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# Columbia Basin Business Resource Directory

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This business resource directory provides an easy way to find out what business support services are available in your region.

The directory is maintained by the Basin Business Advisors Program. An online version of this directory is available at [www.bbaprogram.ca/resource-directory/](http://www.bbaprogram.ca/resource-directory/)

Please contact [info@bbaprogram.ca](mailto:info@bbaprogram.ca) or call (855) 510-2227 if you have any questions about this directory or to suggest updates to the information.

## Business Advisory Services:

### Basin Business Advisors Program

**Mandate:** Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, targeted advisements or full assessments, and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises (non-profits making revenue) throughout the Basin.

**Services:** One-on-one business counselling and specialized business consulting services.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Subsidy for specialized business consulting

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Will Nixon, Program Manager

**Email:** info@bbaprogram.ca

**Phone:** (250) 489-4356 Ext. 110 / (855) 510-2227

**Web:** www.bbaprogram.ca

**Location:** 110A Slater Road NW, Cranbrook, BC V1C 5C8

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### Basin Business Advisors Program: Central Basin Region

**Mandate:** Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, targeted advisements or full assessments, and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises (non-profits making revenue) throughout the Basin.

**Services:** One-on-one business counselling and specialized business consulting services.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Subsidy for specialized business consulting

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Barb Williams, Basin Business Advisor

**Email:** bwilliams@bbaprogram.ca

**Phone:** (250) 352-1933 Ext. 116 / (855) 510-2227

**Web:** www.bbaprogram.ca

**Location:** 201 - 514 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4E7

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### Business Advisors Program: East Basin Region

**Mandate:** Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, targeted advisements or full assessments, and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises (non-profits making revenue) throughout the Basin.

**Services:** One-on-one business counselling and specialized business consulting services.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Subsidy for specialized business consulting

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Bob Bougie, Basin Business Advisor

**Email:** bbougie@bbaprogram.ca

**Phone:** (250) 489-4356 Ext.108 / (855) 510-2227

**Web:** www.bbaprogram.ca

**Location:** 110A Slater Road NW, Cranbrook, BC V1C 5C8

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**Basin Business Advisors Program: North Basin Region**

**Mandate:** Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, targeted business assessments and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises (non-profits making revenue) throughout the Basin.

**Services:** One-on-one business counselling and specialized business consulting services.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Subsidy for specialized business consulting

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Roberta Ciolli, Basin Business Advisor

**Email:** rciolli@bbaprogram.ca

**Phone:** (250) 837-5345 Ext. 3204 / (855) 510-2227

**Web:** www.bbaprogram.ca

**Location:** Box 2398, 301 Victoria Road West, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

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**Basin Business Advisors Program: Southwest Basin Region**

**Mandate:** Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, targeted business assessments and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises (non-profits making revenue) throughout the Basin.

**Services:** One-on-one business counselling and specialized business consulting services.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Subsidy for specialized business consulting

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Wendy Morrison, Basin Business Advisor

**Email:** w Morrison@bbaprogram.ca

**Phone:** (250) 921-5333 / (855) 510-2227

**Web:** www.bbaprogram.ca

**Location:** 825 Spokane Street, Trail, BC V1R 3W4

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**Business Development Bank of Canada**

**Mandate:** Offers financing, business loans, First Nations loans, consulting and venture capital to businesses. Business Development Bank of Canada's focus is on small- to medium-size business and up.

**Services:** Business consulting, one-on-one business consulting, specialized business consulting services, business loans, free client meeting, advising – Commercial Rates.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Minimal Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Fee for service (varies)

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Michelle Kleindienst

**Email:** michelle.kleindienst@bdc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 417-2201

**Web:** www.bdc.ca

**Location:** 205B Cranbrook Street North, Cranbrook, BC V1C 3R1

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### Futurpreneur Canada

**Mandate:** 'Go to' resource to help young entrepreneurs, aged 18 – 39.

**Services:** From pre-launch to growth and expansion, Futurpreneur Canada supports young entrepreneurs throughout the life-cycle of their businesses by providing pre and post-launch coaching, financing, mentoring and business resources.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Youth Loans

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Canada

**Contact:** Mike Porter, Business Development Manager

**Email:** mporter@futurpreneur.ca

**Phone:** (250) 808-0822

**Web:** www.futurpreneur.ca

**Location:** #205-1405 St. Paul St. Kelowna, BC, V1Y 9N2

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### Community Futures Central Kootenay

**Mandate:** We help businesses to be successful and communities to be economically healthy.

**Services:** Business loans, Self-Employment Program (for eligible participants referred by Work BC), Youth Mean Business Program, Basin Business Advisors Program, business workshops, business counselling, business resource library and community economic development initiatives.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Central Kootenay

**Contact:** Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director

**Email:** awilkey@futures.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 352-1933 Ext. 103

**Web:** www.futures.bc.ca

**Location:** 201 - 514 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4E7

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### Community Futures East Kootenay

**Mandate:** Community Futures East Kootenay (CFEK) is dedicated to fostering strong, vibrant local economies. Engaging in Community Economic Development with local governments, key partners and stakeholder organizations, CFEK seeks to be a driving force for economic growth and sustainability throughout the East Kootenay. Led by a volunteer Board of Directors, CFEK's dedicated staff supports the creation and expansion of small businesses in the area.

**Services:** CFEK promotes economic development and the creation of jobs and wealth in our region by providing small-business loans for start-up, expansion or the purchase of existing businesses. In addition to financial support, CFEK offers a variety of business-related services, including knowledgeable, professional business consultation and access to training for entrepreneurs and their employees.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** East Kootenay

**Contact:** Sean Campbell, General Manager

**Email:** sean@cfek.ca

**Phone:** (250) 489-4356 Ext. 102

**Web:** www.cfek.ca

**Location:** 110A Slater Road NW, Cranbrook, BC V1C 5C8

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### Community Futures Fraser Fort George (serving Valemount)

**Mandate:** We assist business owners – and those considering becoming business owners – with attaining financing, creating a business plan, and accessing tools and resources for the different challenges and opportunities they may face.

