

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Community Foundation's Grants Leverage CFC150 Funding** *Town of Golden, CBEEN & Special Olympics create impact projects*



*Over the past few months, the Rotary Trails behind Golden Secondary School have been reworked. In 2017, a new lookout over the Kicking Horse Canyon will be constructed by the Town of Golden, through the support of \$15,000 in matching grants from the Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF) and Community Foundations of Canada's Community Fund for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> (CFC150).*

(Golden, BC) – The Golden & District Community Foundation (GDCF) was able to grant more than they have in years thanks to a matching funds program with Community Foundations of Canada's Community Fund for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> (CFC150).

Usually, low investment returns in the previous year mean that the GDCF's interest from endowment funds and subsequent grants will be smaller. However, with \$9,300 from CFC150 funding, over \$22,800 has been awarded to local community projects through the GDCF's annual Community Grants Program.

The [CFC150](#) program is “a chance to encourage all Canadians to contribute to their communities in a way that will foster a greater sense of belonging, support meaningful reconciliation and leave a lasting legacy now and for future generations.” The CFC150 Fund “will provide communities with thousands of small grants to support local projects, distributed by participating community foundations from coast to coast to coast.” In October, the GDCF collaborated with CFC150 to ensure that this special funding would be available to eligible local projects.

The [Town of Golden](#)’s 150 Legacy Link & View project between Golden Secondary School & Keith King Memorial Park was selected by both the GDCF and CFC150 program because it will “improve active transportation connectivity, safety & accessibility for all residents in a high traffic & geographically challenging area near sports fields.”

The [Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network’s \(CBEEN\)](#) Wild Voices for Kids project “offers place-based educational presentations and field trips to K-12 Students in the Columbia Basin,” as well as celebrating Canada’s 150 birthday throughout 2017. CBEEN will be receiving \$3,400 from the GDCF and CFC150 program.

And \$1,479.67 from the GDCF will go to [Special Olympics BC – Golden Chapter](#)’s Travel Costs for Athletes & Volunteer Coaches project will help “cover travel expenses, mileage costs, hotel accommodation and meals when athletes and coaches attend competitions and coaches attend training opportunities outside Golden.”

“It’s inspiring to see more applicants use the language and data from Vital Signs in their grant applications, and actually influence their project design,” said Ryan Watmough, Executive Director of the GDCF. “And thanks to the CFC150 funding, the GDCF is able to increase our impact in a number of Vital Signs priority areas in Golden & Area A.”

The GDCF requests project proposals each October. Many endowment funds managed by the GDCF are pooled together in order to fund significant and impactful projects in Golden & Area A. While the Town of Golden’s 150 Legacy Link & View, CBEEN’s Wild Voices for Kids, and SOBC-Golden’s Travel Costs for Athletes & Volunteer Coaches project were the largest grants awarded, other groups received support through dedicated funds.

Thanks to the Golden Lions’ passing on their portion of the distribution of the David Brault Memorial Fund, all of the \$367.54 in funds available helped cover costs associated with the [Golden Family Centre Society](#)’s Golden Day Program. And \$279.35 earned with the Cecil & Edel Parson Memorial Fund went to the [Golden & District Historical Society](#).

In addition to the grants to local charities, over \$8,800 will go to the Grade 4 & 5 [Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program](#) to help ensure all local kids have the chance to learn to ski and snowboard. This 4-visit program is made possible through the support of Nicholson Parents Advisory Committee (PAC), Lady Grey PAC, School District 6, Canadian Ski Council and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.

#### ***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.*

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