

BACKGROUNDER

LOCAL FOOD ACCESS AND RECOVERY GRANTS 2021 LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING

This program supports community-led projects that increase access of affordable, quality, local food to people in the Basin, with an emphasis on supporting the most vulnerable.

| Community | Organization | Description | Amount |
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| Castlegar | Castlegar and District Community Services Society | Build a greenhouse and garden beds for vulnerable populations to garden, harvest, preserve and recover locally grown food. | \$40,000 |
| Castlegar and Nelson | West Kootenay Permaculture Co-op Society | Relocate a commercial kitchen and purchase food processing equipment to enhance food recovery initiatives. | \$50,000 |
| Cranbrook | Community Connections Society of Southeast BC | Install a commercial kitchen to host Cranbrook Food Recovery and Farm Kitchen programs at the new Cranbrook Food Bank. Create perennial gardens, establish a network of gardening volunteers and expand food recovery operations. | \$70,000 |
| Cranbrook | Rocky Mountain Métis Association | Create a shared community garden space to grow traditional medicines and vegetables in a culturally safe environment. | \$20,000 |
| Cranbrook | St. Aidan Orthodox Church | Build raised beds and a greenhouse to grow fresh vegetables and fruits for distribution to vulnerable populations in Cranbrook. | \$28,000 |
| Creston | Creston Community Seed Bank Society | Convert lawns to food and seed gardens and provide workshops on seed-saving techniques. | \$15,000 |
| Creston | Creston Valley Food Action Coalition | Offer educational opportunities for residents to learn to garden, compost and cook locally grown food. | \$35,540 |
| Creston, Krestova, Kaslo | Kootenay Local Agricultural Society | Expand the tool lending library to provide barrier-free access to tools and equipment for community gardens, subsistence farmers and organizations in the non-profit food and farm sector. | \$17,363 |
| Fernie | Wildsight Elk Valley Branch | Expand community garden with additional garden areas, tools and the construction of an outdoor covered learning area and toolshed. | \$34,000 |
| Fruitvale | Village of Fruitvale | Expand community garden, promoting greater access and inclusion for community members. | \$35,445 |
| Golden | Golden Food Bank Society | Complete a kitchen renovation at the Golden Food Bank and build eight new garden beds. | \$70,000 |
| Invermere | Groundswell Network Society | Increase numbers of raised garden beds for community use and provide education for community members on food production. | \$40,000 |
| Johnsons Landing | The Johnsons Landing Community Association | Create a low-barrier culinary tool lending library for community use to help residents process and preserve locally grown and raised food. | \$9,235 |

| Kaslo and | North Kootenay | Expand community food programs by increasing access | \$50,000 |
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| Meadow Creek/ Lardeau | Lake Community Services Society | to food cupboards in Kaslo and Meadow Creek/Lardeau. Enhance food processing and distribution and establish a seed library. | |
| Kimberley | Kimberley Wellness Foundation | Expand a food recovery program to increase access of locally grown food for vulnerable populations. Also expand storage capacity with an all-season cold room and walk-in freezer. | \$70,000 |
| Nelson | Kootenay Christian Fellowship | Expand freezer storage capacity for a barrier-free hot lunch program operating five days a week. | \$26,500 |
| Nelson | Nelson Community Food Centre | Promote food access and recovery by distributing local, fresh produce through activities including the Good Food Bank, a food recovery and harvest rescue program. | \$50,000 |
| Revelstoke | Community Connections Revelstoke | Enhance a food recovery program, increasing distribution to five days per week, bringing on 10 additional volunteers and establishing stronger partnerships with local farmers and food processors. | \$50,000 |
| Revelstoke | Revelstoke Bear Aware Society | Reduce the amount of food available to bears by harvesting unpicked fruit and providing it free to residents. | \$4,000 |
| Revelstoke | Revelstoke Local Food Initiative Society | Attract new gardeners and increase local food access for residents by expanding Revelstoke's community garden network from two locations to four. | \$14,090 |
| Salmo | Salmo Community Resource Society | Enhance community-led food production and recovery by expanding the Harvest Share Program, purchasing food preservation materials and equipment and offering workshops on canning, preserving and dehydration. | \$35,000 |
| Slocan | W.E. Graham Community Service Society | Enhance partnerships with local farmers, stores and suppliers. Offer food literacy workshops during the growing season and process and distribute recovered food. | \$50,000 |
| Sparwood | Sparwood Community Garden | Establish a community garden space with raised garden beds, a greenhouse and deer fence on municipal-owned land. | \$20,000 |
| Warfield | Village of Warfield | Increase food production, food literacy and food sharing by placing garden boxes and pollinator plots throughout municipal greenspaces. Offer food literacy workshops and organize a plant exchange and seed swaps. | \$18,284 |
| | | TOTAL | \$852,457 |

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