

SOCIAL CONNECTIONS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

List of 17 projects approved for a total of \$522,752.

Community/Area	Organization	Project	Description	Funding Amount
Canyon, West Creston, Wynndel, Yahk	Valley Community Services Society	Rural Social Activity Connections	Provide people who live in the rural communities surrounding Creston with opportunities to reduce social isolation and form social connections through participation in various activities specific to each community's identified needs and abilities.	\$41,317
Castlegar, Nelson, Salmo & Trail	Kootenay Perinatal Support Society	Kootenay Parents Circle of Support	Recruit, screen and train volunteers who will be matched with a family with a new baby that has been referred by a care provider; the volunteer will provide perinatal support and reduce barriers to accessing services and activities.	\$22,000
Castlegar	Kootenay Family Place	Castlegar Community Access Tool Box Fund	Provide travel subsidies to low-income families to attend workshops, programs, consultations, interviews, appointments, social events and volunteer opportunities.	\$12,500
Cranbrook	Community Connections Society of Southeast BC	Early Years Intervention Collaboration	Increase opportunities for families with children who have lifelong physical and/or mental health conditions to meet other families with similar life circumstances through ongoing family drop-in, parenting and early intervention groups.	\$28,066
Cranbrook	Cranbrook United Church	Wednesday Morning Breakfast	Provide weekly meals to 50 to 90 people experiencing food insecurity while making meaningful connections between these people and the volunteers.	\$1,500
Cranbrook	Cranbrook Society for Community Living	Cycling Without Age Bike Program	Purchase a specialized bike to take passengers for bike rides, including adults and youth with mobility issues, to reduce social isolation and promote increased involvement in community activities.	\$17,000
Cranbrook	United Way East Kootenay	Social Connections Cranbrook	Through the partnership of three organizations, increase communication to seniors about community events, offer intergenerational events and activities for youth and seniors, and increase	\$50,000

			seniors' access to social activities, shopping and appointments.	
Crawford Bay	South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	Better at Home Social Visits	Expand an existing program for seniors to include friendly social visits and provide transportation to community gatherings.	\$6,545
Creston	Kootenay Region Association for Community Living	Enhanced Inclusive Employment and Mentorship	Expand operations of an existing social enterprise for people with diverse abilities through increased volunteerism and partnerships with the recreation complex, College of the Rockies and Kootenay Employment Services. Also expand the organization's garden market enterprise in collaboration with Yaqan Nukiy.	\$45,000
Grasmere	Grasmere Community Society	Social Connections in Grasmere and Tobacco Plains	Provide opportunities for enhancing social connection in the community through facilitated-learning and team-building events.	\$20,000
Kaslo	North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society	Kaslo Seniors Connect	Employ a seniors' coordinator to gather and share information on services and host weekly drop-in information sessions at local gathering places for seniors.	\$23,000
Nakusp, New Denver & Silverton	Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services	Community Works/Navigator	Connect individuals and families experiencing social isolation with navigational services, resources, support, employment opportunities, and social activities in Nakusp, New Denver and surrounding areas.	\$72,000
Nelson	Kalein Hospice Centre Society	Creative Leadership, Intergenerational Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing	Unite seniors and youth to document, observe and illustrate experiences of social isolation in the community using photography, connecting them through this activity to build strong relationships and expand their social networks.	\$70,000
Nelson	Nelson CARES Society	Kootenay Seniors Intergenerational Project	Reduce social isolation of seniors in Nelson and area by connecting them to volunteer opportunities within existing community programs; offer inclusive intergenerational programming; and host intergenerational events.	\$71,974
New Denver, Silverton & Slocan	WE Graham Community Service Society	Farm to Kitchen Intergenerational Cooking	Offer free weekly multicultural cooking and food preservation classes to all ages, increasing social connections	\$6,000

			and knowledge about food preparation and sharing.	
Revelstoke	Aboriginal Friendship Society of Revelstoke	Circle Time Revelstoke	Connect children aged newborn to six and the broader early years community with local Elders and Knowledge Keepers who will share traditional stories, knowledge and skills through pre-existing forums such as play groups, professional development seminars and evening workshops.	\$6,190
Revelstoke	Revelstoke Women's Shelter Society	Addressing Social Isolation in Revelstoke	Expand the organization's existing support groups to provide a consistent schedule of social activities in safe and stable environments, reducing barriers to accessing services for men and women experiencing social isolation.	\$29,660
TOTAL				\$522,752

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