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Applicant	Funding	Project Description
Arts Council for the South Shuswap Society	\$9,200	The project is the development of a Shuswap Culture website in collaboration with Shuswap Tourism which would provide a one-stop hub for cultural events and happenings in the region.
Atlin Historical Society	\$8,600	The project is to outline options and details with cost estimates and public input that would enable decision making to move forward with an upgrade to the Atlin Courthouse.
Backcountry Horsemen Society of British Columbia (BCHBC); Robson Valley Chapter	\$10,000	The project is to hire a consultant to conduct a feasibility study and develop a master plan for a multi-user (hike/horse/snowshoe/ski) trail network and rustic equestrian campground on Belle Mountain, near McBride. As phase one of a multi-phase project, the master plan will provide the framework for the project.
BC Marine Trails Network Association	\$10,000	The project is to work with stakeholders in a collaborative, consultative process to establish a planning framework for moving forward on a marine trail system between the communities of Lund, Campbell River and Sayward and assess the conditions to move forward.
Blue River Powder Packers	\$10,000	The project is to complete a feasibility study for building a bridge between two partially developed recreation areas and would provide a plan, guide and cost analysis for the execution of the project.
Capital Regional District	\$9,869	The project is a feasibility study to research the potential for shared business services models to support Salt Spring Island craft, artisan, lifestyle and non-perishable product producers in growing and scaling their operations.
Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association	\$9,992	The project is to develop a feasibility study to determine if tourism operators and businesses are digitally ready to market themselves across the world for tourism and to create a framework for a digitally readiness database.

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Cariboo Mining Association	\$10,000	The project is to produce a Placer Mining Best Management Practices Guide which will include two documents, one for Hand Operations and one for Mechanical Operations. The Best Management Practices Guide will cover most of the basics in prospecting including; acquiring placer tenures, keeping the tenure in good standing, the basic regulations on hand mining and basic regulations on machine mining.
Carrier Chilcotin Tribal Council	\$10,000	The project is to create a framework document for a larger project that will address two main components of trail development: 1) trail restoration and maintenance logistics, and 2) trail promotion and marketing.
Central Coast Regional District	\$10,000	The project is to perform a community connectivity assessment exploring the opportunities as well as the economic, emergency preparedness and public benefits of improved digital connectivity in the CCRD.
City of Quesnel	\$10,000	The project is to develop a document outlining measurable objectives, timelines and action steps for a number of projects that are in the idea stage, planned or underway which will successfully bring Quesnel through this period of economic transition.
City of Terrace	\$10,000	The project is to complete a feasibility assessment of the Skeena River Walk section of the Grand Trunk Pathway as well as reconnect with stakeholders, reconfirm the commitment to constructing the trail and review challenges.
Community Futures Development Corp-Cowichan Region	\$9,325	The project will be the consultation and planning work required to formally organize the businesses and landlords along the Trans Canada Hwy Corridor in the City of Duncan.
Corporation of the District of Sechelt	\$10,000	The project is to create a study and business plan that will help the District of Sechelt to create opportunities for increased tourism and economic activity including the retention of the commercial fishery at the wharf.

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Cortes Island Seniors Society (CISS)	\$10,000	The project will complete a preliminary business case to create a new affordable neighbourhood in the village of Mason's Landing and will include producing schematic designs for the expansion of the existing Senior's Village to add 4 more rental units and schematic (concept) design for an additional 20 units of mixed seniors and family housing on the adjacent property.
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000	The project is to draft and implement a business recovery strategy for local communities in cooperation with the RDCK, the Town of Creston and other regional stakeholders.
Cumberland Lake Wilderness Society	\$7,550	The project is to develop a program feasibility study for the Cumberland Lake Park Campground which will focus on developing outdoor recreation programming to increase visitation to the park.
Cycle 16 Trail Society	\$10,000	The project is to develop detailed engineering drawings for Phase 1 of the Smithers to Telkwa Multi-Use Trail which will provide a blueprint of the materials and work required to move forwards with construction.
Dease River Development Corporation	\$10,000	The project is to create a business plan for the implementation on year 1 operations for Dease River First Nation First Nations Woodland Forest Licence.
District of Houston	\$10,000	The project is to develop a downtown beautification plan for the District of Houston which would inform a uniform facelift for the area based on the "Natural Amazing" brand and would emphasize the downtown as a stop to reach the outdoors.
District of Summerland	\$10,000	The project is to develop an employment land inventory that focuses on three types of land nodes; industrial, commercial and institutional.
District of Ucluelet	\$10,000	The project is to develop a feasibility study to research, identify, and propose potential uses and community partnership for the property of Amphitrite Point Lands Block B District Land 1507 and 1517 Clayoquot District.

