**RECREATION ENHANCEMENTS IN ACCESSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM**

**LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING, MARCH 2025**

This program improves accessibility in indoor and outdoor public recreational spaces for children with physical, intellectual, developmental, cognitive or neurodiverse needs. It focuses on projects in small and rural communities.

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| **Community** | **Organization** | **Improvements Supported** | **Amount** |
| Argenta | Argenta Community Association | Acquire specialized equipment for both interior and exterior use at the Argenta Community Hall. | $10,000 |
| Balfour | Balfour Recreation Commission | Upgrade playground surfaces and install accessible equipment at Balfour Community Park. | $50,000 |
| Canyon | Canyon Community Association | Upgrade playground surfaces and install accessible equipment at Canyon Park. | $50,000 |
| Casino | Casino Recreation Society | Add sound panels and inclusive toys to Casino Community Hall and install sensory-friendly playground equipment at the Community Park. | $50,000 |
| Castlegar | Regional District Central Kootenay | Install a stair lift and complete associated interior accessibility renovations at the Castlegar & District Community Complex. | $50,000 |
| Cranbrook | City of Cranbrook | Install a pool access ramp and two portable pool lifts at Western Financial Place Aquatics Centre. | $26,000 |
| Crawford Bay | Crawford Bay and District Hall and Parks Association | Add new accessibility equipment and sensory panels at the Crawford Bay Community Playground. | $50,000 |
| Crescent Valley | Regional District Central Kootenay | Install an accessible path to the beach at Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park. | $28,000 |
| Creston | Regional District Central Kootenay | Enhance accessibility to the playing field at the Creston and District Community Complex. | $50,000 |
| Genelle | Genelle Recreation Commission | Upgrade playground surfaces and add a quiet space at the Genelle Community Hall Park. | $50,000 |
| Golden | Town of Golden | Expand quiet spaces at the Mount 7 Rec-Plex and install a ramp and improved playground surfaces at Keith King Memorial Park. | $80,500 |
| Lardeau Valley | Lardeau Valley Community Club | Upgrade playground surface, install new accessible equipment and add a covered picnic area at the community playground. | $50,000 |
| Montrose | Village of Montrose | Add new features to enhance accessibility at Montrose Spray Park. | $40,000 |
| New Denver | Village of New Denver | Create an accessible playground with specialized equipment. | $50,000 |
| Nelson | Friends of the Nelson Municipal Library | Install mobile shelving, accessible seating and sensory-friendly resources at the Nelson Public Library. | $26,000 |
| Procter | Procter Community Society | Add specialized indoor play equipment to Procter Hall and install accessible playground equipment and seating. | $50,000 |
| Revelstoke | City of Revelstoke | Upgrade playground surfaces to increase accessibility at Kovach Park and Beruschi Park. | $50,000 |
| Riondel | Regional District Central Kootenay | Add an accessible swing and upgrade playground pathways at the Riondel Community Complex. | $50,000 |
| Rossland | City of Rossland | Upgrade exterior playground features and picnic tables at Nickleplate Park. | $50,000 |
| Salmo | Village of Salmo | Upgrade playground surface and add signage, benches and ramps at Knights of Pythias Park and Lions Park playgrounds. | $50,000 |
| Silverton | Village of Silverton | Complete interior and exterior upgrades to improve accessibility for children. | $50,000 |
| Slocan | Village of Slocan | Update playground equipment to include accessible play components at Slocan Kiddie Park. | $50,000 |
| Sparwood | District of Sparwood | Install an elevator to improve accessibility at Sparwood Community Hall. | $50,000 |
| Valemount | Village of Valemount | Add accessible equipment and associated infrastructure at Centennial Park. | $50,000 |
| Windermere | Regional District of East Kootenay | Upgrade playground surface to improve accessibility at Windermere Beach. | $50,000 |
| **TOTAL** | | | $1,160,500 |

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