



Grants Support Environmental Projects

Groups wishing to help maintain or enhance environmental conditions in and around their communities are invited to apply for environment grants up to \$10,000..[full story](#)

Also, the Trust is pleased to announce that 37 projects are receiving a combined total of \$610,000 from the previous intake of our environment grants..[full story](#)



Rural Pre-Medicine Program Receives \$50,000

Selkirk College has received \$50,000 from the Trust to help it implement its new Rural Pre-Medicine Program..[full story](#)



Sport Groups Form North Kootenay Council

Many local sport and recreation groups have common issues: from training coaches and referees, to attracting volunteers..[full story](#)

Opportunities

Ongoing to June 24

Various locations

Me Inc. Workshops

May 13 and 15

Cranbrook and Castlegar

Enterprising Non-Profits Workshops

May 16

Deadline

Job Postings and Request for Proposals

June 13

Nakusp

Trust Board of Directors Meeting

[Go to events page >](#)



Career Opportunities

[Learn more](#)

Request for Proposals

The Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation seeks proponents to provide onsite support coverage for network events at various locations.

[Learn more](#)

CONTACT

1.800.505.8998

cbt@cbt.org

cbt.org

SHARE

Know someone who might be interested in this email?

[Forward to a friend](#)

FOLLOW



[Subscribe](#) to this newsletter. [Unsubscribe](#) from this newsletter.

Grants Available for Environmental Projects

Thursday, May 08, 2014

Groups seeking up to \$10,000 may apply now

Community groups, organizations and societies with project ideas that will maintain or enhance environmental conditions are invited to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. Apply now through June 27, 2014, by visiting cbt.org/eg.

Eligible projects include ones that strengthen ecosystems, help communities mitigate and adapt to climate change, and support environmental education—all of which address goals in the Trust's new *Environment Strategic Plan*.

Through environment grants, the Trust has provided over \$5 million during the past 12 years for environmental conservation, restoration, stewardship and education projects across the Basin. The Kokanee Salmon School Program is one of the projects that has benefited from support. Delivered by the West Arm Outdoors Club, this program brings youth and adults to the Kokanee Creek spawning channel along Kootenay Lake to teach them about healthy habitats, life cycles, fisheries management and the importance of stewardship relative to Kokanee salmon.

"This project is important because it has several components that are crucial for the youth of the Basin to experience at an early age: the direct interconnections between animals and plants, and predators and prey in an ecosystem, the life cycle of the Kokanee salmon and the solid fisheries management of a precious natural resource," said Nancie Dohan, Program Coordinator. "The impact of this project is far-reaching. Youth, parents and teachers directly experience a sense of place and gain stewardship values as they participate in the program."

"We are looking for community-initiated and -supported projects that contribute to larger regional impacts," said Sabrina Curtis, Trust Director, Sector Initiatives. "We want these projects to make a real difference to both the local environment and residents of the entire Basin area."

Earlier this year, the Trust finalized its *Environment Strategic Plan*, which will guide the Trust's water and environment initiatives from 2014 to 2019. It sets goals in five areas: water, ecosystems, climate change, environmental education and helping to strengthen the wide range of organizations that focus on the environment.

As in previous years, an environment grant intake, offering grants over \$10,000, will take place in the fall. It will look different from how it has in the past, with refinements that build on a range of suggestions the Trust has heard from residents, environmental experts and various organizations. Watch the website for details.



From Educating To Restoring

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Helping the environment through the Trust's Environmental Initiatives Program

Thirty-seven projects will receive a combined total of \$610,000 from Columbia Basin Trust's Environmental Initiatives Program. These projects will help educate the public about the environment, or maintain or enhance the environment.

"The breadth of these projects demonstrates the many ways communities can address environmental issues," said Sabrina Curtis, Trust Director, Sector Initiatives. "We applaud each of these groups for doing their part to improve our environmental well-being, for drawing in people of all ages and creating solutions that work for them."