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District of Vanderhoof	\$10,000	The project is to develop a report setting out recommendations for a business retention, expansion and attraction program.
District of Wells	\$10,000	The project is to complete a Business Recruitment, Retention and Expansion (BRRE) strategy will help the District of Wells understand local business needs and identify what the priorities should be to support existing businesses and to attract new ones.
Esk'etemc	\$10,000	The project is to update the Esk'etemc Economic Development Strategy, focused on identifying existing community and member assets and current and upcoming economic opportunities within Esk'etemc.
Field Recreation Advisory Association	\$10,000	The project is to repurpose St. Josephs Catholic Church into a community arts and wellness centre which will be a multifunctional space that will provide a place for community events.
Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society	\$10,000	The project is to develop a feasibility study that will allow the Fraser Lake Fire Rescue Training Society a clear cost understanding for the development of a Regional Training Centre.
Gabriola Arts Council	\$9,942	The project is to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the Économusée model is right for Gabriola, or if a “home-grown” solution would be more successful and if there is sufficient interest and value for the community and individual artisans.
Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley	\$10,000	The project will create an affordable housing plan for the North Slokan Valley which would include feasibility assessments of at least three properties and the recommendation of at least one project to proceed with.
Hornby Island Farmland Trust Society	\$10,000	The project will develop a strategic plan and feasibility study to support the full use of all community garden lands and establish a stable accessible water delivery system by installing a pump and generator.

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Island Mountain Arts Society	\$9,950	The project is to identify and cultivate donors and funders and streamline current customer management systems to diversify and increase the sources and types of funding to off-set annual operations.
Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society	\$10,000	The project is to hire a "Trail Coordinator" to communicate with the various groups in order to: build an inventory of existing trails; provide a point of contact; plan and prioritize trail maintenance/development in the North Kootenay Lake area.
Kimberley Trails Society	\$10,000	The project is to build a climbing trail to access the top of the trail network without the use of motorized vehicles which will increase usability and attractiveness of the area.
Komoks Economic Development Corporation	\$10,000	The project is to develop a business case for plans to generate renewable power through a solarphotovoltaic installation in K'ómoks traditional territory.
Lax Kw'alaams Business Development	\$10,000	The project is to complete a feasibility plan and conduct a survey of the Lax Kw'alaams Coastal Trail, which connects to the Metlakatla Coastal Trail, to ensure its successful completion leading into operation.
Lillooet Rowing Club	\$10,000	The project is to research and create a development plan for a boat house that will provide storage for the Lillooet Rowing Club's equipment.
McLeese Lake Volunteer Fire Department Society	\$9,958	The project is to ensure that the volunteer members of the department continue to upgrade their skills, and will provide a Train the First Responder Trainer program, the Commercial Traffic Control course, airbrake training and driver's license upgrades.
Metlakatla Development Corporation	\$10,000	The project is to develop a preliminary business case screening for utilizing reserve, fee-simple and/or interim treaty lands for the purposes of cannabis production and become a licensed authorized producer.
My Recreational Mountain Co-operative	\$5,892	The project will enhance the Backcountry Awareness Area at the ski hill, and install signage and a beacon check station at the main site where backcountry users leave the inbounds ski area.

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Nanoose First Nation	\$10,000	The project is intended to increase the workforce capacity of Nanoose First Nation and includes training and workshops as well as one on one support and mentoring by management.
Nelson Nordic ski club	\$10,000	The project is to support the feasibility and design of a new ski lodge for the Nelson Nordic Ski Club to meet the demands of club membership and allow the club to offer more community events.
Nicola Valley Agri Park Society	\$10,000	The project is to create an actionable business plan for the Nicola Equine School which will include a focus on organizational structure, funding plan, phases of development and partnership development.
North Cariboo Agricultural Marketing Association	\$10,000	The project is to hire a facilitator to assist the newly formed North Cariboo Agricultural Development Advisory Committee (ADAC) move forward their strategic agriculture plan; and to work towards establishment of a Quesnel Agriculture Centre.
Northeast Aboriginal Business Centre	\$10,000	The project is to develop a Marketing Strategy for the Indigenous Artists Market that will develop a consistent brand strategy, and social media platforms.
Okanagan Falls' Heritage and Museum Society	\$10,000	The project is to undertake a feasibility study to determine conservation options to preserve, restore and/or relocate a certificated heritage site, Michael Keogan's Chimney, the remains of a local pioneer's cabin.
Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	The project is the second phase of the Data Collection project, which will complete the data portal and undertake engagement to identify needs and determine next steps.
Pet Safe Coalition Society of Canada	\$10,000	The project is the development of a strategic plan and analysis to help the organization more effectively prepare for future disasters requiring assistance and support.
Princeton and District Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000	The project is to design and develop a branding and marketing strategy as well as creating a website for the Chamber of Commerce as a way to grow membership by creating a corporate identity..

