2024, with an average of 132 unique individuals served per month.

Opportunities:
- We can purchase food in bulk and get a better price.
- Through food recovery, we divert usable food from the landfill.
- We provide meaningful volunteer opportunities.
- We can help people access other KCS services as needed.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Project: Food Cupboard

Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding. KCS operates both the Kaslo Food Cupboard and the Meadow Creek Food Cupboard. We have built up a relationship of trust with clients and donors and offer services beyond the provision of free food. The Kaslo Food Hub offers a variety of food-related services including a tool library with tools for gardening and food processing. We also offer food-related workshops from time to time. The Food Hub can also act as a gateway to other KCS services including counselling for metal health issues, substance use, family violence, family support and victim services.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Erin Carr, BSc - Food Cupboard Coordinator - worked for KCS since 2015 in a variety of roles and as Food Cupboard Coordinator since April 2018 - experienced in leadership, group facilitation, cooking and supporting individuals with diverse needs.
   Patrick Steiner, BA - Co-Executive Director, Food Security and Seniors - worked for KCS since 2014 - experienced in farming, business owner, project management and volunteer management.
   Krista Robson, Outreach Support Worker
   Jane Ballantyne, MSC - Co-Executive Director, Finance and Administration
   Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Food Hub Rent - $2,400
12. Electricity - FORTIS - $2,400
13. Phone and Internet - $1,200
14. Cleaning - $720
15. Volunteers - 1237 hours @ $20/hr (gaming grant guidelines) = $24,720
16. Donated Food - 37,627 pounds @ 3.58 = $134,704.66

17. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.179-2025

Organization **Kaslo Community Services Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Saturday Market**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
The Kaslo Saturday Market is held at Front Street Park in downtown Kaslo. The Market will be held every Saturday from June 7 to October 11, 2025. In addition, the project is managed out of the Kaslo Community Services (KCS) Office at 336 B Avenue in Kas

Importance to the community:
This project is important to our community because it will:
- Provide an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public.
- Encourage shopping local with access to food and artisanal goods of the area.
- Help incubate businesses for local farmers and artisans.
- Provide a free and lively social opportunity for locals and tourists.
- Host the BC Association of Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon program - which provides coupons to low-income individuals and families - which can then be redeemed for food at the market.

Who will benefit from this project?
- The market vendors - local farmers and artisans.
- The community of Kaslo. The market is a popular community event and a tourist attraction.
- Other tourist-related businesses in Kaslo.
- Low-income families and seniors who receive market coupons.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 11/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			4000	**3000**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**7000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
7000	**48500**	**48500**

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project will operate the Kaslo Saturday Market 2025, Kaslo and Area D's largest farmers' market. We will organise, promote and deliver a weekly farmers' and artisans' market in the heart of downtown Kaslo from June to October. The 2024 market had 66 different vendors over the season. The market provides business opportunities for vendors, attracts tourists to our town (with spin-off benefits for other businesses in the downtown core), and provides a lively, outdoor family-oriented event for socialising , entertainment and shopping.
   As part of the project, we will host the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) Nutrition Coupon Program which provides coupons to low-income individuals and families which can then be redeemed for food at the market. In 2024, we were able to provide $25,000 of coupons that supported 60 low-income families and seniors to purchase food directly from local farmers at the market, and at the same time enjoy the lively social scene at the market. We anticipate similar levels for 2025.
   Two KCSS staff oversee the operation of the market and work with an advisory committee that includes market vendors.
   We partner with The North Kootenay Lake Arts Council to provide 'Art in the Market' to provide free arts activities and entertainment at the market.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   Kaslo Community Services Society (KCSS) is a non-profit, multi-service organization. The Society's mission is to develop and provide services and programs which contribute to a thriving community and enhance the quality of life for North Kootenay Lake residents.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   This project is important to our community because it will:
   - Provide an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public.
   - Encourage shopping local with access to food and artisanal goods of the area.
   - Help incubate businesses for local farmers and artisans.
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   - The market vendors - local farmers and artisans.
   - The community of Kaslo. The market is a popular community event and a tourist attraction.
   - Other tourist-related businesses in Kaslo.
   - Low-income families and seniors who receive market coupons.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   - The market provides an opportunity for local farmers and artisans to sell their products directly to the public. This helps nurture and incubate entrepreneurs and new businesses.

- A 2022 survey of customers found that 55% were locals and 34% were tourists, making the market an ideal place for local farms and businesses to meet new customers.
- The market is a lively scene in downtown Kaslo on summer Saturdays - attracting tourists and locals alike - to mingle, socialise, purchase fresh produce, sample delicious snacks, and browse for artwork.
- The market supports the local economy.
- The market is important for local food security, as it is the most direct avenue for customers to support farmers and find locally grown food.
- The market allows the Kaslo Food Hub to participate in the BCAFM Nutrition Coupon program, a win-win for local farmers and low-income families and seniors.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Kaslo Community Services (KCS) has been providing a variety of social services in Kaslo and the North Kootenay Lake area, for over 40 years. Programs are delivered by 25 part-time staff with the help of a team of dedicated volunteers. KCS has a successful track record in meeting deliverables and reporting deadlines for grant funding.

   Kaslo Community Services has been operating the Kaslo Saturday Market since 2017 (8 years). We have introduced many new initiatives, including attracting new vendors, retaining old vendors, invested in new and better market infrastructure, delivered an annual coupon program that helps low-income families and seniors participate in the market, built good relations with the Village of Kaslo as a provider of a popular weekly community event. The Village consulted with KCS about park improvements, to ensure that they are a fit with the good functioning of the market.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Kathy Allaire - Market Coordinator - oversees vendor bookings, weekly market management, customer engagement and event promotion.
   Patrick Steiner - Co-Executive Director, Food Security and Seniors - worked for KCS since 2014 - oversees market support, administration and the BCAFM market coupon program.
   Jane Ballantyne - Co-Executive Director, Finance and Administration - provides financial oversight and reporting.
   Heather Hamilton - Office Manager and IT Manager - provides technical support

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Phone, Internet, laptop computer - approx. value $1,200

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.184-2025

Organization **Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society**

Registration # S0072104
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Our community clinics will continue to be held in the Heritage Hall, which is attached to the St. Andrew's church, on 4th avenuein Kaslo. This is a central location in the village that is also wheelchair accessible. The clinic strives to be as inclusive a

Importance to the community:
All residents of Kaslo and Area D, of all ages, backgrounds, and income levels are welcome and can benefit from our clinic. Our mandate is to be barrier-free and as inclusive as possible, and are clinics are diversity and LGBTQ-friendly. Bi-weekly acupuncture treatments help build healthier, more resilient community by reducing preventive ailments through consistent treatments. Acupuncture is an ancient, well- researched and science-based modality that helps to improve health and wellness. Our practitioners are registered, well-trained and experienced. They provide gentle and caring treatment based on listening to patients' needs. There has been consistent demand for our clinical services in the last five years, and we unfortunately often have to turn patients away as the clinic fills up quickly. We are hoping to eventually expand our clinic hours to meet this increased demand in our services.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2025 Project End: 6/20/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			10405	**10405**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**20810**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
20810	39300	39300

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project is designed to help build a healthier, more resilient community by providing regular, consistent acupuncture treatments to residents of Kaslo and Area D. The projects provides barrier-free, bi-weekly access to acupuncture treatments to low-income residents of this area. Barrier-free means that nobody is turned away because of lack of funds. Acupuncture treatments are available by cash donation ($20-$40) or by using the patient's MSP supplementary assistance. For the past five years, we have offered this service to the residents of Kaslo and Area D, and over this time, have become a reliable health resource for the members of our community. A wide range of ailments are treated in our clinic including acute and chronic pain, mental health concerns, chronic disease management and addiction treatment and management. Our community acupuncture clinic will continue to be held in the central and wheel-chair accessible location of the Heritage Hall in Kaslo. Twice a month, a clinic will continue to be set up in this space, with 8 treatment chairs. All patients are treated in the same room in a peaceful and supportive atmosphere. Two practitioners tend to the patients in the chairs as others relax with needles during their treatment. The clinic serves to enhance and improve the health well-being of community members by providing approximately 360 treatments a year.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society (KCAS) was formed to provide a community complementary health resource through offering barrier-free (by donation) acupuncture treatments within the framework of Traditional Chinese Medicine by registered heath practitioners.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   All residents of Kaslo and Area D, of all ages, backgrounds, and income levels are welcome and can benefit from our clinic. Our mandate is to be barrier-free and as inclusive as possible, and are clinics are diversity and LGBTQ-friendly. Bi-weekly acupuncture treatments help build healthier, more resilient community by reducing preventive ailments through consistent treatments. Acupuncture is an ancient, well- researched and science-based modality that helps to improve health and wellness. Our practitioners are registered, well-trained and experienced. They provide gentle and caring treatment based on listening to patients' needs. There has been consistent demand for our clinical services in the last five years, and we unfortunately often have to turn patients away as the clinic fills up quickly. We are hoping to eventually expand our clinic hours to meet this increased demand in our services.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Our community deals with addiction, mental health and chronic pain issues. Income levels are below the provincial mean. To address these issues, and improve health and well-being outcomes, 2 local registered acupuncturists suggested the community acupuncture model and founded KCAS five years ago. Patients self-identify and are counselled and treated quietly within a calm, supportive group setting. The opportunity to access regular, by-donation complementary medicine treatments has been welcomed by community of Kaslo and Area D. To ensure that all residents of this area have access to this service, we provide gas vouchers of $25 to those who are driving from North Kootenay Lake area (Lardeau/Meadow Creek/Argenta/Howser/Johnson's Landing). This helps to remove the transportation barrier that many local residents face when needing to access health services that are in a bigger town centre.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

The Kaslo Community Acupuncture Clinic is the only community acupuncture clinic north of Nelson. Using the community acupuncture model, we are able to treat 15-20 patients per clinic. Our practitioners, volunteers, and administrative assistants provide the necessary supports to administer the project.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
The Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society is governed by a Board of Directors formed by Laura Douglas, Victoria McAllister, Dawn Precious and Dan Nesbitt. Traditional Chinese Practitioners Leni Neumeier (R.TCMP) and Elise Arnaudin (R.AC) administer the acupuncture treatments. A clinic administrative assistance takes care of the set up and take down of the clinic, as well as caring for patients when they are at the reception. Two volunteers are present during clinic hours to help with disinfecting the chairs between patients. We also have a KCAS administrative assistant, who takes care of office administrative who tends to background operations.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer clinic hours: 26 annual clinics,105.25 hours total, totalling approximately $2105
12. 9 Board Meetings with 5 board members for 1.5 hrs each, 71 hours total, totalling approximately $1420
13. 1 AGM with 7 board members for 1.5hrs, 10.5 hours total, totalling approximately $210
14. Total... $3735

15. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Shannon Issac
Freedom Quest Youth Services
423 Front St
Kaslo BC, V0G 1M0

November 29th, 2022

Hello,

I am writing in support of the grant application submitted by the non-profit organization Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society and their barrier-free biweekly community acupuncture clinics in Kaslo. It is my understanding that regular and consistent acupuncture treatments can significantly improve one's mental health and wellbeing, as well as curb addictions and assist in substance use cessation.

In my work as the Kaslo Youth Coordinator and the Freedom Quest Substance Use Counselor, I can attest to the lack of resources for youth struggling with substance use and mental health disorders in Kaslo. Youth struggling with persistent and severe mental health disorders are referred to Nelson (which is one hour away) to seek treatment. The availability of barrier-free acupuncture clinics in Kaslo has allowed me to refer youth to this adjunct health service.

I believe that addressing substance and mental health issues through somatic-based approaches such as acupuncture is especially beneficial for young people, who sometimes have reservations towards talk therapy. Having the community acupuncture clinic in Kaslo helps to address a gap in services and creates an essential resource fir youth struggling with substance use and mental health in Kaslo and surrounding area.

Sincerely,
Shannon Issac

Kaslo and Up the Lake Youth Network Coordinator
Freedom Quest Youth Services- Substance Use Counselor
Email: Shannon.issac@freedomquestyouthservices.ca

November 25th, 2024

Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society

When my wife and I moved to the small village of Kaslo this past year there were certain services we assumed we would have to either forgo or travel some distance to access. I had been exposed to a full range of 'complimentary' medical interventions over the years and had partnered to create a network of 'integrative' pharmacies where both Western medicine and complimentary medicine were respected. Acupuncture had been among the protocols we provided.

Years earlier when I was much younger living in Vancouver, a series of acupuncture treatments healed a lingering, lower back injury I had sustained from a car accident and after that acupuncture became an obvious, non-invasive protocol I came to rely on.

