**Valley First Community Endowment**

**2020 Grants**

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| **Organization Name** | **Community** | | | **2020 Grant** |
| Whitevalley Community Resource Centre\* | Lumby | | | $10,000 |
| ***Breaking Bread Program*** provides additional healthy food and snacks more/different clients who may be vulnerable at our Seniors Drop-In, Saddle Mountain and in the community. In addition, we have introduced a volunteer driving program whereby “volunteers” provide transportation to local and surrounding area seniors and low-income individuals. | | | | |
| School District #67 – ConnectEd\* | Penticton | | | $10,000 |
| ***It’s a Wrap*** Working withstudents ages 12-19 who have experienced significant trauma, abuse, mental health and addiction issues. The program allows them to learn positive coping strategies and life skills so that they are better equipped to graduate and transition into adulthood. | | | | |
| Penticton Recovery Resource Society\* | | Penticton | $5,000 | |
| ***Discovery Healthy Living – Food, Garden and Nutritional Program*** serves between 40-68 men per year. The participants are in long term supportive housing and are receiving addiction recovery support at Discovery House. Funds will be used to provide equipment, training, and supplies necessary for clients to participate in gardening and nutritious food preparation over the course of one year. The program highlights innovative solutions to food security and enhances employment opportunities by providing training in Food Safe, food preparation, gardening, budgeting and inventory control. | | | | |
| Literacy Central Okanagan Society | | Kelowna | $5,000 | |
| ***One to One Adult Tutoring Program –*** Supports low in-income and immigrant adults seeking to improve their level of education. Out volunteer tutors work one to one with each learner. The individual attention they receive from their tutor makes the difference between the success by improving their literacy level and quality of life. | | | | |
| Vermilion Forks Elementary School – School District 58\* | | Princeton | $10,000 | |
| ***After School Educational Assistance/Healthy Snack Program,*** provides after school educational programs for students grade 4 – 7 in a safe, friendly respectful environment. Our after-school program aims to provide additional support to students who need further educational assistance and who may not have a dedicated area at home to complete their schoolwork or the parental assistance needed. | | | | |
| YMCA of Okanagan\* 2017, 2018, 2019 | | Kelowna | $13,500 | |
| ***YMCA Young Parents Program – KSS Childcare*** provides support, food and incidentals for up to 25 At-Risk Young Parents (and up to 30 of their infants) aged who are returning to Kelowna Secondary School with children as young as 6 weeks old. These parents (15-18 years) face housing, mental health, life management and educational concerns and have often experienced drug and alcohol issues, sexual exploitation, and/or abuse. The program provides free food, counselling, parenting training, employment preparation, certifications, and childcare for their children who also receive developmental and nutritional support. The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive childcare while supporting the young parents in their education and future goals.  In 2020 First West Foundation and Community Investment extended its partnership for a one-year pilot program which provide full time program facilitation to support program participants. | | | | |
| Okanagan Fruit Tree Society\* | | Kelowna | $10,000 | |
| ***2020 Fruit Gleaning Program*** rescues produce that would otherwise go to waste from backyard farms and orchards. Supporting local social service agencies and the clients they serve with produce donations, thus increasing access to local fruits and vegetables. | | | | |
| South Okanagan Similkameen Medical Foundation\* | | Penticton | $20,000 | |
| ***Patient Care Tower at Penticton Regional Hospital***  Final installment towards a $100,000 commitment from the Valley First Community Endowment. An additional $50,000 was committed from the credit union’s community investment funding for a total of $150,000 from Valley First.  Funding towards a large capital campaign for the Patient Care Tower at Penticton Regional Hospital (PRH). The new Patient Care Tower includes new ambulatory care clinics, 84 single-bed rooms, five operating rooms, new digital imaging equipment, MRI, helipad and UBCO Medical School. Phase 1 of the construction began in 2016 and is now completed. | | | | |
| The Bridge Youth and Family Services | Kelowna | | | $10,000 |
| ***Etcetera -*** Is a weekly, community-based forum for young people aged 11 to 18 who identifyasLesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and Two Spirited and their allies to meet supportive peers in a safe and accepting environment. The group provides opportunity for belonging and inclusion, engagement connection, leadership and confidence. | | | | |
| Penticton Soupateria | | Penticton | $3,900 | |
| ***Soupateria Kitchen –*** We feed our local community daily by providing healthy meals to Penticton’s most vulnerable community members. Our funding will be used to purchase a stacking washer and dryer as well a hot and cold hand washing station for our 125 volunteers. | | | | |
| Kelowna Community Resources (KCR)\* | | Kelowna | $10,000 | |
| ***The Family Hub–*** A safe welcoming space for vulnerable families that offers a holistic approach to strengthening those at risk. This program fosters independence and pride, teaching basic skills to children aged 7 -12 at the same time as parents/caregivers can participate in a self-care program. The “Taking Care Program” fosters resilience in children as they take pride in their ability to look after themselves and younger siblings and offer time for parents/caregivers to rejuvenate with mindfulness and other self-care techniques. | | | | |
| NexusBC Community Resource Centre | | Vernon | $5,000 | |
| ***Community Connect Resource Program*** connects people with resources to promote a healthy and sustainable community by equipping individuals and service agencies with education, resources, promotion, community navigation, social prescription and referrals***.*** | | | | |
| **TOTAL** | | | **$112,400** | |

*\*These agencies received funding in previous years*

### **Leaders Fund 2020 grant**

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| South Okanagan Loss Society | Penticton | $4,500 |
| ***3 Year - Strategic Business Plan*** The development and implication of this Strategic Plan in 2020 will inform the SOLS how to best meet and address the ongoing gap of services related to loss and grief in our community. It will also identify challenges and provide best strategies to meet these, keeping aware and congruent with SOLS mission and values. | | |