

**BC Rural Dividend**

**4<sup>th</sup> Intake – Special Circumstances & Wildfire Impacted Communities Project Descriptions**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
Ashcroft Indian Band <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$100,000	This project will construct a Business and Community Recovery Centre to increase the Ashcroft Indian Band’s ability to host meetings, emergency preparedness and training opportunities, and community recovery programs as part of wildfire recovery efforts.
Ashcroft Indian Band <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$390,070	This project will support the purchase of an irrigation system to develop agricultural opportunities in partnership with a local farm business, and support future wildfire prevention efforts.
Cariboo Regional District <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$75,000	This project will complete construction ready design plans for improvements to the runway overlay and the aircraft staging area at the South Cariboo Regional Airport.
Cariboo Regional District <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$335,000	This project will complete two trail networks in the Cariboo Regional District, as well as partner with the College of New Caledonia to develop trail development training programs.
Cariboo Ski-Touring Club	\$10,000	This project will purchase and install snow-making equipment in the core areas of the Cariboo Ski Touring Club. The equipment will enable the club to continue the community programming in winters with limited snow pack.
Central Coast Communications Society <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$79,670	This project will support the start-up of the Bella Coola Makerspace, including preparing the space, launching a coding and electrical course, purchase/building of CNC cutting tables and CNC printers, and co-design skill development workshops.
Central Coast Regional District <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$392,282	This project will develop the operational capacity and tourism opportunities around the Bella Coola Valley Regional Airport. The project will remove obstacles restricting aircraft access and develop a plan for trail development and tourism components.
Central Coast Regional District <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$100,000	This project will showcase the residents, communities and culture of the region, as well as the economic opportunities available, through film content and a redesigned Regional District website.

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City of Merritt <i>Special Circumstances</i>	\$500,000	This project will support the development of a multi-functional theatre and performing arts centre in downtown Merritt. The project is part of an effort to draw residents and visitors into the downtown core and diversify the economy.
City of Quesnel	\$100,000	The project will develop a Waterfront Development Plan for Quesnel's waterfront. A multi-disciplinary team will engage stakeholders in a visioning process and examine planning, economic development, archeological and engineering considerations.
City of Quesnel <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$250,000	This project will create a strategy to market Quesnel as a destination for visitors, home buyers, and investors. The strategy will help maximize visitor and resident attraction and strategically target investment sectors to diversify the economy.
City of Williams Lake	\$48,000	This project will develop an airport investment master plan to provide opportunity for the expansion of lease areas for airport related tenants and a long-term infrastructure framework for the facility.
District of 100 Mile House <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$86,986	This project will complete improvements to the Martin Exeter Hall including converting two washrooms to accessible standards, constructing regular public washrooms, and improving the buildings heating system.
District of Wells	\$85,000	This project will complete a feasibility and boundary extension process for the District of Wells to explore the possibility of extending municipal boundaries to include a future industrial site and associated blocks.
District of Wells <i>Special Circumstances - Wildfire</i>	\$299,450	This project will complete corridor wildfire mitigation, update the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and complete beautification work for the highway business district.
Invasive Species Council of British Columbia	\$100,000	This project will support the creation of Invasive Plant Management Plans to control and manage priority invasive species in six communities, including Xat'sull (Soda Creek) First Nation, Simpcw First Nation, Williams Lake Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Canim Lake Band, and Esketemc First Nation.

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Lillooet & District Chamber of Commerce	\$99,550	This project will implement the Lillooet Regional Tourism and Economic Development Plan, including a Tourism Ambassador Program, a Lillooet Regional Tourism Familiarization Tour, and developing a Tourism Lillooet organization.
Loon Lake Road Community Recreational & Agricultural Society	\$1,607	The project will upgrade the current Loon Lake Community Hall with new environmentally friendly, affordable appliances and a new sound system.
Lytton First Nation	\$107,560	The project will upgrade Lytton First Nation's community hall to include a food sustainability hub. Activities will include upgrading the kitchen and certain structural sections of the hall.
Northern Secwepemc Cultural Society	\$100,000	This project will prepare an Exhibition Roadmap to lay the groundwork for identifying artifacts, photographs, documents and stories that the five member First Nations Bands, and their communities, wish to have displayed in a future Cultural Centre.
Nzen'man' Child and Family Development Centre Society	\$500,000	This project will complete the design and planning components for a new community facility to house all of the Nzen'man' Child and Family Development Centre Society's programs and services.
Potato House Sustainable Community Society	\$10,000	This project will complete marketing initiatives for the Society, including social media/newspaper campaigns, and the development of signs, brochures, and radio promotions.
Quesnel Downtown Association	\$68,000	This project will create a marketing program (using radio, newspaper, and social media) to maintain customer traffic to downtown businesses before, during, and after the construction phase of the Reid Street revitalization project.
Quesnel Shelter & Support Society	\$98,699	This project will support Rebuild Junction, which provide low/no-barrier employment skills development and opportunities, to add residential junk removal service to increase employment opportunities and contribute to financial sustainability.

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The Barkerville Heritage Trust	\$100,000	Through this project the Barkerville Heritage Trust will work with the L'htako Dene Nation and other Indigenous partners to develop Indigenous tourism, interpretation and cultural programming.
Ulkatcho First Nation	\$56,960	This project will train 16 community members to operate a portable sawmill to allow for full time operation. The project is intended to increase employment, enhance training, and achieve full time utilization for market sales and community projects.
Village of Port Alice <i>Special Circumstances</i>	\$498,885	This project will complete improvements to the municipally owned marina in Port Alice, including hydro servicing, improvements to vehicular movement, vehicle staking, and development of an on-site amenity building.
Wells and Area Trails Society	\$10,000	This project will include the clearing and brushing of two core trails as well as the construction of an additional connector trail to link to a 5 km trail currently being built by the Wells-Bakerville Community Forest and West Fraser Mills.
Williams Lake Indian Band	\$100,000	This project will support the market development of Williams Lake Indian Band designated land, including a marketing and brand strategy, designs for a show home, site gateway features, website expansion, and promotion of community development opportunities through billboard advertising.
Xat'sull First Nation (Soda Creek Indian Band)	\$96,544	This project will complete 8.52 km of single track cross country and downhill trails and provide training for twelve youth and community members in trail planning, design, construction and maintenance.