**Services:** Business coaching and support, business financing, self-employment services, events and workshops, video conference and room rental, small business tools and resources, one-stop business registry and community initiatives.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Valemount to Prince George & surrounding rural areas.

**Contact:** Susan Stearns, General Manager

**Email:** general@cfdc.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 562-9622

**Web:** www.cfdc.bc.ca

**Location:** 1566 Seventh Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3P4

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### Community Futures Greater Trail

**Mandate:** Community Futures of Greater Trail fosters local entrepreneurs through all phases of business from the pre-start-up phase to the expansion of existing business. We also promote, co-ordinate and implement a wide variety of community economic development initiatives within the region.

**Services:** We offer entrepreneurial programs and training, business counselling, loan programs and a business library of resource material to people interested in expanding or starting a business.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Greater Trail

**Contact:** Don Freschi, General Manager

**Email:** don@communityfutures.com

**Phone:** (250) 364-2595, Ext. 22

**Web:** www.communityfutures.com

**Location:** 825 Spokane Street, Trail, BC V1R 3W4

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### Community Futures Revelstoke

**Mandate:** Community Futures Revelstoke is a non-profit community based agency assisting entrepreneurs with self-employment and business development.

**Services:** Small Business Loan Program and the Self Employment Benefit Program assist clients with the necessary advice, direction, and financing to help start, purchase, strengthen or expand businesses. Community economic development programs and projects are facilitated and initiated to stimulate economic development and diversification.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Revelstoke

**Contact:** Kevin Dorrius, General Manager

**Email:** kdorrius@revelstokecf.com

**Phone:** (250) 837-5345

**Web:** www.revelstokecf.com

**Location:** Box 2398, 301 Victoria RD West, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

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**Industrial Research Assistance Program**

**Mandate:** For over 60 years, the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) has been stimulating wealth creation for Canada through technological innovation. This is largely accomplished by providing technology assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises at all stages of the innovation process, to build their innovation capacity. NRC-IRAP helps small and medium-sized enterprises understand the technology issues and opportunities and provides linkages to the best expertise in Canada. Our mandate is to stimulate wealth creation for Canada through technological innovation.

**Services:** Delivered by a network of over 240 Industrial Technology Advisors (ITAs) located in more than 100 communities across Canada, NRC-IRAP supports the needs of SMEs engaged innovative, technology-driven activities. NRC-IRAP provides a suite of advisory service and funding to SMEs. These services are adapted to each client's situation and provide a customized response to their innovation needs.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Financial Assistance

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Canada

**Contact:** Bruce Hardy, Industrial Technology Advisor

**Email:** bruce.hardy@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 352-5072

**Web:** www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/irap/index.html

**Location:** Selkirk College: 2001 Silver King Road, Nelson, BC V1L 1C8

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**Kootenay Aboriginal Business Development Agency**

**Mandate:** We provide services to Kootenay-based First Nation, Metis and Inuit entrepreneurs starting out and existing operators in the following areas: One-on-one business coaching, Business plan development, Information about sources of capital, Pre and post lending advisory services and Business seminars and workshops.

**Services:** Business counselling, business training, business plan development, resource library.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans and grants through third party.

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide for Aboriginals

**Contact:** Janice Alpine, Business Development Officer

**Email:** jalpine@kabda.org

**Phone:** (250) 420-2762

**Web:** www.kabda.org

**Location:** 220 Cranbrook Street, Cranbrook, BC

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**Kootenay Association for Science & Technology**

**Mandate:** Fosters a culture that values science, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship as activities vital to maintaining and enhancing the competitiveness of the region. Delivers subsidized business coaching and targeted learning opportunities for manufacturing and technology start-ups and companies.

**Services:** Science, technology and entrepreneurship specialized counselling and business training, access to entrepreneurship business funding opportunities, sector targeted learning and networking opportunities.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Employment grants

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** West Kootenay

**Contact:** Rose Hoehner, Business Coaching Coordinator

**Email:** coaching@kast.com

**Phone:** (250) 362-5052

**Web:** www.kast.com

**Location:** Box 119, #108-2196 LeRoi Ave, Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

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## Business Skills Development/Training:

### Canadian Centre for Aboriginal Entrepreneurship

**Mandate:** The Canadian Centre for Aboriginal Entrepreneurship, Inc. (CCAIE) is Canada's leader in providing Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Training Programs. Based in Nelson, BC, the CCAIE helps First Nations, Métis and Inuit people who are interested in becoming self-employed or starting their own business.

**Services:** We help with all aspects of business planning and offer sessions on financial literacy, hiring employees, funding, and using technology. In addition, we provide access to micro-loans and mentoring.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Bruce Lacroix, President

**Email:** ccae@shaw.ca

**Phone:** (250) 352-3878

**Web:** www.ccae.ca

**Location:** 406 Richards Street, Nelson, BC V1L 5K1

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### Okanagan College – Revelstoke Centre

**Mandate:** Okanagan College - Revelstoke Centre offers a dynamic, exciting learning environment for adults of all ages. Whether you are considering new career opportunities, a university degree, further development of academic skills, or general interest opportunities, you can take the first steps at our Centre.

**Services:** Continuing Education, Academic Upgrading, Trades Training

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Tuition Varies

**Geographic Region:** Revelstoke

**Contact:** Mary Kline, Program Coordinator

**Email:** mekline@okanagan.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 837-4235 Ext. 6503

**Web:** www.okanagan.bc.ca

**Location:** 1401 1st St W, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

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### Chamber Learning Network

**Mandate:** Chamber Learning Network™ is an alliance of chambers, training providers, and associations that delivers general business skills training in a variety of formats such as online webinars, face-to-face consultation, seminars, etc.

