

# Discretionary Grants-in-Aid Application Form

## Section A – Applicant/Organization Information

1. Registered Non-Profit Organization No.: 720085497-RR0001

2. Project Title: Columbia House Healing Garden

3. Applicant/Organization. Must be an eligible applicant.

a) Legal Name of Organization: Columbia House Enhancement Society

b) Mailing Address: PO Box 963

c) City: Invermere

d) Postal Code: V0A 1K0

e) Main Contact for Application: John Newton - President

f) Telephone #: 250-342-5723

g) Email: john20newton@gmail.com

4. Sponsored Organization. Only complete if applicable.

a) Legal Name of Organization:

b) Mailing Address:

c) City:

d) Postal Code:

e) Main Contact for Application:

f) Telephone #:

g) Email:

## Section B – Grant Request

1. Enter the grant amount you are requesting from each electoral area.

Electoral Area A \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral Area E \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral Area B \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral Area F \$ 5000

Electoral Area C \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Electoral Area G \$ 3000

Total Funding Request: \$ 8000

### Electoral Area Descriptions:

Area A: rural Elk Valley

Area B: South Country

Area C: rural Cranbrook, Moyie, Fort Steele, Bull River, Wardner

Area E: rural Kimberley, Wasa, Ta Ta Creek, Skookumchuck

Area F: rural Canal Flats to rural Invermere

Area G: Wilmer to Spillimacheen

## Office Use Only

### EAAC Recommendations

A		E	
B		F	3,800
C		G	2,500

Total EAAC Recommendation:

\$ 6,300

### Board Resolution

Board Date:	
Resolution No:	
Approved/Denied (\$):	

Funding changes at Board from EAAC recommendation:

**2. Purpose of Grant.**

Provide a clear description of the nature of the project and how the grant will be used.

The Columbia House Community Healing Garden project is entering the third and final year of construction ("Final Phase"). We have successfully raised \$450,000 to date, which has allowed us to complete 80% of the project. Lower level pathways, a gazebo, a pergola, and a labyrinth will be the crowning touch to finish the project. What we have created is a beautiful new park for the whole community to enjoy through all seasons.

The residual balance from our 2019 funding efforts, which totals approximately \$60,000, is a good start for the 2020 Final Phase funding. We estimate the Final Phase will cost between \$150,000 and \$170,000, depending on the generosity of in-kind donations. With RDEK's continued support we will be closer to our funding target and the ultimate completion of the project. Larger items included in the budget are the perimeter fencing, labyrinth, gazebo, and necessary pathways. Our intention is to have funding in place by early spring. We want the Columbia House Community Healing Garden to be 100% completed and open by July 1, 2020.

**3. Areas Benefitting.**

List the specific areas that will benefit from the grant.

1. Columbia House Residents, their families, and COHO Staff
2. Columbia Garden Village Residents
3. Ivey House Residents
4. Invermere District Hospital Patients, Families and Staff
5. Local Residents, including Invermere, Wilmer, Canal Flats, Edgewater, and other communities
6. Valley Visitors

**4. Benefits.**

Describe how the project will benefit the areas listed in section 3, including the residents of those areas, and how the project meets local needs.

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**Section C – Additional Information**

To assist with the review of your grant request, it is recommended to include the following additional information to support your application:

- **Project Budget**  
Provide a budget showing the total funding required and identify which budget items would be funded by the grant.
- **Funds Received from Other Sources**  
Outline what efforts have been made to obtain additional funding and the amount of funding that has been secured.
- **Project Partners and Resources**  
Identify any partners or resources which will be assisting you during this project.

**Additional Information Attached:** Y ☒ or N ☐

Up to six single-side pages or three double-side pages of additional information, including a cover, letter, may be attached to the application form.

Proposals may be submitted by hand delivery, mail, facsimile, or email to:

Attention: Corporate Services  
Regional District of East Kootenay  
19 – 24 Avenue South, Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8

Facsimile: 250-489-3498

Email: [info@rdek.bc.ca](mailto:info@rdek.bc.ca)

**Columbia House Community Healing Garden  
as of November 2019  
2020 Final Phase Budget Summary**

**Spring Budget 2020**

Perimeter Fencing	-\$	92,367
Labyrinth	-\$	15,000
Pathway Railing (estimated)	-\$	20,000
Pathway to Gazebo (etsimated)	-\$	25,000
<b>Completed Budget Required Funding</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>152,367</b>
 Gazebo with In-kind Funding	 -\$	 23,600
<b>Inclusive Budget</b>	<b>-\$</b>	<b>175,967</b>

**Active Requests**

	<b>Active</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>
Rotary for Labryrinth	\$ 15,000	
RDEK	\$ 8,000	
DOI	\$ 10,000	
CVCF	\$ 5,000	
Panorama Foundation		\$ 25,000
IHCAS		\$ 37,000
Seniors New Horizons ( Federal)	\$ 25,000	
BC Rural Dividend	\$ -	
Windermere Oilmans		\$ 9,000
CU Wednesday Copper Point		\$ 7,200
	<u>\$ 63,000</u>	<u>\$ 78,200</u>
Cash Surplus		\$ 17,000
<b>Total Pending</b>	<u><b>\$ 63,000</b></u>	
<b>Total Confirmed</b>		<u><b>\$ 95,200</b></u>

# **Columbia House Community Healing Garden**

**Sponsored by the Columbia House Enhancement Society**

## **Phase 2 Report**

**Prepared for: Regional District of East Kootenay**

**Prepared by: Bill Bonner, Treasurer,**

**Columbia House Enhancement Society**

**Date: November 18, 2019**

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## **1. Construction Progress Summary – Phase 2**

Once the snow cleared in April, Hybrid Landscapes got busy with planting Phase 1 on the upper level patio before proceeding to Phase 2 construction on the lower Healing Garden Level. Prior to planting irrigation lines were completed in anticipation of the numerous thirsty plants arriving in late May. The upper level patio planting included a variety of both annuals, perennials and trees.