Needless to say, when we discovered the Kaslo Community Acupuncture Society (KCAS) providing a full range of acupuncture services here in Kaslo we were nicely surprised. While we were in a position to pay full price for services it was inspiring to see a 'not for profit' offering professional services based on what patients were able to pay.

The bi-weekly clinic that KCAS offers to the public has been a huge success as hundreds of people have been treated over the past four years. The combination of fully trained practitioners

and a cohort of dedicated volunteers is the foundation of this generous, community offering.

KCAS is an inspired public service and is more than worthy of support.

Russell Precious
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cell 250 505 3231

Please fund K.C.A.S.

I have been regularly attending the clinics for 6 months and have made great improvements. The affordability of the clinic is the only reason I have been able to do this.

Both practitioners are amazing healers. I have had the pleasure of each of them providing me with appropriate treatment(s). Their knowledge and better still their combined knowledge and experience ensures a productive session. I appreciate that they incorporate traditional methods without denouncing, at times encouraging, other more modern western methods of healing.

This society fills a large hole in health care in our small community. Our village has many people unable to travel for medical treatments so the proximity is essential.

The friendly caring atmosphere is immediately felt and sets the stage for healing, in my opinion group healing of all present. The two volunteers send a message this clinic is wanted and supported by the community as a whole.

It would be a terrible loss to many residents if this society was to disappear. I have seen “regulars” attending every time I have, others attending more sporadically and some coming only once. All would miss an affordable opportunity for healing without K.A.S.

Please fund K.C.A.S.

Thank you,
Chris Erickson

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.200-2025

Organization **Kaslo Search and Rescue**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kaslo SAR Drone Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, Village of Kaslo
Our area map has been included as an attachment and is as follows; Southernmost tip is Red Fish Creek near Balfour ; West is up through half of Kokanee Glacier Park, then to Fish Lake on Hwy 31A; North to Trout Lake; Northern most part is the southern bou

Importance to the community:
Kaslo and surrounding areas rely on volunteer SAR teams for emergency response. This project will significantly enhance local rescue capabilities, improving safety for both responders and those in distress. Residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and travelers will benefit from faster, more effective rescues, particularly in remote or high-risk environments. By reducing risks to SAR personnel, the project ensures a higher level of safety for volunteers who risk their lives to save others. Community engagement and support for KSAR's adoption of new technology demonstrate the region's commitment to safety and emergency preparedness.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/28/2025 Project End: 2/15/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
2000			**4999**	**4999**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
1500				
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**13498**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

13498	**15840**	**15840**

1. **The project will provide:**
   Kaslo Search and Rescue (KSAR) is launching a drone program to enhance search and rescue operations. The project involves purchasing a DJI M4T drone with essential accessories, including extra batteries, propellers, a loudspeaker, spotlight, landing pad, lights, anemometer, and a backpack. Four KSAR members will receive training to become certified drone operators. This program will improve operational safety and efficiency by allowing responders to assess terrain and hazards before engaging in high-risk rescues, including rope and swiftwater scenarios. The drone's thermal imaging, zoom capabilities, and loudspeaker will enhance search effectiveness, enabling better communication and visibility in difficult terrain. By integrating drone technology into SAR operations, KSAR will improve response times, increase rescuer safety, and enhance search capabilities for missing or distressed individuals.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To provide professional Search and Rescue services to anyone who finds themselves lost, injured or stranded in our surrounding areas.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Kaslo and surrounding areas rely on volunteer SAR teams for emergency response. This project will significantly enhance local rescue capabilities, improving safety for both responders and those in distress. Residents, outdoor enthusiasts, and travelers will benefit from faster, more effective rescues, particularly in remote or high-risk environments. By reducing risks to SAR personnel, the project ensures a higher level of safety for volunteers who risk their lives to save others. Community engagement and support for KSAR's adoption of new technology demonstrate the region's commitment to safety and emergency preparedness.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   KSAR operates in a challenging environment with dense forests, mountainous terrain, and swiftwater hazards. Traditional search methods can be slow and risky, particularly in inaccessible areas. The drone program will address these challenges by providing aerial reconnaissance, reducing the need for ground teams to enter hazardous zones prematurely. It will also assist in night operations with thermal imaging and enhance communication using the loudspeaker. The need for this program was identified through past rescue operations where drone technology could have improved safety and efficiency. Consultation with SAR members and lessons learned from similar programs in other regions confirmed the value of integrating drones into KSAR's response strategy.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   KSAR has a proven track record of implementing specialized training and deploying advanced equipment to improve SAR effectiveness. KSAR's experienced leadership, strong partnerships, and commitment to training ensure it can effectively implement and sustain this drone program.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   KSAR will lead the project, with members undergoing training to become certified drone operators. The training will be conducted by certified instructors specializing in drone use for SAR operations. The program will be managed by experienced KSAR leadership, ensuring proper integration into existing protocols.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** The project will be implemented and maintained entirely by volunteers.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Drone Team Budget

Gear

From Measur:	Quantity	Rate	Ammount	ReDi
DJI M4T Drone	1	$9,439.00	$9,439.00	
DJI Extra Batteries	4	$255.00	$1,020.00	
DJI Extra Propellers	1	$29.00	$29.00	
DJI Loud Speaker	1	$309.00	$309.00	
DJI Spotlight	1	$459.00	$459.00	Kasl
Discount	1	-$704.00	-$704.00	
		Sub total	**$10,552.00**	

Supporting Gear	Quantity	Rate	Ammount
Landing Pad	1	$50.00	$50.00
Lights	4	$10.00	$40.00
Anemomter	1	$300.00	$300.00
Backpack	1	$100.00	$100.00
		Sub Total	**$490.00**

Training

From Hummingbird:			
DFR Tech 1	2	$499.00	$998.00
DFR Tech 2	2	$1,900.00	$3,800.00
		Sub Total	**$4,798.00**

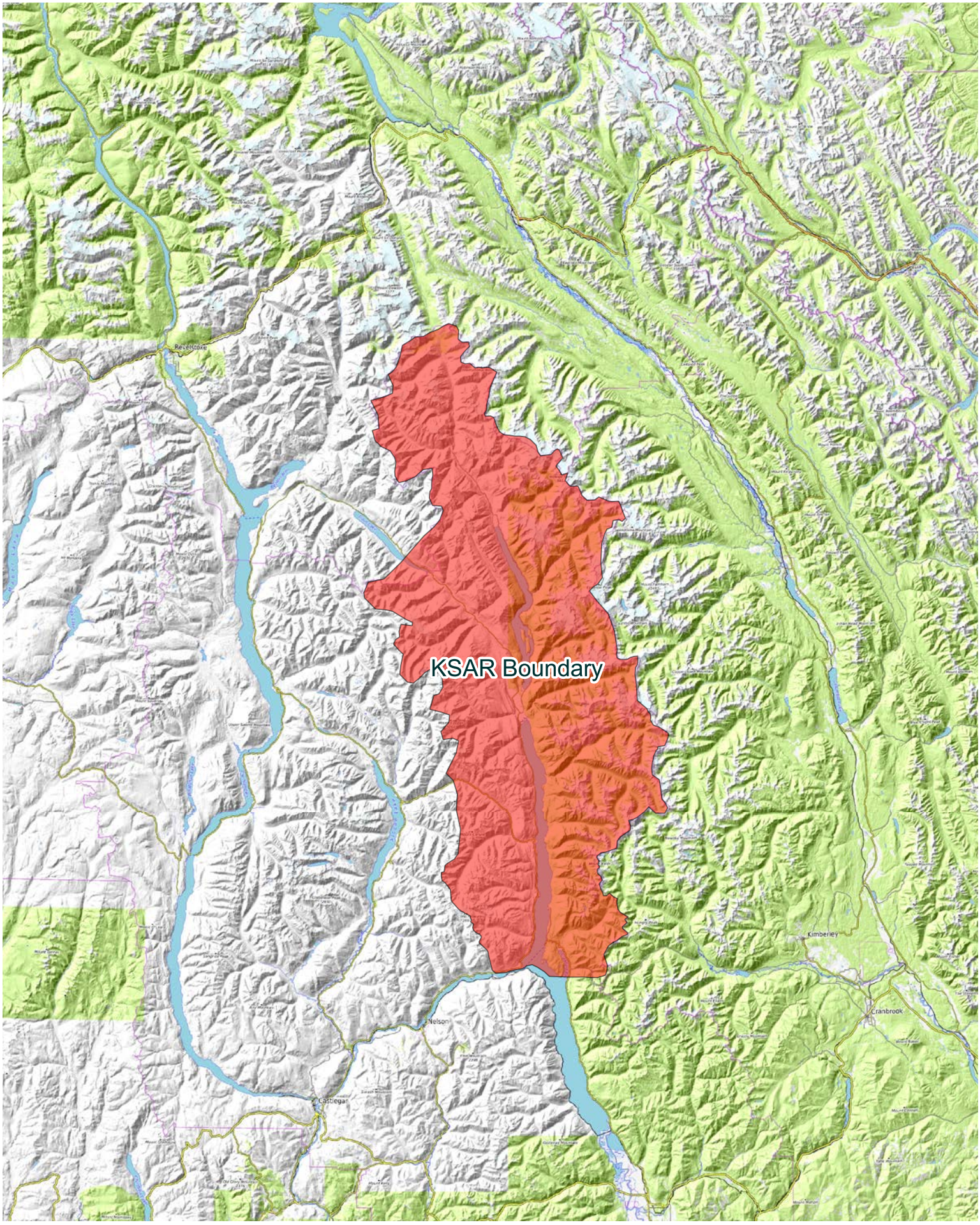
Total	**$15,840.00**

(Does not include Tax)

Sources of Funds

Grant Request	
Village of Kaslo	$4,999.00
Area D	$4,999.00
Area A	$2,000.00
Area E	$1,500.00
ɔ Search and Rescue	$2,342.00
	$15,840.00

Kaslo Search and Resuce Response Area



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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.213-2025

Organization **Kaslo & District Community Forest Society**
Registration # 873501241
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Signing Authority: Jeff Reyden (250) 354-9803 manager@kaslocommunityforest.org

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **KDCFS Winter in the Forest Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
Winter in the Forest Festival takes place on Village of Kaslo land near the air strip.

Importance to the community:
Winter in the Forest Festival has become a cherished tradition in the community and everyone is welcome at this free event which has been running since 2001. All community members in Kaso and Area D can feel warmth from the bonfire, nourishing soups, live music, and community spirit while attending this event. Families and those with young children will especially enjoy the activities that include human dog sled races, giant jenga, snow painting and cross-country skiing. Several community members comment that this event comes at a time of year that can be difficult, and brings them joy and light as we near the end of winter.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 12/1/2025 Project End: 3/31/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			4250	**2200**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**6450**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
6450	**14550**	**14550**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The Winter in the Forest Festival is an event that brings residents of Kaslo and Area D together to cherish the winter season and celebrate our diverse and inclusive community on Family Day each year.
   By bringing families together for a day of outdoor enjoyment, entertainment, and education, Winter in the Forest Festival celebrates community connections. Through a diverse array of activities, including live music, snow sculpture creation, tobogganing and human dog sled races, the festival provides opportunities for residents and visitors alike to connect and celebrate community and the beautiful place we call home.
   The event also brings together several community groups including Search & Rescue, the Kaslo & Area Fire Department, Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society, and the Kaslo Figuring Skating Club. The Kaslo Housing Society serves hot soups and beverages for donation as their primary fundraiser for the year.
   Kaslo & District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) has typically hosted the event and supported its financial feasibility. Due to rising event costs, coupled with challenging timber markets, KDCFS is seeking grant funding to help facilitate the 2025 Winter in the Forest Festival on Monday, February 16th.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   KDCFS mandate is to manage our community forest on behalf of the Kaslo and Area D residents. This includes sustainable forest management, increasing wildfire resiliency and giving back to our community with events such as this.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Winter in the Forest Festival has become a cherished tradition in the community and everyone is welcome at this free event which has been running since 2001. All community members in Kaso and Area D can feel warmth from the bonfire, nourishing soups, live music, and community spirit while attending this event. Families and those with young children will especially enjoy the activities that include human dog sled races, giant jenga, snow painting and cross-country skiing. Several community members comment that this event comes at a time of year that can be difficult, and brings them joy and light as we near the end of winter.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   We are addressing the issues of community connectedness and of ensuring that community members are educated about their local forest and community forestry. It is easy for people to lose touch with the important work we do on their behalf. We are providing opportunities for community engagement and education, while providing a great community event that includes street hockey, maple taffy, free good food, bonfire and music. We are ensuring that community members know about what is happening and how they can include their voices in the important work of KDCFS moving forward.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   KDCFS has been sponsoring Winter in the Forest Festival since 2001. The event embodies the mission and values of the KDCFS by supporting community and celebrating the environment around us. KDCFS has decades of experience successfully applying for and administering grant funded projects of various magnitudes making it the best suited organization to lead this application and project.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   KDCFS contributes funding to the festival, as well as all organizing, advertising and grant administration. Board members and staff typically volunteer at the event. The Kaslo Housing Society will organize and execute food service as a fundraiser for the Housing Society. Several other community groups will volunteer at the event including Kaslo

Community Services with youth centred activities, Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society facilitating cross country skiing, Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department help with parking and community engagement, Village of Kaslo donates public works time and equipment for site preparation and clean up.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Several in-kind contributions contribute to the success of Winter in the Forest each year. This includes:
12. - Village of Kaslo - Site Preparation and Clean Up
13. - Kaslo Housing Society - Food and beverage service accepting donations
14. - Community Volunteers - Soups
15. - Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society - Cross Country ski track and ski equipment
16. - Kaslo Search and Rescue - ATV rides for children
17. - Local businesses will often pitch in to contribute supplies such as firewood, generator for music, BBQs etc.

18. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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RDCK File No.218-2025

Organization **Argenta Community Association**
Registration # S-19094
General Delivery, Argenta BC V0G 1B0
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Signing Authority: Shannon Isaac (250) 366-4162 argentaboard@gmail.com

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Families, Food, Fun**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Argenta Hall and grounds, 1024 Argenta Road, Argenta

Importance to the community:
The primary beneficiary of these efforts will be Argenta's children, which has a ripple effect on all residents of Argenta. Children are important to our community and improving their recreation opportunities is therefore important to the Argenta Community Association Board. Families with our youngest residents will benefit from the change table, as well as non-resident users of the Argenta Hall. All users will benefit from the cleaning of the schoolroom. The Community Christmas Dinner is a decades-long beloved seasonal celebration that is one of the most well, and broadly, attended events and both the reduced-cost to residents through the ReDi funded turkeys and the merriment of Santa's helpers being in costume will have far-reaching benefit. Buying locally raised turkeys benefits our regional economy as does hiring an Argentain to build a change table vs buying a plastic one.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 6/1/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				3725
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**3725**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

3725	**3725**	**3725**

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project is to support the multi-generational families, especially the children in our community, through providing a diaper change table in our Hall (which we have been sorely lacking!) and snacks/lunch food for a children's program, currently know as "Sunday Funday". Concurrently I am requesting funding to pay for a deep cleaning in the playroom (known as the school room) to ensure it is free of rodent debris and plastic storage bins to ensure items are stored in an organized, clean/safe manner. Additionally defraying cost for the turkeys for our Community Christmas Dinner, and the purchase of elf costumes for Santa's helpers at the Christmas Dinner will bring joy to all residents and families who attend.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The purposes of the society are: to acquire and own the parcel of Crown land on which to build and manage a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, emergency, and other community activities; to finance all buildings/structures and the community hall & ground and its subsequent maintenance through donations and grants as they become available; to promote community improvement and well-being.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   The primary beneficiary of these efforts will be Argenta's children, which has a ripple effect on all residents of Argenta. Children are important to our community and improving their recreation opportunities is therefore important to the Argenta Community Association Board. Families with our youngest residents will benefit from the change table, as well as non-resident users of the Argenta Hall. All users will benefit from the cleaning of the schoolroom. The Community Christmas Dinner is a decades-long beloved seasonal celebration that is one of the most well, and broadly, attended events and both the reduced-cost to residents through the ReDi funded turkeys and the merriment of Santa's helpers being in costume will have far-reaching benefit. Buying locally raised turkeys benefits our regional economy as does hiring an Argentain to build a change table vs buying a plastic one.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   This year it was brought to the ACA board's attention that the lack of a change table at our Hall is a hardship for families in our community. The addition of this change table will continue the work the ACA has been doing over the past few years to improve access and recreation opportunities for children in Argenta (thanks to ReDi 2023 we now have booster seats for toddlers available!). Several families have gotten together to create a children's recreation program and we want to support this through providing funding for monthly meals/snacks. Further, with the rising cost of food I am requesting funding to help pay for locally raised turkeys for our Community Christmas Dinner in order to ensure residents can continue to enjoy this annual tradition. Lastly this year we identified that Santa's helpers would enjoy/benefit from simple elf costumes to add to the Christmas spirit.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   The ACA board is directly and solely responsible for the community hall and grounds. As such we are the primary organization that can undertake projects designed to improve our community hall and facilitate multi-generational use and enjoyment in the Argenta Hall. We have successfully completed many AAP grants, and RDCK Community Development grants, and the community continues to offer immense financial support and volunteer time towards these projects.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**

ACA Board Vice-Chair jennie Phoenix will be over-seeing the majority of the work, ordering/purchasing the needed items; Swen Birch (member at large) will be managing the food purchase/preparation for the Sunday Funday Program. Additionally the ACA board will be contracting a local woodworker/carpenter to construct and install the change table, and contracting a local cleaner to bring the school room up to sanitary conditions.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Non-monetary contributions include volunteer time spent researching, sourcing, and ordering/purchasing products. The labor organizing, preparing food, and cleaning up for Sunday Funday meals and snacks will be 100% volunteer as is the labor in organizing, setting up, and cleaning up for the Community Christmas Dinner. Sorting, disposing of damaged items, and storing organized, cleaned, items in the school room will be volunteer. Additional Christmas dinner costs will be funded by money carried forward from donations received at the 2024 Christmas Dinner.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Phoenix Falling & Consulting
Certified, Competent, Reliable.
Shaun Phoenix, QST #46
General Delivery
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QUOTE # 47001

DATE: Feb. 12Th, 2025

Quote for:

Argenta Community Association
1024 Argenta Rd
Argenta, BC
V0G 1B0

Project:

Folding baby change table for upstairs bathroom.

DESCRIPTION	Qty	RATE	AMOUNT
materials including birch plywood and hardware	1	$250.00	$250.00
labour	8	$50.00	$400.00
shop supplies	1	$25.00	$25.00
installation	1	$50.00	$50.00
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		SUBTOTAL	$725.00
		GST @ 5%	$36.25
			$-
		TOTAL	**$761.25**

GST No. 851278614RT0001

Make all checks payable to "Shaun Phoenix" or eTransfer to email address above.

Net due 30 days from invoice date.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Proposed Menu for Sunday Funday

	Main	Snack/other
June 2025	Ham/turkey and cheese sandwiches	Granola bars/muffins, juice
July	Pasta salad w feta, cucumber, tomato	Cherries/watermelon, iced herbal tea
August	Burgers with fixins	Melon/stone fruit, thirsty buddha
Sept	Tomato bruschetta cheese melts	Oatmeal cookies, apple slices, iced herbal tea
Oct	Tomato soup w grilled cheese	Warm apple cider, pumpkin spice loaf
Nov	Lasagne w garlic toast	Granola bars, warm creamy spice tea
Dec 2025	Potato leek soup	Herby corn bread, peppermint hot chocolate
January 2026	Carrot ginger soup w focaccia	Cheese & onion muffins, hot apple cider
Feb	Stuffed baked potatoes w veg sticks	Apple spice cake, creamy spice tea
March	Mini pizzas	Oatmeal raisin cookies, peppermint tea
April	Minestrone soup w bread	Quinoa chocolate muffins, Thirsty buddha
May	Grilled cheese w veg and dip	Blackbean chocolate cake, apple punch
June 2026	Ham/turkey and cheese sandwiches	Granola bars, juice

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.228-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**
Registration # S-0007146
13429 Highway 31, PO Box 108, Meadow Creek BC V0G 1N0
Primary Contact: Amanda Cutting (250) 366-4236 manager@lvcc.ca
Signing Authority: Amanda Cutting (250) 366-4236 manager@lvcc.ca

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Programming @ LVCC 2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
All programs will take place at Lardeau Valley Community Centre.

Importance to the community:
Everyone in the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo area that participates in the variety of programs that will be available will benefit. It is important because the various programs will provide opportunities for community members to come together, get to know each other, and have fun.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			1500	**5500**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**7000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
7000	**14850**	**14850**

1. **The project will provide:**
   This project is meant to supply quality programming to residents of the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo. A lot of the programs we have planned include opportunities for creativity, social interaction, and education. We will use as much local talent and skill as possible to put on short-term workshops and long-running programs, such as a book club.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Everyone in the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo area that participates in the variety of programs that will be available will benefit. It is important because the various programs will provide opportunities for community members to come together, get to know each other, and have fun.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Most of our programming occurs during the winter months. The idea is to have enough variety that there is something for everyone and create opportunities for people to get out and socialize, even if it's only once a week.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   LVCC is centrally located in the Lardeau Valley and has a spacious building that could run multiple programs at a time.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The manager will be the key person involved in implementing the programs. Facilitators and volunteers will also be involved.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteers, donated items such as arts and crafts supplies and baking supplies.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.230-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**
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Signing Authority: Amanda Cutting (250) 366-4236 manager@lvcc.ca

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Swimming Lessons 2025**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Swimming lessons will take place at Glayco Beach (Duncan Lake) in Howser, BC.

Importance to the community:
Children learning how to swim and knowing what to do if they ever enter the water unexpectedly is an important life skill.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 8/2/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			750	**1750**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**2500**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
2500	**3500**	**3500**

1. **The project will provide:**
   We are providing swimming lessons for children in the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo area. We will be hiring a Lifesaving Society Swim Instructor to facilitate the lessons.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Children learning how to swim and knowing what to do if they ever enter the water unexpectedly is an important life skill.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The Lardeau Valley and Kaslo areas are home to many bodies of water including lakes, rivers, creeks, and streams. The children in our communities need to know how to be safe around water and what to do when they enter the water, whether on purpose or by accident.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   LVCC has been delivering this program for over 10 years.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The manager will advertise and hire a suitable swim instructor, receive program registrations, and assist the swim instructor in creating a timetable for lessons.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** LVCC provides flotation devices to be used during the swim lessons

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.232-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**
Registration # S-0007146
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Primary Contact: Amanda Cutting (250) 366-4236 manager@lvcc.ca
Signing Authority: Amanda Cutting (250) 366-4236 manager@lvcc.ca

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Security Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
LVCC

Importance to the community:
Anyone who uses the community centre will benefit from the added security inside the building. Good quality security cameras that back up to the cloud instead of a physical system that gets overwritten every two weeks ensures that even if an issue comes up a year after it happened, we will be able to provide evidence.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 10/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				2500
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**2500**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
2500	**3100**	**3100**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The project is a much needed upgrade to our security equipment. By upgrading our equipment, we will be better able to provide a safe environment for all of our users.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Anyone who uses the community centre will benefit from the added security inside the building. Good quality security cameras that back up to the cloud instead of a physical system that gets overwritten every two weeks ensures that even if an issue comes up a year after it happened, we will be able to provide evidence.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   LVCC prides ourselves on providing a safe environment for all of our users. We recently discovered that someone had gained unlawful entry into the building. Access was gained in an area not covered by a security camera. Items from one of our programs were stolen and one of our renters, Kaslo Food Hub, discovered how the person was gaining access into the building. Measures have been taken to prevent that from happening again; however, upgrading the security system will ensure the safety of all LVCC users and tenants.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   LVCC owns the property.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   The LVCC Manager and a volunteer who is knowledgeable in this area.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Volunteer labour assisting in spec'ing and installing cameras.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.236-2025

Organization **Intercultural Kootenays Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Stronger Together: Building Inclusive Community**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo
The Discrimination Reporting Tool is available online and we support all people residing in the regions listed above. The majority of our Connect events will take place in Nelson as this offers the most convenience for most of the participants, but reside

Importance to the community:
In our region, marginalized individuals-including racialized people, Indigenous people, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, neurodiverse people, and those with disabilities-experience racism and discrimination every day, often without reprieve. In our predominantly White area, many people who do not identify with these groups may never witness or be aware of the harm others face-but these experiences are real, ongoing, and painful.

Our project has the potential to create lasting change. By providing direct support through the Discrimination Reporting Tool, we help people have agency and feel heard. The Connect Series combats isolation, offering safe spaces for open expression. Beyond individual support, IK works with businesses, schools, and institutions to address systemic discrimination, encouraging growth and accountability.

