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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/)

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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, targeted assessments 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: Amber Hayes, Program Manager

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Phone: (855) 510-2227

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

Business Advisory Services: 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, targeted assessments 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

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Phone: (855) 510-2227

Web: www.bbaprogram.ca

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

Business Advisory Services: Basin 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, targeted assessments 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, Basin Business Advisor

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Phone: (855) 510-2227

Web: www.bbaprogram.ca

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

Business Advisory Services: 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, targeted assessments 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: (855) 510-2227

Web: www.bbaprogram.ca

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

Business Advisory Services: 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, targeted assessments 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: wmorrison@bbaprogram.ca

Phone: (855) 510-2227

Web: www.bbaprogram.ca

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

Business Advisory Services: 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: Free

Geographic Region: Basin Wide

Contact: Jonathan Exley, Senior Manager

Email: jon.exley@bdc.ca

Phone: (250) 352-3837

Web: www.bdc.ca

Location: Suite 1 - 619B Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4B6

Business Advisory Services: 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: Jill Earchy, Director of Futurpreneur Canada

Email: jearthy@futurpreneur.ca

Phone: (800) 464-2923

Web: www.futurpreneur.ca

Location: 580-425 Carrall Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 6E3

Business Advisory Services: 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), 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

Web: www.futures.bc.ca

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

Business Advisory Services: 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 2

Web: www.cfek.ca

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

Business Advisory Services: 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 through 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

Business Advisory Services: 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

Web: www.communityfutures.com

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

Business Advisory Services: 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

Business Advisory Services: 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

Business Advisory Services: 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
- 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

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

Business Advisory Services: 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 free and 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: Loans

Cost: Free

Geographic Region: West Kootenay

Contact: Erin Handy, Executive Director/Program Coordinator

Email: info@kast.com

Phone: (250) 362-5052

Web: www.kast.com

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

Business Advisory Services: Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council

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

Services: 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.

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: Vine Madder, Executive Director

Email: info@kric.ca

Phone: (250) 426-6388

Web: www.kric.ca

Location: 1710 10th Avenue S, Cranbrook, BC, V1C 2M9

Business Advisory Services: Social Enterprise Canada

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

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

Business Advisement: Full Service

Services for Start-Up: Full Service

Services for Existing Business: Full Service

Funding Available: Grants

Cost: Free

Geographic Region: Basin Wide

Contact: Kim Buksa, Program Coordinator

Email: info@enterprisingnonprofits.ca

Phone: (604) 871-5421

Web: www.socialenterpriseCanada.ca

Location: 810-815 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, BC V6C 1B4

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, CEO

Email: ccae@shaw.ca

Phone: (250) 352-3878

Web: www.ccae.ca

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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: Mix

Geographic Region: Province Wide

Contact: John Winter, CEO

Email: JWinter@bcchamber.org

Phone: (604) 683-0700

Web: www.bcchamber.org/members
/programs/chamber_learning_network.html

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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 Advisement: 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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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 Advisement: 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

Web: www.futures.bc.ca

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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 Advisement: Full Service

Services for Start-Up: Full Service

Services for Existing Business: Full Service

Funding Available: Loans

Cost: Tuition varies

Geographic Region: Valemount through 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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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

Web: www.communityfutures.com

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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

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: P.O. Box 59, 450-505 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC V7X 1M3

Business Skills Development/Training: Kootenay Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Skills Development Program

Mandate: 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.

Services: Group seminars and individual mentoring

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Seminars may require nominal enrollment fee.

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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: info@kast.com

Phone: (250) 362-5052

Web: www.kast.com

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

Business Skills Development/Training: Kootenay Business Exchange

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, Community Futures Central Kootenay

Email: awilkey@futures.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 352-1933

Web: www.futures.bc.ca

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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 - multiple campuses

Contact: Cara-Lee Malange

Email: cmalange@selkirk.ca

Phone: (250) 365-7292 ex: 21261

Web: www.selkirk.ca

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

Business Skills Development/Training: Small Business BC

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

Services: Business counselling, start up resources, business training.

Business Advisement: Full Service

Services for Start-Up: Full Service

Services for Existing Business: Full Service

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Province Wide

Contact: Richard Sagan, Business Development Officer

Email: askus@smallbusinessbc.ca

Phone: (800) 667-2272

Web: www.smallbusinessbc.ca

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

Business Skills Development/Training: Upper Columbia Co-op Council (UCCC)

Mandate: 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.

Services: 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.

Business Advisement: Full Service

Services for Start-Up: Full Service

Services for Existing Business: Full Service

Funding Available: Occasionally

Cost: Mix

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

Business Skills Development/Training: 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: Mix

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

Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy: School Works Program

Mandate: 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.