**Services:** The Chamber Learning Network™ offers small and medium businesses a network of vetted and approved business skills training courses including, business coaching, management & leadership, computer skills, sales & customer service, social media, marketing, and accounting.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Province Wide

**Contact:** Lori Climenhaga, Director of Member Relations

**Email:** lclimenhaga@bcchamber.org

**Phone:** (604) 683-0700

**Web:** www.chamberlearningnetwork.com

**Location:** 1201-750 West Pender St, Vancouver, BC V6C 2T8

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**College of the Rockies**

**Mandate:** Continuing Education offers business training in all campuses in the East Kootenay including Cranbrook, Kimberley, Golden, Invermere, Fernie & Creston.

**Services:** Business training for small business including: accounting/ bookkeeping skills, marketing, workplace training programs, non-profit management, creating successful business plans, home based business, customer service and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices.

**Business Advise ment:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Tuition varies

**Geographic Region:** East Kootenays - multiple campuses

**Contact:** College of the Rockies

**Email:** info@cotr.bc.ca

**Phone:** (877) 489-2687

**Web:** www.cotr.bc.ca

**Location:** Box 8500, 2700 College Way, Cranbrook, BC V1C 5L7

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**Community Futures Central Kootenay**

**Mandate:** Promotes and facilitates community economic development through partnerships and initiatives, as well as business loans, business training and other related services. Focus on small business with some loans to medium business. Including program for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities.

**Services:** Entrepreneurial workshops covering all aspects of small business management. Schedules are produced quarterly and can be found at www.futures.bc.ca

**Business Advise ment:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Tuition varies

**Geographic Region:** Central Kootenay

**Contact:** Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director

**Email:** awilkey@futures.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 352-1933, Ext. 103

**Web:** www.futures.bc.ca

**Location:** 201 - 514 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4E7

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**Community Futures Fraser Fort George**

**Mandate:** Promotes and facilitates community economic development through partnerships and initiatives, as well as business loans, business training and other related services. Focus on small business with some loans to medium business. Including program for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities.

**Services:** Business counselling, business training, business loans.

**Business Advise ment:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Tuition varies

**Geographic Region:** Valemount to Prince George & surrounding rural areas.

**Contact:** Susan Stearns, General Manager

**Email:** general@cfdc.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 562-9622

**Web:** www.cfdc.bc.ca

**Location:** 1566 Seventh Avenue, Prince George, BC V2L 3P4

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### Community Futures Greater Trail

**Mandate:** Promotes and facilitates community economic development through partnerships and initiatives, as well as business loans, business training and other related services. Focus on small business with some loans to medium business. Including program for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities.

**Services:** Business counselling, business training, business loans.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Tuition varies

**Geographic Region:** Greater Trail

**Contact:** Don Freschi, General Manager

**Email:** don@communityfutures.com

**Phone:** (250) 364-2595, Ext. 22

**Web:** www.communityfutures.com

**Location:** 825 Spokane Street, Trail, BC V1R 3W4

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### Community Futures Revelstoke

**Mandate:** Promotes and facilitates community economic development through partnerships and initiatives, as well as business loans, business training and other related services. Focus on small business with some loans to medium business. Including program for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities.

**Services:** Business counselling, business training, business loans.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Tuition varies

**Geographic Region:** Revelstoke

**Contact:** Kevin Dorrius, General Manager

**Email:** kdorrius@revelstokecf.com

**Phone:** (250) 837-5345

**Web:** www.revelstokecf.com

**Location:** Box 2398, 301 Victoria RD West, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

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### Business Skills Development/Training: G02hr

**Mandate:** go2hr is BC's tourism human resource association responsible for coordinating the Tourism Labour Market Strategy. We provide resources for recruitment, retention and training to support industry growth.

**Services:** Free tourism job board, labour market research, foreign worker information, health and safety tools and resources, apprenticeship training, Serving It Right, FOODSAFE by Correspondence and emerit.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Province Wide

**Contact:** Arlene Keis, CEO

**Email:** inquiry@go2hr.ca

**Phone:** (604) 633-9787

**Web:** www.go2hr.ca

**Location:** Box 59, Suite 450-505 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V7X 1M3

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**Kootenay Association for Science & Technology**

**Mandate:** The Kootenay Association for Science & Technology (KAST) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the continued growth of science and technology as key economic drivers in the West Kootenay-Boundary region of BC.

**Services:** The KASTmba business mentorship and assistance program is a free service and only requires two hours per month and may run up to six months. It is designed to provide ongoing perspective, insight and support of an industry expert on most business issues. The KAST Coaching program is a free service designed to provide more in depth assistance to business owners on specific tasks such as business plans, marketing strategy, valuation, financial plans and more. If your company requires specialized consulting a subsidy program is available.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** Subsidy for specialized consulting

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** West Kootenay

**Contact:** Erin Handy, Executive Director

**Email:** erin@kast.com

**Phone:** (250) 362-5052

**Web:** www.kast.com

**Location:** Box 119, #108-2196 LeRoi Ave, Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

**Kootenay Business Exchange (Administered by Community Futures Central Kootenay)**

**Mandate:** Provides a grass roots approach to assisting local small businesses by providing a confidential environment for them to solve their business problems. Small businesses do this by coming together to form a team which meet on a regular basis with members sharing the challenges and opportunities they face in their daily business lives.

**Services:** N/A

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** \$250/yr

**Geographic Region:** Castlegar & Nelson

**Contact:** Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director

**Email:** awilkey@futures.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 352-1933, Ext. 103

**Web:** www.futures.bc.ca

**Location:** 201 - 514 Vernon Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4E7

**Selkirk College**

**Mandate:** Continuing Education offers business training in all campuses in the West Kootenay including: Castlegar, Nelson, Trail, Grand Forks, Nakusp and Kaslo.

