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Interior Savings Community Investment Fund: Empowering Communities with over \$60,000 in Support

British Columbia – Interior Savings, a trade name of Beem Credit Union, is pleased to invest over \$60,000 in local grants to help community groups launch and expand essential social programs. This June, the credit union will support several non-profit organizations through the spring allocation of its Community Investment Fund.

Established in 2007 with a mission to give back to the community, the Fund has invested over \$2 million in local grants. These grants support a variety of programs aimed at fostering more inclusive and resilient communities. As communities continue to navigate the challenges of inflation, housing affordability and unpredictable events such as wildfire and flooding, these grants help ensure vital programs and community services are available when needed.

“Our vision for Beem goes beyond providing excellent financial advice; we are firmly committed to playing an active role in helping create strong, resilient and inclusive communities”, shares Brian Harris, CEO of Beem Credit Union. “As we consider the rich diversity and unique needs of our communities across British Columbia, we see significant opportunities to help drive positive change and support the many organizations that are critical to the wellbeing of our communities. The Community Investment Fund is a demonstration of our unwavering commitment.”

Grant applications were evaluated based on their potential to create a far-reaching and positive impact on the community while aligning with Interior Savings’ social impact goals. These goals encompass areas including mental health, food security, literacy, reconciliation, diversity, inclusion, and both economic and social growth.

The 2024 Spring recipients received between \$9,800 and \$16,000 depending on the project scope and anticipated community impact:

Barriere | The Barriere Business Centre

A new central space to bring together stakeholders from the area working together to drive economic and business development.

Kamloops | Kamloops Hospice’s Children’s Grief Group

Program provides support to children ages 6-18 years old dealing with the death of a loved one using Expressive Therapy activities to provide children the tools to communicate feelings and process the world around them using play and art.

Kelowna Area | Harvest Preservation Initiative: Nourishing Generations

Programming for members of the Okanagan Indian Band including new moms, elders, and folks in financial need aimed at increasing nutritional knowledge to improve well-being, foster indigenous cultural preservation, and community resilience.



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Lake Country | Lake Country Food Assistance Society

Expanding the program to allow clients the opportunity to shop and select their food preferences, helping to create a more streamlined process while also creating an environment that is less limiting, more interactive, and inclusive.

Kamloops | Kamloops Food Policy Council

Expanding the Food Sovereignty Education project; an existing series of workshops, offered year-round aimed at educating the community on seasonal sustainable food practice, preservation, and cultivation of food.

Read more about the 2024 projects funded and the local impact they have [here](#).

Learn more about the Interior Savings Community Investment Fund [here](#).

Growing together as Beem Credit Union

Beem Credit Union, founded by Gulf & Fraser and Interior Savings, is the second largest provincially regulated credit union in BC with approximately \$10 billion in total assets under administration. 1,000 Beem employees work to serve over 160,000 members who live and work across the province. The credit union offers personal and commercial banking and a full range of insurance and wealth management services from 53 branches that span BC from downtown Vancouver to the North Peace region. Learn more about our journey to build Beem Credit Union at togetherwearebetter.ca.



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