As the saying goes, "a rising tide lifts all boats."• With continued community engagement, our work will shift perspectives, foster genuine inclusion, and help create a region where everyone-regardless of identity-feels safe, valued, and supported.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 6/1/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			500	**500**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
2000	**2000**	**1000**		**2000**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
2000				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver

	3000		**4000**	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	500		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**17500**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	**Total from Other Sources**	**Total Project Cash Budget**
17500	**45000**	**45000**

1. **The project will provide:**
This project takes a two-pronged approach-one reactive and one proactive.

The Discrimination Reporting Tool (DRT) provides a way to report incidents of discrimination and receive a supportive response. A peer support worker listens to the complainant about their experience and follows their lead on next steps. Support could include simply holding space for their story, offering advocacy, or engaging the responsible party in education and intercultural competency training. Our approach prioritizes trust, healing, and community transformation. Where appropriate, we also work with businesses, organizations, and individuals responsible for harm-offering the education and support they need to grow, unlearn biases, and create more welcoming and inclusive spaces.

The Connect Series creates spaces where people with shared lived experiences can come together for support, healing, and connection. These peer-led meetups provide opportunities for discussion and other activities that help mitigate isolation and stress. Over the course of the year, we aim to hold 24 meetups, including current groups (Indigenous, Black, Neurodiverse, Indian, Filipino, Latin, and SWANA (Southwest Asia and North Africa) Connect) as well as new ones to support other demographics.

As the funding for our work ends March 31, 2025, we are seeking funding to continue our impact, ensuring all community members feel seen, valued, and supported-while also guiding institutions and individuals toward meaningful change.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
Intercultural Kootenays (IK) is an inclusively-led nonprofit working to build welcoming, fair, and discrimination-free communities. We address the root causes of racism, hate, and exclusion by offering education, advocacy, and direct support to those facing inequities. We run programs like peer support meetups, a reporting and advocacy tool for those experiencing discrimination, and initiatives that push for fairer policies in government, businesses, and organizations. Our work focuses on supporting IBPOC, 2SLGBTQ+, neurodiverse individuals, and people with disabilities. Since our founding, we've been funded mainly through federal and provincial programs, with current funding secured until March 31, 2025. Government support is not guaranteed in this political climate, so community support will be critical to our future success. Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our impact by securing sustainable funding and continuing our work to create a future where everyone is valued, heard, and empowered.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
In our region, marginalized individuals-including racialized people, Indigenous people, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, neurodiverse people, and those with disabilities-experience racism and discrimination every day, often without

reprieve. In our predominantly White area, many people who do not identify with these groups may never witness or be aware of the harm others face-but these experiences are real, ongoing, and painful.

Our project has the potential to create lasting change. By providing direct support through the Discrimination Reporting Tool, we help people have agency and feel heard. The Connect Series combats isolation, offering safe spaces for open expression. Beyond individual support, IK works with businesses, schools, and institutions to address systemic discrimination, encouraging growth and accountability.

As the saying goes, "a rising tide lifts all boats."• With continued community engagement, our work will shift perspectives, foster genuine inclusion, and help create a region where everyone-regardless of identity-feels safe, valued, and supported.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
Discrimination remains a serious issue in our region which is 85% White, impacting racialized individuals, Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, neurodiverse individuals, and people with disabilities.

While a provincial hotline and other organizations address racism, Intercultural Kootenays (IK) takes a holistic approach-not only responding to incidents, but fostering healing, education, and systemic change. We support those affected while also working with businesses, schools, and institutions to build more inclusive spaces.

Past participants in our Connect Series describe it as:

"An important safe space, especially for those who are struggling about being an immigrant."•

"Being around peers with a similar lived experience is really encouraging and grounding, especially in a rural place where connecting with people is difficult."•

"I felt that it directly related to my lived experience and I left feeling connected to other neurodivergent folks with new tools under my belt."•

Addressing discrimination at its roots creates lasting community transformation.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
Created in response to repeated traumatic racist incidents, IK has spent years building trust, creating effective tools, and supporting equity-deserving communities.

Our Connect series and Discrimination Reporting Tool receive consistently positive feedback, helping people feel heard and supported. While formal reports capture only a fraction of discrimination, the willingness to come forward reflects the trust we've built-trust that will continue to grow with sustained support.

Though our growth has been deliberate, it has remained authentic and responsive, making IK the best organization to lead this work. We must continue growing at the speed of trust to be successful.

As the official Resilience BC Anti-Racism Spoke for the region, we have a strong foundation, an engaged community, experienced staff, and dedicated leadership. We are ready to expand our impact.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
IK staff will offer peer-support through the Discrimination Reporting Tool. Our board members are connected to other inclusion-focused groups and organizations across the community and province, bringing valuable perspectives and relationships that inform and strengthen our work. Bodies that will be part of our holistic response include

Nelson and District Youth Centre, Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (WKLIP), and several schools in the region. Additionally, IK is represented on the Nelson Police EDI Committee and a number of nonprofit boards in our community. Peer-support groups in the Connect Series will be organized and facilitated by leaders in the different communities.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:**

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Intercultural Kootenays Society
hello@interculturalkootenays.com

Our project – *Stronger Together: Building Inclusive Community* – has strong alignment with various priorities as laid out in the Columbia Basin Management Plan and Nelson's Path to 2040.

Columbia Basin Management Plan aligned objectives:

- **Relationships:** At its core, Intercultural Kootenays is focused on relationship building and maintenance. The project's Discrimination Reporting Tool allows us to see where relationships are breaking down and offers paths for rebuilding and strengthening relationships. The Connect program helps build camaraderie among marginalized groups and seeks ways to foster inclusivity with the community at large.
- **Communities:** To have a truly healthy community, we need all identifiable groups within the community to feel safe and welcome. Based on the trust we have built and are building with marginalized groups, we are positioned to improve community well-being through this project.

Nelson's Path to 2040 aligned objectives:

- **Cultural Strength:** Our community will benefit hugely when all marginalized groups are safe and feel emboldened to express their unique cultures. Diversity is strength. Until we are able to deal effectively with racism and discrimination we will never be able to reach our potential as a community.
- **Resiliency:** Looking to the future, if our community continues to suffer from the effects of racism and discrimination, we will not be well prepared for the challenges to come. By directly addressing these issues we are working to "foster healthy relationships to ensure residents trust and support each other in times of need."

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.263-2025

Organization **West Kootenay Fibreshed Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Flax Processing Tools - Regional Skills Revival Pilot**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Kaslo
Tool construction will take place in Meadow Creek, where our in-kind shop space and skilled labour will be dedicated to building the four sets of flax-processing tools. Upon completion, these legacy tools will be used in a series of one-day, hands-on work

Importance to the community:
This project is vital for preserving the West Kootenay bioregion's cultural heritage and promoting sustainable fibre education, forming the basis for broader discussions on sustainable regional flax production. Reviving traditional flax processing reconnects community members with a rich legacy of textile production that was once central to local self-sufficiency. The educational workshops will not only benefit local artisans, heritage enthusiasts, and community members of all ages by providing hands-on training in a long-forgotten craft but also stimulate larger economic opportunities. Through improved education, farmers can explore sustainable flax production as a viable crop, opening up new markets and creating economic opportunities in our bioregion. In doing so, the project strengthens community bonds, bolsters local economic resilience, and contributes to environmental sustainability, while laying a foundation for a thriving local fibre economy. The legacy tools will serve as a permanent educational resource for future generations.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2025 Project End: 3/31/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			837.5	**2750**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
837.5				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	837.5		**837.5**	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**6100**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
6100	6100	6100

1. **The project will provide:**
   The West Kootenay Fibreshed Society (WKFS) is seeking funding to create flax-processing tools that will revitalize traditional linen production in our bioregion. This project involves constructing four flax brakes, four scutching boards, and four sets of hackles using locally sourced lumber, nails, and wood glue. In-kind labour will be provided by Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd. Once constructed, these tools will be showcased in public demonstrations and hands-on workshops, reconnecting community members with time-honoured traditional skills in processing flax into linen.

   Historically, flax production played a central role in the West Kootenay bioregion's self-sufficient lifestyle. Early settlers, including members of the Doukhobor community, relied on these techniques to produce textiles essential for daily life. Notably, during the first half of the 20th century, the Province targeted the Sons of Freedom-group within the Doukhobor community-with fines, property seizures, and punitive measures. Between 1953 and 1959, adults were imprisoned and hundreds of children were forcibly removed from their families and placed in institutions. This state-led oppression, reminiscent of the historical displacement of First Nations-who have been stewards of these lands for time immemorial-underscores the resilience of those who maintained their traditional crafts despite tremendous adversity.

   By reviving these techniques, our project promotes sustainable fibre education and regenerative practices, honours our cultural heritage, and lays the foundation for a locally driven fibre economy.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The West Kootenay Fibreshed exists to nurture a sustainable and resilient textile ecosystem within the West Kootenay bio-region. We seek to restore and maintain the connection between people, land, and the fibres they produce and use, ensuring that textile production is environmentally sustainable, socially equitable, and economically viable.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   This project is vital for preserving the West Kootenay bioregion's cultural heritage and promoting sustainable fibre education, forming the basis for broader discussions on sustainable regional flax production. Reviving traditional flax processing reconnects community members with a rich legacy of textile production that was once central to local self-sufficiency. The educational workshops will not only benefit local artisans, heritage enthusiasts, and community members of all ages by providing hands-on training in a long-forgotten craft but also stimulate larger economic opportunities. Through improved education, farmers can explore sustainable flax production as a viable crop, opening up new markets and creating economic opportunities in our bioregion. In doing so, the project strengthens community bonds, bolsters local economic resilience, and contributes to environmental sustainability, while laying a foundation for a thriving local fibre economy. The legacy tools will serve as a permanent educational resource for future generations.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   This project addresses the loss of traditional flax processing skills and the absence of accessible, hands-on fibre education in the West Kootenay bioregion. Historically, flax production was integral to local self-sufficiency-practiced by communities such as the Doukhobors. Community consultations with local artisans, heritage groups, and

Fibreshed members have confirmed a strong desire to revive these lost techniques. The opportunity lies in preserving cultural knowledge and building capacity for sustainable textile production. Through practical training and public demonstrations, the project will help foster a renewed local fibre economy that parallels the conversation around local food security-underscoring that fibre security is equally essential for meeting one of our most basic human needs.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
West Kootenay Fibreshed is a new organization; however, our strength lies in the proven expertise of our Executive Director, Danielle Soucie. Danielle is an accomplished fibre art workshop facilitator and event planner with an extensive record of delivering successful fibre arts programs. Her hands-on experience in organizing workshops and public demonstrations has consistently engaged communities through sustainable textile education. Under Danielle's leadership, we have already established strong networks with local artisans, heritage experts, and community arts organizations, ensuring that our project will be well-supported and effectively executed. Additionally, in-kind contributions from partners such as Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd. and Lardeau Forest Products Ltd. further enhance our capacity to build the flax-processing tools. Despite our organizational youth, Danielle's leadership and our collaborative partnerships for this project position us uniquely to revive traditional flax processing techniques, preserve our bioregion's cultural heritage, and foster a sustainable local fibre economy.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
The project will be led by West Kootenay Fibreshed's Executive Director, Danielle Soucie to oversee all planning and implementation. Skilled fibre artists and instructors will conduct the workshops. Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd. will contribute in-kind labour and material expertise for constructing the tools. Lardeau Valley Forest Products Ltd. will supply the wood for the projects. Additionally, WKFS member volunteers with experience in heritage crafts and sustainable practices will support workshop facilitation. Local partnerships with artisan groups and community arts organizations will ensure broad participation and maximize the project's impact across the West Kootenay bioregion.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

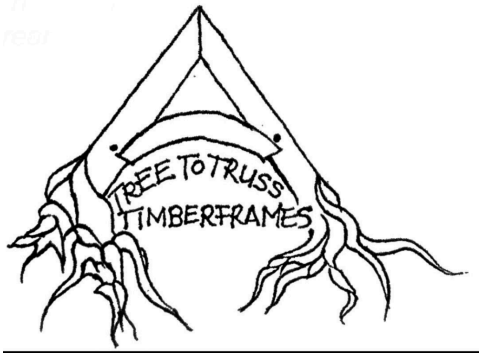
9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** In-kind labour from skilled woodworkers is being contributed towards building the flax processing tools. This is estimated at $1500 of labour.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd.

Re: Letter of Support for West Kootenay Fibreshed Society's Flax to Linen: Community Processing Tools Project

To Whom It May Concern,

As the President of Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd., I am pleased to offer my full support for the West Kootenay Fibreshed Society's application for funding to create legacy flax-processing tools. This initiative aligns with our company's commitment to sustainability and craftsmanship, of which we appreciate the application to preserve traditional skills from our region.

Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd. is proud to contribute to this initiative by donating in-kind labour and shop space (valued at $1500) for the fabrication of these tools. We recognize the long-term impact this project will have on the community by fostering sustainable practices and strengthening the local fibre economy and community.

I strongly encourage the Cities and Areas within the RDCK to support this important work. The West Kootenay Fibreshed is creating opportunities for learning, connection, and sustainability, and we are excited to play a role in bringing this vision to life.

Sincerely,

Ben Smith

Ben Smith
President
Tree to Truss Timberframing Ltd.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.273-2025

Organization **Nelson Civic Theatre Society/The Civic Theatre**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Growing the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp
The KSBI Regional Program Manager is based in Nelson (and Film Commissioner Sarah Kapoor is in Creston), but the reach of the program spans the region (as far as Elkford and Sparwood in the east, to Edgewood and Burton in the west, to the Rossland and Mon

Importance to the community:
The KSBI is unique and essential in a rural film region, and we are fortunate to have it, as other rural film regions in BC do not have equivalent programs. Outcomes continue to be incremental, and have fostered the creation and stewardship of a network of more than 600 KSBI workers, and relationships with other BC Film regions and film sector funding bodies, bridging the local industry with commercial film projects being cultivated across our region through the KRFC. It works to ensure that our local film workforce has the skills and credentials needed to work on these productions and to access funding for locally-initiated work. The KSBI is a critical component of the process to bring these projects here and the economic value for local people and businesses to benefit from them. Without it, we risk losing access to many future work opportunities on and adjacent to film projects.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 5/31/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
1500	**2500**	**1000**	**250**	**500**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
1750	**1750**	**500**	**1000**	**500**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
1500	**250**	**1000**	**250**	**250**
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
250	**2400**	**1000**	**7500**	**250**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
250	**250**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**26400**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
26400	34400	34400

1. **The project will provide:**
This project will support the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI) Program for the 2024-25 year, supporting the key roles of KSBI Regional Program Manager and KSBI Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator and the costs associated with hosting meetups of KSBI Workers in Columbia Basin communities within the RDCK. The Program Manager is also an integral part of the regional management of the Kootenay Regional Film Commission (KRFC).

   The ReDi Program (and as CIP) has supported the KSBI program in a number of ways in the past, including with start-up consulting to begin this economic stimulation program, the development of kootenayfilm.com, and support for the KRFC.

   KSBI programming is free of charge, age-inclusive, and open to the public. It has no earned income streams. Since its inception, this program has needed minimal support because a BC Rural Dividend grant supported it. Our expectation has long been that NCTS would be able to support this role through earned income from three theatres once our renovation was complete. As this renovation has been delayed, that funding stream is not yet available to us, so we will need funding to continue this important regional economic development program in the coming year. Once the renovation is complete, the plan is for NCTS to be able to support this program on earned revenues.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
Founded in 2012, Nelson Civic Theatre Society (NCTS) is a non-profit cultural media arts organization devoted to presenting and promoting film as a cultural and economic force in our society; advancing education about film and digital media; and, through the power of technology, offering our city and region a great role to play in a global community. Through our original location at The Civic Theatre (circa 1935) as well as our second space, 225 Hall Street (home of Reo's Video and The Shoebox Theatre), and led by our values of Leadership, Connection, Curiosity, Inclusion and Accessibility, and Climate Action, NCTS seeks to be a vibrant force in our rural community, offering inspiring and transformative cultural experiences, in which every person feels welcome and at home.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
The KSBI is unique and essential in a rural film region, and we are fortunate to have it, as other rural film regions in BC do not have equivalent programs. Outcomes continue to be incremental, and have fostered the creation and stewardship of a network of more than 600 KSBI workers, and relationships with other BC Film regions and film sector funding bodies, bridging the local industry with commercial film projects being cultivated across our region through the KRFC. It works to ensure that our local film workforce has the skills and credentials needed to work on these productions and to access funding for locally-initiated work. The KSBI is a critical component of the process to bring these projects here and the economic value for local people and businesses to benefit from them. Without it, we risk losing access to many future work opportunities on and adjacent to film projects.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
The KSBI program addresses the economic and networking barriers that workers face living in a rural community. The program began in 2016 as a response to feedback from industry workers that cultural infrastructure and opportunities for professional development were lacking in our region. Since its inception, the program's goals have been identified through ongoing regular engagement with members through meetups and surveys. Goals are

reviewed and renewed on an ongoing basis to ensure responsiveness to local needs and economic realities. This project will support continued support and outreach for workers through management of an active Facebook group (currently at 617 members - an increase of more than 60 members in the past year alone), professional development opportunities (mentorships and workshops), and significant support to the economic goals of the KRFC.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Since 2016, NCTS has been committed to growing the KSBI and we have built a strong network. Our very active KSBI Facebook group connects 600+ people and film businesses, updating members on industry activities, including topical monthly meetups. The role we have played in developing and securing the KRFC is substantial and we want to ensure that we continue to build momentum for Kootenay-based film projects, including major ones that have significant economic impacts. Results of this program have included festival events for youth, emerging, and established Kootenay filmmakers in several locally-produced festivals, including the STOODIS Indigenous Film Festival, a wide array of professional development events and workshops, mentorships for women in film, the development of the film gear rental program, kootenayfilm.com, and the new Kootenay Regional Film Commission, the majority of which has had a reach spanning the entire region. We remain perfectly positioned to deliver this work.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   NCTS is the home of the KSBI and co-founder of the KRFC, in partnership with the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association in Kimberley, BC. The KSBI Regional Program Manager will lead this project, working closely with the KSBI Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator and the Regional Film Commission. Depending on meetups, events, workshops, and mentorship plans, a number of other KSBI professionals may be contracted to play paid and volunteer roles in executing programs.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** No

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** NCTS will make the use of The Shoebox Theatre available for meet ups. We will also seek partners in other RDCK communities to donate spaces to host meet ups and events over the course of the year.
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13. NCTS also offers a significant amount of leadership, programming and service staff time to this project, which is not represented in this budget.

14. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Nelson Civic Theatre Society
719 Vernon Street
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February 18, 2025

Subject: Request for Support of the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI) Program

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Nelson Civic Theatre Society (NCTS), I am pleased to submit our request to the City of Nelson in support of our economic initiative, the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI) Program. This project, based in Nelson with regional impact, aligns with key community plans such as the **Path to 2040**, **Nelson Next**, and the **Sustainable Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan**. We are also reaching out to other communities in the region for their support.

The requested funding will ensure the continuation of the KSBI program this year. When we initiated this program in 2016 with support from the BC Rural Dividend Fund, we anticipated that the conversion of The Civic Theatre into a three-screen venue would be completed within 2-3 years, and that income from this new model would support staffing. However, delays in the renovation project have left us without the expected earned income, making this funding request essential for the program's continued operation.

Since its inception, the KSBI program has had far-reaching regional goals to grow and sustain the screen-based industry and economy in the Kootenays. Since hiring the KSBI Regional Program Manager in 2019, the program has grown its reach and impact, leading to the establishment of the Kootenay Regional Film Commission (KRFC) in 2021, complete with the role of Film Commissioner established in our region for the first time. Today, the KSBI program is an integral component of the KRFC, an initiative that genuinely bridges the Central and East Kootenay through an MOU partnership between NCTS and Kootenay Rockies Tourism (Kimberley). The KSBI Regional Program Manager is a critical liaison between the needs and interests of local film workers and the productions that are being attracted through the Commission's work.

Our project aligns with the City of Nelson's **Path to 2040** through the following focus areas:

Arts, Culture and Heritage
ACH1: Promote artistic and cultural expression and celebration in the community to help support a vibrant centre and identity.
ACH2: Preserve and celebrate the authenticity and heritage of our community.
ACH3: Engage the creative energy of the community in strengthening a cultural vision for Nelson.
ACH4: Integrate the Arts, Culture and Heritage sector with others to enrich and build a stronger community.

Outcome: The KSBI program facilitates engagement with screen-based industry (SBI) workers and companies, managing outreach through social media, organizing industry meetups, film workshops, mentorships, and facilitating connections and gathering feedback to enhance local film production. This contributes to more locally-generated media projects and stronger community exchanges.

Energy and Climate Change
ECC2: Promote and support activities and infrastructure, such as buildings and transportation, which reduce energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and are carbon-neutral.

Outcome: The KSBI program promotes local sharing of resources such as technical gear, reducing transportation costs and the environmental impact of sourcing items from outside the region. By making equipment available to local filmmakers, we also reduce the need for external travel and contribute to more sustainable production practices. Networking through the KSBI Facebook group and in-person meetups facilitates new professional connections, increasing the opportunities to collaborate with or employ people who are in our area on aspects of projects that would otherwise need to be sourced elsewhere. The KSBI program also promotes Creative BC's Reel Green Initiative through Kootenay Film socials, encouraging members to take part in learning and education opportunities provided to learn about sustainable production.

Healthy Living and Social Wellbeing
HLSW2: Foster an inclusive & respectful community where all citizens have opportunities for meaningful participation in social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the City.
HLSW4: Maximize opportunities for intergenerational connections, in particular as they support family development.
HLSW5: Sustain an attitude of openness and a culture of learning that adapts positively to change.
HLSW6: Support economic development activities that incorporate social justice considerations such as: affordable and acceptable childcare, housing and transportation; living wages; sufficient employment; and workplaces free of discrimination and harassment.

Outcome: There is substantial activity on our Facebook group and at our meetups, both of which are open to the public. KSBI's meetups and the KSBI Workers Facebook group offer inclusive spaces for exchange between emerging and established SBI workers. These platforms foster intergenerational learning, resulting in collaborations that engage local people in new film projects. As well, the 'Her Vision': Women in Film Mentorship Program has increased opportunities for women to foster strong professional connections, receive support, and participate in the social, cultural, economic and environmental landscape of the City. Further, an application has been made to start another mentorship program called Rising Narratives, a year-long mentorship program addressing the lack of diversity in the Kootenays' film &

screen-based media industry & empowers IBPOC, neurodivergent, Persons with disabilities, & 2SLGBTQ+ communities to grow & succeed in the sector. This contributes to the community's cultural, social, and economic well-being. There is already ample evidence of this through many local projects forged out of new collaborations.

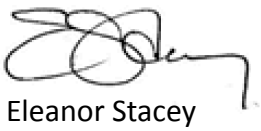
Local Economy
LE1: Proactively attract, retain, expand and foster businesses and investment in Nelson.
LE2: Foster and support entrepreneurial leadership in the community.
LE3: Maintain and further develop our diverse economy by identifying and supporting key sectors.
LE4: Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown and waterfront and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles.

Outcome: The KSBI Program is contributing substantially to the development of the local film sector - this can be seen by the active participation and exchanges on the Facebook group, the number of new members that join on a steady basis, the many collaborations between film professionals and other artists, and the engagement at meetups and within workshops, masterclasses, and mentorship programs. Our hand in supporting the Kootenay Regional Film Commission cannot be understated - the entire purpose of the commission is centred around bringing film projects to our region to make significant economic impacts and the KSBI Program has played a strong role in connecting local crew with those film projects. We have already seen success with recent feature films coming to our region, bringing production dollars, and employing local crew such as *All Night Wrong* ($3,500,000 budget) shot in Radium in 2024, and *Love in Glacier National: A National Park Romance* ($1,500,000 budget) shot in Fernie in 2022, with these production companies talking about bringing a slate of productions to the entire region. Our goal is to ensure that projects like this bring benefits to communities across the film region, including Nelson.

Our initiative also aligns with the Columbia Basin Trust's strategic priorities in Arts, Culture and Heritage, Community Priorities, Economic Development, and Non-Profit Support.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Stacey
Executive Director

Kootenay Screen-Based Industry Workers Program & Kootenay Regional Film Commission

Lynn Trinh – KSBI Regional Program Manager
Since 2019, Lynn has been dedicated to developing a thriving screen-based industry that is not only accessible and inclusive to a diverse range of creative voices, but also supports emerging filmmakers and locally-produced content. In her role, she has hosted regular meetups, fostered professional development for the local crew base through initiatives such as the KSBI Momentum Masterclass Series and the Her Vision: Women in Film Mentorship Program. She is the lead for NCTS on the Kootenay Regional Film Commission and was the lead in the launch of KootenayFilm.com. Lynn studied Media, Information and Technoculture (MIT) at Western University (London, ON) and took courses in film studies, screenwriting, digital video, audio, and photography. She also studied Digital Arts and New Media at Selkirk College (Nelson, BC). She has been involved in the community as a filmmaker, photographer, and graphic designer with a strong passion for fostering culture, community, diversity, environmental awareness, and authentic storytelling through film and the digital arts. She has worked as the Digital Media and Content Lead for Shambhala Music Festival, directing media teams, press and public relations. Her short documentary on Asian youth and their experiences living in Nelson, screened at the Capitol Theatre in 2018-2019, fueling conversations about cultural diversity in rural BC. In 2020, she worked with the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, where she produced five short films that educate viewers on the Upper Columbia region and its unique ecological importance.