Services: Wage subsidy

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Wage subsidy

Geographic Region: Basin Wide

Contact: Lorna Schiefner, Coordinator, CBT School Works Program

Email: schoolworks@cbt.org

Phone: (250) 489-2751 ext. 3584

Web: www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs

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

Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy: Summer Works Program

Mandate: 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.

Services: Wage subsidy

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Wage subsidy

Geographic Region: Basin Wide

Contact: Wendie Cameron, Coordinator, CBT Summer Works Program

Email: summerworks@cbt.org

Phone: (250) 489-2751 ext. 3644

Web: www.cbt.org/Funding/?Programs

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

Employee Skills & Wage Subsidy: Workplace Training Program

Mandate: 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.

Services: Free training program for currently employed individuals. Upon completion, successful candidates receive \$250 and a certificate.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Free

Geographic Region: Golden, Fernie, Kimberley, Cranbrook

Contact: Jenny Gutzman, Project Coordinator

Email: jgutzman@cotr.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 489-2751

Web: www.cotr.bc.ca/contract-training/cotr_web.asp?IDNumber=207

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

Chambers 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, Invest Kootenay Liaison.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

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

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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Columbia Valley

Contact: Susan Clovechok, Executive Director

Email: info@cvchamber.ca

Phone: (250) 342-2844

Web: www.cvchamber.ca

Location: 651-93 & 95 Highway RR 3, Invermere, BC V0A 1K3

Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Cranbrook & District

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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Cranbrook & District

Contact: Karin Penner, Manager

Email: info@cranbrookchamber.com

Phone: (250) 426-5914

Web: www.cranbrookchamber.com

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

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Creston Valley

Contact: Jim Jacobsen, Executive Director

Email: j.jacobsen@crestonvalleychamber.com

Phone: (250) 428-4342

Web: www.crestonvalleychamber.com

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

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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Elkford

Contact: Karen Mills, Office Manager

Email: info@elkfordchamberofcommerce.com

Phone: (250) 425-5725

Web: www.elkfordchamberofcommerce.com

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

Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Fernie

Mandate: 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.

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

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Fernie

Contact: Corien Sieders, Executive Director

Email: office@ferniechamber.com

Phone: (250) 423-6868

Web: www.ferniechamber.com

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

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Kaslo & Area

Contact: Daphne Hunter, President of the Board

Email: info@kaslochamber.com

Phone: (866) 276-3212

Web: www.kaslochamber.com

Location: P.O. Box 329, Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0

Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Kicking Horse

Mandate: 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.

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

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Golden

Contact: Ruth Hamilton, Manager

Email: ruth@goldenchamber.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 344-7125

Web: www.goldenchamber.com

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

Chambers of Commerce: 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, World Host program.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Kimberley & District

Contact: Mike Guarney, Manager

Email: manager@kimberleychamber.com

Phone: (250) 427-3666

Web: www.kimberleychamber.com

Location: 253 Wailinger Ave, Kimberley, BC V1A 1Z2

Chambers of Commerce: 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. 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.

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

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: East Shore of Kootenay Lake

Contact: Gina Mehurst, Chair

Email: info@kootenaylake.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 227-9468

Web: www.kootenaylake.bc.ca

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

Chambers of Commerce: 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, business information, World Host program.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Nakusp & District

Contact: Cedra Eichenauer, Manager

Email: nakusp@telus.net

Phone: (250) 265-4234

Web: www.nakusparrowlakes.com

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

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, World Host program.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Nelson & District

Contact: Tom Thomson, Executive Director

Email: info@discovernelson.com

Phone: (250) 352-3433

Web: www.discovernelson.com

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

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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Radium

Contact: Kent Kebe, Executive Director

Email: info@radiumhotsprings.com

Phone: (250) 347-9331

Web: www.radiumhotsprings.com

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

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. 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.

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

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Revelstoke

Contact: Judy Goodman, Executive Director

Email: executive@revelstokechamber.com

Phone: (250) 837-5345

Web: www.revelstokechamber.com

Location: 301 Victoria Road West - Box 490, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

Chambers of Commerce: Chamber of Commerce, Rossland

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

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

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Rossland

Contact: Jody Blomme, Executive Director

Email: commerce@rossland.com

Phone: (250)362-5666

Web: www.rossland.com

Location: Box 390, 204-2012 Washington Street, Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Salmo & District

Contact: Dave Reid, President

Email: salmoch@telus.net

Phone: (250) 357-2596

Web: www.discoversalmo.ca

Location: P.O Box 400, 100 Fourth Street, Salmo, BC V0G 1Z0

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Slocan District

Contact: Nikta Boroumand, President

Email: chamber@slocanlake.com

Phone: N/A

Web: www.slocanlakechamber.com

Location: P.O Box 448, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

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

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Trail & District

Contact: Norm Casler, Executive Director

Email: tcocm@netidea.com

Phone: (250) 368-3144

Web: www.trailchamber.bc.ca

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

Chambers of Commerce: 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.

