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Applicant	Funding	Project Description
Alex Fraser Park Society	\$10,000	This project will gather and analyse information to complete a planning document that will guide the Alex Fraser Park Society in establishing a five year development strategy for the park.
Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	Project will review current community marketing/promotions then draft a formal marketing plan, including a coordinated marketing strategy for the community.
Boston Bar/North Bend Enhancement Society	\$10,000	The project will complete an engineering/feasibility study for a complete restoration of the CN railway station so that it could house a museum, art gallery and public washrooms.
Bulkley Backcountry Ski Society	\$5,000	This project will see a report prepared to ensure that any new backcountry cabin is not built on an avalanche path, has access to water, wood for winter heating, multiple access routes in case of inclement weather, and appropriate cabin design.
Catalyst Agri-Innovations Society	\$10,000	This project will create the formal plan to demonstrate a community scale, co-operative anaerobic digester.
City of Quesnel	\$10,000	The project will inventory, map and assess current and future needs of all existing trails in the North Cariboo.
Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Kootenay	\$10,000	A revenue diversification study to identify opportunities to develop sustainable sources of revenues through the imaginekootenay.com website.
Community Futures Development Corporation of Revelstoke	\$10,000	This project will complete a feasibility study and a business case to support the development of a business innovation centre in Revelstoke.
Community Futures Development Corporation of Sun Country	\$10,000	This project will create a business plan to articulate the vision for the short and long-term management of the McAbee Fossil Beds Heritage Site and identify how best to proceed.

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Community Futures Sunshine Coast Development Corporation	\$10,000	This project will develop a replicable model for growing rural-based social ventures in the Sunshine Coast Regional District.
Corporation of the Village of Keremeos	\$10,000	This project will create an attraction and retention strategy for businesses and residents to boost and revitalize the Keremeos economy.
Corporation of the Village of Lumby	\$10,000	This project will assess affordable housing options for the community.
Corporation of the Village of Fraser Lake	\$10,000	The project will conduct a feasibility study for the development of additional four season trails and upgrades to the existing trails.
District of Invermere	\$10,000	This project will create a commercial development needs assessment that will foster an Investment Readiness Program. This program will be used by prospective investors to assist them in making decisions regarding new commercial development within the community.
District of Sicamous	\$10,000	A feasibility study/ business case analysis will be developed to determine if a community bioenergy project could be used to displace the use of traditional energy sources at key community buildings and industrial facilities.
District of Tofino (Tofino Sustainable Event Co-op)	\$10,000	Funding will support a business plan for the creation of the Tofino Sustainable Event Co-op.
Downtown Duncan Business Improvement Area Society	\$10,000	This project will support consultation work between the Downtown Duncan Business Improvement Association and other key stakeholders, for the purpose of economic and business development growth, with the goal of determining priority areas requiring strategic plans and partnerships.
Elk River Watershed Alliance	\$9,643	This project will complete a feasibility study and implementation plan for a composting outhouse.

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Fernie Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	The project will produce a report that identifies and evaluates opportunities to convert currently under-utilized space into a shared office space and business accelerator space.
Fireweed Collective Society	\$10,000	This project will complete a business plan for the Fireweed Housing Cooperative to build four small homes for women fleeing abuse who need access to safe affordable housing.
Fort Nelson Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	This project will support the Chamber of Commerce in creating an advisory committee and hosting facilitated workshops to assess business cases for future projects to promote sustainable economic development in the community.
Fraser Basin Council	\$10,000	This project will create a youth attraction and retention strategy in Quesnel as part of Quesnel's Professional Recruitment Strategy.
Gabriola Island Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	The project will complete a commercial demand forecast for Gabriola Island so that the information may be included when developing a concept of how the village core area and retail sector will evolve.
Gathering Voices Society	\$10,000	To develop a project to advance First Nation ecosystem management and stewardship (EMS) in Clayoquot Sound. The project will expand EMS programs that address habitat degradation, enhance natural infrastructure, and promote the local tourism sector.
Gold Country Communities Society	\$10,000	Funding to complete a 5-year business plan for the society, as well as complete a feasibility study looking at the re-location of the society into a new facility.
Golden Community Social Services Coop	\$10,000	This project will complete a business model and feasibility report for a community driven social enterprising commercial aquaponic facility in Golden, BC.