Carla Sinclair – Filmmaker, Educator & Community Engagement Specialist
Carla Sinclair is an award-winning filmmaker focused on social justice and identity. Using digital storytelling as a medium to listen, build community, and provide a platform for underrepresented voices, Carla's work aims to help shape how we understand and relate to one another. She has created multiple series for Bell Media and produced documentary films that have screened at Hot Docs International Film Festival. Opportunities to work on projects that demonstrate collective impact strategies for growth in cultural, social, and educational sectors are central to Carla's professional focus. As a filmmaker, she has extensive experience behind the camera, capturing audio, writing scripts, conducting effective interviews, and managing projects from conception through to completion. Her background in cultural programming and event coordination spans a diverse range of activities, including organizing art gallery fundraisers, coordinating monthly community events, overseeing film festivals, contributing to municipal cultural committees, and managing summer film camps. Passionate about empowering individuals and communities, Carla is dedicated to creating work that not only raises awareness but also drives positive, lasting change.

Sarah Kapoor – Film Commissioner
Sarah Kapoor is an accomplished producer, writer, and director with over two decades of industry experience. Born in Creston, BC, she began her career selling documentaries to CBC, where she later spent ten years as a senior producer. She co-created and hosted *Past Life Investigation*, which earned a Gemini nomination, won a Gracie Award, and was featured on

The Oprah Winfrey Show. Sarah returned to the Kootenays in 2013 and has since established herself as a key industry leader. Sarah co-founded her own niche production company, Pollinator Films in 2009. She went on to write, produce, direct, and star in the acclaimed independent dramatic comedy feature, *The Bad Mother* (2016), now available on several streaming platforms. Currently, Sarah is conceptualizing an interactive digital media technology that measures screen impact on the nervous system with support from the Canadian Media Fund, as well as producing the documentary *The Dear Me Project,* which will be available on Telus Optik in January 2025. She also participated in NCTS' inaugural artist residency program and was selected for advanced producer training by the National Screen Institute. In 2023-2024, she was one of 22 Canadian producers chosen for intensive training on provincial and international co-productions, and she continues to engage in AI-related research to help creatives navigate the evolving digital landscape.

Eleanor Stacey – Executive Director, NCTS
Eleanor Stacey oversees The Civic Theatre, The Shoebox Theatre, Reo's Video, the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry Initiative, and the Kootenay Regional Film Commission. With over 25 years in nonprofit leadership, she has expertise in strategic planning, fundraising, advocacy, and governance. Her past roles include Executive Director of the Greater Vancouver Professional Theatre Alliance and Director of Development at The Cultch (Vancouver) and Classic Stage Company (New York).

Eleanor holds an MFA in Arts Administration from Brooklyn College (CUNY) and a BA from Mount Allison University. She serves on multiple boards, including the Network of Independent Canadian Exhibitors and the Intercultural Kootenays Society. She launched the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry Workers Group in 2016, which laid the foundation for the KSBI Program and Film Commission. A strong advocate for regional arts, Eleanor is dedicated to ensuring that the Kootenays remain a thriving hub for screen-based media and cultural exchange.

Wendy Van Puymbroeck – Director of Industry Development & Destination Marketing, Kootenay Rockies Tourism
Wendy Van Puymbroeck brings over 30 years of experience in the tourism industry, including global airline work and Indigenous-led tourism development. Since 2011, she has been Director of Industry Development & Destination Marketing at Kootenay Rockies Tourism, leading community engagement, marketing, and professional development initiatives.

As the tourism lead for the Kootenay Regional Film Commission, Wendy collaborates with NCTS and Creative BC to provide strategic guidance, coordinate meetings, and prepare industry reports. She has played a key role in managing this project since 2020, ensuring alignment between tourism and film sector development in the region. Wendy is committed to highlighting the Kootenays as a premier film destination, integrating industry growth with regional tourism strategies to maximize economic and cultural benefits.

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RDCK File No.275-2025

Organization **Little Mittens Animal Rescue Association**

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Multi Use Flight Pen for Raptor Rehabilitation and Wildlife**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo
The project will take place at Little Mittens Animal Rescue in Golden BC

Importance to the community:
BC, is home to diverse wildlife, including raptors that often suffer from vehicle collisions, poisoning, and habitat destruction. This enclosure will allow injured raptors to heal in a controlled, species-appropriate environment, improving their chances of release back into the wild. The project will also benefit the community, conservationists, and educational outreach efforts, increasing public awareness of wildlife protection.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/14/2025 Project End: 7/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
2498.77	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
2498.77	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.76**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
2497.84	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
2499.77	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**	**2498.77**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
2498.77	**2498.77**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**54973**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
54973	**66047**	**66047**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The project involves constructing a 20'x60' rehabilitation enclosure for injured raptors. This enclosure will provide a safe, spacious, and species-appropriate space for raptors undergoing rehabilitation. The structure will be built with framed panels, wire mesh, roof support beams, and weather-protective tin siding, ensuring durability and security. It will also feature dividable sections to accommodate different species or separate birds at various recovery stages. We would achieve this by hiring local contractors.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To reduce the number of homeless and feral domestic animals, and ensure the survival of injured and displaced wildlife, while evoking compassionate attitudes of individuals towards all creatures big and small.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   BC, is home to diverse wildlife, including raptors that often suffer from vehicle collisions, poisoning, and habitat destruction. This enclosure will allow injured raptors to heal in a controlled, species-appropriate environment, improving their chances of release back into the wild. The project will also benefit the community, conservationists, and educational outreach efforts, increasing public awareness of wildlife protection.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   This project addresses the lack of adequate rehabilitation space for raptors in the Golden area. The need was identified due to increasing raptor rescue cases and the lack of appropriate enclosures to house them safely during recovery. A well-structured enclosure will improve survival rates and rehabilitation success. Currently we transport them through air or ground. Less travel and human contact is better due to stress on the animals. We send many mammals to Critter Care in Langley and Raptors to Delta.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Little Mittens Animal Rescue has extensive experience in wildlife rehabilitation and a strong track record in animal welfare. The organization has the necessary permits, knowledge, and community support to run this project efficiently. With an established facility and staff, it is well-positioned to manage and sustain the enclosure. We are the only permitted wildlife centre in all of the Kootenays. This flight pen helps with returning the raptors to their original place of rescue with less stress of the extra travel.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Calder Creek Contracting Ltd - Responsible for construction.
   Little Mittens Animal Rescue team - Overseeing the project and ensuring compliance with rehabilitation standards.
   Local volunteers and wildlife professionals - Assisting with setup and care for the raptors.
   OW Braisher- Gravel
   Brisco Mill- Hydro poles
   Choice Ventures- Land and site prep

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Several hours will be put in by volunteers. Not just from the wildlife team but as well as community members who are skilled in building and trades.
12. Veterinary Services & Consultations
13. Wildlife Specialist Consultations

14. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Dan Bartol
Conservation Officer Service
February 9, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for Little Mittens Animal Rescue and their critical work in wildlife rehabilitation. As the only permitted and licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility in the entire Kootenay region, Little Mittens provides an essential service to our community and the surrounding area. Their dedication to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured and displaced wildlife is unparalleled, and their impact on conservation efforts cannot be overstated.

One of the greatest challenges in wildlife rehabilitation is ensuring that birds of prey and other flighted species regain the strength and conditioning necessary for a successful return to the wild. The proposed flight pen that Little Mittens is seeking to build will play a crucial role in this process. Currently, there are very limited options in our region for raptors and other large birds to complete their recovery in a controlled, natural environment. A flight pen of this caliber would allow these animals to rebuild their flight muscles and hone their hunting skills before release, significantly improving their chances of survival.

As a Conservation Officer, I have worked closely with Little Mittens Animal Rescue and have seen firsthand the dedication, expertise, and tireless effort they put into every case. Without their facility and their willingness to take in and care for injured and orphaned wildlife, many animals would have no chance of survival. Their commitment not only benefits individual animals but also strengthens the ecological balance in our region.

I strongly encourage the approval and support of this vital project. The addition of a flight pen will be a game-changer for wildlife rehabilitation in the Kootenays, providing an invaluable resource that will lead to increased success rates in the recovery and release of our native species.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Dan Bartol
Conservation Officer

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Flight cage referral letter.

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February 11, 2025

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Alannah Knapp for the building of a flight cage/wildlife rehabilitation facility near Golden, BC. This will be a much needed and important center for the care and rehabilitation of injured wildlife. Alannah works closely with myself and others at the Invermere Veterinary Hospital to ensure wildlife is assessed and cared for in the most humane way possible with the intent for release back into the wild when healed.

I fully support Alannah Knapp on this project,

Sincerely
Dr. Stephanie Cerny, DVM

February 8, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Let this letter serve to solidify my support for Alannah Knapp and Little Mittens Animal Rescue Association (LMARA) in their grant application for an avian flight pen. The wildlife rehabilitation facility, owned and operated by LMARA, is in need of flight enclosures for their current and future flighted patients. A flight enclosure large enough to house and exercise birds of prey (raptors and owls) would be a huge asset to the organization and would result in improved quality of care and an increase in patient release numbers. Due to the unpredictability of patient intake in wildlife rehabilitation, any new enclosure could also serve dual purpose, to house other recovering animals when large birds of prey may not be in LMARA's care, thus preventing wasted animal enclosure space.

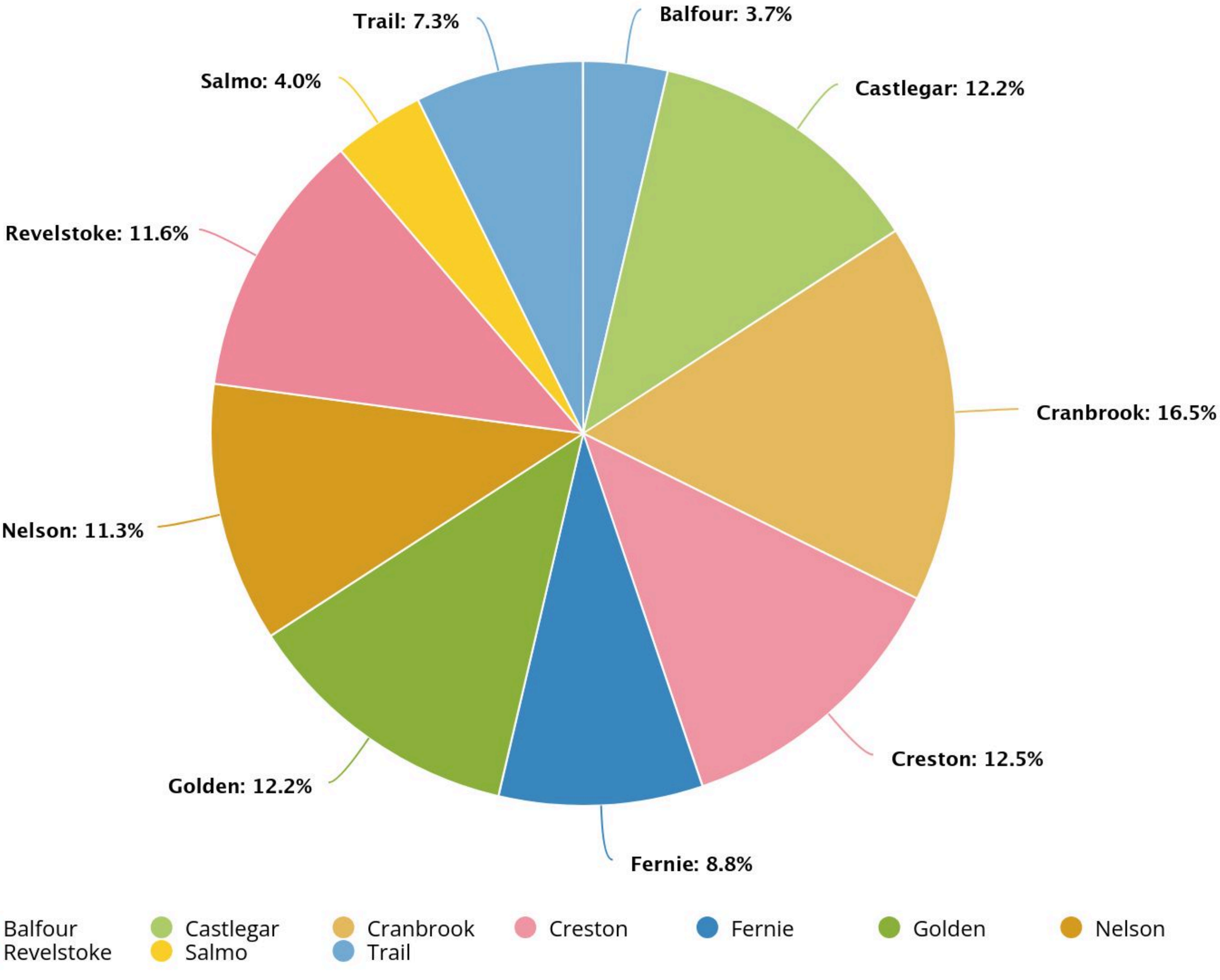
I have been a mentor to and support to Alannah and LMRA for many years and am continually impressed by the progress made year over year. With each year, funding becomes more predictable, animal enclosures improve and the staff and volunteers take on more complex and challenging cases. With my 25 years of expertise in animal care, I am proud to be associated with this team at this amazing point in time, where the organization is truly becoming strong and reliable, solidifying a wonderful reputation in the field.

