

## East Kootenay Community Economic Development update 21 July 2022

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope you're all finding time for some rest and relaxation amongst the amazing East Kootenay great outdoors. CED doesn't slow for Summer, so there is plenty to keep you updated on.

Congratulations to the three East Kootenay organizations who were successful in receiving funding from [ETSI-BC in their Spring round of funding](#):

- Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce for their Columbia Valley Events Strategy
- Columbia Valley Community Foundation for their Vital Signs 2022 project
- KORE for their Advancing the Outdoor Rec-Tech Sector Symposium taking place in October 2022

It's great to see dots growing across the East Kootenay region [on the ETSI-BC funding map](#). There are funding intakes every Spring and Fall, so start thinking about projects that you would like to put forward for the Fall intake and reach out as to how I can support.

### **UPCOMING CED EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE EAST KOOTENAYS**

There are two key CED events taking place in our region this October.

- The [Basin Food & Buyers Expo](#) is being held in Invermere on 4-5 October 2022. This is the first year this event has taken place in the East Kootenays. An event focused on the food industry, it is an important ED topic. The organizers are interested in feedback and ideas to help frame the event, so take time to [complete the short survey](#). Registration will open shortly.
- [KORE's Outdoor Rec Tech Summit](#) is being held in Kimberley on 19-21 October 2022. This is Canada's first-ever conference dedicated to the outdoor rec-tech manufacturing and product design sector, and there will be a focus on highlighting the Kootenays as a place to do business. There will be a "Discover Kootenay" exhibition space at the conference and if you're interested in being part of this, please reach out to me.

### **CED LEARNING**

The Harris Centre for Regional Policy and Development have an online presentation next week, on 27 July 2022. The presentation and discussion with Dr. Kristof van Assche and Dr. Monica Gruezmacher Rosas is on their book "*Crafting Strategies for Sustainable Local Development*," a citizens' guide to local community development. [Register for this free session here](#).

## **CHILDCARE**

There is a lot happening in the ECE world, and below are the high-level notes. If you want to be kept more informed of ECE updates, let me know so I can add you to the ECE update list and invite you to the next roundtable event.

- **\$10/day Applications Now Open.** Childcare providers are now able to apply to be a \$10/day provider. Full details (including the [applicant guide](#) and [policy manual](#)) can be [found here](#). Applications close 18 August 2022.
- **Support from CBT Continuing.** The [ECE Training Wage Program](#) and the [ECE Wage Subsidy Program](#) from Columbia Basin Trust will be continuing for another year. Details of what this looks like has yet to be released, but this is great news for the sector. There are currently 18 people within the East Kootenay region accessing the CBT ECE Training Wage Program.
- **SD6 After School Care.** In late June SD6 released a media release to highlight that they are working in partnership with third-party providers to offer after-school care in several schools across the School District. They are also looking to apply to the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund, to create 0-5 daycare spaces on school grounds. They are in the early stages of reviewing the application process in order to secure funds to begin build childcare facilities across the district.
- **New Spaces Fund Open.** The [ChildCare BC New Spaces Fund](#) from the BC Government is open with a focus on afterschool care and infant-toddler spaces. The intake will close when funding runs out or at the end of the financial year (March 2023).
- **Regional Students have half the places for September ECE Program.** For the ECE Program starting at College of the Rockies in September 2022, 24 of the 52 seats that have been offered to qualified applicants are from within the East Kootenays. This is great news for our region, and we will continue to work with partners to advocate this important workforce sector.
- **Elkford Council Approves Temporary Daycare Space.** As there have been delays with the planned Childcare Centre and Community Hub in Elkford, the council has agreed that the Recreation Centre can be used to provide temporary daycare between 1 August and 31 December 2022. Read the [news article here](#).

