

NEWS RELEASE

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Community Foundation Grants Awarded

GDCF announces 3 funding recipients

(Golden, BC) The Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF) is trilled to announce the recipients of the 13th annual round of grants through their Community Grants Program.

Community Grants Program

The GDCF's Community Grants Program is regularly anticipated by local charities as it provides an opportunity to apply for funds from a local funder. The granting funds are available from the interest earned at the Columbia Valley Credit Union and Vancouver Foundation on the 12 Community Grants Program permanent endowments held by the GDCF.

Two years after the first *Golden & Area A's Vital Signs Report* project, which collected citizen grades for 12 issue areas that impact our community's quality of life, the Grants Advisory Committee has fine-tuned the grant program accordingly. The Committee intends to award GDCF funds through project grants of \$5,000 or more, which address the findings from the 2011 *Vital Signs Report*.

In late 2013, three local applicant projects were granted awards between \$5,500 and \$6,306.75. The grants are as follows:

- Interior Health - Durand Manor Fencing Project - \$5,500.00
- Golden Community Resources Society - Local Intelligence Gathering - \$5,550.00
- Town of Golden - Royal Canadian Legion Furnace Replacement - \$6,036.75

Supported Project Overviews

Interior Health has sponsored the Henry M. Durand Manor Family Council and secured \$5,500.00 to make their outdoor space more space. The Durand Manor Fencing Project *“project has two fencing components. The first is to provide secure railing to an existing deck infrastructure so residents can use existing outdoor space. The second more extensive project is to fence the currently insecure rear areas of the facility. Included in the funding request is money for general repairs and contingency.”*

Golden Community Resources Society's Local Intelligence Gathering *"is an event highlighting innovative, engaged citizens from across sectors who demonstrate values and actions necessary to build the social, economic, and environmental well being of Kicking Horse Country. The event will connect people from across sectors, catalyze greater community engagement, and inspire future collaborative actions. The LIG will provide exposure to the most inspiring people and projects happening in the area, bridge the various sectors, create opportunities for collaboration and enable broad involvement in future initiatives."*

Sponsored by the Town of Golden, a qualified donee, the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #122's *"furnace is no longer functional and needs to be replaced."* The GDCF approved up to \$6,036.75 in grant funds to be used for that timely project.

Also in December, the GDCF also helped award \$14,114.35 in scholarships and bursaries from the LaRue Memorial Scholarship Fund Trust (held by the Golden Teachers Association), Durand Scholarship Fund, Aman Virk Scholarship Award Fund, Legacy Scholarship and Tera Jubinville Memorial Fund Bursary.

And finally, the Golden Family Centre Society's Golden Day Program received \$436.02 from the David Brault Memorial Fund.

Information on the GDCF's Community Grants Program is available on www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca/grantapps.html beginning October 1st of each year.

About the Golden & District Community Foundation

The Golden & District Community Foundation's mission is to attract and effectively grow permanent funds; provide leadership and administration that helps in addressing significant community needs; and help donors fulfill their philanthropic interests.

To learn more about your community foundation and *Golden & Area A's Vital Signs* report, please bookmark www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca.

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