

**Business Skills Development/Training
Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Skills Development Program**

This self-employment training program that will provide participants with the skills training they need to start and operate their own businesses. This training includes workshops, mentoring, one-on-one business training, referrals and follow up.

Group seminars and individual mentoring

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**Business Advisory Services
Basin Business Advisors Program**

Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, business assessments and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises throughout the Basin.

One on one business counselling, assessments and specialized business consulting services.

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**Business Advisory Services
Basin Business Advisors, Central Basin Region**

Provides one-on-one confidential business counselling, business assessments and a contribution to specialized business consulting services. The Basin Business Advisors Program is available for existing businesses and social enterprises throughout the Basin.

One on one business counselling, assessments and specialized business consulting services.

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**Business Advisory Services
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One on one business counselling, assessments and specialized business consulting services.

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**Business Advisory Services
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**Business Advisory Services
Basin Business Advisors, Southwest Basin Region**

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**Business Advisory Services
Business Development Bank of Canada**

Offers financing, business loans, First Nations loans, consulting and venture capital to businesses (SME). Business Development Bank of Canada focus is on small to medium size business and up.

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

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**Business Skills Development/Training
Canadian Centre for Aboriginal Entrepreneurship**

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, Metis and Inuit people who are interested in becoming self-employed or starting their own business. Learning includes all aspects of Business Planning, plus sessions on Financial Literacy, Hiring the BEST, Funding, and using Technology. In addition we provide access to micro-loans and mentoring. It is all fun and easy to understand, created and presented by Canadian Aboriginal Entrepreneurs. We have many success stories.

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Business Skills Development/Training Chamber Learning Network

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.

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.

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Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce, Castlegar

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.

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

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Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Valley

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.

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.

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Cranbrook & District**

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.

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Creston Valley**

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

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Elkford**

A strong advocate and supporter of local business, a valuable support system and an effective network provider. Networking opportunities, promotion of partnerships, access to employee/employer benefits and a political business advocate.

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Fernie**

Strengthening Commerce in the Fernie area through- Member benefit programs, employee/employer benefit health plans, community partnerships, networking opportunities, business advocacy, small business training workshops, business and visitor information services.

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Kaslo & Area**

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Kicking Horse**

Kicking Horse Country is rapidly changing and has potential for immense growth providing many diverse business opportunities. 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. Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate. Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Kimberley & District**

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Kootenay Lake**

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. Being a member gives you a strong voice in presenting your concerns to political or government organizations. It is about sharing ideas, problem solving, and developing friendships. Belonging is really about working together to build a solid, livable community.

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Nakusp & District**

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.

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

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

The principal objective of the Chamber of Commerce is the promotion of economic activity to the benefit of 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 business, providing relevant information to its members, working with other complementary organizations to promote economic activity, and encouraging a high standard of integrity.

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Radium**

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.

Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate.

Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

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Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce, Revelstoke

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. Membership in the Chamber is a valuable asset to your business. The Chamber also manages the community visitor centre and tourism marketing in partnership with the City of Revelstoke, The Revelstoke Accommodation Association, Destination BC and Kootenay Rockies Tourism.

Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate.

Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

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Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce, Rossland

Our mission is to advocate for, and serve, the business community of Rossland, and encourage investment and economic development.

Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate.

Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

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Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce, Salmo & District

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.

Members access employee/employer benefit plans, partnerships, networking opportunities and a political business advocate.

Business training, networking, business information, World Host program.

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Slocan District**

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.

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Sparwood & District**

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.

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Trail & District**

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

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

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**Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce, Valemount & Area**

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 pro-active 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.

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

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Community Economic Development Support City of Cranbrook

The City of Cranbrook focuses on developing a diverse and resilient economy for the city and surrounding area. Cranbrook's Economic Development services aim to make business in Cranbrook thrive by: creating a healthy and vibrant business environment, "weather-proofing" the local economy, and supporting the creation of good, stable jobs.

Business retention, expansion & attraction; Development of strategic economic infrastructure; Industrial & airport lands development; Downtown revitalization; General & targeted community marketing (including Tourism); Promotion & brokering of investment opportunities, Research & planning for Economic Development; Liaison support with local and senior government partners.

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Community Economic Development Support City of Kimberley

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.

Economic Development Services including Business Retention and Expansion program. Want to chat about the business environment? Contact the Economic Development office, we are happy to share.

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Community Economic Development Support City of Revelstoke

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.

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**Business Skills Development/Training
College of the Rockies**

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

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.

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**Research & Development
Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI)**

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

The RDI helps connect companies 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, 3 D modeling, and sustainable business practices. To request support please visit:<http://www.cbrdi.ca/research-support/>

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**Access to Capital and Grants
Columbia Basin Trust**

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.

Business Loans

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**Business Support, Education, Networking
Columbia Valley Chamber of Commerce**

An organization within the business community promoting and supporting responsible commerce through effective advocacy, communication, networking and education on behalf of its membership.

. The Chamber sponsors the community's annual Business Excellence Awards, and proudly hosted the 2006 British Columbia Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting.

