



Regional Grant in Aid Application

Please complete and email to finance@rdco.com for consideration.

Date Submitted: February 28, 2026

Applications for Grant-in-Aid funding must be submitted by:

- Regional funding - September 30th each year for funding requested for the subsequent year.
- Electoral area funding - February 28th each year for funding requested for the current year.

Have you attached your organization’s financial statements and a program budget outlining the total cost of the project or program and other sources of funding to the application?

Attached:

- Program budget
- Letter of support from Silver Lake Camp
- Partnership letter from KDFGC
- Financial statements can be viewed on page 16 of the [BCWF Annual Report](#)

Applicant Information:

Organization name Kelowna District Fish & Game Club (BCWF Member), jointly with the B.C. Wildlife Federation

Contact person & title Kim Sheppard, Grant Writer

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Organization Information:

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Registered Charity	Yes	No:	
Yes			
Year founded	<u>1951</u>	Registration date	<u>1969</u>

# of staff	Full Time: 37	Part Time:
# of volunteers	Full Time:	Part Time:
		22

Grant Request Information:

Amount of Regional Grant in Aid requested: \$7500.00

Type of funding being requested: Regional Electoral Area

Provide a detailed description of the project or program for which funds are being requested:

BCWF is seeking Grant-in-Aid funding from the Regional District of Central Okanagan to support two youth outdoor education programs in the Okanagan region: Wild Kidz Day Camp, delivered at the Kelowna District Fish & Game Club (KDFGC) grounds, and Go Wild Overnight Camp, delivered at Silver Lake Camp.

Wild Kidz is a five-day outdoor day camp for children ages 8–12 that introduces youth to local fish, wildlife, wetlands, and conservation practices through hands-on, place-based learning. Camp activities include habitat exploration, water safety, wildlife identification, basic outdoor skills, and conservation projects such as duck box construction and wetland awareness activities. Hosting the camp at KDFGC strengthens collaboration between local conservation organizations and provides youth with access to safe, supervised outdoor learning experiences within the RDCO.

Go Wild is a nine-day leadership-focused overnight camp for youth ages 13–17. This program provides advanced outdoor skills training, conservation education, and mentorship from conservation leaders. Youth participate in habitat stewardship activities, outdoor recreation training, and workshops focused on ethics, safety, and environmental responsibility. Hosting Go Wild at Silver Lake Camp provides access to high-quality natural space while benefiting local non-profit partners and the broader community through shared use of facilities and conservation education initiatives.

Together, these programs expand access to inclusive outdoor recreation, build environmental literacy, and strengthen community-based stewardship capacity within the Regional District of Central Okanagan. Funding will support program delivery costs including instructional staff, educational materials, safety equipment, facility use, and program coordination.

These camps provide meaningful opportunities for youth and families in the RDCO to connect with nature, build skills and confidence, and contribute to the long-term care of local outdoor spaces.

How does your project or program strengthen and enhance the well-being of the community, promote volunteerism, and support the [goals and priorities of the Regional District of Central Okanagan](#)?

Wild Kidz and Go Wild strengthen the well-being of the Regional District of Central Okanagan by providing youth with safe, structured opportunities to engage in outdoor recreation, environmental education, and community-based stewardship. These programs build physical and mental resilience, confidence, leadership skills, and a strong sense of connection to local landscapes and community.

Health and Wellness:

Outdoor participation promotes physical activity, social connection, and mental well-being. Youth benefit from structured, supervised programming that encourages teamwork, confidence-building, and time spent in nature, which all contribute to overall health and positive youth development.

Climate Action:

Programming includes hands-on education related to wetlands, watershed health, wildlife habitat, and conservation practices. Participants learn how local ecosystems function, how climate change impacts wildlife and water systems, and how responsible stewardship and habitat enhancement can contribute to environmental resilience.

Emergency Preparedness:

Through outdoor safety instruction, water awareness, risk assessment, and responsible recreation practices, youth gain practical knowledge that strengthens safe use of the region's natural spaces.

Reconciliation and Respect for the Land:

Programming acknowledges the traditional territories of the syilx/Okanagan people and emphasizes respect for the land, water, and wildlife as foundational principles of stewardship.

Community Benefit and Volunteerism:

Delivering Wild Kidz at the Kelowna District Fish & Game Club grounds and partnering with Silver Lake Camp strengthens collaboration between BCWF and local non-profit organizations. Local fish and game club members serve as mentors, sharing knowledge about conservation, habitat protection, and responsible outdoor recreation. This intergenerational mentorship builds capacity for future environmental stewards while strengthening the role of community-based conservation organizations within the RDCO.