## **TOURISM**

- **Regional HR Resource.** Sarah Moseley, based in Invermere, is the HR Consultant serving the [Kootenay Rockies Tourism region](#). She offers FREE HR advisory services to tourism and hospitality businesses across the region. The role is funded by the provincial government in partnership with go2HR. [Find out more here](#).
- Give your feedback on the new [Federal Tourism Growth Strategy](#). The consultation period closes 3 August 2022.
- Kootenay Rockies Tourism and Selkirk Innovates have just released the '[Exploring Opportunities for Cannabis Tourism in the Kootenay Rockies](#)' Report. It is part of a larger project examining opportunities, challenges and risks with cannabis tourism in the Kootenay Rockies region. It is a great look at the opportunity for economic diversification within our communities.

## **BUSINESS NEWS**

\$25,000 in prize is available for small businesses from Telus in their new tech contest. The application period is 7 June – 18 September 2022, prize is awarded monthly. [Find out more here](#).

## EAST KOOTENAY NEWS

- The City of Kimberley is proposing zoning changes to [encourage a more diverse housing supply](#). A [Housing Availability and Affordability webpage](#) has been launched on Engage Kimberley, where residents can review and provide feedback on the proposed zoning changes.
- Congratulations to Tourism Fernie on their [new app](#), helping people do self-guided exploring of the area.
- If you're in Invermere this weekend, make sure to check out the [Valley Appreciation Day](#) on 23 July.
- Congratulations to the City of Cranbrook for successfully receiving funding through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund to [revitalize Confederation Park](#).
- RDEK have released their [list of projects](#) funded through the CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program. It's great to see support for so many different, important community organizations.
- Well done to all the amazing volunteers who have been celebrated in this year's [RDEK Volunteer of the Year](#) awards.
- KAST is building a culture of early-stage angel investing and purpose-driven entrepreneurship in the Kootenay Region. [Check out their Investment Challenge here](#).



**KOOTENAY  
INVESTMENT  
CHALLENGE**

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2022

One Kootenay-based startup will be awarded \$50,000 - \$100,000 in investment at the end!

POWER THE INNOVATION  
THE WORLD NEEDS.

**APPLY NOW**

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## **FUNDING**

The [Non-Profit Recovery and Resiliency Fund](#) supports non-profits and charities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with recovery efforts and long-term planning. It offers three-year flexible grants of \$50,000 and \$72,000 per year to eligible organizations.

The [Community Emergency Preparedness Fund](#) is a suite of funding streams to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations and communities in responding to emergencies. The funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by UBCM. Each fund has separate closing dates and application processes:

- [Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaptation](#). Applications close 30 September 2022.
- [Emergency Support Services](#). Applications close 27 January 2023.
- [Emergency Operations Centres & Training](#). Applications close 31 March 2023.

[Flood Mitigation](#) The Adaptation, Resilience and Disaster Mitigation (ARDM) program helps local governments prepare for, as well as prevent flooding events. The program will fund flood mitigation infrastructure projects for individual communities (up to \$10 million), and joint applications submitted by multiple communities (up to \$20 million). Applications close 7 October 2022.

### **Other funding options that are still open:**

- [CBT Climate Resilience Program](#). Project Idea submission deadline is 30 August 2022.
- [Community Gaming Grants](#). Grants for Public Safety (closes 31 August 2022), Environment (closes 31 August 2022) and Human and Social Services (closes 30 November 2022) are currently open.
- [CBT Community Readiness Program](#). Applications close 1 September 2022.
- [CBT Outdoor Active Recreation Grants](#). Applications close 13 September 2022.
- [CBT Thriving Families Grant](#). Expression of Interest must be submitted by 13 September 2022.
- [CBT Non-Profit Tech Grants](#). Applications close 15 September 2022.
- [CBT Food Access and Recovery Grants](#). Applications close 27 September 2022
- [Creative BC Live Music Grant](#) Applications close 26 October 2022.
- [CFEK CED Fund](#). Continuous intake program, until all funds have been allocated
- [BC Indigenous Agriculture Development Program](#). No closing date.
- [BC Agri-Business Planning Program](#). No closing date.
- [Tourism Relief Fund](#). This is a continuous intake program, until all funds have been allocated.
- [Indigenous Community Business Fund](#) This is a continuous intake program, until all funds have been allocated.
- [Job and Growth Fund](#). This is a continuous intake program, until all funds have been allocated.