



## Four Rivers Co-op's Community Support Fund Application Period is Now Open

VANDERHOOF, BC. (September 1, 2021) – Four Rivers Co-op has been supporting charities and non-profit organizations through their Community Support Fund since 2016. Over these past 5 years, they have provided \$500,000 in funding to 59 community groups and charities, helping them continue providing services to improve the quality of life in our communities.

“We have seen the impact that this funding has on the people in our communities,” said Bud Pye, President of the Board of Directors of Four Rivers Co-op. “Supporting groups from homeless shelters, to food banks, youth groups, seniors groups and more is important to the growth of our communities, and we are proud to be able to continue to provide this support to our communities, especially as we ease out of the pandemic and try to find our way back to normal.”

In 2016, 11 groups received funding in 10 communities. In 2017, 10 groups for funding in 6 communities. In 2018, 10 groups received funding in 8 different communities. 2019 saw them provide funding to 13 groups in 7 communities received funding. And in 2020, 15 recipients were selected in 8 communities.

“There were unprecedented challenges in 2020 with respect to ensuring our recipients’ received their funding cheques” said Allan Bieganski, General Manager of Four Rivers Co-op. “However, we are happy to say that each of our 15 recipients have received their donations. We have a responsibility to support our communities, and this is a responsibility that we take very seriously.”

Registered charities, non-profit organizations and community groups can apply for funding beginning September 1, 2021. Our updated Guidelines and Application Forms are available on Four Rivers Co-op's website at [www.fourriversco-op.crs](http://www.fourriversco-op.crs) and will be accepted until October 31, 2021. Any questions related to the program can be directed to Four Rivers Co-op.

### About Four Rivers Co-operative

Our petroleum operations consist of 4 bulk petroleum plants, with a fleet of 16 petroleum delivery units, 2 lube oil trucks and 16 cardlock locations. Our retail operations consist of a food store, home centre, 3 agro locations, 2 gas bars, 4 convenience stores, a car wash, and a mini-storage facility. These facilities are located throughout the central interior from 100 Mile House in the south to Fort St. James in the North, from Valemount in the east to Terrace in the west.

We employ over 200 people within our trading area and have an annual payroll of \$7.6 million.

In 2020, we contributed over \$65,000 to community groups, charities, non-profit organizations and sports groups in addition to the \$100,000 provided through our Community Support Fund.

Our employees are involved in their communities, being members in numerous service groups, sports teams, and charitable organizations, donating their time and energy to making our communities better places to live.

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