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CBT Now Accepting Applications to New Social Grants Program

Wednesday, September 05, 2012

October 12 deadline for projects that support social well-being

Groups with projects that support social well-being and address social issues in Basin communities can now apply to Columbia Basin Trust's (CBT's) new Social Grants Program. This is the first time applications are being accepted to the program, and a total of \$500,000 is available for project grants. The application deadline is 4 p.m. PDT on October 12, 2012.

"Basin residents work hard to address a range of social issues, from connecting with isolated senior citizens to ensuring young families have access to early childhood development programs," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "Through our new Social Grants Program, we're increasing our support of these efforts, and are excited to see what projects come forward in this first intake."

Among others, eligible projects include ones that:

- address the Canadian social determinants of health;
- address the health, well-being and resilience of children, youth, individuals, families or seniors;
- support the well-being of or community participation by individuals or groups of individuals who face barriers in seeking to participate in their communities, or who have been marginalized; or
- address or encourage innovation, collaboration and sustainability within the social service sector.

The Social Grants Program is a three-year pilot with an annual granting budget of \$1 million. There will be two intakes per year, and granting decisions will be made by the Social Grants Program Selection Committee, a volunteer group of Basin residents that includes individuals who have experience and expertise in the social sector and individuals who have broader community development experience.

For more information about the Social Grants Program, or to download an application form, visit www.cbt.org/sgp.



CBT to Pilot Innovative Funding Approach

Monday, September 17, 2012

Columbia Valley to decide how to spend \$200K annually

The Columbia Valley, from Spillimacheen to Canal Flats, will receive \$200,000 a year for three years from CBT, which it will use to fund valley-wide priorities. The funds will be administered through the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK).

This is a new way for CBT to deliver funds within the Basin. The goal is to put decision making into the hands of sub-regions, or groupings of communities, where they can be more strategic and think longer-term, allocating funds where they will be most effective.

"We're pleased the residents of the Columbia Valley are ready to work in this way," said Garry Merkel, CBT Board Chair. "We've been talking to communities over the years about ways to support communities to make their own decisions about their priorities. This is not new funding; it is another way to access existing funds that will support people across community boundaries to work together to shape their futures."

"We now have a committee consisting of elected RDEK directors and community members from the Columbia Valley, coordinating the planning for the use of these funds," said Wendy Booth, Chair of the Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds Committee and RDEK Electoral Area F Director. "After comprehensive consultation to set valley-wide priorities, we will be allocating funds to appropriate projects. It's a great opportunity to work collaboratively toward common goals for the valley."

CBT is also looking at implementing this approach elsewhere in the Basin, based on interest and the readiness of groups of communities to work together. Although this is the first time CBT is implementing this method with sub-regions, it has supported communities of interest (groups bound by similar work) for years through organizations like the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, which funds arts, culture and heritage projects. Another example is a three-year initiative with the Kootenay Livestock Association, which funds projects that improve grasslands and rangelands in the Basin.

Anyone interested in this new approach can find out more by contacting the local CBT community liaison (www.cbt.org/contact or 1.800.505.8998).



Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance Announces 2012/13 Funded Projects

Friday, September 07, 2012

The Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) received a total of \$706,000 in funding support for the 2012 – 2013 season and, in partnership with CBT, has funded over 160 arts, culture and heritage projects, including the Columbia Basin Culture Tour.

"The CKCA Steering Committee was pleased to be able to supply CBT funding to good projects all across the Basin. We hope cultural organizations will start thinking about activities that will be happening between June 2013 and May 2014 and planning their applications now for the next funding cycle," said Jacquie Hamilton, CKCA Chair.

CKCA administers and manages arts, culture and heritage program funding on behalf of CBT. Funding applications were adjudicated in May by the CKCA Steering Committee, with input from community arts councils. Support will go toward a wide range of projects, including individual and group projects, master classes, major exhibitions and heritage capital projects.

"Investing in arts, culture and heritage not only helps sustain the artists and organizations who create the works and preserve our heritage, but allows all Basin residents to benefit from and enjoy their efforts," said Gary Ockenden, CBT Director, Community Engagement. "We're pleased we're able to fund so many worthy projects this year."

CKCA funding helps individuals and organizations realize heritage projects and projects in all arts disciplines, including visual art, theatre, music, dance, media, literature and inter-arts. For a list of funded projects, visit the CKCA website at www.basinculture.com or call 1-877-505-7355.