**Services:** Business training for small business including: accounting/ bookkeeping skills, marketing, workplace training programs, Non-profit management, creating successful business plans, home based business, and customer service.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Tuition varies

**Geographic Region:** West Kootenay & Boundary

**Contact:** Cara-Lee Malange, Coordinator

**Email:** cmalange@selkirk.ca

**Phone:** (250) 365-7292 Ext. 21261

**Web:** www.selkirk.ca

**Location:** 301 Frank Beinder Way, Castlegar, BC V1N 4L3

### Small Business BC

**Mandate:** British Columbia's premier resource centre for comprehensive small business information, products and services. Funded by the provincial and federal governments, Small Business BC can assist you with business planning, financing, registration and any other topics related to starting and growing a business in B.C.

**Services:** Business Advisory Services, Tools and Resources, Education, Mentorship, Export

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Free and user-paid

**Geographic Region:** Province Wide

**Contact:** Main Line

**Email:** askus@smallbusinessbc.ca

**Phone:** (800) 667-2272

**Web:** www.smallbusinessbc.ca

**Location:** Suite 54 – 601 West Cordova Street, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6B 1G1

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### Upper Columbia Co-op Council (UCCC)

**Mandate:** The UCCC is the apex organization for co-operative enterprises in the Kootenay/Boundary Region. Its mandate is to build our regional co-operative and social economy, through business development services and public education on the benefits of mission-driven businesses.

**Services:** The UCCC provides a full suite of business development services to enterprises in the social economy. Specializing in feasibility, business, and strategic planning, governance, stakeholder engagement, incorporation assistance, and organization and policy development.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Occasionally

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide and Boundary

**Contact:** Zoe Creighton, Coordinator

**Email:** zoe@uccc.coop

**Phone:** (250) 354-5396

**Web:** www.uccc.coop

**Location:** Box 66, Nelson, BC V1L 5P7

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### Women's Enterprise Centre

**Mandate:** Business resource centre for women who are, or are considering, starting, purchasing or growing a small business in BC.

**Services:** Business skills development, business loans, free business guidance, business resources, mentoring, networking and events.

**Business Advisement:** Full Service

**Services for Start-Up:** Full Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Province Wide

**Contact:** Laurel Douglas, Director

**Email:** inquiry@womensenterprise.ca

**Phone:** (800) 643-7014

**Web:** www.womensenterprise.ca

**Location:** Suite 201, 1726 Dolphin Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 9R9

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## WorkBC

**Mandate:** WorkBC is the provincial government's access point to the world of work in British Columbia. It was created with one key goal – to help all British Columbians to successfully navigate B.C.'s labour market.

**Services:** To help all British Columbians to successfully navigate B.C.'s labour market.

**Cost:** Free

**Geographic Region:** Province Wide

**Contact:** General call line

**Web:** [www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)

**Phone:** (877) 952-5914

**Location:** N/A

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## Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy:

### Canada-BC Job Grant

**Mandate:** The Canada-B.C. Job Grant is an employer-driven, cost-sharing program that helps employers invest in training for their current or future employees. The Grant assists eligible employers to offset the cost of training, with the employer contributing one-third of the cost of training.

**Services:** Training subsidy

**Cost:** Employer contributes 1/3 of training cost

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** General call line

**Email:** [CJGInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:CJGInfo@gov.bc.ca)

**Phone:** (877) 952-6914

**Web:** <https://www.workbc.ca/Employer-Resources/Canada-BC-Job-Grant.aspx>

**Location:** N/A

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### School Works Program

**Mandate:** The School Works Program provides a wage subsidy to encourage businesses and organizations within Columbia Basin Trust's service area to provide part-time employment for full-time high school and post-secondary students during the school year.

**Services:** Wage subsidy

**Cost:** Wage subsidy

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Lorna Schiefner, Coordinator

**Email:** [schoolworks@cbt.org](mailto:schoolworks@cbt.org)

**Phone:** (250) 489-2751 Ext. 3584

**Web:** <http://ourtrust.org/funding-support/funding-support-programs/school-works/>

**Location:** Box 8500, 2700 College Way, Cranbrook, BC V1L 5L7

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### Summer Works Program

**Mandate:** The Summer Works Program provides an hourly wage subsidy to support the success of small business in Columbia Basin Trust's service area. The program creates up to 150 summer jobs for students in the region.

**Services:** Wage subsidy

**Cost:** Wage subsidy

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Wendie Cameron, Coordinator

**Email:** [summerworks@cbt.org](mailto:summerworks@cbt.org)

**Phone:** (250) 489-2751 Ext. 3644

**Web:** <http://ourtrust.org/funding-support/funding-support-programs/summer-works/>

**Location:** Box 8500, 2700 College Way, Cranbrook, BC V1L 5L7

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### Targeted Initiative for Older Workers

**Mandate:** To assist older workers ages 55-64 to re-enter the workforce part-time/full time or to become self-employed.

**Services:** 14-week program with 10 weeks in classes with computer training, personal awareness, exploring employment opportunities and success in the workplace workshops (4 days/wk). An additional 4 weeks individual training, on the job training, job search. Participants are paid to participate in the program based on attendance.

