

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Community Foundation Applications Online

*Community Foundation offers 2 streams of support in October*

(Golden, BC) The Golden & District Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 15<sup>th</sup> annual round of grants through their Community Grants Program, as well as the regular intake of the Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award.

The GDCF's Fall Grants Season 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 on the 10 Community Grants Program permanent endowments held by the GDCF.

One year after the second Golden & Area A's 2014 Vital Signs Report, which collected 400 citizen grades for 13 issue areas that impact our community's quality of life, the Grants Advisory Committee continues to fine-tune the grant program accordingly. Now, the Committee and Board intends to award approximately \$13,000 through project grants of \$5,000 or more, which address those citizen priorities – like the Economy, Work and Getting Started & Staying – from the most recent Report.

Last year, 3 local applicant projects were granted awards. The funded projects included the Golden and District Search and Rescue's new snowmobile, and the Canadian Red Cross' HELP Depot project, "Keeping Recovering Golden Seniors Safe in their Homes & in their Community."

The second program is supported by the Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award Fund, which was created in late 2009 to honour the memory of one of Golden's community builders, Mike McKnight.

The Award is granted to an institution or training organization for a nominated student, or students, of their choosing.

The recipient must be "a Golden resident who has a history of community involvement and who is entering into or continuing in a training program for employment in the ski industry. Employment includes, without limiting employment only to, winter guides, ski patrol, higher level ski or boarding instructor, ski area management and search and rescue."

As a significant change for this season, GDCF not offering their usual needs-based Whitetooth Affordable Ski Program application. Instead, the Whitetooth Ski Society granting

funds will go toward ensuring every local grade 4 & 5 student goes skiing/snowboarding 4 days this winter with their class.

Information on the GDCF's Community Grants Programs and the Mike McKnight Ski Industry Award are available on [www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca/grantapps.html](http://www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca/grantapps.html) beginning October 1st. It is highly recommended that applicants download and read the policy & guidelines before beginning the applications. All applications must be submitted by 12:00pm noon October 21st.

***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 project, please bookmark [www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca](http://www.goldencommunityfoundation.ca).*

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