Please accept my support for this grant application and feel free to reach out at any time for more information.
With kind regards,
Jenna

Jenna McFarland

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.284-2025

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Water Monitoring for Local Climate Change Adaptation**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area KÂ , City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Silver
Monitoring sites have been established across much of the RDCK, on Ktunaxa, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations territories.

The network has been designed to include a diverse range of watershed types. Monitoring carried out at each site can be used t

Importance to the community:
This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
600	**600**	**600**	**700**	**900**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
700	**700**	**200**	**600**	**600**
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
600				

Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	400	**400**	**400**	**400**
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
400	**400**		**TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT**	**9200**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
9200	**379610**	**379610**

1. **The project will provide:**
   Since 2022, Living Lakes Canada has established a coordinated water and climate monitoring network which includes the majority of the RDCK. This network monitors all parts of the water cycle, including streams, lakes, wetlands, climate, snowpack, and groundwater levels.

   It is critical that we continue to generate consistent, long-term datasets to meet local adaptation needs. Additionally, we are establishing one new meteorological monitoring station in 2025, in the Five Mile Basin within Area E in partnership with the City of Nelson and Province of BC.

   With several years of data now available, we are also increasing our focus on using the resulting data to produce informative reports, modelling and data analysis products to inform local decision making and climate resilience. In Area H we are supporting several communities in developing Water Resource Inventories to support wildfire suppression, modelled after the successful pilot launched in Argenta in Area D in 2024. The work carried out in Argenta will also be refined and expanded upon in 2025.

   Throughout 2025 we will initiate conversations with local decision makers including staff and elected officials, to provide information about the resources available to them and support their usage. We look forward to continuing to support community partners and local decision makers by providing high-quality water and climate data and capacity building support.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   Living Lakes Canada's science-driven, community-based water monitoring, assessment and restoration programs bridge the gap between science and action to foster freshwater stewardship. Our mandate is to increase public knowledge of watershed health and empower Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across Canada to protect their threatened freshwater sources. We are based in Nelson, B.C.

   LLC serves to address the climate crisis as it relates to people across Canada. Our work encompasses water protection, restoration, and health. We build capacity through community-based water monitoring to help address climate impacts. We promote and facilitate cross-sector collaboration and research to increase water literacy and support progressive decision-making for improved water stewardship. Our successful leadership and stewardship templates have supported the creation of many other grassroots water stewardship groups. LLC has received multiple water stewardship awards and has been recognized by the federal government as a "best practices"• example in community-based ecological monitoring in Canada.

Our team is currently managing an annual budget of $2,485,265 including projects across Canada.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**

The urgency of the water crisis in our region cannot be ignored. Continued drought, inconsistent snowpack, intense wildfires, unreliable surface water sources and historically low groundwater levels combined with record-high temperatures are impacting human and ecological communities.

Prior to the CBWMF, existing water monitoring networks were insufficient to track and understand these impacts. Therefore, decision makers and community members did not have access to the information required to improve community climate resilience.

All levels of government, First Nations, local stewardship groups and the private sector were involved in community consultation in 2022 and 2023 to identify specific local issues and opportunities, which informed LLC's monitoring site selection.

Since establishing the monitoring network, we have learned that data users are not always equipped with the necessary training or tools to interpret data and apply it for their water management needs, so we are increasing emphasis on this aspect of our work.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**

Living Lakes Canada has been leading the development and implementation of this project since its beginnings in 2017. Results to date, supported by the RDCK ReDi Grants in 2024, are detailed in the attachments to this application.

The CBWMF team is composed of several full-time employees who bring a wealth of experience facilitating water monitoring and stewardship projects, with seasonal and part-time staff retained as needed. We have contracted the appropriate hydrology professionals to provide scientific guidance and oversight. Additionally, we are connected to a network of industry leaders and professionals who provide in-kind advisory support to our staff.

As this is a large-scale project, we are enhancing our capacity by working with local consultants, stewardship groups and community members to implement the monitoring.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project is led by Living Lakes Canada and will be implemented by our staff, primarily based in Nelson. Summer students will be employed, providing job experience opportunities for local youth. Local consultants are also employed to support the operation of monitoring stations and provide technical oversight. Where possible,

monitoring is carried out in collaboration with community stewardship groups, local governments and Indigenous communities. We also host workshops with students at Selkirk College and create opportunities for community members to gain experience in water monitoring and stewardship through this project.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Several equipment suppliers (e.g. Solinst Canada) and software providers (e.g. Aquatic Informatics) support the program through discounted rates or donations.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

WATERSHED BULLETINS

Living Lakes is sharing the findings and stories of data collected through the CBWMF in a series of Watershed Bulletins. The available issues are below.

Bringing Watershed Data to Life with New Visualization Tool

Volume 1, Issue 3: November 2024

Explore the Columbia Basin Water Hub's new graphing tool using data from three water monitoring stations within the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework—Bonanza Creek, Dunbar Creek, and Bruce Creek—and learn about the important role of regional water hubs. Read the Bulletin.

Wildfire Suppression in Rural BC fuelled by proactive Water Mapping

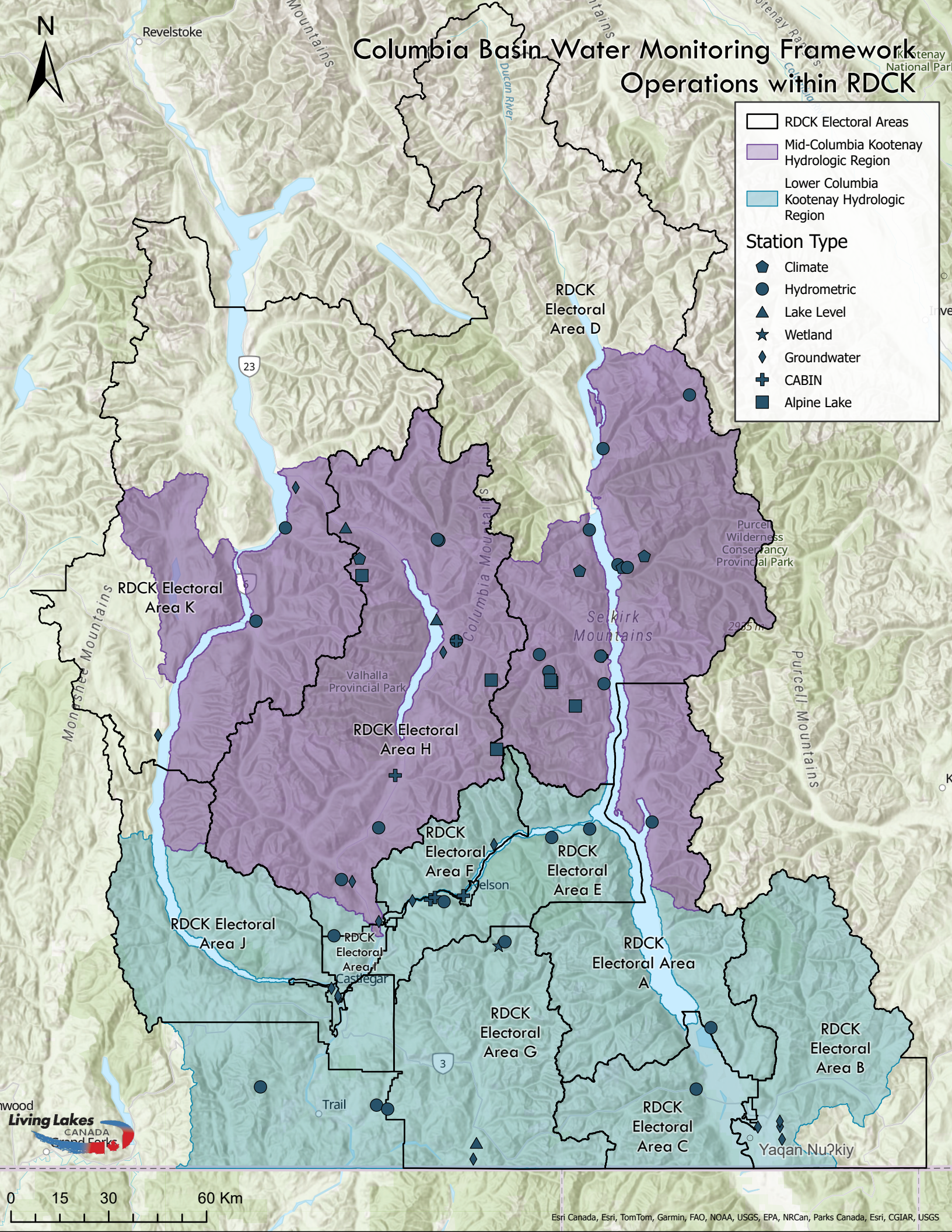
Volume 1, Issue 2: September 2024

Discover how local knowledge was compiled, digitized and transformed into interactive maps to help wildfire crews quickly orient themselves and gain situational awareness at critical times, and how it was applied during the recent Argenta Creek wildfire. Read the Bulletin.

Spring Groundwater Levels Highlight Variability and Need for Expanded Monitoring

Volume 1, Issue 1: June 2024

Learn more about the longer-term groundwater level trends and why collecting aquifer-specific information supports sustainable groundwater management in our first Watershed Bulletin. Read the Bulletin.


Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework
Operations within RDCK
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RDCK Electoral Areas
Mid-Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region
Lower Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region
Station Type
Climate
Hydrometric
Lake Level
Wetland
Groundwater
CABIN
Alpine Lake
Revelstoke
Mountains
Duncan River
Kootenay National Park
RDCK Electoral Area D
23
Purcell Wilderness Conservancy Provincial Park
RDCK Electoral Area K
Monashee Mountains
Columbia Mountains
Selkirk Mountains
2985m
Valhalla Provincial Park
Purcell Mountains
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RDCK Electoral Area E
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Organization **Langham Cultural Society**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Roots: Elevating Local Artists**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, Village of Kaslo
In Kaslo with the live show at The Langham Theatre and recording at Propel Studios in Kaslo.

Importance to the community:
Kaslo and the Area D region, has a deep appreciation for local arts and culture, and The Langham has long been a cornerstone of the region's creative scene. However, many talented local musicians struggle to reach wider audiences due to our remote geography and limited performance opportunities.

The Kootenay Roots Project bridges this gap by offering a high-profile platform for local artists while enriching the cultural landscape for our community. This initiative not only connects audiences with emerging talent but also equips musicians with professional recordings and promotional assets, helping them grow beyond Kaslo.

By expanding local artist programming, we strengthen our community's cultural identity, provide meaningful support to emerging musicians, and create new opportunities for artistic development. This project benefits both artists and audiences, fostering a more vibrant, sustainable, and connected local music scene.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2025 Project End: 2/1/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			3010	**1000**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**4010**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
4010	**11040**	**11040**

1. **The project will provide:**
   Kootenay Roots: Elevating Local Artists
   The Kootenay Roots project is a community-driven initiative that showcases and uplifts local musicians by providing them with a professional performance and recording opportunity. This project will support five selected artists to perform on The Langham's stage, professionally record their original music, and gain high-quality promotional materials-all essential tools for building a successful music career.

   Initiative Description
   The project features a one-night live showcase at The Langham, where five local musicians/groups will perform in a professionally produced concert. The event will be captured with high-quality video and photography, giving artists valuable promotional assets to help them secure future bookings.

