



CRESTON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

DID YOU KNOW...

The Creston Valley Community Foundation proudly works with non-profit organizations located from Yahk to Riondel. That's a 130 KM drive by car, covering many diverse communities including the Yaqan Nu?kiy towards the USA Border. Our commitment to the community is to provide funding through grants in support of long term prosperity and an increase of health and wellness for our future generations. In 2023, we were excited to offer grants to several organizations along the East Shore, in Boswell, Wynndel and Crawford Bay.

As a volunteer board, we are committed to increasing awareness of our Foundation, its purpose and making grant opportunities more accessible to all non-profit organizations in our area. With your support, we will prosper and evolve



2023 GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHTS:



In partnership with the Town of Creston, the Tilted Brick Gallery Association/Art Space is committed to beautifying the Creston community to promote tourism, elevate Creston's cultural presence in the community and to heighten the sense of pride for our community. The Hillside project is one of 3 projects with the Town of Creston with the Art Space Members. Flowers were painted and photo-transferred, then printed onto a weatherproof aluminum by local business, Rook Design Media to be able to withstand the weather on the retaining wall on Hillside St. The pictures were curated and installed by the Art Space Members.



BADEV has been operating on the East Shore from Kuskanook to Burden's Cut, a span of highway approximately 35 km long, since 1980. Without the right equipment and dedicated volunteers this organization would not be able to provide the necessary services to save lives in our community.

Boswell and District Emergency Volunteers (BADEV)

is a group of East Shore residents who provide emergency care and support to anyone experiencing a medical incident such as a heart attack, drowning or a motor vehicle incident. There are times when it can take over an hour for an ambulance or Fire and Rescue to arrive either from Riondel or Creston. BADEV volunteers, who are trained in first aid, CPR and traffic control, can help bridge the gap and manage those emergency situations. Each member of BADEV is equipped with a full array of first aid supplies, including oxygen and defibrillators. Larger equipment such as backboards, basket stretchers and a snow sled for patient transfers are stored at the Boswell Memorial Hall. In 2023, the CVCF was proud to grant \$2,500 for the replacement of 4 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) that had reached their expiry dates.



The Wynndel Community Centre offers the community a facility for recreation, education, and a variety of sports activities for both seniors and youth, as well as meeting areas and family gatherings. Operated entirely by volunteers, the center has secured funding from the Columbia Basin Trust Seniors and Elders grants to enhance comfort for elderly users through energy and building upgrades. This funding was initially intended to cover the existing ramp access to the upper hall, with the assumption that the existing metal railing could be reused. Unfortunately, the railings could not be retrofitted, necessitating the installation of new ones. Additional funds from the CVCF have been granted to complete the ramp, ensuring safe access for individuals with mobility issues, strollers, and equipment.



The Starbelly Jam Festival takes place every July in Crawford Bay, aiming to create a family-friendly environment that celebrates diverse cultures and lifestyle while serving as an economic boost for the community. To encourage family participation, the children 12 and under can attend for free, with daytime activities including craft classes and children's music, while the evenings cater more to older teens and adults. The festival is committed to Truth and Reconciliation, featuring multiple Indigenous artists. Additionally, it provides a platform for local artists and business owners to showcase their talents to the many tourists who visit Crawford Bay for the event. The CVCF has granted support to help cover the festival's operating costs, ensuring accessibility for everyone in the community, including seniors and individuals with mobility challenges.

2023 DISCRETIONARY GRANTS:

	Community Fund	Community Health Fund	Seniors Fund	Romeo & Juliet Fund
Boswell and District Emergency Volunteers	\$2,500			
Creston Community Seed Bank Society		\$7,956		
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Creston Valley Society for Therapeutic Horsemanship	\$3,000			
Kootenai Community Centre Society		\$2,589		
Kootenay Film Society (sponsored charity: Creston Community Auditorium Society)	\$450			
Kootenay Region Association for Community Living			\$10,000	
Kootenay-Columbia Discovery Centre Society	\$5,000			
Starbelly Jam Society	\$5,000			
Tilted Brick Gallery Association (Sponsored Charity: Town of Creston)				\$2,250
Wynndel Community Centre			\$5,000	
Total	\$24,531	\$10,545	\$15,000	\$2,250

❖ Please note the Creston Valley Community Foundation has no control of where “Designated Funds” are awarded; only the “Unrestricted Funds” are distributed by the Granting Committee who determines the most pressing, relevant and impactful places to direct the grants.

2023 MILESTONES

Passed the \$1,300,000 Threshold for total grants issued since inception (2005)	Approximately \$361,500 Total Grants issued in 2023
Total of \$301,992 Donations in 2023	Total of \$5,971,000 Assets at year end

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The Community Foundation provides a number of ways to get involved!

Have you considered making a donation, joining a committee, or becoming a volunteer to help with specific tasks?

If so, let us know or request more info: 250-254-9606

email: contact@crestonvalley.ca website: www.crestonvalley.ca

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CRESTON-KOOTENAY FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2023	2022
REVENUES		
Donations	301,992	297,170
Gain (loss) in fair value of investments	250,553 -	459,597
Investment Income	211,085	204,044
Administration charges	53,858	54,108
Memberships	30	26
	817,518	95,751
EXPENDITURES		
Administrative fees	53,459	54,108
Advertising and promotion	1,318	6,982
Accounting and legal	8,878	5,014
Bank charges	174	101
Fees and dues	2,249	2,334
Grants	361,498	110,686
Insurance	625	625
Office and Miscellaneous	4,715	3,968
Website Management	293	105
	433,209	183,923
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	384,309 -	88,172
withdrawal from Managed Fund	- 40,000	
Net assets, beginning of year	5,626,987	5,715,159
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	5,971,296	5,626,987



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Interested in creating your own legacy fund?

Do you have a cause that is important to you, one that you would like to support not just today, but into the future as well? Drop us a line and we will happily discuss with you how the Creston Valley Community Foundation can play a role in your philanthropic goals. Your Legacy Fund can be opened with as little as a \$500 donation. And, once your Fund exceeds \$10,000, annual grants can be made to the group(s) you wish to support.

Some donors appreciate establishing their Fund while they are able to see the grants begin to flow to the local charity of their choice. Others establish their Funds while they are able to participate in the creation process with the understanding that funding will take place as part of their estate planning. Whatever your circumstance, we'd be happy to have a conversation with you to answer any of your questions about establishing a Legacy Fund.

Our current fields of interest are listed below www.crestonvalleycf.ca.



Arts, Culture
& Heritage
3 Funds



Children, Youth
& Families
3 Funds



The Environment
& Animal Welfare
2 Funds



Health, Wellness
& Recreation
9 Funds



Literacy, Education
& Employment
5 Funds



Community
5 Funds

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