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Heiltsuk Economic Development Corporation	\$10,000	This project will undertake a thorough business case analysis of an Energy Efficiency & Heat Pump retrofit program across Bella Bella's residential buildings.
Hornby Festival Society	\$10,000	Development of a feasibility study which examines the potential for Hornby Island to become an education destination for arts and music.
Kettle River Museum Society	\$10,000	The project will complete a feasibility study and a comprehensive business plan to determine viability of operating a hostel located on the Kettle River Museum lot.
Kitimat Valley Education Society	\$10,000	The project will develop a report on training gaps in the Kitimat region, including what training is available through organizations in region, how often courses are offered, their cost and funding sources, and to determine what trade/education offerings the community can benefit from most.
Ktunaxa Nation Council Society	\$10,000	This project will support the development of a Ktunaxa Interpretive Centre to enhance the visibility and experience of the Ktunaxa tribe and the St. Eugence Golf Resort Casino and other tourism related businesses.
Lillooet & District Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	Funding will go towards a business plan which examines the creation of a regional Destination Tourism organization, as well as launching a tour bus coordination pilot project.
Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society	\$10,000	This project will create an agriculture sector market access and growth strategy to take advantage of the significant agricultural land holdings in Lillooet.
Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society	\$10,000	This project will pilot a community workshop with specific training sessions targeting industry, local government, not-for-profits and First Nations communities on a variety of natural resource topics (invasive species, bear safety, archaeology etc.).

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Nelson Civic Theatre Society	\$9,950	This project will undertake research that will offer vital information to support the Society's capital campaign and help to identify potential donors.
Neskonlith Indian Band	\$10,000	The intent of this project is to establish a Friendship Accord/MOU with the neighbouring community of Salmon Arm through extensive community consultation.
Nisga'a Lisims Government	\$9,873	The project will help build capacity to enable the Nisga'a Lisims Government to establish the criteria for a web-based model best suited to the Quality of Life strategy for the Nisga'a Nation and its citizens.
Nuxalk Development Corporation	\$10,000	This project will conduct a feasibility assessment for the commercial scale-up of an existing demonstration project in commercial hydroponic agriculture.
Nuxalk Nation	\$10,000	This project will complete a feasibility analysis and business case for the construction and operation of a proposed museum and cultural centre.
Okanagan College Foundation	\$10,000	This project will produce a workforce needs assessment and analysis for the Salmon Arm technology sector.
Peace River Regional District	\$10,000	Development of a business case that explores the commercial viability of a horticulture sector and the various business models available.
Penticton Indian Band Development Corporation	\$10,000	This project will create a master development plan for the Penticton Indian Band's reservation within Penticton city limits.
Powell River Brain Injury Society	\$8,000	The project will create a comprehensive business plan for a business which provides employment for persons who cannot re-enter the workplace due to brain injuries.
Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	This project will produce a report that will outline best practices for a social enterprise to address opportunities for economic diversification and skills training within the community.

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Quesnel Downtown Association	\$10,000	This project will develop a five year plan that will aid in the coordination of business efforts and the formation of economic development ideas.
Regional District of Central Kootenay	\$10,000	The project will complete a study which proposes to increase visitation to the region through creation of unique educational/tourism/training opportunities.
Regional District of Nanaimo	\$10,000	The project will complete a geo-technical feasibility and risk management study for trail routing options in the Regional District of Nanaimo.
Revelstoke Local Food Initiative Society	\$10,000	This project will create a feasibility study for a community greenhouse in Revelstoke.
Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club	\$8,000	This project will develop a strategic plan for club/facility development that would address land use, trail, infrastructure and club sustainability planning.
Saa'men GP Ltd	\$10,000	The project will complete an analysis of property value, land appraisal, and negotiations to reach an agreement-in-principle to purchase property for the development of a fuel station/convenience store.
Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce & Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Consortium	\$10,000	This project will support a previously developed tourism strategy by: (1) completing outreach/engagement; (2) developing an inter-island committee and committee coordination for the tourism initiative; (3) secure a formal endorsement of the tourism initiative; and (4) develop an application for a larger project for the Rural Dividend to implement the tourism initiative.
Shuswap Hut and Trail Alliance Society	\$9,809	This project will prepare technical field assessments and shelf-ready trail plans for priority trail projects with high trail-based destination tourism value.
Simpchw Resources Limited Liability Partnership	\$9,971	This feasibility study will explore the opportunity to create a prime contractor company to take advantage of the development of the Valemout Glacier Destination Resort.

