

BACKGROUNDER

RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS IN ACCESSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING, MARCH 2025

This program improves accessibility in indoor and outdoor public recreational spaces for children with physical, intellectual, developmental, cognitive or neurodiverse needs. It focuses on projects in small and rural communities.

Community	Organization	Improvements Supported	Amount
Argenta	Argenta Community Association	Acquire specialized equipment for both interior and exterior use at the Argenta Community Hall.	\$10,000
Balfour	Balfour Recreation Commission	Upgrade playground surfaces and install accessible equipment at Balfour Community Park.	\$50,000
Canyon	Canyon Community Association	Upgrade playground surfaces and install accessible equipment at Canyon Park.	\$50,000
Casino	Casino Recreation Society	Add sound panels and inclusive toys to Casino Community Hall and install sensory-friendly playground equipment at the Community Park.	\$50,000
Castlegar	Regional District Central Kootenay	Install a stair lift and complete associated interior accessibility renovations at the Castlegar & District Community Complex.	\$50,000
Cranbrook	City of Cranbrook	Install a pool access ramp and two portable pool lifts at Western Financial Place Aquatics Centre.	\$26,000
Crawford Bay	Crawford Bay and District Hall and Parks Association	Add new accessibility equipment and sensory panels at the Crawford Bay Community Playground.	\$50,000
Crescent Valley	Regional District Central Kootenay	Install an accessible path to the beach at Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park.	\$28,000
Creston	Regional District Central Kootenay	Enhance accessibility to the playing field at the Creston and District Community Complex.	\$50,000
Genelle	Genelle Recreation Commission	Upgrade playground surfaces and add a quiet space at the Genelle Community Hall Park.	\$50,000
Golden	Town of Golden	Expand quiet spaces at the Mount 7 Rec-Plex and install a ramp and improved playground surfaces at Keith King Memorial Park.	\$80,500
Lardeau Valley	Lardeau Valley Community Club	Upgrade playground surface, install new accessible equipment and add a covered picnic area at the community playground.	\$50,000
Montrose	Village of Montrose	Add new features to enhance accessibility at Montrose Spray Park.	\$40,000
New Denver	Village of New Denver	Create an accessible playground with specialized equipment.	\$50,000
Nelson	Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library	Install mobile shelving, accessible seating and sensory-friendly resources at the Nelson Public Library.	\$26,000
Procter	Procter Community Society	Add specialized indoor play equipment to Procter Hall and install accessible playground equipment and seating.	\$50,000

Revelstoke	City of	Upgrade playground surfaces to increase accessibility at	\$50,000
	Revelstoke	Kovach Park and Beruschi Park.	
Riondel	Regional District	Add an accessible swing and upgrade playground	\$50,000
	Central Kootenay	pathways at the Riondel Community Complex.	
Rossland	City of Rossland	Upgrade exterior playground features and picnic tables at Nickleplate Park.	\$50,000
Salmo	Village of Salmo	Upgrade playground surface and add signage, benches and ramps at Knights of Pythias Park and Lions Park playgrounds.	\$50,000
Silverton	Village of Silverton	Complete interior and exterior upgrades to improve accessibility for children.	\$50,000
Slocan	Village of Slocan	Update playground equipment to include accessible play components at Slocan Kiddie Park.	\$50,000
Sparwood	District of Sparwood	Install an elevator to improve accessibility at Sparwood Community Hall.	\$50,000
Valemount	Village of Valemount	Add accessible equipment and associated infrastructure at Centennial Park.	\$50,000
Windermere	Regional District of East Kootenay	Upgrade playground surface to improve accessibility at Windermere Beach.	\$50,000
		TOTAL	\$1,160,500

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