

KOOTENAY SAVINGS HELPS GRANT HOLIDAY WISHES

Kootenay Savings Credit Union is helping the holiday season come a little early this year for seventeen diverse and dedicated community groups and service clubs. In keeping with the credit union's proud tradition of investing in the well-being of those living, working and playing in the Kootenays, the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation is excited to announce \$67,000 in new grants.

"Every year, through grants, donations, sponsorships, bursaries and more, Kootenay Savings invests a portion of our profits back into the communities we serve. We take great pride in being part of the fabric of the Kootenays, and we're honoured to be able to partner with so many wonderful like-minded organizations to help support and uplift the region," shares Kootenay Savings Community Liaison, Aron Burke.

This latest round of funding will provide a boost to a wide array of initiatives throughout the Kootenays - constructing new affordable housing units, expanding emergency medical services, enhancing food security, and many other worthy causes that help strengthen communities.

Castlegar & District Hospital Foundation	\$4,000	Emergency Department Equipment
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Greater Trail	\$1,000	Portable Kitchen Program
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Salmo	\$1,000	Literacy for Littles
Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network	\$2,500	Wild Voices for Kids
Columbia River Valley Rural Roots Society	\$2,000	Outdoor Infant & Toddler Transportation Gear
Columbia Valley Youth Soccer Association	\$2,500	Equipment & Supplies
Doukhobor Discovery Centre	\$3,000	Doukhobor Archives & Research Centre
Elk Root Conservation Society	\$2,000	Native Plant Field Guide & Education Materials
JL Crowe Secondary School	\$5,000	"Hawk Hauler" School Bus
Kaslo Senior Citizens Association	\$2,000	Kaslo Senior's Hall
Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association	\$10,000	Rural Access to Pre-Hospital Emergency Care
New Denver & Area Housing Society	\$10,000	Affordable Housing Units
Shredology Association for Women	\$2,000	Freeride Workshop Series
West Kootenay EcoSociety	\$10,000	Farms to Friends Food Program
West Kootenay Football Club	\$4,000	Winlaw Field Restoration
Windermere Elementary School	\$2,500	Winderland Outdoor Classroom
Windermere Valley Youth Centre Society	\$3,500	Youth-Produced Magazine

In addition to the grants, the KS Community Foundation is also making a \$15,000 donation to the Canadian Red Cross to help with the relief and recovery efforts resulting from the recent flooding, landslides, mudslides and other incidents across the South Coastal and Interior regions of BC. The Red Cross is working to get help to people in and around affected areas as quickly as possible and provide humanitarian assistance for new needs as they arise. All money raised will enable the Red Cross to carry out relief, recovery, resiliency, and risk reduction activities in and beyond the region at the individual and community levels.

KS Community Foundation Quick Facts

- Formed in 2000 to support non-profit cultural, economic, educational, environmental, health and social projects.
- Over \$5 million in grants, endowments and bursaries distributed since inception.
- Application form and more details available online at kscu.com/Community.

About Kootenay Savings

With corporate offices in Trail, Kootenay Savings is a member-owned credit union with eleven branches throughout the Kootenays, over \$1.3 billion in assets, 37,000 members and 220 employees. In addition to operating the Community Foundation, Kootenay Savings delivers wealth management strategies through Kootenay Savings MoneyWorks and auto and general insurance through Kootenay Insurance Services.

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