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Deadline

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***Our Trust, Our Future Workshops***

**October 15**

Deadline

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## Help Shape How the Trust Supports You

Friday, September 12, 2014

*Have your say and win \$1,000 to donate*

The Trust is asking residents where it should focus its efforts to best support residents and communities in the Columbia Basin now, and into the future.

The Trust is kicking off a year-long Basin-wide public engagement process starting with a series of drop-in community workshops and an interactive engagement website. Called "Our Trust, Our Future," the Trust is connecting with residents to find out what's important to them and build on the input they may have provided in the past.

"We'll be connecting with Basin residents to reflect and celebrate our collective accomplishments over the past 20 years, and also to imagine what the next 20 might look like," said Greg Deck, Columbia Basin Trust Board Chair. "In the next three to five years the Trust's revenues are expected to double. As our delivery of benefits to the region grows, it's important that residents continue to provide guidance in charting that future."

The Trust will be reaching out in various ways across the Basin. Expect to find the Trust hosting drop-in community workshops, presenting at community and agency meetings or staffing a booth in a public space. Residents can also send comments by mail or provide their thoughts online. Everyone who participates will have a chance to win \$1,000 to donate to a local non-profit of their choice.

"Some residents have already provided input to us in the past—now we want you to expand on those ideas," said Neil Muth, Columbia Basin Trust President and CEO.

"What's most important to your community? What should we do more of? What are your ideas? We hope you will be part of this conversation and help us shape how we support your efforts now, and into the future."

For more information about the process and to have your say in person or online, visit [ourtrustourfuture.cbt.org](http://ourtrustourfuture.cbt.org).



## \$2 Million in Grants Available

Tuesday, September 09, 2014

*Apply now for youth, social and environment grants*

Are you planning a project that will help youth, social well-being or the environment? The Trust may be able to help.

"We are pleased to make nearly \$2 million available to support community projects that will benefit our youth, improve social well-being or enhance our environment," said Lisa Kilpatrick, Senior Manager, Sector Initiatives. "We encourage people to visit our website to see where their project best fits, read examples of previously funded projects and then connect with us."

To get started, read the program application guides online, then contact the Trust to discuss your project idea. Application deadlines are:

- **Oct. 15:** Youth Grants
- **Oct. 22:** Environment Grants
- **Oct. 29:** Social Grants

The Youth Grants program funds projects that directly benefit Basin youth aged 12 to 29 and develop youth leadership, support youth engagement or enhance employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The Social Grants program funds community or regional projects that positively impact social well-being and address social issues in communities.

The Environment Grants program funds projects that advance environmental well-being in the areas of ecosystems, climate or environmental education.

The Trust has residents with expertise in each of the sectors who volunteer with the Trust to evaluate applications, make funding recommendations to Trust staff and provide advice in relation to the program.



## Expanded Affordable Housing Options in the Basin

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

A new 18-unit apartment complex has opened in Invermere, while construction has started on a six-unit townhouse family complex in Creston. Both of these offer more affordable housing options for low-income families in the Basin.

These projects are part of the **Affordable Rental Housing initiative**, which is a \$10-million, three-year program that is a result of federal, provincial and Trust investments; the Government of Canada and Province of BC are providing a combined investment of \$5 million, while the Trust is contributing another \$5 million.

"Columbia Basin Trust is committed to supporting initiatives throughout the Basin that contribute to the well-being of our communities, and affordable housing is just one example of this commitment," said Neil Muth, President and CEO. "We congratulate the co-operative efforts and hard work of all the partners and community members connected with these projects."

Read the full Invermere release [here](#).

Read the full Creston release [here](#).