Participants are encouraged to continue their involvement through volunteer and stewardship pathways, creating long-term benefits for local habitats, conservation initiatives, and the broader community.

Together, these programs contribute to healthy youth, resilient ecosystems, and stronger community partnerships across the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

Statement of impact on the organization if the funding is not received:

If funding is not received, BCWF would need to scale back or seek alternative funding sources to deliver Wild Kidz and Go Wild programming within the Regional District of Central Okanagan. This may result in reduced participant capacity, increased registration fees, or limitations on program materials, instructional resources, and accessibility supports.

Without RDCO support, our ability to maintain affordable, inclusive outdoor education opportunities for local youth could be constrained, particularly for families facing financial barriers. Partnerships with the Kelowna District Fish & Game Club and Silver Lake Camp would also be limited in scope, reducing opportunities for community-based mentorship and volunteer engagement.

While BCWF remains committed to delivering youth conservation programming, RDCO funding significantly strengthens our ability to provide high-quality, locally delivered outdoor education that builds environmental literacy, promotes health and wellness, and supports long-term stewardship within the region.

Internal Use Only

Application meets the eligibility criteria according to Regional Board Policy BP22-2025 Grant in Aid

Yes No

If no, provide the reason:

If yes, date approved to forward to Board for consideration:

File/Reference Name:

Employee Signature:

Regional Board Authorization (if applicable)

Application approved by the Regional Board:

Yes No

Meeting Date:

Board Resolution:

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Comments:

REVENUE

BCWF - Registrations	\$	16,800.00	Pending
Grant - Community Gaming Grant	\$	10,000.00	Confirmed
Grant - Wildlife Habitat Canada	\$	4,000.00	Pending
Grant - Canada Summer Jobs	\$	4,000.00	Pending
Grant - Regional District Central Okanagan (RDCO)	\$	7,500.00	Pending
Total	\$	42,300.00	

EXPENSES

			RDCO	%
Salaries & Benefits	\$	18,500.00	4000	53%
Advertising and Promotion	\$	350.00	25	0%
Contracts and Honorariums	\$	1,500.00	400	5%
Rental Expenses	\$	10,000.00	1000	13%
Safety Expenses	\$	500.00	75	1%
Supplies	\$	5,000.00	500	7%
Travel	\$	2,500.00	500	7%
Administration	\$	3,950.00	1000	13%
Total	\$	42,300.00	\$ 7,500.00	100%

Balance	\$	-
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Balance w/o RDCO	\$	(7,500.00)
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Ken Laloge
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February 27, 2026

Re: Support for Grant Application – BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF)

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter confirms that the Kelowna District Fish & Game Club supports and authorizes the B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF) to submit a Grant-in-Aid application to the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) in partnership with our organization.

The Kelowna District Fish & Game Club is pleased to collaborate with BCWF on this proposed project to run a Wild Kids camp in summer of 2026, and acknowledges that BCWF will serve as the primary contact for the purposes of this funding application.

Should the application be successful, our organization is committed to working cooperatively with BCWF to support the implementation of project activities within our shared mandate of promoting fish and wildlife conservation, responsible outdoor recreation, and community stewardship.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner on this initiative and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Ken Laloge *FCFA Second Vice President*
Kelowna District Fish & Game Club

Silver Lake Forest Education Society

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Support of the B.C. Wildlife Federation Go Wild Summer Camp

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to confirm our support for the Go Wild summer camp facilitated by the B.C. Wildlife Federation. This year, Silver Lake Camp was the venue for the Go Wild camp session once again, and it continues to be a pleasure to work with BCWF staff and their campers to make this program a great success. Youth learned valuable team building and leadership skills, hands-on outdoor skills, and conservation knowledge. Additionally, Go Wild campers were given the opportunity to participate in outdoor recreational activities such as archery, canoeing, and a range day. They also participate in a 3-day backpacking trip to that leaves from our site to put some of their new outdoor skills to the test.

During the course of Go Wild, I was able to support campers learning by facilitating a session on fire mitigation and led the campers through the process of ensuring the safety of our site. This session gave campers the opportunity to apply their knowledge and support the cleanup of our site. The Go Wild group was small, which allowed us to have more in-depth and engaging discussions.

We are excited to be part of these unique programs and hope to continue working with the BCWF in the future. Our team provides a discounted rate for the BCWF to use our facility, and we provide staff support and resources for the camp as well. I would like to confirm an in-kind donation of a value of \$4300 or more towards Go Wild for next year. It has been a great experience to host Go Wild at my camp. Please consider supporting this worthwhile program for years to come.

Silver Lake Forest Education Society

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Paton".

Russ Paton, QEP

General Manager / Camp Director

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