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CBT'S COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & AFFECTED AREAS PROGRAMS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IN GOLDEN & AREA A

(Golden) – Columbia Basin Trust's (CBT) Community Initiatives (CIP) and Affected Areas Programs (AAP) are currently accepting applications in Golden and Area A for community-supported projects.

The CIP and AAP are CBT's largest and longest running programs and will provide communities with \$3.3 million in 2010. This is the third of a three-year \$10 million-commitment by CBT. Over the program's 13 year history, almost \$2 million has been awarded to Golden and Area A community projects.

"As long-standing programs at CBT, the CIP/AAP are intended to be flexible to help address the needs of individual communities and decisions on how to best disburse the funding are community-based," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO.

All areas of the Basin receive CIP funding, while additional AAP funds are allocated to areas of the Basin most affected by dam construction under the Columbia River Treaty. These areas are part of the Arrow, Kinbasket, Duncan and Koochanusa Reservoirs.

Funds for these programs are allocated on a per capita funding formula and are distributed once a year to CBT delivery partners: the Regional Districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary, City of Revelstoke, Town of Golden, the Village of Valemount and the Ktunaxa Nation Council.

In Golden, a Select Committee of Town Council has volunteered to set community-based policies and procedures and review project proposal applications from non-profit organizations in Golden and Electoral Area A. The Community Funds Local Selection Committee is chaired by Judy Brook, with representatives from the community (Sheelagh England and Shannon Hood), Town Council (Councillor Jaime Fitzgerald), CSRD Regional Director for Electoral Area A (Ron Ozsust) and the Golden & District Community Foundation (Denise English and Krys Sikora). Once funding recommendations are approved by Town Council and the CSRD Regional Director for Area A, the program is administered by the Golden & District Community Foundation.

For application forms and guidelines, visit www.cbt.org/programs and click on Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs, or contact the local delivery partner, Golden & District Community Foundation. The deadline for submitting project proposals is 4 pm on Monday March 29.

CBT delivers economic, social, and environmental benefits to the residents of the Columbia Basin. To learn more about CBT programs and initiatives, visit www.cbt.org or call 1-800-505-8998.

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