**Cost:** Free (Participants receive a stipend for attendance)

**Geographic Region:** Elk Valley

**Contact:** Jenny Gutzman, Project Coordinator

**Email:** [jgutzman@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:jgutzman@cotr.bc.ca)

**Phone:** 250-423-4691 Ext. 5131

**Web:** [www.cotr.bc.ca/fernie/](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/fernie/)

**Location:** 342-3rd Ave, Fernie, BC

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## Chamber of Commerce:

### Chamber of Commerce: Castlegar

**Mandate:** Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce is a private non-profit organization. It relies heavily on volunteers in order to accomplish its objectives. The Chamber is in existence to take whatever position and action is required for business and the community to expand along lines that will enhance the quality of life in the community. Essentially, the Chamber of Commerce provides an organization of members (businesses) to create a climate where not only our members but also the community as a whole prospers.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, Business After Business, Trade Show and other local business enhancing events. Economic Development information/support/connections, Castlegar Visitors Centre, Imagine Kootenay Liaison.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Castlegar & District

**Contact:** Tammy Verigin-Burk, Executive Director

**Email:** cdcoced@castlegar.com

**Phone:** (250) 365-6313

**Web:** www.castlegar.com

**Location:** 1995 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 4B7

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### Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Valley

**Mandate:** The Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce is an organization within the business community promoting and supporting responsible commerce through effective advocacy, communication, networking and education on behalf of its membership. The Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce is hundreds strong, with more businesses joining every day. We offer valuable members-only benefits, including member-to-member discounts, engaging guest speakers, and more. The Chamber sponsors the community's annual Business Excellence Awards and the Annual Turn Copper into Gold Golf Tournament.

**Services:** Networking event, website listing, featured business daily on social media and website, group benefits, discounts on various business services such on financial transactions, fuel, etc., training programs, policy and advocacy, Visitor Info Centre presence. Networking, training programs, community info and profile for investors and newcomers.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Columbia Valley

**Contact:** Susan Clovechok, Executive Director

**Email:** info@cvchamber.ca

**Phone:** (250) 342-2844

**Web:** www.cvchamber.ca

**Location:** Box 1019, Hwy 93/95 RR 3, Invermere, BC V0A 1K3

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### Chamber of Commerce: Cranbrook

**Mandate:** Chambers of Commerce provide benefit, service and educational programs to their membership, supporting businesses and helping them achieve success. Chambers of Commerce also work diligently to promote and assist their communities. This support for both local businesses and the areas in which they operate directly stimulates local economies and creates vibrant communities around the province.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Cranbrook

**Contact:** David Hull, Executive Director

**Email:** info@cranbrookchamber.com

**Phone:** (250) 426-5914

**Web:** www.cranbrookchamber.com

**Location:** Box 84, 2279 Cranbrook St. North, Cranbrook, BC V1C 4H6

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**Chamber of Commerce: Creston Valley**

**Mandate:** The mission of the Chamber is to improve the business climate and quality of living in the Creston Valley for residents, workers and visitors.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Creston Valley

**Contact:** Amy Maddress, Centre Coordinator

**Email:** [info@crestonvalleychamber.com](mailto:info@crestonvalleychamber.com)

**Phone:** (250) 428-4342

**Web:** [www.crestonvalleychamber.com](http://www.crestonvalleychamber.com)

**Location:** Box 268, 121 North West Blvd. (Hwy 3), Creston, BC V0B 1G0

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**Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Elkford**

**Mandate:** A strong advocate and supporter of local business, a valuable support system and an effective network provider.

**Services:** Networking opportunities, promotion of partnerships, access to employee/employer benefits and a political business advocate.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Elkford

**Contact:** Kaydia Wright, Office Manager

**Email:** [info@elkfordchamberofcommerce.com](mailto:info@elkfordchamberofcommerce.com)

**Phone:** (250) 425-5725

**Web:** [www.elkfordchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.elkfordchamberofcommerce.com)

**Location:** Box 220, Elkford, BC V0B 1H0

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**Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Fernie**

**Mandate:** The Fernie Chamber of Commerce is a service organization that is dedicated to strengthening commerce in Fernie and enhancing the economic future of Fernie. The Chamber is the Voice of Business in Fernie.

**Services:** Opportunities to connect with business leaders and city officials, cost-saving benefits for members, business exposure, and educational & training sessions.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Fernie

**Contact:** Patty Vadnais, Executive Director

**Email:** [patty@fernichamber.com](mailto:patty@fernichamber.com)

**Phone:** (250) 423-6868

**Web:** [www.fernichamber.com](http://www.fernichamber.com)

**Location:** 102 Hwy 3, Fernie, BC V0B 1M5

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**Chamber of Commerce: Kaslo & Area**

**Mandate:** The Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization, committed to supporting and promoting the well-being of the business community; encouraging partnership and collaboration among businesses; providing opportunities for networking, community involvement and professional growth; and advocating for members at the provincial level to ensure that concerns are heard.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Kaslo & Area

**Contact:** Daphne Hunter, Administrator

**Email:** [thekaslochamber@gmail.com](mailto:thekaslochamber@gmail.com)

**Phone:** (250) 353-3464

**Web:** [www.kaslochamber.com](http://www.kaslochamber.com)

**Location:** Box 329, Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0

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**Chamber of Commerce: Kicking Horse Country**

**Mandate:** The Kicking Horse Country Chamber of Commerce works to grow the local economy, to serve as a voice for business and to deliver value in order to ignite success for the members of the Kicking Horse Country Chamber of Commerce.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, first point of contact for Imagine Kootenay

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Golden

**Contact:** Ruth Hamilton, Manager

**Email:** ruth@goldenchamber.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 344-7125 / 1-800-622-4653

**Web:** www.goldenchamber.bc.ca

**Location:** Box 1320, 500-10th Ave North, Golden, BC V0A 1H0

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**Chamber of Commerce: Kimberley & District**

**Mandate:** The Kimberley and District Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1923 with the goal of furthering the interests of local businesses. Our mission is to serve as leaders in the promotion, development, growth and prosperity of business in our community.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, Kimberley Ambassador program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Kimberley & District

