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Organization / Project / Description	Basin Communities	Amount Requested
AIDS Network Outreach and Support Society		
Crafting for Mental Health		
<p>This project will create a safe and accessible space for the community to get together to strengthen the community by teaching realistic self-care techniques, establishing positive relationships in a social manner, and connection to culture for indigenous folks, all while adhering to COVID safety protocols. Our goals are to break down the stigmas associated with mental health, create discussion and a stronger community connection all while teaching crafting as a form of coping with struggles including Metis beading to encourage indigenous focused healing from a fellow Metis member. One of the knitting patterns, Brandon's Beanie, is to be explored to show the impact that addiction has on not just the user but the community. The primary focus will be that attendees can not only learn to keep their hands and minds busy but will be able to give back to their community by spreading love in the form of crafted items. For sessions done online, gift cards or delivered food will be provided so that the group can eat together over Zoom. Nutrition is a large concern for our community as with that added stress people often forget to look after their mental health. During COVID, we are seeing an increase of folks struggling to afford food and activities as well as an increase in isolation and substance use.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$1,030.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,020.00
		\$3,050.00
Blue Lake Forest Education Society		
Blue Paddle Campaign		
<p>The Blue Paddle Campaign provides subsidies for local youth to attend Blue Lake programs. These vary from day camp, to over night camp experiences. They take place at Blue Lake Camp, and in individual communities for day programs.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,410.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,960.00
	City of Kimberley	\$1,960.00
	District of Elkford	\$980.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,470.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,470.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$490.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$490.00
	Electoral Area A	\$980.00
	Electoral Area B	\$490.00
	Electoral Area C	\$1,960.00
	Electoral Area E	\$980.00
	Electoral Area F	\$980.00
	Electoral Area G	\$980.00
		\$19,600.00



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British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - East Kootenay Branch		
Low Cost Spay/Neuter Project		
The Low Cost Spay/Neuter Project at the East Kootenay Branch of the BC SPCA targets pet overpopulation by providing free or subsidized spay/neuter procedures for owned cats in low income households as well as feral cats throughout the East Kootenay Region. The program also provides microchips to all animals participating in the program as well as a membership to the BC Pet Registry to help lost pets be safely returned to their owners.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$12,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Invermere	\$900.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$600.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$700.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$4,000.00
	Electoral Area E	\$3,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$500.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$27,700.00</u>



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Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History		
Waldo Stockbreeders' Association History		
<p>The Waldo Stockbreeders' Association was formed in 1939 by a group of local ranchers and residents. The original focus was on wild horses and a growing sheep/cattle conflict. The initial push was by Jack Aye from Jaffray, B.C., and Jack McDonald from Grasmere, B.C.</p> <p>The organization's boundaries grew and expanded to include the South Country, Elk Valley, Baynes Lake, and the Elko Auction Yards, followed by the Cranbrook and Wycliffe areas.</p> <p>The Stockbreeders' Association was very active in the events before and after the Libby Dam flooding.</p> <p>Through this project, the Stockbreeders' history and the place of farming and ranching in the rural and economic life of East Kootenay will come to life. The information will be assembled as a feature page exhibit on the CBIRH website and as a series on CBIRH's YouTube channel, linked through the website.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$700.00
	City of Fernie	\$800.00
	City of Kimberley	\$245.00
	District of Elkford	\$200.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$900.00
		\$5,845.00



