



**GRANT IN AID
CASH GRANTS**

Amount included in Draft Budget	2024 Approved Budget		2025 Requests brought forward		Difference from 2024 Budget
	Cash	Non-Cash	Cash	Non-Cash	
	\$ 115,828		\$ 213,210		\$ 97,382
	\$ 36,750		\$ 36,797		\$ 47
Total	\$ 152,578		\$ 250,007		\$ 97,429

#	New or Repeat	Organization	Amount Requested for 2025	Budget of Organization	Percentage requested vs. Budget	Funds Received in 2024	Grant Requested for 2025	Difference from Draft Budget	Proposed Use of Grant
1	R	Air Cadet League of Canada 909 Peregrine Sponsoring Committee	\$ 5,000	\$ 47,715	10.48%	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000		To assist with the costs associated with procuring facilities where the cadets train and exercise.
2	NEW	Autism Okanagan Association	\$ 5,000	\$ 223,545	2.24%	\$ -	\$ 5,000		We run the following programs for participants in the Okanagan with autism or other neurodivergence. The grant is being requested to ensure we can continue to provide these programs for everyone who wants to participate.
3	NEW	Bear Force - Mt. Boucherie Secondary School FIRST Robotics Team	\$ 4,000	\$ 61,485	6.51%	\$ -	\$ 4,000		The program aims to strengthen community ties by involving students in fundraising, procuring sponsors, and implementing outreach initiatives. This year, they are launching an outreach program targeting local elementary and middle schools to inspire interest in STEM, potentially leading to future STEM careers. This initiative is expected to benefit West Kelowna economically by adding passion and technical expertise to the community. The grant requested is to help with operational costs incurred by our team to go to 2 regional competition events and implement our community outreach goals. Events are hosted outside of Kelowna. Our first event is in Vancouver while a 2nd event requires long distance travel outside of West Kelowna/BC.
4	R	Canadian Red Cross, West Kelowna Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP)	\$ 15,000	\$ 13,868,148	0.11%	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		The Red Cross is requesting \$15,000 towards the annual rent of the volunteer-run West Kelowna Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) office located at #4 - 2411 Drought Road.
5	New	Central Okanagan Food Bank	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,897,000	0.20%	\$ -	\$ 10,000		The Central Okanagan Food Bank (COFB) has been serving the community for over 40 years, originally starting as the Robes, Loaves, and Fishes Food Bank. In 2015, it merged with COFB's Kelowna location to better address food insecurity. Currently, COFB is experiencing a significant rise in demand, particularly for the Tiny Bundles Program, which supports new parents and their newborns with essential items and nutritious food. The program serves an average of 45 families per month in West Kelowna. Due to a 32% increase in demand and rising costs, COFB is using emergency funds to meet needs. Additional funding is essential to continue supporting vulnerable families and ensuring the well-being of the community.
6	R	Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society (COBSS)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	100.00%	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		Each year \$1,000 has been provided to COBSS to distribute to a Mount Boucherie graduating student. In 2024, COBSS distributed 594 scholarships, bursaries and awards totalling \$588,223 and this grant assists a graduating student with their post secondary studies.
7	R	Childhood Connections - Okanagan Family & Childcare Society	\$ 6,500	\$ 209,673	3.10%	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500		The Family Resource Program in West Kelowna is seeking grant funding to expand its support for child development and family resources. Key initiatives include the National Child Day event, the annual Teddy Bear Picnic, and weekly "Song, Story, and Rhyme Time" sessions. These activities foster community connections, early literacy, and secure parent-child relationships. The program collaborates with the City of West Kelowna to offer sessions at the Multi-Sport Centre. Additional funding will help expand these programs, providing more resources and developmental support for families. The budget proposal includes staffing, materials, and program expenses to achieve these goals.
8	New	Central Okanagan Hospice Association	\$ 8,600	\$ 99,305	8.66%	\$ -	\$ 8,600		The grant will cover expenses specific to West Kelowna, including rental space, supplies, and professional counselling. COHA's West Kelowna 1:1 Professional Grief Counselling supports individuals dealing with loss, helping them understand and manage their grief. The program aims to normalize grief and teach healthy expression of feelings. Provides timely, local support, reducing barriers such as high fuel costs and heavy traffic. Creates a supportive community for those facing death and loss. Reduces adverse outcomes and future risk factors through brief interventions. Expands COHA's successful programs, including grief groups, expressive art activities, and camps for children and youth.
9	R	Gellatly Bay Trails and Parks Society	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,730	34.90%	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		To cover the cost of directors insurance against liability, when volunteering for the society (GBTAPS) when improving or constructing trails. It would also cover the liability insurance needed to cover the public who participate in our Trek for Trails which is our annual fund raiser. This year the cost of this insurance was \$1975.00
10	R	Girl Guides of Canada - Naitaka District (West Kelowna)	\$ 2,000	\$ 41,950	4.77%	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000		Girl Guides in West Kelowna has 17 Units with over 280 youth members. We would use the funds to help pay for our girls to meet in local halls, churches and community centers. Our current annual costs for meeting spaces are currently \$17,850.
11	New	Hemi's Holistic Healing Centre Society	\$ 25,000	\$ 102,590	24.37%	\$ -	\$ 25,000		Requesting the funds to assist our team in successfully opening the facility. Specifically, the funds would be allocated to Furnishings, Equipment, Program materials, Food supplies, daily operating supplies and facility rent of \$5000 per month



