



Increased Support for Specialized Training

The Trust is now offering a specialized training bursary for 10 high-demand job areas that will fund up to 75% of the cost of training, to a maximum of \$7,500, to help unemployed or underemployed individuals get a better job. [...full story](#)



Energy Retrofits for Affordable Housing

32 affordable housing buildings, and over 600 units, are getting upgrades through the Trust's Energy Retrofit Program. The program helps provide energy conservation upgrades for affordable housing in the Basin, helping reduce costs for operators and increase comfort for residents. [...full story](#)



Nowhere Special Hostel Underway

The Trust's latest investment project is just minutes from the chairlift at RED Mountain Resort. This modern and affordable lodging option at the resort will also bring broader economic benefits to the community of Rosland. [...full story](#)



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The Trust Increases Support For Short-Term Training

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New bursary limit of up to \$7,500 for training leading to specialized, high-demand jobs

Sometimes, short-term training is all a person needs to be hired for the job. Yet some Columbia Basin residents have difficulty affording that training. Columbia Basin Trust's Training Fee Support program offers a bursary to help unemployed or underemployed individuals afford the training they need to secure immediate employment—and now provides even more funding for training leading to certain specialized, high-demand jobs.

Delivered by College of the Rockies, the program continues to offer up to \$800 toward training of six months or less. At the same time, the Trust has recognized that some employers are in great need of skilled employees, but that the costs of short-term training for these positions are higher. In these instances, such as for a heavy equipment operator or health care clerk, the Trust is now offering a specialized training bursary for 10 high-demand job areas. This bursary will fund up to 75 per cent of the cost of training, to a maximum of \$7,500.

“The need for higher-skilled labour in the region keeps increasing, and local employers are having a hard time attracting employees,” said Lisa Kilpatrick, Senior Manager, Economic. “Getting people into training means getting them into the workforce or into more sustainable employment, which benefits the individual, the business and the Basin economy as a whole.”

Winlaw resident Alfred Moore obtained funding to take his Class 1 drivers licence. “I was working in the construction industry and I was getting lots of random layoffs at inopportune times,” he said. “I was looking for something that was more steady.” Thanks to the bursary, he's now employed with a logging company in Nakusp. “It definitely helped me find work.”

Visit your local WorkBC employment service centre to discuss eligibility for these training bursaries,

including the 10 high-demand job areas which include:

- Class 1 Driver
- Heavy Equipment Operator
- Prep Cook
- Programmer and Coders
- Office/Business Administration
- Forestry Work
- Health Care Clerk
- Security Guard/Officer
- Construction
- Adventure Tourism

Over the past five years, the program has given over \$1.3 million in bursaries toward over 3,500 training opportunities. [Click here](#) to learn more about the bursaries.

This program is one of the ways the Trust is strengthening the workforce in the region. Learn more about economic initiatives [here](#). For example, it recently implemented the [Career Internship Program](#), which helps employers afford to hire recent post-secondary graduates. It also offers [scholarships and bursaries](#) for post-secondary students.



Energy Retrofits for 32 Affordable Housing Buildings

News: July 26, 2018



\$1.6 million in Trust grants will help improve over 600 units across the Basin

Thirty-two buildings in 14 communities with over 600 affordable housing units will be more energy efficient with the help of \$1.6 million from Columbia Basin Trust.

“We announced the Energy Retrofit Program last year with the goal of helping to upgrade as many affordable housing units as possible to save energy and reduce operating costs for non-profit housing groups,” said Aimee Ambrosone, Columbia Basin Trust Director, Delivery of Benefits. “Thanks to the hard work of all these non-profit housing organizations and the many quality applications we received, we are increasing our overall commitment to \$2.5 million.”

Delivered in partnership with the BC Non-Profit Housing Association and BC Housing, the program helps provide energy conservation upgrades for affordable housing in the Basin. Twenty organizations will be receiving over \$1.6 million for projects that range from installing new boilers to insulating attics. This is in addition to the \$900,000 allocated in the first intake, which committed to upgrading 500 units in 25 buildings in 13 communities.

Halcyon House in Nakusp is one of the grant recipients. The assisted living facility, which houses 17 units for seniors, was built in 1980 and was dealing with aging equipment. The Halcyon Assisted Living Society will now be installing new heat pumps, replacing insulation and upgrading lighting throughout the building.

