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## $50,000 in StellerImpact Grants Awarded to Local Groups in the Kootenay and Boundary regions this Credit Union Day

**Kootenay / Boundary, BC: October 16th –** Twenty different non-profit community groups and initiatives in the Kootenay and Boundary regions have been awarded a StellerImpact community grant, ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 – totaling more than $50,000.

The grant program, now in its third year, supports community-focused projects in the areas served by StellerVista Credit Union, including Cranbrook, Castlegar, Fernie, Sparwood, Elkford, the Slocan Valley, and the West Boundary.

“Every day, people and organizations in our communities are rolling up their sleeves to create positive change,” says Jody Burk, CEO of StellerVista Credit Union. “It’s part of who we are to stand beside them — and investing in their efforts is one way we help our region thrive. It’s inspiring to see the variety and creativity of the projects being led by local groups.”

The StellerImpact grant program accepts applications from July to September each year and is designed to fund impactful projects taking place in the Kootenay and Boundary regions of BC. Organizations interested in applying for the next round of StellerImpact grants can begin to apply in July 2026.

More information about the grants awarded will be shared online as the projects get going.

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At StellerVista Credit Union, we help our members bank like they live here. We ensure our members are prepared for every stage of life, with products, services, and local support that help them achieve their goals. With dozens of employees across the Kootenay and Boundary regions, StellerVista Credit Union allows you to bank where you live.