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12	NEW	Helping Out People Exploited Society (H.O.P.E. Outreach)	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 5,000	\$ -		Applicant did not apply for 2025 Grant in aid but received 2024 funds so included in this page. H.O.P.E Outreach is dedicated to supporting marginalized communities across the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, with a special focus on West Kelowna through our 'Our Women' Program. As the sole nighttime outreach initiative in both Kelowna and Vernon, we have a unique opportunity to extend the vital case management and outreach services offered by the 'Our Women' Program to the community of West Kelowna. This expansion would enable us to reach and assist even more individuals in need. In response to this growing issue, the City of West Kelowna has extended an invitation for our organization to collaborate on winter planning initiatives for the unhoused population. This invitation serves as a clear indication that our services are crucial in addressing this pressing need. Through the "Grants in Aid" application, we aim to contribute meaningfully to the city's efforts in supporting those experiencing homelessness.
13	R	Kelowna AquaJets Swim Club (aka Liquid Lightning Swim Club)	\$ 15,000	\$ 917,276	1.64%	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000		The grant is requested to pay half of the pool rental costs incurred at JBMAC during the 2025 swim season.
14	R	Kelowna Rowing Club	\$ 13,614	\$ 21,864	62.27%	\$ 1,500	\$ 13,614		Funding is requested for the second year of KRC's Youth Rowing Program, which began in 2024. The program focuses on students from Constable Neil Bruce and Glenrosa middle schools, and Mount Boucherie Secondary School in West Kelowna. It offers advanced training and competition opportunities for students who have participated in previous rowing programs. The goal is to prepare athletes for the BC Summer Games in 2026. The 2025 funding will help cover coaching and administrative costs, and support the purchase of used rowing equipment, including a coxed-quad rowing shell and oars, which were acquired from Brentwood College School.
15	New	Latino Voices Society	\$ 3,000	\$ 19,350	15.50%	\$ -	\$ 3,000		The Latin Voices Society is requesting a Community Event Grant to host an inclusive cultural event for the West Kelowna community in 2025: Latino Movie Night in the Park. This event warmly invites community members of all backgrounds to come together and experience the richness of Latino culture through cinema, food, and community connection. Latino Movie Night in the Park aims to provide a unique, high-value cultural experience that connects people, supports local businesses, and enriches the cultural landscape of West Kelowna. The grant funding requested would cover key expenses such as film licensing, equipment rental, park setup, promotional materials, and partnerships with local vendors. This event will allow the Latin Voices Society to share the beauty of Latino culture and invite all community members to join us in celebrating, learning, and connecting.
16	NEW	Project Literacy Central Okanagan Society	\$ 4,938	\$ 7,938	62.21%		\$ 4,938		For the past 10 years, Unplug and Play & Family Literacy Week takes place in Kelowna during the last week of January. Unplug and Play Week encourages families with young children to disconnect from their digital devices and engage in fun, creative, educational, and interact activities. This year a 'Wrap-up' event is planned for West Kelowna at the Lions Hall, on Sunday, February 2, 2025. The free public event runs for 4 hours, from 10am to 2pm. We are expecting over 100 families to attend the event.
17	R	Therapeutic Lake Cruises Society	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,700	19.48%	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500		The funding will ensure the continuation of their community program. Costs for storage, gas, and insurance are rising, and they also need to repair small areas of the boat as needed.
18	R	West Kelowna Community Policing Society	\$ 7,000	\$ 10,000	70.00%	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000		The \$7,000 grant is for the 2025 operating expenses of \$10,000 as detailed in the attached 2025 operating budget, and to maintain a reasonable reserve fund for any unforeseen major expenditures.
19	R	West Kelowna Firefighters Association	\$ 5,000	\$ 13,324	37.53%	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		The West Kelowna Firefighters' Association is dedicated to community building and fire safety education. They collaborate with CRIS Adaptive Adventures, a local non-profit supporting people with disabilities through outdoor programs. Their partnership began in 2014 with the CRIS Youth Challenge, evolving into the annual Boucherie Grind event. This event, which includes a race up Mount Boucherie, promotes fire safety, community engagement, and supports individuals with disabilities. Despite a pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, the event resumed in 2023 and continues to grow, featuring an information village and various community activities.
20	R	West Kelowna Trail Crew Society	\$ 2,058	\$ 13,658	15.07%	\$ 2,828	\$ 2,058		The grant is being requested to cover the expense of insurance. The insurance is required to ensure the individuals and volunteers who participate in trail maintenance.
21	R	West Kelowna Yacht Club	\$ 11,000	\$ 543,127	2.03%	\$ 7,000	\$ 11,000		To offset the costs incurred by the WKYC in providing infrastructure and services for the benefit of the general public within the City of West Kelowna.
22	R	West Kelowna Youth Ambassador Program	\$ 5,500	\$ 22,525	24.42%	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,500		These funds will allow the Youth program the funds to implement educational activities and workshops that will lead to valuable life skills. This will benefit each candidate for their whole life, in turn this program will teach our young people (all genders) the right attitude and skills to become LEADERS of tomorrow. The successful candidates are awarded the position of Ambassador and will visit BC Cities representing West Kelowna.



