

Spring Community Investment Fund Recipients Announced

Kelowna, BC – Beem Credit Union is investing over **\$62,500** this spring to support six inspiring nonprofits across BC through its **Community Investment Fund**—part of a \$125,000 annual commitment to building stronger, more inclusive communities. Since 2007, Beem has contributed more than **\$2.3 million** to initiatives that foster resilience and belonging.

This spring's recipients are launching or expanding programs that connect people, support mental health, celebrate culture, and create opportunities for growth. Grants range from **\$5,000 to \$15,000**, awarded based on each project's potential for lasting impact and alignment with Beem's social priorities: education, well-being, and financial wellness.

"These organizations are stepping up to meet the unique needs of their communities," says **Brian Harris, CEO of Beem Credit Union**. "This seed funding is about more than dollars—we believe in their work to build resilience, inclusion, and connection across BC."

Spring 2025 Grant Recipients:

- Kelowna | <u>Wahkohtowin Wellness Services Association</u> Living in Harmony with Each Other – Supporting Indigenous youth and families through cultural workshops and online sharing tools.
- Kelowna | BrainTrust Canada Association Restore and Rewire: Youth Counselling Services – Delivering interactive therapy to 100–150 youth with brain injuries, in collaboration with an Indigenous Two-Spirit thought leader.
- Merritt/Nicola Valley | <u>Conayt Friendship Society</u> *Conayt Cares* – Providing cultural materials, laptops, and job-readiness tools for Indigenous adults and youth.
- Chase | <u>Chase Festival Society</u> *Little Shu Paddlesports* – Launching a summer watersports rental program to promote lake access, stewardship, and youth employment.
- Lillooet | <u>BPO Elks #467</u> Lillooet Elks Revitalization – Upgrading a community kitchen to support local programs and meal services.
- Fort St. John | <u>Men's Shed Society</u> Men's Shed – Equipping a shared workshop to foster connection, skill-building, and support for local non-profits.

About Beem Credit Union

Beem is a new credit union with a history that extends back more than eight decades, when its founding credit unions were formed. Rising to the rapidly evolving challenges of the financial services industry and inspired by cooperative values, our founding credit unions recognized that we can do more together. United as Beem, we are combining our strengths to better serve our members. Beem is one of BC's largest provincially regulated credit unions, supporting the financial wellness of 193,000 members from sixty-six branches across the province with \$17 billion in assets under administration.

Media Contact: Andrew Rathwell, Public Relations ManagerTel: 250 818 2669Email: arathwell@beemcreditunion.ca

beemcreditunion.ca 🗰