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Skeena Supported Employment Society	\$10,000	The project will conduct a feasibility study for a pub/hotel building redevelopment project which would turn the building into a combination of retail, workshop, micro office, and affordable housing units.
Social Planning Action Network (SPAN)	\$10,000	This project will complete a feasibility study to determine if Nelson would benefit from the creation of a Volunteer Hub.
South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	This project will complete a feasibility study for a Regional Business Support Program.
Splats'in Development Corporation	\$10,000	This project will identify and analyze current assets, explore opportunities and create the foundation on which to build a strong Aboriginal Tourism industry for the Sexqeltkemc te Secwpmc.
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	\$10,000	This project will facilitate a meeting of regional leaders to build on previous economic development efforts, while establishing the guiding principles and long term vision of a new community economic development committee.
St'at'imc Eco Resources Ltd.	\$10,000	This project will complete a study to determine the feasibility of creating a new power transmission and distribution company, which could provide trades based employment and economic opportunity for the St'at'imc Nation.
Stewardship Pemberton Society	\$6,350	Funding will be used to obtain engineered drawings for the connection of municipal services for the One Mile Lake Nature Centre.
Stuart Lake Nordic Society	\$10,000	Funding will go towards the hiring of a project coordinator who will oversee a nordic trail upgrade project, as well as a consultant to determine scope of work.
Summerland Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	The project will complete a feasibility study on the creation of an agriculture business incubator. The study will identify local champions for the project, as well as provide an action plan for implementation.

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Surfrider Pacific Rim	\$10,000	Project will support the creation of a Youth Stewardship Program, which will include a 12 week high school curriculum, to provide training for youth regarding environmentally sustainable business practices and green technologies.
Switzmalph Cultural Society	\$9,995	This project will work to protect, recover and transplant as many indigenous plants as possible affected by the Mary Thomas Cultural Interpretive trails project.
Tahltan Band Council	\$10,000	The project will study the feasibility of several of the Tahltan Band's potential Economic Development projects.
The Corporation of the Village of McBride	\$10,000	The project will conduct a study that recommends a plan to implement the CASE (Compact, Affordable, Sustainable, and Efficient) housing project in the community.
The Corporation of the Village of Slocan	\$10,000	This project will recruit a professional consultant to create a long-term waterfront management and development strategy.
The District of Summerland	\$10,000	This project will develop a report summarizing opportunities and best practices for the municipality's participation in affordable housing partnerships/projects.
The Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	The project will explore the options for sustainable funding for the West Koot Route tourism initiative: a regional tourism marketing project by the Nakusp & District, Slocan District, and Kaslo & Area Chambers of Commerce.
Tofino Ucluelet Culinary Guild	\$10,000	Development of a business plan that will expand the consumer base for the Tofino Ucluelet Culinary Guild.
Town of Golden	\$10,000	This project will produce conceptual design and Class D cost estimates for the construction of a connecting multimodal Rotary Trail and a scenic viewing platform overlooking the Kicking Horse River.

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Town of Ladysmith	\$10,000	The project will develop a comprehensive business case to assess the feasibility of a retail sales component to Ladysmith's bio-solids composting program.
Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark Society	\$10,000	This project will create a program plan for an educational tool-kit. This is required for the Geo Park to maintain its UNESCO designation.
Village of Gold River	\$10,000	The project will complete a feasibility study to assess the load rating of the Gold River Wharf and determine necessary upgrades to ensure continued economic use.
Village of Queen Charlotte	\$10,000	This project will construct a local cycle network plan for the community, outlining feasible cycle facility standards, mapping existing and recommended networks with GIS, and prioritizing areas where future funding can be allocated.
Whitevalley Community Resource Centre	\$10,000	This project will develop a plan for fish passage between the lower and upper reaches of the Middle Shuswap River. The Plan will include cost estimates, engineering information, and options.
Xatsull General Partnership Ltd	\$10,000	This project will complete a feasibility study around a novelty firewood product as well as a business plan in anticipation of partnering with SBC Firemaster, North America's largest firewood supplier.