We serve the diverse communities of Invermere, Windermere, Panorama, Wilmer, Fairmont Hot Springs, Canal Flats, Radium Hot Springs, Edgewater, Brisco and Spillimacheen.

Business has trust in the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber represents integrity and solid business and belonging to the Chamber is reassuring to the buying public. Proudly displaying a Chamber membership certificate in your business lets your customers know you are one of the respected members of the local business community. We look forward to your influence in the growth and progress of the Columbia Valley. Success must be a shared experience!

We offer valuable members-only benefits, including member-to-member discounts, engaging guest speakers, and more.

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Business Skills Development/Training Community Futures Central Kootenay

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.

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

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Business Advisory Services Community Futures Central Kootenay

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Business counselling, business training, specialized business training, business loans and delivery of the Self-Employment Program.

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**Community Economic Development Support
Community Futures Central Kootenay**

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Business counselling, business training, specialized business training, business loans. Community Futures is an active member of the Nelson & Area Economic Development Partnership.

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**Business Advisory Services
Community Futures East Kootenay**

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.

Business counselling, business training and business loans.

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**Business Advisory Services
Community Futures Fraser Fort George**

Promotes and facilitates community economic development through partnerships and initiatives, as well as supporting entrepreneurs through business loans, business training, Self-Employment program and other related services. Focus on small business with some loans to medium business. Including program for Entrepreneurs with Disabilities.

Business counselling, business training, business loans and delivery of the Self-Employment Program.

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Business counselling, business training, business loans.

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**Business Advisory Services
Community Futures Greater Trail**

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Business counselling, business training, business loans and delivery of the Self-Employment Program.

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**Business Skills Development/Training
Community Futures Greater Trail**

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Business counselling, business training, business loans.

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**Business Advisory Services
Community Futures Revelstoke**

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Business counselling, business training, business loans and delivery of the Self-Employment Program.

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**Business Skills Development/Training
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Business counseling, business training, business loans.

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Business Advisory Services Futurpreneur Canada

'Go to' resource to help entrepreneurs, aged 18 - 39.

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.

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Business Skills Development/Training G02

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.

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.

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Business Advisory Services Industrial Research Assistance Program

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. 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

services and funding to SMEs. These services are adapted to each client's specific situation and provide a customized response to their innovation needs.

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Business Advisory Services Inside Job Consulting

Works with ENP participants at all stages of development.
Social business counseling, social business training, specialized social business consulting services.

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Community Economic Development Support Invest Kootenay (Eastern region)

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

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

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Community Economic Development Support Invest Kootenay (Western region)

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

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.

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**Business Advisory Services
Kootenay Aboriginal Business Development Agency**

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
- Business seminars and workshops

Business counselling, Business training, Business plan development, Resource Library.

Janice Alpine, Business Development Officer

220 Cranbrook Street Mailing: 7468 Mission Road Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5

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<http://www.kabda.org>

jalpine@kabda.org

**Business Advisory Services
Kootenay Association for Science & Technology (KAST)**

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

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

Rose Hoeher, Business Coaching Coordinator

PO Box 119, #108-2196 LeRoi Ave. Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

Phone 250-354-7894 Toll Free 1-844-224-KAST (5278)

www.businesssherpa.ca www.kast.com

coaching@kast.com

**Business Skills Development/Training
Kootenay Business Exchange**

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.

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**Research & Development
Kootenay Library Federation**

Connecting the Kootenay libraries

Business information

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Business Advisory Services Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council

KRIC's mission is to foster a vibrant, diverse and resilient economy in the East Kootenay through science, technology and innovation.

We're in the business of science, technology and innovation and many of our projects also cover manufacturing as a subset of either technology or innovation.

Sheelah, Executive Director

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www.kric.ca

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Community Economic Development Support Ktunaxa Nation Council

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.

Aboriginal Economic Development Services

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Community Economic Development Support Lower Columbia Initiatives Corporation

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 (Rossland, Trail, Warfield, Montrose, Fruitvale and electoral areas A & B), local agencies, organizations and businesses to develop and implement strategies that will assist in strengthening our local economy.

Regional Economic Profile and Outlook, Skilled labour recruitment resources, Business Retention and Expansion Engagement in Training Opportunities, Strategic Partnership Building.

Terry Van Horn, Economic Development Officer

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info@lcic.ca

**Community Economic Development Support
Lower Kootenay Band**

"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."

Aboriginal Economic Development Services

Curtis Wullum,

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Cell (250) 428-4428

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**Community Economic Development Support
Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training**

Economic development and community adjustment services.

Economic Development Services

Richard Toperczer, Regional Manager, Economic Development, South Okan

101 - 100 Cranbrook St. N Cranbrook, BC V1C 3P9

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**Community Economic Development Support
Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training**

Economic development and community adjustment services.

Economic Development Services

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**Community Economic Development Support
Nelson and Area Economic Development Partnership**

NAEDP is a partnership of the City of Nelson, Electoral Areas E and F, Community Futures of Central Kootenay and the Nelson and District Chamber of Commerce whose mandate includes Business Retention and Expansion, Business Attraction, and Regional Collaboration.

