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Youth-led Projects Making a Difference in Communities Across the Basin

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Four organizations from Cranbrook, Revelstoke and Invermere are receiving grants from CBT to support youth-led projects that directly benefit Basin youth (ages 15 to 29) and involve them in project development, planning and implementation.



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The Big Buddies Mean Success project in Cranbrook matches high school and elementary students to do activities, games, sports and crafts.

Columbia Basin Youth Grants (CBYG) is a program focusing on projects that build youth capacity and leadership and involve youth at all stages of project development. CBT works with proponents throughout the process. Grant applications are evaluated and grants awarded by the youth on CBT's Youth Advisory Committee twice a year.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cranbrook was awarded a grant for the Big Buddies Mean Big Success project. Fostering youth engagement and mentorship, the project matches grade 11/12 students from Mount Baker Secondary School with grade 5 students from Amy Woodland Elementary. For one hour a week, these mentors support the younger students in playing games or sports, doing arts and crafts or other activities of their choice.

Community Connections Society of Cranbrook received a grant to produce a video that will showcase the services of the Cranbrook Family Connections (CFC). The Virtual Tour for Youth by Youth project will be done by a group of students studying drama, film and television at Mount Baker High School.

"The virtual tour concept is a fantastic showcase for our services," said Sandra Davis, CFC. "The youth involved are dedicated to this project and are really gaining an understanding of the many opportunities available through CFC. It is this type of experience that can be a stepping stone to develop knowledgeable, broader-thinking, open, experienced leaders. Thank you CBT for supporting the youth of our Basin."

In Revelstoke, the Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Park organization will champion a Glacier Adventure Stewardship Program Photo Exhibit. Using a photo exhibit and contest, the youth will publicize the stewardship program, which aims to give youth experiences inside a national park and to help them become stewards for the park in their community.

Youth in Invermere will encourage involvement in their community while benefiting the Youth Centre and fostering new relationships among youth in the community by creating an art club once a week to produce a Youth Centre Mural. The art club will meet weekly until the mural is completed and then offer their services to other organizations in the community as a way of giving back.

CBT works with youth and communities to increase youth opportunities and engagement through enhancing capacity, leadership and participation. In addition to CBYG, CBT also funds youth-developed projects through the [Community Directed Youth Funds](#), provides community service awards and a forum for youth in the Basin to share their art, ideas and experiences with each other through SCRATCH magazine and www.scratchonline.ca.

If your organization has a youth-inspired and -led project in mind, apply for CBYG. The next deadline for applications is February 27, 2012. For further information or to schedule a youth grant writing workshop, contact Michelle d'Entremont at mdentremont@cbt.org or call 1.800.505.8998.

Guidelines and applications are available [here](#).



New Project to Address Needs and Challenges of Basin Businesses

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Region-wide Business Retention and Expansion project announced

Spearheaded by the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI), the new Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) pilot project aims to help Columbia Basin communities better understand the needs of local business and the challenges they face.



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[Businesses across the Basin will benefit from a new Business Retention and Expansion pilot project.](#)

A collaboration of the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and Selkirk College, the RDI was formed in fall 2010 with the goal of supporting informed planning and decision making in the Columbia Basin through region-specific information and applied research.

BR+E, the first major project from the RDI, focuses on addressing the needs of businesses already in a community, encouraging them to stay (retain) or grow (expand). This, in turn, affects job creation and the economic health of the community.

Several groups in the area have come forward to test the project, including the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation, the Kootenay Association of Science and Technology (KAST) and the Kootenay-Rockies Innovation Council.

Through the three-year pilot project, which will begin in 2012, the RDI will offer research and training support to communities interested in undertaking BR+E initiatives. The RDI will work in partnership with varying groups—from local governments and chambers of commerce to the BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation—to gather information from local businesses, enter data into the web application BC Business Counts, for which RDI has purchased a Basin-wide license, analyze the data and offer follow-up support to businesses.

"The RDI's purpose is to support informed decision making through the provision of relevant and timely research," said Terri MacDonald, RDI Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development. "With the valuable information collected through BC Business Counts in hand, decision makers and economic development practitioners in the Basin will be well positioned to provide targeted support to our local businesses."

The first group to test the project will be the Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation (LCIC), a partnership between the cities of Rossland and Trail, villages of Warfield, Montrose and Fruitvale and electoral areas A and B of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.

"Business development and job creation are key factors in developing healthy and vibrant communities," said Sandy Santori, LCIC Executive Director. "We look forward to being able to use this tool to provide support to local businesses in order to create a strong, diverse regional economy that supports community development, growth and economic prosperity."

The Kootenay Association for Science and Technology (KAST) and Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council will also be taking part, with a focus on the manufacturing and technology sector.

"We recently received support from Columbia Basin Trust for the Manufacturing and Technology Sector Development Pilot Initiative, which focuses on the development and expansion of the Basin manufacturing and technology sector," said Kelvin Saldern, KAST Executive Director. "Implementing this Basin-wide, sector-focused BR+E project will help us fulfill our goal of supporting growth in the manufacturing and technology sectors."