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Cranbrook and District 4-H Council Association		
Safe with 4-H		
<p>Safe with 4-H 2021 will be the 5th safety day hosted by Cranbrook & District 4-H Council. Safe with 4-H is a one-day family event focussed on making home and farm life safer and healthier for all children and their families through education and training. Education and training for 2021 will include ATV safety, Emergency Preparedness, Fire Safety, Electricity Safety, safety around equipment, safe animal handling, etc. The day is broken into 2 parts: 1. Safety Presentation (ATV Safety and Helmet Fitting); and, 2. Safety Circuit - a variety of safety learning stations with hands-on activities (try a fire extinguisher, build a first aid kit, vision impairment obstacle course). Safe with 4-H requires a number of volunteers (approx. 20-30) to assist with presentations, leading safety circuit activities, fitting the helmets and signing in and handing out Safe with 4-H t-shirts.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$3,500.00
	City of Fernie	\$500.00
	District of Sparwood	\$300.00
	Electoral Area A	\$300.00
	Electoral Area B	\$475.00
	Electoral Area C	\$475.00
	Electoral Area E	\$200.00
	Electoral Area G	\$125.00
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		\$5,875.00
Elk Valley Air Search and Rescue Association		
Emergency Locator Beacon		
To replace an obsolete emergency locator beacon (ELT) with the new type ELT.		
Update vital safety equipment in the associations aircraft.		
Equipment will be replaced by a certified avionics company in Kelowna which is our nearest installer in BC.		
	City of Fernie	\$825.00
	District of Elkford	\$825.00
	District of Sparwood	\$825.00
	Electoral Area A	\$825.00
	Electoral Area B	\$830.00
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		\$4,130.00



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Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team

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Critical Incident Stress Management is a group and/or individual technique: defusing or debriefing, used after a critical incident or traumatic event, facilitated by trained volunteers. It is used to minimize the emotional and potentially psychological impact of that event and speed the normal recovery of people who have been exposed to an abnormal event. Where very large numbers of people are effected a Crisis Management Briefing is provided. Training for team members and general public with an interest in Stress Management is also organized and provided depending upon availability of trainers and numbers interested.

District of Sparwood	\$2,500.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$1,100.00
City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
District of Elkford	\$2,400.00
	\$10,000.00

Elk Valley Family Society

Chrysalis House Common Room

Our request for this grant is to assist us with the updating and better utilizing our common area. We need to be better able to serve our families with an area to be able to hold meetings, host group activities and connect with each other. At present time the room has old worn-out carpets, and a few pieces of used chairs. It is not inviting or comfortable to our Moms and children. We are requesting the funding for new flooring (lament) which is already in the halls. A big screen tv to host training and movie nights. Comfortable chairs to sit in during training, meetings, or casual visiting. We are hoping to achieve an area that is not only inviting but also safe for our families.

City of Fernie	\$13,000.00
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Elk Valley Society for Community Living

Summer Program for Children with Special Needs

The program provides recreational activities and opportunities for socialization for children with mental and physical challenges who are frequently excluded from other community programs due to their behaviours, lack of skills, medical needs and mental challenges. The EVSCL provides both transportation and adult supervision so that the program is safe, individualized and varied. Four adults are hired to run the program out of Fernie and Sparwood Recreation Centres. Each child can attend the program as often as 5 days a week for 8 weeks through the months of July and August, 2021.

City of Fernie	\$3,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$3,000.00
	\$9,000.00



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Fernie & District Historical Society		
Gallery Update		
<p>The Fernie Museum's main floor gallery "This is Our Fernie" was installed and open to the public in 2013. At the time, a small section of the exhibit told the Ghost rider legend's fabled story and the town's curse. In recent years, through a developing relationship with Ktunaxa representatives, the museum board has realized this aspect of the permanent exhibit needed to be upgraded to reflect the area's true history of the first contact.</p> <p>This project will create and install new content components that will share Ktunaxa stories of living in the Elk Valley, from the Creation Story to the present day. This will involve researching and writing the new content and then installing new exhibit elements, including a video component.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$3,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$5,500.00</u>
Fernie Family Housing Society		
Modified Unit Restoration		
<p>We wish to renovate a modified unit at New Horizon Village to bring it up to the accessible standards for 2021. This unit would become an affordable, accessible and useable unit for any person with any disability. With the help of the community and contractors we will be able to make this unit the best unit in all the Elk Valley for persons with a disability</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$10,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$15,000.00
		<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Fernie Heritage Cemetery Restoration Society		
Restoration of the Old Section (Heritage Portion) of St. Margaret's Cemetery		
<p>Clean stones in Section B. They were last cleaned in 2015. Repair and/or replace broken row markers. Document a list of internees that do not have markers or text for markers. Take GPS pictures of any new stones that have been added. Update web site for content, corrections and internee information. Prepare public presentation with video and pictures.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$1,852.00
	Electoral Area B	\$1,853.00
		<u>\$3,705.00</u>



