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Helping Build Local Communities -Grand Forks Credit Union Awards over \$16,000 to Six Local Organizations-

Grand Forks, B.C. – Grand Forks Credit Union (gfcu) has announced its annual recipients for its Fall Grants Program and has awarded over \$16,000 to six deserving local organizations.

“Our team at gfcu is pleased to support the ongoing efforts of organizations as they work to build and improve the lives of so many people in the Boundary Region,” said Becky Clements, CEO with gfcu. “They have shown incredible resilience through such challenging times and the community is appreciative of the work they do!”

Grand Forks Credit Union’s Fall Grant program ran from August through September, and received applications for projects ranging from community economic development and reducing environmental impact, to financial literacy, to business community building. The six organizations that will receive funding include:

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #59 was awarded \$3,700 for upgrading the Legion Hall’s lighting and adding a new audio-visual projector and screen. The upgrades will help the Legion improve the hall for those organizations and groups who use the space for meetings, celebrations, and events.

The Kettle River Art Club was awarded \$2,500 for their Whiz Kids program, a program for children aged 6 to 15 years, who are interested in producing art and other products to sell at local vendor markets in Greenwood and Boundary area. The Art Club plans to energize community markets and help young entrepreneurs learn important skills that will serve them for life.

Habitat for Humanity Southeast B.C. was awarded \$700. Funding will help purchase a new pallet jack for the Society’s ReStore in Grand Forks. Habitat for Humanity Southeast B.C. will be able to request more major shipments, doubling its capacity to help.

Boundary Museum Society and Archives was awarded \$4,000 that will go toward IT, Interac, camera, lighting upgrades, and a cash register project. The upgrades will help reduce energy consumption and help the Society be compatible with the newest technology.

The Sunshine Valley Child Care Society was awarded \$4,500 to purchase a four-seat stroller for the Infant/Toddler Program to replace one that is worn out. The new stroller will allow staff to take the children in their care out on outings safely.

The Gem Theatre was granted \$900 that will go toward an event targeted at promoting the Community Choir’s December 3rd performance and encourage the community to come together. The Theatre seeks to create a stronger sense of community spirit, just in time for the holiday season.

“We are very excited to see these projects come to life,” noted Clements. “Because of the local support of our community in the credit union, funding these kinds of grassroots initiatives are possible.”

For more information on the gfcu Fall Grant Program, visit www.gfcuconnect.com.

With the upcoming vote on a potential merger between gfcu and Gulf & Fraser, credit union members can rest assured that gfcu's community investment will continue with the proposed merged credit union.

"Both credit unions, gfcu and Gulf & Fraser, have a shared history of supporting our communities," noted Clements. "This commitment is embedded in our credit union roots. With pooled resources, we will have the opportunity to make a greater impact by investing in our communities."

Those interested in learning more about the potential merger are welcome to attend a virtual information session on November 28 at 7pm. For more information, visit merger.gfuconnect.com.