Other Basin communities, particularly those without an economic development officer or economic development plan, can look for support from RDI to develop capacity and understanding before moving ahead.

The project's region-wide approach will allow the Basin as a whole to identify and respond to shared challenges that are important in areas with limited resources or community capacity. It will also allow the information to feed into the State of the Basin Initiative, which monitors and reports on social, environmental, economic and cultural indicators and trends in the Basin. The State of the Basin data is expected to be available online in June 2012 at www.cbrdi.ca.

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Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant Applications Available

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

CKCA and CBT announce 2012/13 programs

Artists in all disciplines—as well as arts, culture and heritage organizations—are invited to apply for funding through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA), which delivers the Arts, Culture and Heritage Program of Columbia Basin Trust (CBT).



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For 2012/13, funding has increased by \$55,000, to [Funding is now available for arts, culture and heritage projects.](#) \$706,000. This will help CKCA better meet demand in sought-after programs like minor capital for arts and heritage facilities, support for touring and major project funding.

"We're very happy CBT has increased the funding made available to arts, heritage and culture through our programs," said Jacquie Hamilton, CKCA Chair. "The works of these organizations and individuals touch upon the lives of people throughout the Basin, and CKCA appreciates the opportunity to provide support."

Funding is available for:

- individual and group projects;
- minor capital projects;
- touring;
- arts and heritage mentoring/master classes;
- organizational development;
- major projects;
- artists in education;
- major exhibits;
- major heritage capital projects; and
- heritage projects.

"This is support for our neighbours, our museums, our local theatre troupes—for the many ways arts, culture and heritage weave through our lives," said Gary Ockenden, CBT Director of Community Engagement. "We're proud CBT can strengthen this sector in order to benefit the whole community."

Find out more and get the application form by visiting www.basinculture.com, contacting your local community arts council or phoning CKCA at 250.505.5505 or 1.877.505.7355.

Applications must be received by March 9 or March 23, 2012, depending on the program.



Improving Sustainability at Dawn Mountain Nordic Centre

Friday, December 16, 2011

CBT supports upgrades to heating and septic systems

Golden's Dawn Mountain Nordic Centre has a new geothermal heating system and Ecoflow septic system thanks in part to \$52,000 in support from CBT. This upgrade will reduce both the environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions of the centre, resulting in lower costs and more sustainable operations.

"CBT's support will help the Dawn Mountain Nordic Centre in its efforts to become more sustainable in its operations while also addressing a community priority," said Gary Ockenden, Director of Community Engagement. "Amenities like this are a great way to attract tourists and new residents to the area; skiers from all over come to experience skiing in the Rocky Mountains."

The centre previously heated with propane and used pit and portable toilets. Switching to geothermal heat and an Ecoflow septic system will result in costs savings of 75 per cent and 90 per cent respectively, reduce the risk of watershed contamination and eliminate the need to truck propane up the mountain and sewage down.

The upgrade is one part of a multi-year, \$1.2-million project to build quality Nordic ski facilities in the Golden area. The goal is to complete the project in time to host the week-long 2012 Master National Championship in March.

"Recreating in sensitive areas is a common concern for our club and both the tourism industry and environmental organizations," said Jeff Dolinsky, President of the Golden Nordic Ski Club Society, which runs the centre. "While tourism and recreation groups are attracted to more remote sites due to the pristine beauty and relative solitude, we want to minimize the impact of these sites while offering a quality experience."



Columbia River Treaty: Local Governments Collaborate on Community Engagement and Education

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Elected officials from local municipalities and regional districts have been appointed to the newly-formed Columbia River Treaty Local Governments' Committee (the committee). The committee's primary task is to engage with local governments and residents in the Columbia Basin around the future of the Columbia River Treaty (CRT).

"The Columbia River Treaty has influenced the geography, economy and social fabric of this region since it was ratified in 1964. It's critical that the people who live in the Columbia Basin understand the treaty—past, present and future—and that there are mechanisms for local views to be considered in any potential discussion about changes to the current treaty," said committee Chair, Deb Kozak from Nelson.

The committee will work with Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to help ensure Basin residents and elected officials increase their knowledge on the CRT. The committee will also bring regional views, values and interests with respect to the CRT to provincial and federal agencies. The committee intends to work collaboratively on this important issue with regional MLAs and elected officials in Victoria, as well as regional MPs.

"Local governments want to be actively and meaningfully engaged in decisions around the future of the CRT on behalf of residents," said Kozak. "The committee will work to create opportunities for dialogue and consultation."

The CRT is an international agreement between Canada and the United States to coordinate flood control and optimize hydroelectric power generation on both sides of the border. Under the 1964 CRT, three dams were constructed in Canada, including Mica, Duncan and Hugh Keenleyside. A fourth dam, Libby, was constructed in Montana. Its reservoir extends 67 kilometres into Canada.