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Fernie Pride Society

Elk Valley Pride Festival

The 5th Annual Elk Valley Pride Festival is a 5-day celebration of diversity, inclusion, and Pride for LGBTQ2+ individuals and allies and takes place primarily in Fernie, BC. The 5th annual celebration is scheduled for September 2021 and will feature cultural events for all ages, educational opportunities, a bike parade, and flag raising ceremony amongst a myriad of other activities. The Elk Valley Pride Festival format in 2021 will again be dictated by the current global pandemic and what is and is not recommended for public events. In September 2020 we successfully hosted the Festival with a combination of small (max 20 person) in-person events, virtual events, and live streaming. We will be planning for all scenarios but assume we will be again operating with a combination in small in-person and virtual events in 2021.

City of Fernie	\$4,000.00
District of Elkford	\$750.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$1,500.00
Electoral Area B	\$750.00
	\$8,000.00

Fernie Trails & Ski Touring Club

Harvey Warming Hut

The project is to fulfill completing the building of an official BC Recreation Site warming hut. In the winter skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, snowshoers and ice climbers frequent the location. In the summer hikers, bikers, wildlife viewers, trappers, hunters and berry pickers are common users.

The warming hut will provide warmth and shelter for recreation users.

The project will be achieved by an organized effort involving 500 hours of volunteer time.

City of Cranbrook	\$3,000.00
City of Fernie	\$5,313.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
District of Elkford	\$2,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$3,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$7,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$2,000.00
	\$24,313.00



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Fernie and District Arts Council		
Digital Arts Program		
<p>The project is to offer the community new opportunities in digital art mediums and provide the space, knowledge and equipment needed to pursue these art forms. A dedicated space is being set up in The Arts Station as a media room that will provide computer, recording, audio and streaming equipment. Included will also be the necessary programs such as adobe suite, garageband, Logic pro & Davinci Resolve. We will then offer free workshops to all ages with skilled professionals in the digital arts field. This will be a basic introductory level to provide the opportunity to explore new art forms. Workshops will include but not limited to film production in editing, intro to procreate, illustrator and photoshop and intro to streaming/vlogging/podcasting.</p> <p>Access to the equipment can be booked for free for artists and community members to develop those skills. A weekly digital group meeting will also be arranged for people to connect, inspire and share knowledge. The digital arts professionals will be on hand at these weekly sessions to answer questions.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$2,500.00
Kootenay Association for Science & Technology		
Virtual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) Youth Forum		
<p>The Virtual Youth STEAM Forum is an online forum located within KAST's Kootenay Tech and Knowledge Workers Forum that connects youth age 10 to 18 in the East Kootenay region to free STEAM educational programs, resources, jobs and mentorship opportunities.</p> <p>The Virtual STEAM Forum will provide continuity of learning for GLOWS (Growing & Learning Opportunities With STEAM) program participants. GLOWS is KAST's youth program. GLOWS offers free annual STEAM learning opportunities for Kootenay youth including Robot Games, Kootenay Contraption Contest and Quantum Leaps - A Girls in STEAM & Leadership Conference.</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$4,600.00
	City of Fernie	\$2,500.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
	District of Elkford	\$500.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$500.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$500.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$250.00
	Electoral Area B	\$250.00
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	Electoral Area E	\$250.00
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Kootenay East Youth Soccer Association

Cranbrook Indoor Sports Facility Vehicle Airlock

The vehicle airlock is a much needed component of the Cranbrook Indoor Sports Facility. The main component, the airdome, has been installed and is operational and KEYSA is now working towards completion of the facility as a whole. The vehicle airlock will allow vehicles and other large objects to move in/out of the facility for various reasons including loading in/out for conventions, tradeshow, concerts, and transporting equipment. Use of the airlock will also be required for large equipment and materials to enter the facility for any repairs, replacement of dome components or turf. Lastly, the airlock can provide valuable storage when not in use.