Economic Development Services

Tom Thomson, Executive Director

225 Hall Street Nelson, BC V1L 5X4

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tom@discovernelson.com

Business Skills Development/Training Okanagan College - Revelstoke Centre

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.

Continuing Education, Academic Upgrading, Trades Training

Mary Kline, Program Coordinator

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Phone (250) 837-4235 ext. 6503

<http://www.okanagan.bc.ca>

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Community Economic Development Support Opportunities BC

Opportunities is an online searchable database of business and project opportunities within British Columbia suitable for foreign investment. The database has three functions: 1. to provide updated listings of possible opportunities across the province. 2. to serve as a portal for foreign visitors to explore opportunities in B.C. communities. 3. to connect opportunity representatives with potential foreign investors.

Darby Cameron,

BC, BC

Phone 250-953-4258

<https://tools.britishcolumbia.ca/Buy/Opportunity%2>

OpportunitiesBC@gov.bc.ca

Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy School Works

The School Works Program provides a wage subsidy to encourage businesses and organizations in the Basin to provide part-time employment for full-time high school and post-secondary students during the school year.

Wage subsidy.

College of the Rockies,

2700 College Way, Box 8500 Cranbrook, BC, BC V1L 5L7

Phone (250) 489-2751 ext. 3584

<http://www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs>

schoolworks@cbt.org

Research & Development Scientific Research and Experimental Development

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.

, Tax Incentive Program

(800) 959-2221

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/sred

**Business Skills Development/Training
Selkirk College**

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

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.

Cara-Lee Malange,

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www.selkirk.ca

cmalange@selkirk.ca

**Business Skills Development/Training
Small Business BC**

Small Business BC has the tools and resources to help small businesses throughout BC. Resources include counseling, start up resources, business training in person and webinars.

Business counselling, start up resources, business training.

Sandra Miles, Director

82-601 West Cordova Street Vancouver, BC V6B 1G1

Phone (800) 667-2272 (604) 775-5525 Fax (604) 775-5520

www.smallbusinessbc.ca

askus@smallbusinessbc.ca

**Business Advisory Services
Social Enterprise Canada**

Promotes and supports social enterprise development and growth through enhancing enterprise skills, access to capital and investment, assist in expanding market opportunities.

Social business counselling, social business training, specialized social business consulting services.

Kim Buksa, Program Coordinator

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Phone (604) 871-5421

www.socialenterprisecanada.ca

info@enterprisingnonprofits.ca

**Access to Capital and Grants
Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust**

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.

Business Loans

Luanne Chore, Sr. Portfolio Manager

2802 - 30th Street Vernon, BC V1T 8G7
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Lchore@sidit-bc.ca

**Community Economic Development Support
St. Mary's Indian Band**

Aboriginal Business and Economic Development
Aboriginal Economic Development Services
Becky Pelkonen, Director of Community and Economic Development
7470 Mission Road Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5
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bpelkonen@aqam.net

**Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy
Summer Works**

The Summer Works Program provides an hourly wage subsidy to support the success of small business in the Basin, as well as creates up to 150 summer jobs for students in the region.
Wage subsidy
College of the Rockies, summerworks@cbrt.org
2700 College Way, Box 8500 Cranbrook, BC, BC V1L 5L7
Phone (250) 489-2751 ext. 3644
<http://www.cbrt.org/Funding/?Programs>

**Community Economic Development Support
Tobacco Plains**

Aboriginal Economic Development Services
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**Community Economic Development Support
Town of Golden & Area A CSRD**

Economic Development Services
Phil Armstrong, MCIP, RPP
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www.goldenbritishcolumbia.com
phil.armstrong@golden.ca

Business Skills Development/Training

Upper Columbia Co-op Council (UCCC)

The UCCC is the apex organisation for co-operative enterprises in the Kootenay/ Boundary region. Its mandate is to build our regional co-operative and social economy through education on the benefits and mechanics of co-op enterprise, supporting our member co-ops and credit unions to collaborate, and facilitating the development of new co-op enterprises.

"In partnership with the BC Co-op Association, the UCCC provides a full suite of co-op business development services. Specializing in feasibility, business and strategic planning, governance, member engagement, incorporation assistance, and organization and policy development.

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zoe@uccc.coop

Community Economic Development Support Village of Valemount

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.

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.

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Phone (250) 566-4435
www.valemount.ca
edo@valemount.ca

Business Skills Development/Training Women's Enterprise Centre

Business resource centre for women who are, or are considering, starting, purchasing or growing a small business in BC. Business skills development, business loans, free business guidance, business resources, mentoring, networking and events.

Laurel Douglas, Director
Suite 201, 1726 Dolphin Avenue Kelowna, BC, BC V1Y 9R9
Phone (800) 643-7014
<http://www.womensenterprise.ca/>
inquiry@womensenterprise.ca

Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy Workplace Training Program

This 30-hour training program is designed to elevate job performance in the areas of service and sales. This government-funded training program is offered to the Retail and Food & Beverage sectors. As an employer, you have an opportunity to reap the benefits of a more motivated, confident and skilled workforce.

Free training program for currently employed individuals. Upon completion, successful candidates receive 250.00 and a certificate. College of the Rockies, Workplace Training - Tourism,



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