**Contact:** Mike Guarnery, Manager

**Email:** info@kimberleychamber.com

**Phone:** (250) 427-3666

**Web:** www.kimberleychamber.com

**Location:** 253 Wailing Ave, Kimberley, BC V1A 1Z2

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**Chamber of Commerce: Kootenay Lake**

**Mandate:** The Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce is a diverse group of area businesses joined together in the common goal of promotion, advancement and vitality of the East Shore of Kootenay Lake.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** East Shore of Kootenay Lake

**Contact:** Gina Mehurst, Chair

**Email:** info@kootenaylake.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 227-9466

**Web:** www.kootenaylake.bc.ca

**Location:** Box 120, Crawford Bay, BC V0B 1E0

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**Chamber of Commerce: Nakusp & District**

**Mandate:** The mission of the Nakusp & District Chamber of Commerce is to maintain a role of leadership and advocacy in the Nakusp and District business community, while promoting and supporting economic development and tourism in partnership with community stakeholders.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking and business information.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Nakusp & District

**Contact:** Cedra Eichenauer, Office Manager

**Email:** nakusp@telus.net

**Phone:** (250) 265-4234

**Web:** www.nakusparrowlakes.com

**Location:** Box 387, 92-6th Ave NW, Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

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**Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Nelson & District**

**Mandate:** The Chamber of Commerce promotes of economic activity to benefit all residents of the Nelson region. This encompasses economic activity within the region, and between the Nelson region and elsewhere in the world. It includes but is not limited to: being the advocate for and leader of businesss, providing relevant information to its members, working with other complementary organizations to promote economic activity, and encouraging a high standard of integrity.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, Certified World Host customer service training provider.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Nelson & District

**Contact:** Tom Thomson, Executive Director

**Email:** info@discovernelson.com

**Phone:** (250) 352-3433

**Web:** www.discovernelson.com

**Location:** 91 Baker Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4G9

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**Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Radium**

**Mandate:** The role of a Chamber of Commerce or business association is to support its members and give them a chance to have a collective voice in their community when dealing with all levels of government.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Radium

**Contact:** Kent Kebe, Executive Director

**Email:** chamber@radiumhotsprings.com

**Phone:** (250) 347-9331

**Web:** www.radiumhotsprings.com

**Location:** Box 225, 7556 Main St. East, Radium Hot Springs, BC V0A 1M0

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**Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Revelstoke**

**Mandate:** The Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce is a not for profit organization, dependent on membership to deliver valuable services, business advocacy and events to our membership and community at large.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Revelstoke

**Contact:** Jaime Mayes, Executive Director

**Email:** executive@revelstokechamber.com

**Phone:** (250) 837-5345

**Web:** www.revelstokechamber.com

**Location:** Box 490, 301 Victoria Rd W, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

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**Chamber of Commerce: Salmo & District**

**Mandate:** The Salmo Chamber of Commerce provides a forum for debate on critical issues, acts as an innovative public policy solution provider and is the destination for networking with other members of the Salmo.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Salmo & District

**Phone:** (250) 357-2596

**Email:** salmoch@telus.net

**Location:** Box 400, 100 Fourth Street, Salmo, BC V0G 1Z0

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**Web:** www.discoversalmo.ca

**Chamber of Commerce: Slocan District**

**Mandate:** The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce strives for a vibrant, diverse and healthy economy that respects the environment and community values of the Slocan Lake district.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Slocan District

**Contact:** Jessica Rayner, Manager

**Email:** chamber@slocanlake.com

**Phone:** N/A

**Web:** www.slocanlakechamber.com

**Location:** Box 448, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0

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**Chamber of Commerce: Sparwood & District**

**Mandate:** The objective of the Sparwood Chamber of Commerce is to sustain existing business, enhance business opportunities and improve the economic, social, ecological and cultural well being of the community through demonstrated leadership in the promotion of economic development and diversification and support for, and initiation of community events.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mix

**Geographic Region:** Sparwood & District

**Contact:** Norma McDougall, Chamber Manager

**Email:** manager@sparwoodchamber.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 425-2423

**Web:** www.sparwoodchamber.bc.ca

**Location:** Box 1448, 141A Aspen, Sparwood, BC V0B 2G0

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**Chamber of Commerce: Trail & District**

**Mandate:** Member-focused and engaging the business community through leadership, support and adaptability.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Trail & District

**Contact:** Audry Lochrie, Executive Director

**Email:** tcocm@netidea.com

**Phone:** (250) 368-3144

**Web:** www.trailchamber.bc.ca

**Location:** 200 – 1199 Bay Avenue, Trail, BC V1R 4A4

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**Chamber of Commerce: Valemount & Area**

**Mandate:** Valemount & Area Chamber of Commerce (VACC) is comprised of business owners and managers that operate or do business in the Valemount Area. VACC believes in taking a proactive approach to identify specific needs of the Business Community and endeavors to host workshops and guest speakers open to the public on issues of concern.

**Services:** Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

**Cost:** Mixed

**Geographic Region:** Valemount & Area

**Contact:** Marie Birkbeck, Manager

**Email:** info@valemountchamber.com

**Phone:** (250) 566-0061

**Web:** www.valemountchamber.com

**Location:** Box 690, Valemount, BC V0E 2Z0

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## Community Economic Development Support:

### City of Cranbrook

**Mandate:** The City of Cranbrook focuses on developing a diverse and resilient economy for the city and surrounding area. Cranbrook's Economic Development Department aims to: create a healthy and vibrant business environment, "weather-proof" our community's economy, and support the creation of stable, good jobs.

**Services:** Business retention, expansion and attraction, identification and development of strategic economic infrastructure, including downtown revitalization. General and targeted community marketing (including tourism).