   Each artist will also receive studio recording time at Propel Studios, where they will professionally record 1-2 songs. These tracks will be included in a compilation album that will be sold as a fundraiser to support future local artist initiatives.

   By offering a comprehensive package of live performance, professional recording, and promotional materials, the Kootenay Roots Show provides emerging and local musicians with a critical platform for growth, helping to strengthen the local music community and support artists in reaching the next stage of their careers.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   The Langham Cultural Society, based in the historic Langham building in Kaslo, BC, is a vibrant cultural hub offering year-round arts programming. As a charitable arts and heritage centre, we present diverse performances, exhibitions, and community events while also housing a Japanese Canadian Internment Museum, artist studios, and galleries.

   Mission: To enhance community identity and inspire creativity by offering a vibrant, inclusive cultural hub for Kaslo and the surrounding Kootenay region.

   Vision: A vibrant community where arts, culture, and history foster connection and inspiration for all.

   Values:
   We believe in:
   - Community Well-being: Participation in arts and culture enhances community spirit and well-being.
   - Excellence and Diversity: Diverse programming inspires pride in both contemporary and historical arts and heritage.
   - Collaboration: Partnering with other organizations strengthens our impact and reach.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Kaslo and the Area D region, has a deep appreciation for local arts and culture, and The Langham has long been a cornerstone of the region's creative scene. However, many talented local musicians struggle to reach wider audiences due to our remote geography and limited performance opportunities.

The Kootenay Roots Project bridges this gap by offering a high-profile platform for local artists while enriching the cultural landscape for our community. This initiative not only connects audiences with emerging talent but also equips musicians with professional recordings and promotional assets, helping them grow beyond Kaslo.

By expanding local artist programming, we strengthen our community's cultural identity, provide meaningful support to emerging musicians, and create new opportunities for artistic development. This project benefits both artists and audiences, fostering a more vibrant, sustainable, and connected local music scene.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
Many talented local musicians lack the audience reach to successfully book and perform solo shows. We regularly receive inquiries from artists eager to perform but unable to fill enough seats to make it financially viable.

The Kootenay Roots Project addresses this challenge by providing these musicians with a high-quality performance opportunity in an established professional venue, alongside other local artists, ensuring a built-in audience and greater exposure.

Beyond the live show, this initiative equips artists with essential professional assets-high-quality video, photography, and professionally recorded tracks-helping them promote themselves and secure future bookings. By offering a stepping stone for emerging artists, this project fosters artistic growth, strengthens the local music scene, and ensures more sustainable performance opportunities in our community.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
The Langham has a proven track record of delivering high-quality arts and culture programming in Kaslo. As a non-profit dedicated to supporting artists, we are uniquely positioned to execute this project successfully, combining our expertise, professional infrastructure, and strong community connections.

With nearly 50 years of experience, we have built a reputation for excellence, consistently attracting both audiences and artists. Our intimate, professionally equipped venue, experienced staff, and dedicated volunteer base ensure we can produce a high-caliber event while providing local musicians with meaningful experiences and career development opportunities.

Additionally, we have established connections -including Propel Studios for professional recording, qualified AV Techs, and professional photographers & videographers -to maximize artist benefits. With the necessary resources, expertise, and community support, The Langham is ideally suited to deliver this project, ensuring a lasting impact on both local musicians and Kaslo's & Area D's thriving arts scene.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
The Langham; Executive Director, Program Manager, Production Technician, and Event Host. Propel Studios staff will provide album recording services and a Langham employee with professional videography experience will be contracted as photographer/videographer to help with media production as part of the value offering of the project.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Propel Studios is donating recording studio time.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.320-2025

Organization **Lardeau Valley Community Club**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Freezer Meals for Community Members and for Senior and Mobility Challenged**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
The program (Family Freezer Meals) will be delivered throughout the Lardeau Valley community and the Meals on Wheels and Mobility challenge will include Lardeau Valley and Kaslo area.

Importance to the community:
Through this project, community members of the Lardeau Valley are able to learn how to economize without sacrificing nutrition by creating a large number of meals for their family. In addition with the new format the participants will learn how to further develop these skills thereby being more independent and a big part of their own food security. The Freezer Meals on Wheels program benefits our ageing seniors, mobility challenged community members, as well as those seniors who need help on a temporary basis after facing surgeries that limit their mobility on a short term basis.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/15/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			2495	**4985**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**7480**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

7480	**9430**	**9430**

1. **The project will provide:**
   To provide an environment in a certified kitchen to prepare Freezer meals for some of the economically challenged families in this area. This program continues to be very popular with many families and we now have parents bringing their youth to participate and learn the skills in support of their family food security. When funds are limited we have to do a lottery system due to its popularity. Secondly our Freezer Meals on Wheels portion has continued to grow and expand into the Kaslo area. In addition to doing this and the mobility challenged, we have expanded into providing temporary support to those seniors facing unexpected surgeries that after care requires support in the form of premade Freezer Meals.Due to the number of people, to date, that we have assisted, we view this as a necessity to continue to offer this program.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   to manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activities; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and promote community improvement.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   Through this project, community members of the Lardeau Valley are able to learn how to economize without sacrificing nutrition by creating a large number of meals for their family. In addition with the new format the participants will learn how to further develop these skills thereby being more independent and a big part of their own food security. The Freezer Meals on Wheels program benefits our ageing seniors, mobility challenged community members, as well as those seniors who need help on a temporary basis after facing surgeries that limit their mobility on a short term basis.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Due to the continued current economic environment as well as the instability that the threat of high tariffs have imposed, this program will allow families to not only attend a fun workshop but will provide a small supplement to their food budget. The program is built to show families not how to create healthy meals on a small budget. In 2025-26 we have plans to further this education by presenting a unique module to show families how they can extend their limited resources and increase their own personal food security. The Freezer Meals on Wheels portion will provide a variety of nutritious meals for seniors on a limited budget, individuals who may be mobility challenged as well as being a temporary resources for after care seniors who have had a variety of surgeries that challenge their mobility during recovery.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   Lardeau Valley Community Club's Hall has ample space with its IHA-Certified kitchen to provide the Freezer Meals workshops and provide a certified food safe space in which to prepare the Freezer Meals on Wheels portion of this program. The hall is also centrally located in Meadow Creek

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Valerie Smith will continue as co-ordinator, fund raiser, as well as doing basic prep work and organization. The Prepping, and cleanup staff will employ qualified and Food Safe trained students who will be covered under LVCC WCB coverage.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** Yes

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** Although we pay an honorarium to the students who help with the prepping and cleanup they also volunteer part of their time during prep and cooking of the Freezer Meals on Wheels. We have also secured a percentage ranging from 10-20% off food ingredients so most of the grant we receive from RDCK will actually be increased expotentially by this amount.
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13. Finally the co-ordinator donates ALL of her time to this project. With seeking out other grant avenues, negotiating percentages off of ingredients, as well as prepping food, shopping, and hosting classes and teaching skills this works out to more than 200 hours of time donated.

14. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.321-2025

Organization **Kids to Camp 2025**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kids to Camp 2025 Lardeau Valley and Kaslo**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Selected camps throughout the Kootenays and beyond, per submission of applications from participants in the Lardeau and surrounding rural areas. (Kaslo will also be added this year). Due to the overwhelming popularity and no doubt to the great variety a

Importance to the community:
This project has become extremely sought after within our community especially in the last few years with the rising cost of fuel and the long commutes. We continue to receive emails from parents and even children about what it means to attend some of these camps which would not be possible without this subsidy. Many of the emails and social media postings are full of gratitude that their children were give this opportunity to attend summer camp and/or receive summer camp kits. Val Smith continues to get deep discounts on many of the Science and Art kits from companies such as KIWI Company.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2025 Project End: 9/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			7007.5	**7007.5**
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**14015**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget

14015	**19895**	**19895**

1. **The project will provide:**
   To provide subsidy funding assistance for the children and youth to attend summer camp facilities, biking events, creative arts and science camps as well as Spring and Summer Creative Camp events and/or receive art or science kits and attend on-line summer camp events.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To manage and maintain a community hall to be used for cultural, recreational, educational, and other community activism; to finance the building of the community hall and its subsequent maintenance through donations and through grants as they become available; and to promote community improvement.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   This project has become extremely sought after within our community especially in the last few years with the rising cost of fuel and the long commutes. We continue to receive emails from parents and even children about what it means to attend some of these camps which would not be possible without this subsidy. Many of the emails and social media postings are full of gratitude that their children were give this opportunity to attend summer camp and/or receive summer camp kits. Val Smith continues to get deep discounts on many of the Science and Art kits from companies such as KIWI Company.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   Living in an isolated community where commutes to a variety of camps can be upwards to 1-2 hour one-way travel time, attending camps can be expensive endeavours for the Lardeau Valley and Kaslo areas. We continue to receive positive response from parents for the Summer Camp support and funding. Additionally with growing requests each year (which we have had to turn down) coming from the Kaslo area we have decided to add Kaslo back into this grant as they seem to have lost their co-ordinator. We hope to provide the families of Kaslo this year with this much needed support. NOTE If it should happen that Kaslo does apply for a Kids to Camp grant then please note where to deduct from this grant budget submitted in this application.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   The Lardeau Valley Community Hall has and continues to provide great support to all the communities within the Lardeau Valley. The great volunteer base, local business support, and the historical organization of the Kids to Camp project not only has connected with all the rural communities but retains the unique knowledge of what these communities want for the children and youth of this area.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Valerie Smith will continue overseeing and volunteering for this project as she has done for the past several years.

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** We will have volunteers helping to process applications, putting kits together, and as well the co-ordinator volunteers all of her time apx (150 hours) to organize this application, distribute to all the areas concerned where needed and to provide a space for pickup of all kits when needed, Lighthouse Scrapbooking provides art kits free of charge.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

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Proposal Submission
RDCK File No.322-2025

Organization **Crop for a Cure**
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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Crop for a Cure Support 2025/26**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D
Throughout the Kootenay area from Lardeau Valley to Trail.

Importance to the community:
This Crop for a Cure foundation has been going on since 2002. We have raised any where's between $8600.- $21,000.00 per year during our 2 day annual event normally held in April of every year. We have been unable to host this Scrapbooking Marathon fundraiser due to Covid19 restrictions. As such we have been applying for this grant to at least continue the great work of supporting the Cancer Warriors in this area. Each year our bank account is emptied helping out where ever we can. All the work is entirely volunteer and no expenses other than banking charges are spent from the funds we raise.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2025 Project End: 6/30/2026

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
				5000
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	**5000**

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
5000	**5000**	**5000**

1. **The project will provide:**
   The project is to provide financial support to Cancer Warriors who encounter expenses not covered under either the public or private medical plans. Some of the coverage could be travel to and from treatment centres, prosthetics, travel for family to care for or support the Cancer Warriors, basic banking administration costs, specialized relief services provided by organizations and or individuals that specialize in alternative treatments for Cancer Warriors and as well supportive Hospice services such as as traveling masseuse.

2. **Organization Mandate:**
   To provide financial assistance to cancer warriors and their families in the areas where medical plans do not cover those expenses related to the disease. These areas to include travel expenses to treatment centres, prosthetics, alternative cancer treatment expenses, and travel expenses for family supporting the Cancer Warrior.

3. **Community objectives the project will work towards are:**
   This Crop for a Cure foundation has been going on since 2002. We have raised any where's between $8600.- $21,000.00 per year during our 2 day annual event normally held in April of every year. We have been unable to host this Scrapbooking Marathon fundraiser due to Covid19 restrictions. As such we have been applying for this grant to at least continue the great work of supporting the Cancer Warriors in this area. Each year our bank account is emptied helping out where ever we can. All the work is entirely volunteer and no expenses other than banking charges are spent from the funds we raise.

4. **Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:**
   The issues will be addressed through the application of funds per the guidelines set out by the foundation.

5. **This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:**
   We are best suited to delivering this project due to the fact that not only are we the original founders of this project, but we have built up a network of word to mouth of the Foundation's existence and availability of funds. And too the 60 plus volunteers are still devoted to making this fund available to all the Cancer Warriors.

6. **Partners involved in this project have been consulted:**

7. **Partners involved in implementing this project:**
   Valerie. Smith and all the "angels"• (volunteers) of the organization: Crop for a Cure

8. **Minors will be working on this project:** No

9. **Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** Yes

10. **Is the project viable without ReDi funding support:** Yes

11. **In-kind sources and contributions:** We receive a variety of donations as well as continue to raise funds through Yard sales, Silent Auction of donated goods and services etc.

12. **Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

    Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.