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The Trust is once again looking to provide funding support to groups and organizations wanting to create new or upgrade existing recreation amenities in your area. **Application deadline is February 15, 2017.**

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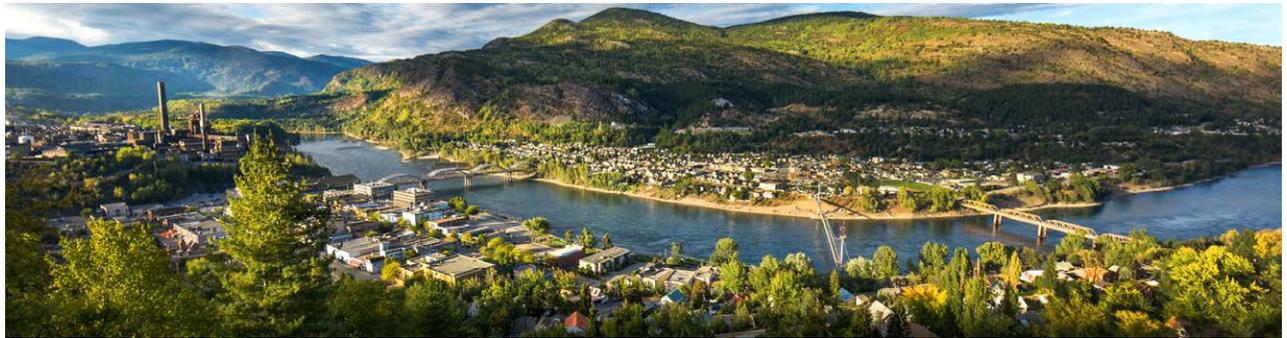
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Applications for Small Grants are accepted continuously throughout the year and reviewed in the first week of January, March, May, September and November.

Applications and Guidelines for Small Grants are posted [here](#).

Once you have reviewed the guide and application and want to discuss your project, contact Michelle d'Entremont, Program Coordinator: 1.800.505.8998 or communitydevgrants@cbt.org.



Trust Board Announces New President and CEO

News: November 28, 2016

VP and Chief Operating Officer assumes role

Columbia Basin Trust Board of Directors has announced that they have appointed Johnny Strilaeff to the position of President and CEO. Strilaeff has been with the Trust since 2005, most recently as the Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer.

Strilaeff moves into the position following the unexpected passing of long-time President and CEO Neil Muth earlier this month.

“Johnny was our unanimous choice. It is a comfort that at a difficult time when we have to make difficult decisions, we knew with complete confidence that Johnny could step into this role. As a board, we have the best interests of the Trust and its continued successful operation in mind. We know that Johnny works with the best interests of the Trust and Basin residents in mind as well,” said Rick Jensen, Board Chair.

Strilaeff was born and raised in Castlegar and is a graduate of Selkirk College as well as the University of Calgary. When he joined the Trust in 2005, he was responsible for the investment program. In recent years, he assumed the role of Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer and has been an advisor to the CEO and a member of the executive management committee.

“I am humbled and honoured by the Board’s decision and have committed to work diligently to continue Neil’s legacy of strong community relationships, support for Basin priorities, and maintaining the Trust as an effective and efficient organization,” Strilaeff said.

“Under Neil’s leadership the Trust matured into a robust organization with talented staff, and as a result we can continue meeting the needs of Basin communities without any interruption to our operations,” he said. “This is a direct result of Neil’s vision for the organization and a testament to his leadership.”

Strilaeff’s appointment as President and CEO is effective immediately.



Celebrating Grand Opening of New CMHAK Buildings and Housing Units

News: November 23, 2016



Columbia Basin Trust was pleased to take part in the grand opening celebration of Canadian Mental Health Association for the Kootenays' new multi-purpose facility in Cranbrook recently. CMHAK hosted the celebration upon completion of its new corporate office headquarters, the Connor Stewart Training Centre, and the Peter Johnson Complex which has new program service space and 18 affordable housing units.

One of the Trust's strategic priorities is helping communities address affordable housing issues. Residents throughout the Basin have told the Trust that affordable housing is a concern, and we contributed \$154,000 to this project.

"No one group does this sort of thing alone. Housing projects are costly. Partnerships are vital to the success of projects like this one," said Aimee Ambrosone, the Trust's representative at the grand opening.

"The CMHAK staff and board of directors came to us with a plan and the community already on board, which made it much easier for us to say yes to providing funding," she added.

"Although we call it a 'project,' that doesn't begin to describe the importance of these facilities. These new housing units will make a real difference in the lives of the people who will be living there. That's something we can all be proud of every time we think of our role in bringing this facility to life," Ambrosone said.

This new facility arose from the increasing need for more programming and administration space in Cranbrook and from the growing demand for more affordable housing units in the community. The new buildings are located on an existing 35 unit family housing property owned by CMHAK. The 18 new housing units are intended for low to moderate income

older adults.

The total value of this multi-purpose project was \$5,800,000. CMHAK contributed \$1.7 million with the remaining amount covered by a mortgage CMHAK took out with the assistance of the Province.

Columbia Basin Trust has been a long-standing partner in affordable housing efforts throughout the Basin. Since 2009, we've brought 405 units to 13 Basin communities through affordable housing initiatives with local housing organizations, the federal and provincial governments, and student housing initiatives with local colleges.



Societies Act Transition Hubs Launched

News: December 2, 2016



New information hubs are now available in the East and West Basin to help non-profits with transitioning to the new Societies Act. The Societies Act Transition Hubs have trained mentors who offer guidance and consultation, and deliver facilitated workshops to support the transition process.

The new Societies Act came into effect on November 28, 2016, and non-profit societies have two years to update their constitution and by-laws to comply.

For more information on the hubs, to access online resources (coming soon) and to sign up for email updates from the Hubs, click [here](#). The Trust has partnered with Law For Non-Profits (LFNP) to create and offer this service to non-profits in the Columbia Basin region.

Additional resources on the new Societies Act are available at ourtrust.org/npa.

Contact Keri Rinehart at nonprofit@cbt.org or 1.800.505.8998 for further questions about the Act or other topics on non-profit operations.



Apply Now for Recreation Infrastructure Grants

News: November 22, 2016



Create new or upgrade existing recreation spaces

Columbia Basin Trust is once again looking to provide funding support to groups and organizations wanting to create new or upgrade existing recreation amenities in your area. This funding can be used for outdoor and indoor sport and recreation facilities like parks, trails, courts and fields.

“We’re fortunate here in the Basin to have many world-class recreation opportunities,” said Kindy Gosal, Columbia Basin Trust Director of Special Initiatives. “Residents want to take advantage of these opportunities so they can lead active, healthy lifestyles and enhance our tourism industry. Acting on this is a priority for us and we’re really pleased the program has received such a positive response to date.”

If you are interested in applying for funding, read the application guidelines for more information and eligibility criteria. The guide can be found at ourtrust.org/recreationgrantsapply.

Once you have reviewed the guide and want to apply for a Recreation Infrastructure Grant, contact Rick Allen, Manager, Special Initiatives, to discuss your project: 1.800.505.8998 or recgrants@cbt.org. If deemed eligible, proponents will be emailed an application form.

The deadline for submitting applications is **February 15, 2017 at 1 p.m. PT/2 p.m. MT.**

The Recreation Infrastructure Program is a 3-year \$9 million initiative of Columbia Basin Trust. The program has already distributed more than \$4.5 million to 62 recreation-focused projects over the first two intakes. To read more about these projects visit: ourtrust.org/recbythenumbers or ourtrust.org/requicklook.