The water feature built into the retaining wall was installed and ready for operation by June. The residents and staff commented several times about the wonderful trickling water sounds emanating from the waterfall. The area adjacent to the top of the waterfall quickly became a popular sitting spot. With that feedback we decided to add another water feature on the upper patio. Hybrid procured a large urn-like feature that was installed in July, which now provides the same pleasant trickling water sounds for anyone sitting on the upper patio.

The final task on the upper level was to install temporary deer-proof fencing along the base of the retaining wall to protect the newly planted garden from hungry deer.

Phase 2 construction on the lower Healing Garden Level began in June and carried on through July and August. Grading and pathway preparation happened while irrigation lines were placed in appropriate locations. Wheelchair friendly pathways from the upper patio to the circular garden on the North perimeter of the garden were poured in late July.

Once the concrete cured, the lower level pathway was ready for use. Residents and visitors were eager to access the lower pathway system that runs past the base of the waterfall and out to the circular garden. Wooden benches procured last year were placed at various locations along the pathway.

The decision was made to defer the pathway complex out to the Gazebo location on the southeast corner of the lot until the Final Phase in Spring, 2020, rather than leave the area as a construction zone all winter. Further, access to the final section of the pathway will be much easier once the chain link fence bordering the entire two acres is removed at the beginning of the spring to make room for the permanent black metal deer-proof fencing.

By the end of August Hybrid had prepped the disturbed earth on the edge of the pathways and at the base of the retaining walls for grass seeding. The irrigation system was turned on and by the end of September the former construction zone on the lower level looked like a finished landscaped park.

## **2. Funding Sources**

We finished last year with a \$20,000 surplus which allowed us to complete our spring planting on the upper level patio. Inspired by our success, we received another \$20,000 from the East Kootenay Foundation for Health, followed by a \$60,000 donation from the Invermere Health Care Auxiliary Society. These two generous donations ensured we would be able to complete the concrete pathway system on the lower level. Combined with the DOI \$10,000 donation, \$3,500 from RDEK, and \$25,000 from two private donors we had over \$120,000 in the bank by mid-June.

Private funding results we had made throughout the Spring and summer delivered another \$30,000. At the end of August we held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbia House Community Healing Garden Ball Drop. The Board and numerous Friends of the Board sold raffle tickets on Saturdays throughout the summer at a booth set up in front of the Bank of Montreal. On August 30 we dropped 2,000 numbered golf balls out of a helicopter on the range at the Copper Point Golf Course. The local Kinsmen organized the event and winning ball selection. By the end of August, with proceeds from the ball drop raffle, we had fully funded our \$155,000 Phase 2 budget and left a small surplus to help fund the Final Phase which commences next spring.

As of October, 2019, we were advised that the Panorama Foundation has allocated \$25,000 to help with the Final Phase costs. Additionally, Collective Carpentry, a local contractor, has offered to provide labour at no cost to assist with the construction of a pergola at the base of the waterfall. There is the possibility other in-kind donations may be offered for construction of the gazebo to be built in the spring.

## **3. Phase 2 Budget Details**

The total cost to complete Phase 2 was \$151,528, including PST and GST. We are expecting to recover half of the GST in 2020. Additional costs, including financial reporting, media support, printing, and other minor miscellaneous items were less than \$10,000. In-kind donations have begun to surface that will help offset some of our fixed costs (Hybrid donated several mature trees and Planscape donated some excellent planting soil). After covering all costs for Phase 2, including the Panorama Foundation's donation, we have a \$60,000 residual bank balance which will be allocated towards the Final Phase in 2020.

#### **4. Impact Summary**

The upper patio was ready for full use in early June. Residents who chose to use the patio enjoyed the sun, getting fresh air, and watching the construction crews on the lower level. COHO staff and the residents commented on the sound of trickling water coming from the two water features which they described as “very soothing and pacifying”. The base of the waterfall became a very popular stopping spot. Mountain vistas visible from the patio space on clear days were augmented by the plants, shrubs and shade trees taking over the space. Healing garden visitors recognized the simple pleasure the outdoor experience brought to the Residents.

The community at large was welcomed to the garden once the construction fencing and equipment was removed from the property in late August. Welcome signs were posted at the two garden entrances on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. We saw moms with strollers, dog walkers, older folks with walkers, and a few youngsters on bikes patrol through the paths on the lower level. We anticipate these visitors will return in the spring once permanent fencing is installed.

The lower level pathways, gazebo, pergolas, water feature, and labyrinth will be the crowning touch to finish the project. What we have created is a beautiful new park for the whole community to enjoy through all seasons.

#### **5. Final Phase Planning and Budget**

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