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Valemount & Area

Contact: Marie Birkbeck, Manager

Email: info@valemountchamber.com

Phone: (250) 566-0061

Web: www.valemountchamber.com

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

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 and Economic Development Officer

Email: kweaver@cranbrook.ca

Phone: (250) 489-0232

Web: www.cranbrook.ca

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

Community Economic Development Support: 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 including Business Retention and Expansion program. 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

Community Economic Development Support: 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: PO Box 2398, 301 Victoria RD West, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S

Community Economic Development Support: 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), 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: N/A

Cost: Mix

Geographic Region: Central Kootenay

Contact: Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director

Email: awilkey@futures.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 352-1933

Web: www.futures.bc.ca

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

Community Economic Development Support: Invest Kootenay (Eastern region)

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: Gerri Brightwell, East Kootenay Coordinator

Email: gerri@investkootenay.com

Phone: (250) 342-0309

Web: www.investkootenay.com

Location: Invermere, BC

Community Economic Development Support: Invest Kootenay (Western region)

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: Lisa Cannady, West Kootenay Coordinator

Email: lisa@investkootenay.com

Phone: (250) 352-1933 ex104

Web: www.investkootenay.com

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

Community Economic Development Support: 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: Rosemary Phillips, Director, Economic Investment

Email: rphillips@ktunaxa.org

Phone: (250) 489-2464

Web: www.ktunaxa.org

Location: 7468 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5

Community Economic Development Support: 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 Coordinator

Email: info@lcic.ca

Phone: (250) 364-6461

Web: www.lcic.ca

Location: Suite #1, 1355 Pine Ave., Trail, BC V1R 4E7

Community Economic Development Support: 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 on 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 V0B 1G2

Community Economic Development Support: 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: Diana Brooks, Regional Manager, Kootenay Region

Email: diana.brooks@gov.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 426-1301

Web: www.jtst.gov.bc.ca/economic_development/index.htm

Location: 101 – 100 Cranbrook St. N, Cranbrook, BC V1C 3P9

Community Economic Development Support: 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: Richard Toperczer, Regional Manager, Economic Development, Okanagan Similkameen and Kootenay Boundary regional districts

Email: richard.toperczer@gov.bc.ca

Phone: (250) 550-2204

Web: www.jtst.gov.bc.ca/economic_development/index.htm

Location: 2501 - 14th Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 8Z1

Community Economic Development Support: 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

Community Economic Development Support: Opportunities BC

Mandate: Opportunities BC is an online searchable database of business and project opportunities within British Columbia suitable for foreign investment. The database has three functions:

1. Provide updated listings of possible opportunities across the province.
2. Serve as a portal for foreign visitors to explore opportunities in B.C. communities.
3. Connect opportunity representatives with potential foreign investors.

Services: N/A

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Cost: Free

Contact: Darby Cameron

Phone: 250-953-4258

Location: BC

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Geographic Region: Province Wide

Email: OpportunitiesBC@gov.bc.ca

Web: <https://tools.britishcolumbia.ca/Buy/Opportunity%20Profiles/Pages/OpportunitiesBC.aspx>

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

Mandate: Aboriginal Business and Economic Development

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Cost: N/A

Contact: Becky Pelkonen, Director of Community and 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: bpelkonen@aqam.net

Web: www.aqam.net

Community Economic Development Support: Tobacco Plains

Services: Aboriginal Economic Development Services

Business Advisement: N/A

Services for Existing Business: N/A

Cost: N/A

Contact: Tom Phillips, EDO

Phone: (250) 887-3461

Location: P.O. Box 76, Grasmere, BC V0B 1R0

Services for Start-Up: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Geographic Region: Community

Email: tphillips@tobaccoplains.org

Web: www.tobaccoplains.org

Community Economic Development Support: 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: N/A

Funding Available: N/A

Cost: N/A

Geographic Region: Community

Contact: Phil Armstrong, MCIP, RPP

Email: phil.armstrong@golden.ca

Phone: 250-344-2271 ext. 236

Web: www.golden.ca

Location: PO Box 350 - 810 9th Avenue South, Golden, BC V0A 1H0

Community Economic Development Support: 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

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: Terri MacDonald, Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development

Email: TMacdonald@selkirk.ca

Phone: (250) 365-1434

Web: www.cbrdi.ca

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

Research & Development: Kootenay Library Federation

Mandate: Connecting the Kootenay libraries

Services: Business information

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: Joanne Richards, Director

Email: KLF-ofc@telus.net

Phone: (888) 664-4553

Web: www.klf.bclibrary.ca

Location: PO Box 3125, Castlegar, BC V1N 3H4

Research & Development: 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: (800) 959-2221

Web: www.cra-arc.gc.ca/sred

Location: BC

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: Lchore@sidit-bc.ca

Web: www.sidit-bc.ca

Access to Capital and Grants: 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