The airlock system allows the dome to maintain positive pressure whenever something large enters/exits the facility over a longer period of time. It involves a 2-door system that allows larger objects to be safely and slowly placed inside the lock, the lock closed, and the interior door opened, allowing passage without ever having the inside of the dome exposed to the exterior. This larger entrance provides invaluable access for potential rentals as well as the multiple dedicated user groups that need to bring equipment in and out of the indoor sports facility.

Working with the dome suppliers, the Farley Group, as well as local door installers and electricians, KEYSA will oversee the management of this project.

City of Cranbrook	\$31,500.00
City of Fernie	\$7,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$11,500.00
District of Invermere	\$2,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area A	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$4,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$6,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$2,000.00
	\$70,000.00

Kootenay East Youth Soccer Association

Growth and Advancement Program for KEYSA

KEYSA has a mission to build a soccer community and a passion for the sport in our area, and now with the New Dawn Place (Indoor Facility) we have more space and opportunities. We will do this by providing: quality equipment for our players, quality indoor and outdoor field times, affordable House Soccer jersey kits for all families to enjoy. All while keeping costs down so everyone can afford to play at some level. New Dawn place will allow many different user groups of all ages to have a space to run programs year round.

City of Cranbrook	\$22,000.00
City of Fernie	\$5,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$10,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$5,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$5,000.00
	\$47,000.00



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Northern BC Friends of Children - East Kootenay Branch		
East Kootenay Family Support Project		
Our project assists East Kootenay families with children from birth through 18 years who are forced to travel due to their child's illness or injury. Friends of Children will provide financial support for fuel, accommodations, parking and food, and coordinate with other agencies to provide information and access to additional resources.		
	City of Cranbrook	\$9,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$500.00
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

Reel Canadian Film Society

Reel Canadian Film Festival

This volunteer-run event is dedicated to the talent, skill, and diversity of Canadian Filmmakers. RCFF, in collaboration with a number of private and public partners, showcases Canadian film from a number of genres including drama, comedy, documentary, and animation. Over one central weekend in January, RCFF features a children's program, short films from emerging and Kootenay filmmakers, five feature films and an opening and closing gala reception.

City of Fernie	\$4,000.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,100.00
	<u>\$5,100.00</u>



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Senior Citizens Club of Fernie & District		
Seniors Centre Window Covering Project		
<p>The Fernie Seniors Drop-In Centre is a heavily used community asset. The facility was opened in 1984 and although the Society, in conjunction with the City of Fernie, have maintained it to excellent standards the interior window coverings are in need of replacement. In December 2020 we replaced the windows at the Centre to triple-pane, commercial grade windows in order to increase energy efficiency and decrease heating and cooling costs. In order to maximize these benefits we are now seeking to replace our current window blinds with new Hunter Douglas vertical blinds that will further increase facility efficiency.</p>		
<p>We are seeking assistance to change out all interior window coverings to increase energy efficiency and ensure facility maintenance and sustainability. We are fortunate to have spectacular views thanks to our numerous and very tall windows. The size and number of windows allow for appreciation of our natural surroundings but it also means that the facility does experience heat loss and gain, even with upgraded and efficient windows. As much as 30% of a buildings heating and cooling energy can be lost through its windows. An upgraded blind system would allow us to better control solar heat, create better insulation, and further maximize energy cost savings.</p>		
<p>New window coverings would allow for greater energy efficiency, decreased utility costs, and create a comfortable environment for facility users and members.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$3,550.00
	Electoral Area A	\$1,500.00
		<u>\$5,050.00</u>