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Quesnel & District Heritage Association	\$10,000	The project is to hire a qualified contractor to develop a long-term (ten year) strategic and/or business plan to develop the park into an attractive, well-maintained asset to the North Cariboo.
Quesnel Rodeo Club	\$10,000	The project is to develop a marketing strategy which will outline next steps in marketing schools and events and will outline potential partners and resources for full implementation of the recommendations in the strategy.
Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce	\$9,602	The project is to fund the research and curriculum development by an Okanagan College professor for a Business Diploma Program in Tourism Management to be offered in Revelstoke, B.C.
Ruby Lake Lagoon Nature Reserve Society	\$10,000	The project is to create a business plan for the Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station (PODS), a marine and freshwater research and education facility to be constructed on the Sunshine Coast, British Columbia.
Saa'men GP Ltd	\$10,000	The project is to produce a 5 year Strategic Plan for economic development that will build on past community discussions that identified projects of interest through community engagement.
Shuswap Hut and Trail Alliance Society	\$10,000	The project is to prepare five new technical field assessments and shelf-ready trail plans ready for review and approval using the Shuswap Trail Planning Protocol.
Simpcw First Nations	\$9,960	The project is to develop a business plan and costing for an Aboriginal Cultural Education Centre at the Dunn Lake property which is owned by the Simpcw First Nations.
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	\$10,000	The project is the start of a collaborative process between the SLRD and the Tsal'alh First Nation to develop Seton Portage Park in a manner that preserves the site's cultural values while enhancing wildlife habitat and improving recreation, leisure and education opportunities for residents and visitors.

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Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	\$10,000	The project is the continuation of a previously funded Rural Dividend project which will support the Intergovernmental Relations Working Group (IWRG) to continue through 2018.
Summerland Museum and Archives Society	\$9,913	The project is to hire a Fundraising Consultant to develop a fundraising needs assessment, fundraising action plan and to implement some of the action plan items.
Sunset Theatre Society	\$10,000	The project would assess the requirements to build a touring and outreach program designed to bring the plays that are developed through the Sunset Theatre to the entire Cariboo Region and potentially beyond.
The Corporation of the Village of Slocan	\$10,000	The project is to create a conceptual design plan, including cost estimates, for the north end of Harold Street within the commercial downtown core which would address parking, sidewalks, landscaping, drainage and overall beautification.
The Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (Area E & Area C)	\$10,000	The project will develop a business case for upgrading the Thornhill Community Centre and develop a program guide for recreational and community programs to be run out of the facility once upgrades are complete.
Thetis Island Community Association	\$10,000	The project will develop a feasibility study to examine the viability of conceptual plans for upgrading the Thetis Island Community Centre and its future sustainability.
Tourism Wells Gray Association	\$10,000	The project will develop the Clearwater Snowmobile Tourism Feasibility Study, to support increased winter tourism opportunities in the region.
Town of Princeton	\$10,000	The project is to conduct a gap analysis to address the business services / products needed for the Town of Princeton.
Tsay Keh Dene Nation	\$10,000	The project is to develop a comprehensive business/project plan for Phase 1 of the Sustainable Biomass Energy Project.
Upper Columbia Cooperative Council	\$9,955	The project is to undertake a feasibility study to explore the financial, market and operational viability of a regional co-operative/social venture incubation program.

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Village of Cache Creek	\$10,000	The project is to pursue actions recommended in the community's Business Expansion and Attraction Strategy by developing a long-term downtown vision statement and a complete inventory of downtown properties.
Village of Gold River	\$10,000	The project is to create the Gold River Tourism Strategic Plan which will develop a strategy for tourism infrastructure and to stimulate business opportunities in tourism sector businesses.
Village of Silverton	\$10,000	The project is to create a business plan, governance model and partnership model for a co-work space in Silverton.
Visions for Small Schools Society	\$8,970	The project is to commission a feasibility study to assess the benefits and sustainability of hiring a Youth Recruiter on a part-time, two year contract to recruit and retain youth locally, nationally and internationally