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Cranbrook

**Contact:** Kevin Weaver, Business & Economic Development Officer

**Email:** kevin.weaver@cranbrook.ca

**Phone:** (250) 489-0232

**Web:** www.cranbrook.ca

**Location:** 40 - 10th Ave, South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 2M8

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### City of Kimberley

**Mandate:** The mandate of the Economic Development Office is to expand and diversify Kimberley's economy while maintaining the desirable cultural, environmental, recreational, and social characteristics of the community – characteristics that contribute to our exceptional quality of life and help to draw business people to Kimberley.

**Services:** Economic Development Services include site location assistance, Business retention and expansion program, assistance attracting highly qualified personnel, and research. Want to chat about the business environment? Contact the Economic Development office, we are happy to share.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Kimberley

**Contact:** Kevin Wilson, Economic Development Officer

**Email:** KWilson@kimberley.ca

**Phone:** (250) 427-9666

**Web:** www.Kimberley.ca

**Location:** 340 Spokane Street, Kimberley, BC V1A 2E8

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### City of Revelstoke

**Mandate:** The Revelstoke Community Economic Development is expected to provide leadership, through broad community involvement, which promotes the economic well being of the community while understanding that a social and environmentally healthy community is vital to creating a diverse and prosperous local economy for the City of Revelstoke and Columbia Shuswap Regional District Electoral Area B.

**Services:** Economic Development Services

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Revelstoke

**Contact:** Alan Mason, Director of Community Economic Development

**Email:** amason@revelstoke.ca

**Phone:** (250) 837-5345

**Web:** www.cityofrevelstoke.com

**Location:** Box 2398, 301 Victoria Road W, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S

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**Imagine Kootenay**

**Mandate:** Joint-initiative of local governments, economic development organizations and Chambers of Commerce with the aim of attracting and retaining investment. Participating communities include: Castlegar, Nelson, Nakusp, Revelstoke, Golden, Sparwood, Fernie, Kimberley, Kootenay Lake, Lower Columbia, Columbia Valley, and Boundary Country.

**Services:** A website that promotes business investment opportunities to local, national and international investors. A must see site if you are looking to buy or sell a business.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Participating Communities

**Contact:** Jessica Fairhart, Program Manager

**Email:** jessica@imaginekootenay.com

**Phone:** (250) 270-0037

**Web:** www.imaginekootenay.com

**Location:** Invermere, BC

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**Ktunaxa Nation Council**

**Mandate:** Preservation and promotion of Klunaxa tradition knowledge, language and culture, community and social development and wellness, land and resource development, economic investment and self-government.

**Services:** Aboriginal Economic Development Services

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Contact:** Mathew Ney, Director of Economic Investment

**Email:** MNey@ktunaxa.org

**Phone:** (250) 489-2464, Ext. 3071

**Web:** www.ktunaxa.org

**Location:** 220 Cranbrook St, Cranbrook, BC V1C 3R2

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**Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation**

**Mandate:** To provide economic development services within the Lower Columbia Region and to serve as the 'first place of call' as opportunities develop. The LCIC works to develop a creative, dynamic and competitive business environment that fosters economic growth. The LCIC works collaboratively with the communities in the Lower Columbia region, local agencies, organizations and businesses to develop and implement strategies that will assist in strengthening our local economy.

**Services:** Regional economic profile and outlook, skilled labour recruitment resources, business retention and expansion, engagement in training opportunities, strategic partnership building.

**Business Advisement:** Investment, (both foreign and domestic)

**Services for Start-Up:** Minimal Service

**Services for Existing Business:** Minimal Service

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Rossland, Trail, Warfield, Montrose, Fruitvale, RDKB electoral areas A & B.

**Contact:** Terry Van Horn, Economic Development Officer

**Email:** info@lcic.ca

**Phone:** (250) 364-6461

**Web:** www.lcic.ca

**Location:** 1355 Pine Ave, Trail, BC V1R 4E7

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### Lower Kootenay Band

**Mandate:** Our vision is to have a self-sufficient and sustainable local economy that meets all of the community's economic needs, is grounded in the community's cultural values, provides its community and other local residents with ample business, economic and personal development opportunities and meeting all of the community's needs, and has earned a reputation for business credibility in the local area and beyond.

**Services:** Aboriginal Economic Development Services

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Contact:** Curtis Wullum

**Email:** cwullum@lowerkootenay.com

**Phone:** (250) 428-4428

**Web:** www.lowerkootenay.com

**Location:** 830 Simon Rd., Creston, BC V0B1G2

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### Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

**Mandate:** Economic development and community adjustment services.

**Services:** Economic Development Services

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Contact:** Gerri Brightwell, Regional Manager for the Central/East Kootenay

**Email:** gerri.brightwell@gov.bc.ca

**Phone:** (250) 342-4207

**Web:** www.jtst.gov.bc.ca/economic\_development/index.htm

**Location:** Box 322, 625-4th St, Invermere, BC V0A 1K0

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### Nelson and Area Economic Development Partnership

**Mandate:** Nelson and Area Economic Development Partnership (NAEDP) is a partnership of the City of Nelson, RDCK electoral areas E and F, Community Futures of Central Kootenay and Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce. The partnership's goal is to take a unified approach to community economic development initiatives for the city and region.

**Services:** Economic Development Services

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Contact:** Tom Thomson, Executive Director

**Email:** tom@discovernelson.com

**Phone:** (250) 352-3433

**Web:** www.discovernelson.com

**Location:** 225 Hall Street, Nelson, BC V1L 5X4

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**BritishColumbia.ca**

**Mandate:** BritishColumbia.ca is the Province's digital hub for promoting B.C. to the world. With comprehensive economic profiles on every community in B.C., a powerful opportunity database, and the latest facts and figures on the priority sectors in multiple languages, BritishColumbia.ca is the first point of contact for many international investors interested in learning what B.C. has to offer.

