Discretionary Grants-in-Aid
Application Form

Regional District of East Kootenay

Section A – Applicant /Organization Information

1. Registered Non-Profit Organization No.: 860807056RR0001

2. Project Title: Technology for Kids

3. Applicant/Organization. Must be an eligible applicant.
   - **a) Legal Name of Organization:** Cranbrook Public Library
   - **b) Mailing Address:** 1212 2nd Street North
   - **c) City:** Cranbrook, BC   **d) Postal Code:** V1C 4T6
   - **e) Main Contact for Application:** Ursula Brigl
   - **f) Telephone #:** 250 426 4063 ext. 1001   **g) Email:** ubrigl@cranbrookpubliclibrary.ca

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	$ _____
Electoral Area C	$ 3,140	Electoral Area G	$ _____

Total Funding Request $ 3,140

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

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2. Purpose of Grant.

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

This project ensures children have equitable access to modern technology, fostering exploration, creation, and hands-on learning.

The grant will enable the Cranbrook Public Library to replace five 7-year-old tablets and one equally aged computer in the children's library. Technology has advanced rapidly in the past years, and the existing tablets and computer can no longer support current apps. The refresh will support both general use by children and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programming.

The updated tablets will be loaded with apps for coding, design, and other STEAM concepts, and that encourage the development of literacy skills, while the computer will provide access to educational software and online resources.

3. Areas Benefiting.

List the specific areas that will benefit from the grant. Please see page 1, Section B for the descriptions of the Electoral Areas and identify the specific Area(s) that this grant will benefit. I.e. Areas A and C.

The Cranbrook Public Library serves the residents of RDEK Area C, the City of Cranbrook and ?a'qam.

Any children who visit the Library will be able to use these devices for free. They can participate in STEAM programs, such as Science Saturdays, where the tablets will be used from time to time. There may also be opportunities for the Library to partner with reading centres to offer STEAM programs to children directly in Area C communities.

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..

Approximately 15.3% of residents living in Area C are children under the age of 15. Some of these children have limited access to technology in their homes.

This project will give those children, plus those living in Cranbrook access to new technology that they can use to learn and develop their digital literacy skills. The equipment will also improve the Library's ability to offer and sustain high-quality STEAM programming.

The Library determined that this was a worthwhile project based on the usage of the existing tablets and children's computer, plus the popularity of current STEAM programs.

Section C – Required Additional Information

All applications **must include the following additional information:**

Project Budget

- Provide a budget detailing revenue, expenditures and in-kind contributions. The budget must clearly show all funds received from other sources.

Project Partners

- Identify any partners or resources which will be assisting you during this project.

  Additional Information is not to exceed 6 single-side pages or 3 double-side pages.

Proposals may be submitted by mail, email, fax or dropped off to:

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

Email: corporateservicesdept@rdek.bc.ca   Fax: 250-489-3498

The Discretionary Grants-in-Aid Policy has been included with the application for your reference.

Technology for Kids Project

Revenue

RDEK Discretionary Grant-in-Aid	3,140
Cranbrook Public Library	1,450
Provincial Enhancement Grant	1,247
Total Revenue	**$ 5,837**

Expenditures	**Quantity**	**Cost**	**Total**
iPad 10th generation	5	535	2,675
Dell Optiplex Desktop Workstation	1	1,712	1,712
STEAM Programs - staff time	10	145	1,450
Total Expenditures			**$ 5,837**