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Do you operate a community building here in the Basin? The Trust can help you generate energy and save on operating costs with an Energy Sustainability Grant. Apply to install renewable or alternative energy generation like solar panels, heat pumps or wind turbines. Apply by January 7, 2019...[full story](#)



Engaging Basin Youth

Twenty-eight youth networks around the Basin will continue to receive support through the renewal of the Trust's Basin Youth Network. The Network brings youth ages 12-18 together to grow, learn and appreciate the experiences of other youth...[full story](#)



Arts and Culture Funding Announced

The Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) is helping to create a culturally vibrant Basin. CKCA announced funding for a wide range of projects, master classes, touring and major exhibition projects...[full story](#)



Helping Residents Become Employed

Alfred Moore says he's "happily employed," with an emphasis on the word "happy." Finding a reliable job was easier after he received support to pursue his Class 1 driver's licence. The Trust offers bursaries to unemployed or underemployed residents through its Training Fee Support program...[full story](#)



Dreams Come True for Basin Knitwear Company

A Cranbrook business got the opportunity to offer its products to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Kootenay Knit and Apparel President, Cathy Rella, talks about her experience working with the Trust to make it happen in this video...[read more](#).



Hire a Co-op Student

Enhancements to the Trust's School Works program now include wage subsidies for co-op students in full-time, career-related positions. [...learn more](#)

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New Energy Grant Targets Community Buildings

News: October 22, 2018



From town halls to seniors' centres, community purpose buildings are well-used gathering places that can use a lot of electricity and be costly to operate. The new Energy Sustainability Grant from Columbia Basin Trust can help these buildings generate energy, increase energy efficiency and sustainability, and reduce energy costs.

"Basin residents told us that alternative and renewable energy are important to them," said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. "We've already supported a few successful projects in the region and we have now created the Energy Sustainability Grants program to support even more. The goal is to support community efforts to generate energy, while reducing energy costs, saving money and becoming more environmentally and economically sustainable."

The program provides funding for community buildings that will generate their own energy using alternative and renewable methods such as installing solar panels, biomass energy boilers or wind turbines. There's additional support for energy conservation and efficiency efforts, such as upgrading lighting, insulation or the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. The buildings must be actively used by the general public and owned by a non-profit organization, local government or First Nation.

Depending on the project scope, available support ranges from 50 to 75 per cent of project costs, up to a maximum grant of \$100,000 per category. Funding is also available to help install level 2 electric vehicle charging stations. There is \$900,000 available for this first intake which closes January 7, 2019. Learn more [here](#).

This program is one of the ways the Trust is helping communities conserve energy and generate renewable and alternative energy—one of our strategic priorities. The Trust has also supported the East Kootenay community energy manager and community energy diets, as well as an [electric vehicle charging network](#) across the Basin. In addition, the Trust has helped improve energy efficiency and sustainability in 47 affordable housing buildings in the Basin.



Youth are a vital force in the Columbia Basin and the Trust's Basin Youth Network is tapping into that energy.

From Valemount to Yaqaan Nukiy and many points in between, 28 Youth Networks work to collaborate, engage and connect more in their communities, creating new relationships and helping to advance the issues and interests that matter to them. It's an opportunity to grow, learn and appreciate the experience of other youth.

Established in fall 2015 and renewed for three years in 2018, the network serves youth in several ways. On the community level, it aids and provides funding to the community youth networks. These work to increase local activities and opportunities for youth aged 12 to 18, enabling them to learn new skills and engage more with each other and their communities.

On the regional level, the Basin Youth Network brings together youth through regional or Basin-wide events like the Basin Youth Network Leadership Summit, hosted every two years. It also develops and delivers resources that address youth priorities, like an upcoming leadership training opportunity, and local youth coordinator priorities, like a mental health first aid course.

Learn more at ourtrust.org/byn.

Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance Projects Announced

News: October 1, 2018



Over 150 arts and culture projects—including the Columbia Basin Culture Tour—have received a total of \$751,000 in funding support for the 2018-19 season through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA), in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust.

“It’s exciting to see the range of projects that were successful in their applications for the Trust funding through the CKCA. It’s also impressive to see the scope of the projects; there are artists taking their first steps towards becoming professionals, to individuals receiving funding for major projects, and everything in between. The members of the CKCA Steering Committee are very pleased to continue our relationship with Columbia Basin Trust, fostering excellence in the arts and culture community across the region,” said Laura White, Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance Chair.

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, touring and major exhibition projects.

“Residents have told us that a strong arts and culture sector is an important part of life in the Basin,” said Michelle d’Entremont, Manager, Grants and Programs, Columbia Basin Trust. “Supporting these projects means artists and organizations get the help they need to further their work and residents benefit from a culturally vibrant region.”

CKCA funding helps individuals and organizations realize arts and cultural projects across 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.



Helping Residents Become Employed

WINLAW, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, OUR TRUST 2018

“I’m happily employed,” says Winlaw resident and logging truck driver Alfred Moore. This is something he couldn’t say often back when he was working in the construction industry.

“I was getting lots of random layoffs at inopportune times,” he says, “so that industry was a little up and down. I was looking for something more steady.”

The stability came thanks to a Class 1 driver’s licence. Moore had wanted one before but obtaining the licence was fairly expensive. Then he got the help he needed through a bursary from the Trust.

Delivered by College of the Rockies, the Trust’s Training Fee Support program provides bursaries to help unemployed or underemployed people afford the training they need to secure immediate employment.

Usually, the amount is maxed at \$800 per person. But Moore caught the program at just the right time—when it started offering even more funding, up to \$7,500, for training leading to certain specialized, high-demand jobs. These include prep cooks, forestry workers, security guards and more—and Class 1 drivers.

The Trust recognizes that the need for higher-skilled labour in the region keeps increasing and that local employers are having a hard time attracting employees. Expanding this bursary program is part of its \$20-million, three-year commitment to help create a diverse and resilient economy.

As for Moore’s new licence, he says, “It definitely helped me find work.”

He’s now employed with a logging company in Nakusp. “There’s lots of opportunities in driving available, but I’m pretty happy where I’m at right now.”

Basin Stories

CRANBROOK, BUSINESS, INVESTMENTS

Olympic-sized dreams can be realized in the Columbia Basin with a bit of help.

Kootenay Knitting was an established knitwear company in Cranbrook when they got the opportunity of a lifetime – to provide toques, mitts and other accessories for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

In this video, Cathy Rella, President of Kootenay Knit and Apparel, talks about how working with the Trust's investment program allowed her to take her company onto the world stage while helping her achieve the other part of her vision: remaining located in the Kootenays.

School Works Program



Are you looking to hire:

- a full-time student on a part-time basis during the school year (September to May) to do career-related work,
- a first or second level apprentice for full-time employment to complete their first or second level work-based training requirements, or
- a student for a Co-op work term through an accredited Co-op program?

The School Works Program, delivered by College of the Rockies, could give you an \$8/hour wage subsidy!

Click on the tabs below to see the [updated criteria](#) for each of our wage subsidy categories.

School Works

Apprentice Wage Subsidy

Co-op Wage Subsidy

The School Works: Co-op Wage Subsidy provides wage subsidies to employers in the [Trust's region](#) to help them hire post-secondary students enrolled in full-time education and participating in a recognized university or college co-op education program.

Who can Apply

Businesses, Non-profit and First Nations organizations, and public bodies with business headquarters located within the [Columbia Basin Trust region](#).

How to Apply

1. Read the [School Works: Co-op Wage Subsidy Application Guide](#)
2. Complete the [School Works: Co-op Wage Subsidy Application Form](#).

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