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23	R	Westside Celebration Society	\$ 41,000	\$ 157,400	26.05%	\$ 25,000	\$ 41,000		<p>July 1 2025 – Canada Day July 11-13 2025 – Westside Daze</p> <p>To provide Westside residents and tourists a safe, free family festival/event To provide quality entertainment in the form of kids activities and music To provide a showcase where local, provincial and federal politicians can meet and greet With the public. To promote and market Westside Daze to the local residents and the travelling public</p>
24	R	Westside Health Network Society	\$ 14,500	\$ 257,500	5.63%	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,500		<p>The Westside Health Network Society's Volunteer Services provide essential support to seniors, enhancing their quality of life and easing the burden on the healthcare system. Key programs include:</p> <p>Volunteer Drivers: Transport seniors to medical appointments and social outings. Volunteer Visitors: Combat isolation through weekly visits and phone calls. Volunteer Shoppers: Assist with grocery shopping and delivery. Volunteer Office Assistants: Help with administrative tasks. Volunteer Happy Hookers: Knit and crochet items for community donation. Special Event Volunteers: Support events and fundraising efforts. Senior Peer Support Group: Offer peer support and guidance. These programs ensure seniors remain connected, independent, and supported within their community</p>
25	New	YMCA of Southern Interior BC	\$ 5,000	\$ 156,854	3.19%	\$ -	\$ 5,000		<p>The YMCA is dedicated to youth empowerment, offering programs that support physical, mental, emotional, and social health. Their goal is to provide relevant, front-line programs to help youth build mental health resilience and reach their full potential. Anxiety is a common issue among youth in British Columbia, but many do not access mental health services due to lack of knowledge, long wait times, and financial barriers.</p> <p>YMCA Mindfulness programs, including Teen Mindfulness (ages 13-17) and YMind (ages 18-30), offer free psycho-educational workshops and group discussions facilitated by counselors. These programs help youth manage anxiety through evidence-based techniques and provide a supportive environment. Since 2017, over 840 youth in the Okanagan have benefited from these programs. Funding from the City of West Kelowna would expand these services to more youth in the area, providing tools to manage anxiety, reduce isolation, and promote overall well-being.</p>
			\$ 213,210			\$ 115,828	\$ 213,210		

NON-CASH GRANTS

1	R	1st Lakeview Heights Scouts (Lions Hall)	\$ 8,755	\$ 74,700	11.72%	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,755		To cover the rental cost for Westbank Lions Community Centre Hall, to enable the group to come inside during the winter months. This will provide all sections a warm place to develop their scouting skills.
2	R	Crossing Creek Community Theatre	\$ 2,884	\$ 15,053	19.16%	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,884		Grant to assist with the rent of Westbank Lions Community Centre for the Winter production booked at that facility February 13 through 19, 2025
3	R	Girl Guides of Canada - Naitaka District (West Kelowna)	\$ 7,210	\$ 41,950	17.19%	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,210		\$7000 in Kind for the use of Anders (Lakeview) Hall, currently we have 4 Units that meet there. We have been informed that with the changes to the hall, a move to another location (Lions Hall) will be more expensive, and thus the request for in-kind donation has increased.
4	R	Lakeview Heights Thursday Niters' AA Group	\$ 3,200	n/a	n/a	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200		To hold Alcoholics Anonymous weekly meetings thereby providing group support for new and recovering alcoholics to stay sober.
5	R	Royal Canadian Humane Association	\$ 730	\$ 2,031	35.95%	\$ 600	\$ 730		To cover the cost of the rental of the Westbank Lions Community Centre to hold our annual Awards Ceremony for British Columbia in 2025
6	R	Royal Canadian Legion Br.288 Westbank	\$ 3,518	\$ 3,504	n/a	\$ 4,650	\$ 3,518		We use the grant every year to have our Remembrance Day Service at Royal LePage Arena and then a fundraising dart tournament on February 8, 2024. For 2025, People from all over the Okanagan (from legions and the ArmyNavy) come to play darts and support our community. As a side note, we did not receive the go ahead for the provincial Dart tournament this year being held in March 2025.
7	R	Westside Health Network Society (in kind)	\$ 10,500	\$ 257,500	4.08%	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,500		The purpose of the grant is to maintain and build capacity associated with providing essential services for seniors in the community. Many of the programs are held at Lions Hall Community Centre and the cash in kind goes towards meetings
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Total Requested			\$ 250,007			\$ 152,578	\$ 250,007		