

Appendix C: 2023 Community Forest Grant Funding

| Electoral Area | Recipient | Amount Paid | Approval Date |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Electoral Area B | Forager Foundation | \$9,973 | July 27, 2023 |
| Electoral Area B | Yale & District Ratepayers | \$3,920 | July 27, 2023 |
| Total | | \$13,893 | |

Forager Foundation

Electoral Area B Community Forest Grant: \$9,973

Forager Foundation: Report Grant-in-Aid Fraser Valley Regional District

Introduction: The purpose of this report is to provide details that summarize the usage of the funds provided by the Fraser Valley Regional District for the start-up cost of Forager Foundation in the Yale Historic Site at the Electoral Area B, Yale, British Columbia.

Grant Overview: The grant aimed to help the Forager Foundation kick-start operations at the Yale Historic Site, which they began managing in May 2023. They inherited empty buildings and lacked essential equipment, so we needed funds to get things up and running smoothly and ensure the Site's long-term success. With a focus on engaging the community and attracting tourists after the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to improve visitor access and upgrade technology, like digital collections, websites, self-guided tours and equipment in general. By investing in these startup costs, the Fraser Valley Regional District hoped to support the Foundation in revitalizing this vital community space for future generations.

Expenses report:

| Expense | Notes | Cost | No. Items | Subtotal | Taxes | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Marketing Strategy Yale Historic Site | 1 | 4,290.00 | 1.00 | 4,290.00 | 214.50 | 4,504.50 |
| Landing Page Yale Historic Site | 2 | 1,500.00 | 1.00 | 1,500.00 | 75.00 | 1,575.00 |
| Meta Quest 2 (VR Headsets) | 3 | 575.00 | 2.00 | 1,150.00 | 57.50 | 1,207.50 |
| Lawn Mower Battery & Charger | 4 | 548.00 | 1.00 | 548.00 | 65.76 | 613.76 |
| Trimmer w/ 4.0 Ah Battery & Charger | 5 | 348.00 | 1.00 | 1,150.00 | 81.86 | 1,231.86 |
| Extra Battery | 6 | 276.50 | 1.00 | 276.50 | 33.18 | 309.68 |
| Full Website (25%) Forager Foundation | 7 | 2,435.60 | 1.00 | 2,435.60 | 0.00 | 2,435.60 |
| Total | | 9,973.10 | 8.00 | 11,350.10 | 527.80 | 11,877.90 |

- 1. Marketing Strategy Yale Historic Site:** An external organization has developed our marketing strategy to attract more visitors and engage with the community. comprehensive marketing strategy tailored to highlight our site's unique features and attractions. This strategy is instrumental in increasing awareness, attracting visitors, and fostering meaningful connections with our audience.
 Please find the marketing strategy at this [link](#)
- 2. Landing Page Yale Historic Site:** As a new organization taking over the Yale Historic Site, we are required to build a landing page for the Yale Historic Site that provides visitors and local community with essential information about the Yale Historic Site, our upcoming events, and other resources to guide their exploration
 Please find the final landing page of the Yale historic site at this [link](#)
- 3. Meta Quest 2 (VR Headsets):** we've integrated virtual reality into our core management strategy. As part of this initiative, we've acquired two state-of-the-art VR headsets, enhancing the experiences offered to both local communities and visitors. These VR



headsets transport users to various captivating destinations across British Columbia, providing an immersive and unforgettable journey.

Please find below the photos of our visitors enjoying the experience:



- 4. Lawn Mower:** To keep the aesthetics of the grounds, enhance the safety of visitors and the local community and prevent pest infestation, our organization purchased a lawn mower

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- 5. Power Drill and Blower:** To keep the aesthetics of the grounds, enhance the safety of visitors and the local community and prevent pest infestation, our organization purchased a lawn mower



Please find the photos below



6. **Extra Battery:** Our organization is committed to embracing clean energy initiatives, so we've swiftly transitioned our equipment to electric power. To ensure uninterrupted operations, we've invested in additional batteries for the equipment purchased, allowing us to maintain efficiency and productivity without interruption.

Please see below the photos:



7. **Website Forager Foundation:** Our organization used part of the funding to pay 25% of the total cost of the complete website, which now contains sections such as “about,” “heritage sites,” and “contact ” in addition to the home page. As managers of the Yale Historic Site, we receive more than 50% of our web traffic through that website. Please check the complete website at this [link](#)

Sincerely,



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Yale & District Ratepayers Association

Electoral Area B Community Forest Grant: \$3,920



February 9, 2024

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Yale & District Ratepayers Grant-in-Aid Report | Air Conditioners for Hot Weather Emergencies

Hello Melanie,

Thank you for your patience with us. We have had this information for months and have neglected to submit it to you. Your recent nudge is appreciated.

The air conditioners were purchased by *SAFE / yd*, a community resilience working group (committee) of the Yale & District Ratepayers Association (YDRA). The air conditioners were part of a larger campaign of raising local awareness, collaboration with the Yale & District VFD on a community survey and keeping at-risk residents safe during extreme heat events.

Here are the details. Sample copies of materials developed are included with this report.

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| Door Knocker Survey Forms | June 23, 2023 | Erica Press Printing, Hope BC | \$ 84.00 |
| Survey Forms & Info Page | June 24, 2023 | Erica Press Printing, Hope BC | \$ 125.44 |
| Air Conditioners (5) | June 30, 2023 | Home Depot | \$ 2825.21 |
| Postage for mail-outs | June 20, 2023 | Barry's Trading Post, Yale BC | \$ 11.50 |
| Labels, Instruction Sheet | Aug 8, 2023 | Erica Press Printing, Hope BC | \$ 50.44 |
| Emergency Evac Checklist | Aug 19, 2023 | Erica Press Printing, Hope BC | \$ 84.00 |
| | | Total | \$ 3180.59 |
| | | Grant Amount | \$ 3920.00 |
| | | Unspent Balance | \$ -739.41 |

The FVRD GIA became leverage funding and BC Hydro granted an additional \$10,000 in the fall of 2023. This BC Hydro Grant has been spent on additional Air Conditioners as well as Box Fans and Filters that will be used to make in-home air filters for wildfire season air-quality in homes.

The FVRD GIA unspent balance of \$731.41 remains in a designated YDRA sub-account for use this year as *SAFE | yd* implements the AC's distribution and public outreach related to extreme weather safety.

Please connect with me for additional information or questions, as required.

Thank you.
Maureen Kehler