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Southeast Kootenay School District No. 5		
Sponsoring: Kootenay-Boundary Environmental Education Initiative		
Outdoor Learning Kits for Classrooms		
<p>Over the past 5 years our local school districts have collaborated to offer the the Take Me Outside for Learning School Year Challenge. This challenge encourages teachers in all 7 school districts in our region (5, 6, 8, 10 19, 20 & 51) to sign up to commit to taking their learning outside regularly throughout the school year. The goal of this is to deepen academic outcomes while also supporting mental and physical health. In exchange, we endeavor to provide resources and support to help them do so effectively.</p> <p>As a result, we are looking at opportunities to provide more support to classrooms in the RDEK to better undertake this in the year ahead. We have heard from teachers that one of the main obstacles to undertaking outdoor learning is having the appropriate resources and equipment available. While we provide as much support as we can within our limited budgets, to be able to better support students in our region, we would like to request your support to be able to offer 50 Outdoor Learning Classroom Kits for classrooms in schools across your local area (RDEK portion of SD5 & SD6).</p>		
	City of Cranbrook	\$5,000.00
	City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
	City of Kimberley	\$2,500.00
	District of Elkford	\$1,000.00
	District of Invermere	\$1,000.00
	District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
	Village of Canal Flats	\$1,000.00
	Village of Radium Hot Springs	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area A	\$500.00
	Electoral Area B	\$500.00
	Electoral Area C	\$2,500.00
	Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area F	\$1,000.00
	Electoral Area G	\$1,000.00
		\$20,000.00



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Symphony of the Kootenays Association

Concert #2: Tchaikovsky, Nutcracker Suite with Dancers

This concert will incorporate three major elements: (1) The SOTK will perform highlights from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite and (2) be accompanied by ballet students from Cranbrook and Kimberley dance studios. The orchestra will be under the baton of Jeff Faragher and the dancers will be chosen from three East Kootenay dance studios and be under the direction of Sheri Green of Stages School of Dance in Cranbrook. (3) The SOTK will perform a concerto, the featured artist/instrument and composer has not yet been determined.

City of Cranbrook	\$2,000.00
City of Fernie	\$1,000.00
City of Kimberley	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area C	\$2,000.00
Electoral Area E	\$1,000.00
	\$8,000.00

The Canadian Red Cross Society

Keeping Up with the Demand for HELP Equipment as Knee and Hip Replacement Surgeries Surge Across the Kootenays

This project will support Kootenay seniors by purchasing approximately 150 articles of medical equipment for no cost, by-donation loans from four RDEK HELP offices.

The pandemic has added a multitude of new stresses on HELP services, reducing stocks while increasing demand. When knee and hip replacement surgeries were halted mid-March, and clients dared not leave their homes, many HELP beneficiaries, now no longer using their loans, did not return their equipment. In June 2020, as the province redoubled surgeries in order to make up for the 30,000 that were postponed, demand for HELP loans spiked. Our data shows that between September and October 2020, loans in Cranbrook increased 62% over the same period in 2019. Despite the increase in demand, we are still waiting for loaned equipment to be returned and expect that some may not be returned at all.

Demand for equipment is driven by increase in surgeries, declines in returned equipment and the steady growth of the senior demographic (HELP beneficiaries are overwhelmingly seniors). Additionally, 10% of equipment leaves the system as it reaches the end of its service life. A fresh injection of equipment into the HELP system through the RDs of CK, EK and KB will ensure that volunteers can continue providing thousands of mobility, toileting, bedroom and bathing equipment to seniors in need.

City of Cranbrook	\$8,850.00
City of Fernie	\$1,800.00
District of Elkford	\$500.00
District of Invermere	\$1,500.00
District of Sparwood	\$1,000.00
Electoral Area B	\$850.00
Electoral Area C	\$506.00
	\$15,006.00



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Wildsight Elk Valley Branch		
"Protecting Stories in Stone" - A Conservation Plan for the Fernie Ammonite		
<p>Considered one of the largest ammonite fossils in Canada, the Fernie Ammonite (<i>Titanites occidentalis</i>) preserves the remains of a 1.4 m carnivorous cephalopod that lived and died in a shallow sea some 150 million years ago. Located up Coal Creek, locals have visited the fossil for decades. With social media, trail apps, instagram, etc. the location of the fossil is well known. There needs to be an identified parking area safe for visitors out of the way of industrial traffic (e.g. logging trucks), designated signed hiking trail to ensure safe access, along with persuasive text on 3 interpretive signs to inform visitors of the significance of the fossil and encourage conservation of this unique, nationally significant fossil specimen.</p>		
	City of Fernie	\$5,326.00
	Electoral Area A	<u>\$5,325.00</u>
		<u>\$10,651.00</u>
	Total Funding Requested:	<u>\$84,426.00</u>