The CRT has no official expiry date, but has a minimum length of 60 years, which is met in September 2024. Either Canada or the United States can terminate many of the provisions of the agreement effective any time after September 2024, provided written notice is filed at least 10 years in advance (2014). While no decision has been made by either Canada or the United States on the future of the current treaty, given the importance of the issues, and the approaching date of 2014, both countries are now conducting studies and exploring future options for the CRT.

The regional districts of Central Kootenay, Columbia Shuswap, East Kootenay and Kootenay Boudary each appointed two members to the committee. The Village of Valemount and the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Government each appointed one member.

Committee members:

- Deb Kozak, Councillor Nelson (Chair)
- Karen Hamling, Mayor Nakusp (Vice-Chair)
- Hans Cunningham, Area G Director RDCK
- Marguerite Rotvold, Chair RDKB
- Mike Sosnowski, Area A Director RDEK
- Wayne Stetski, Mayor Cranbrook
- Linda Worley, Area B Director RDKB
- Christina Benty, Mayor Golden
- Loni Parker, Area B Director CSRD
- Christine Latimer, Councillor Valemount



School Works Program: Six Month Pilot

APPLICATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED.

The new School Works Program is a pilot project providing a wage subsidy to encourage businesses and organizations in the Basin to provide part-time employment for full-time high school and post-secondary students during the school year. Benefits include:

- a wage subsidy to Basin businesses and organizations for full-time high-school and post-secondary students for part-time employment during the school year.

Who Can Apply:

Small businesses and non-profit, First Nation and public sector organizations.

How To Apply:

Completed applications are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please see [guidelines](#) for detailed instructions.

Click [here](#) for application.

To access fillable forms in Portable Document Format (PDF), you will require an Adobe Reader version 8 or higher installed on your computer (PC or Mac). If you do not have the required software, it is available for free download from the Adobe website at www.adobe.com

Deadline For Applications: NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS.

Earliest start date for employment: January 15, 2012

Latest end date for employment: June 1, 2012

CONTACTS:

- College of the Rockies
1.250.489.2751 ext. 3584
1.877.489.2687 ext. 3584
schoolworks@cbt.org



Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs

The Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs (CIP/AAP), CBT's oldest programs, support projects identified as priorities within individual communities.

The CIP/AAP are funding programs designed to help address the needs of Basin communities. The programs are flexible and able to accommodate individual processes and they incorporate community-based funding decisions to better meet local priorities. Program funds are allocated on a per capita funding formula and are distributed once a year to CBT's local government partners: the regional districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary, and the City of Revelstoke, Town of Golden/CSRD Area A, Village of Valemound and Ktunaxa Nation Council.

As of April 2011, the programs will be supporting communities with \$3.6 million annually, commencing a five-year funding commitment. There will also be a new \$30,000 minimum (based on combined CIP and AAP funding) per incorporated municipality, regional district area or First Nation band.

All areas receive CIP funding, while those most affected by dam construction under the Columbia River Treaty (those around the Arrow, Kinbasket, Duncan and Koochanusa reservoirs) also receive AAP funding.

Applications for funding through these programs are made directly to the local government delivery partner in your area.

[CIP/AAP Fact Sheet](#)

Who Can Apply:

Basin residents and organizations.

How To Apply:

Regional District of East Kootenay

Deadline: February 20, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Mountain

Guidelines: [RDEK Guidelines](#)

Application: [RDEK Application Form](#)

City of Revelstoke

Deadline: February 20, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Pacific

Guidelines: [Revelstoke Guidelines](#)

Application: Contact the City of Revelstoke.

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Deadline: March 5, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Pacific

Application: [RDCK Application Form](#)

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Deadline: March 23, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific

Application: [RDKB Application Form](#)

Town of Golden/CSRD Area A

Deadline: 2012 DEADLINE TO COME

Village of Valemound

Deadline: 2012 DEADLINE TO COME

For information on how to apply, contact your local government at the addresses below.

Deadline For Applications: Deadlines vary from one region to another, but generally applications deadlines are in February or March and decisions are finalized in April or May of each year. Check with your local government for current deadlines in your area.

CONTACTS:

- Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
<http://www.rdkb.com/>
Sharon Toupin, Accounting Clerk
#202-843 Rossland Avenue, Trail
1.800.355.7352

1.250.368.9148

stoupin@rdkb.com

- Regional District of Central Kootenay
<http://www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html>
Judy Madelung, Administration Clerk
202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson
1.800.268.7325
1.250.352.8170
jmadelung@rdck.bc.ca

- Town of Golden and CSRD Area A
<http://www.town.golden.bc.ca>
Jon Wilsgard, Manager of Corporate Services
1.250.344.2271 ext. 237
jon.wilsgard@golden.ca

or

Ryan Watmough, Executive Director
Golden and District Community Foundation
1.250.344.8610
admin@goldencommunityfoundation.ca

- Village of Valemount
http://www.valemount.ca/Cbt_Cip.htm
Anne Yanciw, Deputy Corporate Officer
1.250.566.4435, ext. 225
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- Ktunaxa Nation Council
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