As a business owner, you can leverage the global reach of BritishColumbia.ca to seek international investors:

Post your commercial and industrial real estate listings and business-for-sale opportunities free of charge on our partner sites — they are published instantly on these sites and BritishColumbia.ca.

Current partners include SpaceList.ca for real estate and VentureConnect.ca for businesses for sale.

Easily create a profile of other unique business investment opportunities by creating a free account on BritishColumbia.ca/invest.

Include links to your corporate website and contact information, making it easy for investors to learn more and get in touch.

Be confident knowing that investors have access to the additional information they need through integrated links to maps, community data and contact information, immigration resources and more.

**Services:** N/A

**Business Advise ment:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Alanna Dixon

**Phone:** (250) 387-4491

**Location:** BC

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Province Wide

**Email:** economicdevelopment@gov.bc.ca

**Web:** www.britishcolumbia.ca/invest

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**Mandate:** Aboriginal Business and Economic Development

**Business Advise ment:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Contact:** Christopher McCurry, Director of Community & Economic Development

**Phone:** (250) 426-5717 ext 3543

**Location:** 7470 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Email:** cmuccury@aqam.net

**Web:** www.aqam.net

**Tobacco Plains**

**Services:** Aboriginal Economic Development Services

**Business Advise ment:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Contact:** Hugh Moore, EDO

**Phone:** (250) 887-3461 Ext. 3409

**Location:** Box 76, Grasmere, BC V0B 1R0

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Email:** hmoore@tobacco plains.org

**Web:** www.tobacco plains.org

**Town of Golden & CSRD Electoral Area A**

**Services:** Economic Development Services

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** Business licensing, development and land use information and approvals

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Contact:** Phil Armstrong, Manager of Development Services

**Email:** phil.armstrong@golden.ca

**Phone:** 250-344-2271 Ext. 236

**Web:** www.golden.ca

**Location:** Box 350, 810-9th Ave S, Golden, BC V0A 1H0

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**Village of Valemount**

**Mandate:** Transform Valemount and Area from a one-industry community to a mixed economy town with a specialized forestry base, and a growing tourism and services sector. The Economic Development Commission (EDC) will promote and encourage change and growth of the area from Albreda to Small River.

**Services:** Economic Development Services, Change and Growth, Communication Technology, Alternative Energy Solutions (Geothermal), Tourism, Forestry, Training, Business Development, Arts and Culture, Beautification and Revitalization, Regulatory and Land Issues.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Community

**Contact:** Silvio Gislimberti, Economic Development Officer

**Email:** edo@valemount.ca

**Phone:** (250) 566-4435

**Web:** www.valemount.ca

**Location:** Box 168, 735 Cranberry Lake Rd, Valemount, BC V0E 2Z0

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## Research & Development:

### Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI)

**Mandate:** Supports informed decision-making by Columbia Basin-Boundary communities through the provision of information, applied research and related outreach and extension support.

**Services:** The RDI provides regional demographic data and helps connect businesses with college faculty and student research and development support in the following areas: remote sensing, digital mapping, data storage and management, rapid prototyping, repetitive manufacturing, 3D modeling, and sustainable business practices.

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Geographic Region:** Columbia Basin-Boundary region

**Contact:** Lauren Rethoret, Research Coordinator

**Email:** [lrethoret@selkirk.ca](mailto:lrethoret@selkirk.ca)

**Phone:** (250) 365-7292 Ext. 21246

**Web:** [www.cbrdi.ca](http://www.cbrdi.ca)

**Location:** 301 Bender Way, Castlegar, BC V1N 3J1

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### Scientific Research and Experimental Development

**Mandate:** Federal tax incentive program, administered by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) that encourages Canadian businesses of all sizes, and in all sectors to conduct research and development (R&D) in Canada. It is the largest single source of federal government support for industrial R&D.

**Services:** N/A

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Funding Available:** N/A

**Cost:** Tax Credit program

**Geographic Region:** Canada

**Contact:** Tax Incentive Program

**Email:** N/A

**Phone:** 1-877-387-3332

**Web:** <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/income-taxes/corporate/credits/scientific-research-development/>

**Location:** BC

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## Access to Capital and Grants:

### Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust

**Mandate:** Supports regionally strategic investments in economic development projects that will have long-lasting and measurable regional benefits for the Southern Interior. Helps grow and diversify the economy of the Southern Interior of British Columbia through economic development initiatives in 10 key sectors.

**Services:** Business Loans

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** Full Service

**Cost:** Varies

**Contact:** Luanne Chore, Chief Executive Officer

**Phone:** (250) 545-6829

**Location:** 2802 - 30th Street, Vernon, BC V1T 8G7

**Services for Start-Up:** Quasi-Equity

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Geographic Region:** Southern Interior

**Email:** ceo@sidit-bc.ca

**Web:** www.sidit-bc.ca

### Columbia Basin Trust

**Mandate:** Commercial lending - on a select basis, Columbia Basin Trust invests directly in Basin-based businesses. These investments are managed exclusively by Columbia Basin Trust, therefore the investment risks and financial returns accrue fully to Columbia Basin Trust.

**Services:** Business Loans

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Cost:** N/A

**Contact:** Reception

**Phone:** (250) 365-6633

**Location:** Suite 300, 445 - 13 Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 1G1

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

**Email:** cbt@cbt.org

**Web:** www.cbt.org

### Impact Investment Fund

**Mandate:** The fund supports business opportunities that are higher risk and may not offer adequate financial returns to an investor, but will benefit Basin residents and communities in some other way. For example, it may create jobs, address a community need, help the environment or support arts and culture.

**Services:** Business Loans

**Business Advisement:** N/A

**Services for Existing Business:** N/A

**Cost:** Varies

**Contact:** Contact your local Community Futures Office or Heritage Credit Union.

**Services for Start-Up:** N/A

**Funding Available:** Loans

**Geographic Region:** Basin Wide

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