

STRONG, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES ARE GOOD FOR EVERYONE

TRAIL, BC - Since being established in 1969, Kootenay Savings has made it a priority to make a lasting and meaningful impact in the Kootenays. "Year after year, through grants, donations, sponsorships, bursaries and more, Kootenay Savings invests a good portion of our profits back into the communities we serve. Profits made possible by our loyal members and hard-working employees. That's why it's so important for us to play a role in enriching the lives of those living, working and playing in the cities and towns we're so proud to call home," shares Kootenay Savings Community Liaison, Aron Burke.

One of the main ways the credit union invests back into the region is through the work of the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation, which this month distributed more than \$57,000 in new grants as part of the Foundation's Spring/Summer granting cycle. The twenty-seven different and diverse community organizations benefitting from this latest round of funding include:

Beaver Valley Age Friendly Society	\$1,000	Nelson & District Museum & Archives	\$1,000
Castlegar Community Response Network	\$1,000	North Kootenay Lake Community Services	\$2,500
Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society	\$1,500	Salmo Baseball	\$1,500
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Trail	\$414	Senior's Environmental Development Society	\$1,500
Columbia Valley Arts Council	\$980	Slocan Lake Gallery Society	\$2,015
Columbia Valley Food Bank	\$5,000	Trail FAIR Society	\$5,000
Friends of Lardeau River	\$600	Trail Minor Baseball	\$1,500
Kaslo Senior Citizens Association	\$1,000	Trail Youth Baseball	\$1,500
Kimberley SPARK Society for Youth	\$5,000	VISAC Gallery	\$500
Kootenay Boundary Environmental Education	\$2,500	West Kootenay Brain Injury Association	\$1,000
Kootenay Lake Independent School Society	\$4,000	Windermere Elementary School	\$5,000
Kootenay Local Agriculture Society	\$500	Windermere Valley Youth Centre Society	\$4,500
Lower Columbia Community Development Team	\$2,000	Ymir Community Watershed Society	\$1,500
MADD Kimberley-Cranbrook	\$3,000		

Along with the grants, Kootenay Savings is also helping local students pursue their dreams and ambitions by awarding \$54,000 in education awards, bursaries and summer camp sponsorships.

Kootenay Savings Community Foundation Quick Facts

- Formed in 2000 to support non-profit cultural, economic, educational, environmental, health and social projects.
- Over \$4.7 million in grants, endowments and bursaries distributed since inception.
- Grant application form and more details available at kscu.com/Community.
- Two grant application deadlines each year; March 31 and September 30.

About Kootenay Savings

With Corporate Offices in Trail, Kootenay Savings is a member-owned credit union with eleven branches throughout the Kootenays, over \$1 billion in assets, more than 37,000 members and over 200 employees. In addition to the Community Foundation, Kootenay Savings also delivers wealth management strategies through its wholly owned subsidiary, Kootenay Savings MoneyWorks, and auto and general insurance through Kootenay Insurance Services Ltd.

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