“Having the ability to address these issues is going to help us improve our energy efficiency which will reduce



Johnny Strilaeff, President and CEO, Columbia Basin Trust; Robyn Hicks, Manager, Halcyon House; Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling; and Tim Payne, Executive Director, Halcyon Assisted Living Society.

the operating costs of our organization,” said Tim Payne, Executive Director, Halcyon Assisted Living Society. “These upgrades are also going to benefit our residents. They take great pride in this building so for them to see it being updated brings them a lot of joy, not to mention added comfort levels once the work is complete. It’s a win-win for everybody involved.”

To see the full list of projects funded, visit ourtrust.org/energyretrofit2018.

Residents told the Trust that affordable housing, energy conservation and non-profit support were priorities for them; the Energy Retrofit Program addresses all three. Learn more about the Trust’s work in housing at ourtrust.org/housing.

The Trust is also developing an energy sustainability program for community purpose buildings. The program is expected to be launched later in 2018 and aims to lower energy consumption and costs by supporting energy retrofits and generation measures to enhance the building’s sustainability.



Trust and Red Mountain Constructing Hostel, Nowhere Special

News: July 17, 2018



Columbia Basin Trust and RED Mountain constructing a modern hostel only minutes from the chairlift.

(Rossland) – After a season of *serious* excitement, RED Mountain Resort, in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust, has yet another exciting announcement: It’s called **Nowhere Special**. And it’s a hostel.

Wait. A what?

“The modern hostel movement has established itself as the “go to” place for the younger generations and is dramatically different from the youth hostels we stayed in as young adults,” explains RED CEO Howard Katkov. “If you look at what brands like The Generator have done in world-class cities like London and Paris, you’ll quickly see why we knew we had to be one of the first ski resorts to have a purpose-built hostel at the base of RED. It’s the perfect fit with our ski club heritage and the current Kootenay culture of radical generosity.”

Nowhere Special will be the quintessential *modern* hostel, suitable for travelers of all ages who value community, connection, and careful curation above all. The operating mantra since the napkin-stage has been the same one that’s kept RED cool for over 100 years, i.e. “Everything you need & nothing you don’t”.

Columbia Basin Trust President and CEO Johnny Strilaeff says: “We’re pleased to invest in RED’s new modern hostel, **Nowhere Special**. It will offer an affordable lodging option for the resort, and bring broader economic benefits to the community of Rossland.”

At 11,000 square feet, **Nowhere Special** offers an additional 82 pillows at the base of RED along with real-world needs like indoor bike and ski storage, a tech-friendly lounge, and an outdoor fire pit with

two gas grills which make **Nowhere Special** nothing like its name. A clean community kitchen with two ranges, a commercial fridge, and all the (*matching!*) silverware and dishes you might need to build a serious après-ski spread for your “new best friends” round out the offering.

Located a mere two-minute walk from the chairlift, **Nowhere Special** will have a number of floor plans catering to different needs for privacy and price, including two wheelchair-accessible units. A typical room at **Nowhere Special** sleeps four and shares an ensuite bathroom for up to eight individuals.

What really sets **Nowhere Special** apart, though, is its design. **Nowhere Special's** dedicated development partnership with DJM Contracting and Studio 9 Architecture +Planning have made sure that the building delivers the best in clean, modern design and usability. “It is important to keep RED accessible for all and **Nowhere Special** will provide a great option for those who are on a budget when determining where to stay on their visit,” explains Katkov. “Further, we’ve made sure our approach and design to **Nowhere Special** makes it also one of the coolest place to stay.”

Nowhere Special broke ground on April 10, 2018, with a projected opening of December 18, 2018. Booking availability will be live September 2018 at nowherespecialhostel.com.



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Who are we?

Our staff team is made up of Basin residents that thrive in a dynamic environment, are innovative and passionate and want to contribute to Columbia Basin communities.

We have offices in [four communities](#) around the Basin: Castlegar, Nakusp, Cranbrook and Golden. These communities offer year-round outdoor recreation, a vibrant arts and culture scene and much more. Learn about what the area has to offer [here](#).

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