One of the approved projects is the Columbia Headwaters Watershed Protection Dialogues, initiated by the Lake Windermere Ambassadors Society. Supported by \$15,000 from the Trust, this project involves increasing public awareness about the Columbia Headwaters watershed by offering events, workshops, guided watershed tours and other activities. It will bring together a diverse group of people who will continue to raise public awareness, engage the public and work together to manage the watershed.

"The people of the Columbia Headwaters watershed recognize that they live in a place of incredible natural beauty," said Kirsten Joy Harma, Program Coordinator. "The Lake Windermere Ambassadors' project aims to provide a forum for people to develop a new set of tools for protecting the region's water resources and natural values for generations to come."

Another approved project is the Slocan Western Screech Owl Habitat Protection and Interpretation Project, initiated by the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society (SVHST). Supported by \$13,000 from the Trust, this project involves creating an Owl Walk with interpretive signage that will lead visitors, school groups and residents on an informative and enjoyable walk through Western Screech Owl habitat while educating them on the owl and its habitat.

"The Rail Trail will have one more special feature along its length to make exploring it even more enjoyable and interesting," said Kurt Hilger, Project Coordinator. "SVHST is sponsoring the Slocan Western Screech Owl Project this summer, to create a self-directed educational Owl Walk using parts of the Rail Trail and Village of Slocan land. The aim is to protect critical Western Screech Owl habitat in the area while promoting environmentally friendly enjoyment of the trail."

See the complete list of [projects approved for funding](#).

Over the past 12 years, the Environmental Initiatives Program has provided over \$5 million to help groups across the Basin conserve and restore the environment, promote stewardship and educate the public. For more information, visit cbt.org/eip. To learn more about the Trust's other environmental priorities, visit cbt.org/environment.



Selkirk College's New Rural Pre-Medicine Program Receives Trust Support

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

Selkirk College has received \$50,000 in support from the Trust to help it implement its new **Rural Pre-Medicine Program**.

This three-year program will provide students with everything they need to apply medical school. It was created as one piece of a long-term solution to the shortage of rural doctors in BC, and provides rural and aboriginal students with a pathway into medical school.

"Selkirk College is grateful to the Trust for supporting its vision of excellence and access to local educational opportunities for students in our region," said Elizabeth Lund, Chemistry Instructor and Rural Pre-Medicine Program Coordinator.

[Read the full news release.](#)



Sport Groups Come Together to Form North Kootenay Council

Tuesday, May 06, 2014

Public-input meetings start Wednesday, May 14

Many local sport and recreation groups have common issues: from training coaches and referees, to attracting and retaining volunteers. To help these groups share solutions and resources, the Kaslo Sufferfest Society has spearheaded a project to create a regional sport council, with \$20,000 in support from the Trust.

Over the past two years, 18 groups have come together and expressed a desire to collaborate. The first step was to hire a consultant and put together a working team of local contact people, who are now gathering information on how to best create the North Kootenay Sport and Recreation Council to satisfy local needs. The region served will stretch from Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake, to the communities around Slocan Lake, to the communities around Arrow Lakes Reservoir.

The next step is to speak with residents and sport and recreation groups. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. at the Seniors Hall in Nakusp (210 – 8 Ave.). Meetings in New Denver and Kaslo will be scheduled in the near future.

"These public meetings will give us feedback and help us develop models of what the council could look like," said consultant Val Mayes. "We're using Canadian Sport for Life concepts: the idea that people of all ages can participate in sport and recreation, and that we should be active our entire lives. The regional council will help local groups do their work."

In addition to affecting health and well-being, the council will also touch upon economic well-being, as many communities benefit when sporting events attract visitors.

"The sport and recreation sector touches upon the lives of residents of all ages and athletic abilities," said Lynda Lafleur, Trust Community Liaison. "This makes this collaboration important, as the priorities it will develop will help organizations pursue their activities."

The goal is to have the council in place by fall 2014. For more information, contact Val Mayes at 250.226.7399 or valleymayes@gmail.com.

