

KOOTENAY SAVINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$123,000 IN GRANTS & BURSARIES

TRAIL, BC - At Kootenay Savings Credit Union (KSCU), we recognize we're only as strong as the members and communities we serve, which is why community investment is at the heart of all we do. One of the major ways we make a meaningful difference is through the work of the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation, which recently approved \$65,400 in new grants to help fund programs and projects that enrich the lives of residents throughout the Kootenays.

"There are so many amazing community initiatives happening all across our region right now, and the diversity of applications this granting cycle was great to see," shares Aron Burke, Community Liaison for KSCU. "We know how much time, effort and energy goes into helping make our communities stronger and more inclusive places to live, and we're just so happy and proud to be able to support that work."

The twenty-five local organizations benefitting from this latest round of funding include:

Beaver Valley Golf & Recreation Society	\$3,000	Restaurant & Pro Shop Upgrades
Central Kootenay Food Policy Council	\$1,100	Updated Food & Farm Directory
Dark Water Dragons (Kaslo)	\$1,000	Rowing Team UV Protection Shirts
JV Humphries School	\$700	Community Shelter/Outdoor Classroom
Kaslo Curling Club	\$1,000	Ice Maintenance Equipment Upgrades
Kimberley Gymnastics Club	\$5,000	Rebuild Gymnastics Club & Daycare
Kimberley Public Library	\$2,000	Large Print Shelving Upgrades
Lake Windermere District Lions Club	\$2,000	New Campground Development
Lardeau Opportunity LINKS Society	\$2,000	Laptop & External Hard Drive
Nakusp & Area Youth Society	\$1,200	Youth Summer Recreation Programming
Nelson Community Food Centre	\$5,000	Community Kitchen Renovation
Passmore Public Hall Association	\$5,000	Building & Grounds Upgrades
Peaks Gymnastics (Invermere)	\$5,000	New Training Facility
Rosland Arena Society	\$2,500	Arena Concession Upgrades
Rosland Public Library Association	\$2,000	After School Programs & All-ages Book Club
Rosland Scouts	\$2,500	Scout Hall Rejuvenation
Salmo Valley Trail Society	\$2,500	Trail Expansion
Sanctuary Pre-teen Centre (Trail)	\$2,500	Life Skills Program
Slocan Park Hall Society	\$2,500	Building Upgrades
Spark Society for Youth	\$1,000	Youth Food Club
Summit Community Services Society (Cranbrook)	\$2,000	Men's Counselling & Support Group
Take A Hike Foundation	\$1,500	West Kootenay Education Program
Trail & District Chamber of Commerce	\$2,500	Kootenay Teen Chef Club
Valhalla Foundation for Ecology	\$8,900	Disabled-Access Nature Trails
VISAC Art Gallery (Trail)	\$1,000	New Small Kiln

Along with the recent grants, Kootenay Savings is also awarding \$58,450 in bursaries and summer camp sponsorships to help local high school and post-secondary students pursue their dreams and goals.

KS Community Foundation Quick Facts

- Formed in 2000 to support non-profit cultural, economic, educational, environmental, health and social initiatives.
- Over \$5.33 million in grants, endowments and bursaries distributed since inception.
- Application form and more details available online at kscu.com/about-us/Community.

About Kootenay Savings

Kootenay Savings Credit Union is an innovative, member-driven financial co-operative offering seamless digital and remote banking options as well as branches and offices from Trail to Radium Hot Springs. 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. Read more about Kootenay Savings at kscu.com.

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