

Appendix B: 2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid Funding

Recipient	Funding
Mission Sunrise Rotary	\$2,000
Fraser Valley Humane Society	\$3,000
St. Joseph's Food Bank	\$3,500
Isthmus Canada	\$4,000
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning	\$4,000
Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada	\$8,000
Fraser Valley Mountain Bike Association (FVMBA)	\$12,500
Total 2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid Funding	\$37,000*

* Regional Grant-in-Aid applications were approved on March 21, 2024 as part of the *Fraser Valley Regional District 2024-2028 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1726, 2024*.

2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid: Success and Impact Statement

Recipient Organization:	Mission Sunrise Rotary
Amount of Grant Received:	\$2,000
Project or Purpose:	Providing food support to families through the Starfish Backpack Program

Statement as to the usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/event and any other supporting information¹:

The Summer Food Program in Mission is a collaborative effort with After the Bell, St. Joseph's Food bank, Rotary Starfish Backpack Program, Isthmus Backpack Program, and Food Banks Canada. Together we raised money and provided food packages distributed four times throughout the 2024 summer school break. Each contained 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, snacks, fresh fruit and vegetables, and a package provided by After the Bell. There was 1 food box per household and 1 After the Bell package for each child in the household. A total of 246 packages were assembled and delivered to the family homes by a dedicated team of volunteers. We estimate that we provided for approximately 115 school aged children.

Statement as to how these funds benefitted the regional district or any aspect of the regional district (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

On behalf of the 67 families who received support in the way of food this summer, we would like to thank the Board and Staff of the Fraser Valley Regional District for providing \$2,000 in funding. Your contribution allowed us to provide 4 deliveries over the summer, each with family sized packages for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks and fresh fruit and vegetables.

¹ Please submit pictures separately. For privacy reasons, we ask that pictures submitted do not include people.

Statement as to how the Fraser Valley Regional District was recognized as a funding agency through signage, event literature and/or program websites.

FVRD will be acknowledged in any press releases, donor newsletters and on the Starfish Backpack website.
Thank you again for your support

Submitted By (Name/Title): Janet Chambers, Starfish Administrator
Organization: Isthmus Backpack Program



Signature of Submitter

Starfish Administrator
Title

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1 November 2024

Fraser Valley Regional District
45950 Cheam Ave.,
Chilliwack, BC



To Kelly Lownsbrough and Beth Klein,

On behalf of the 67 families who received support in the way of food this summer, we would like to thank the Board and staff of the Fraser Valley Regional District for providing \$2000.00 in funding. Your contribution allowed us to provide 4 deliveries over the summer, each with family size packages for breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks and fresh fruit and vegetables.

We delivered to each of the 67 families' homes and their gratitude was heartfelt. We estimate that we provided for approximately 115 school aged children, and the Interact Club (school aged Rotarians), in partnership with Telus, gave each child a backpack filled with basic school supplies.

It made for a very happy summer for these children, and without the support of the Fraser Valley Regional District, St. Joseph's Food Bank, After the Bell, and Feeding Futures it would not have been possible.

We have enclosed a brief summary of the Summer Food Program, along with receipts for groceries.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Gratefully,

Janet Chalmers
Starfish Administrator
Rotary Club of Mission

Lesa Lacey
Isthmus Backpack Program





Summer Food Program 2024



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Income

Fraser Valley Regional District - Grant	2,000.00
St. Joseph's Food Bank – After the Bell	2,000.00
Mission SD 75 - Feeding Futures	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

Expenses

SaveOn Foods – groceries	4,765.16
Promotion and printing	150.00
Miscellaneous food cost	<u>84.84</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000.00

Submitted by Janet Chalmers,
Rotary Club of Mission and
Lesa Lacey, Isthmus Backpacks



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32929 Mission Way, Unit 24
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Fraser Valley Regional District
c/o Financial Services
45950 Cheam Avenue
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

Statement of Accountability

Fraser Valley Humane Society would like to extend our thanks for your support with the regional grant-in-aid. We were able to use the \$3,000 we received to spay and neuter a large litter of 34 kittens and 5 unspayed adult females that were brought into our shelter from a large colony.

Our program reduced the population of unhoused cats and the potential for more breeding in that outdoor colony. This highlights the importance of spaying and neutering, as cats can begin reproducing at a young age and very quickly. All five of the mother cats were under one year, and one was already pregnant with her next litter, which was born in the care of one of our trusted fosters. All of the kittens and moms were vaccinated, microchipped, de-wormed, flea-treated, and successfully adopted out into loving homes.

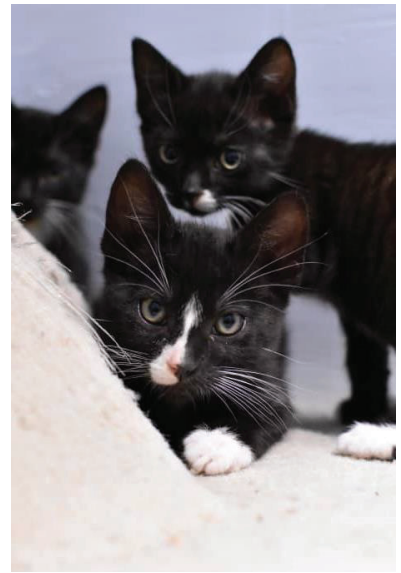
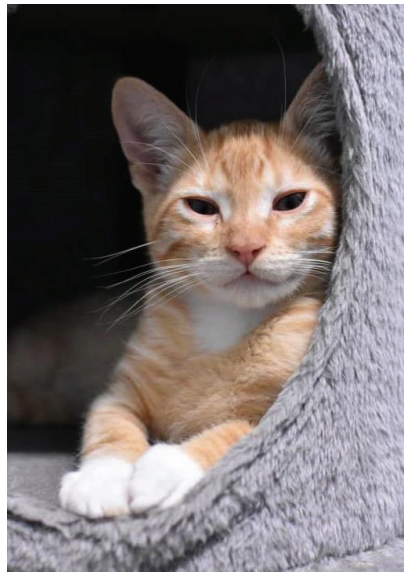
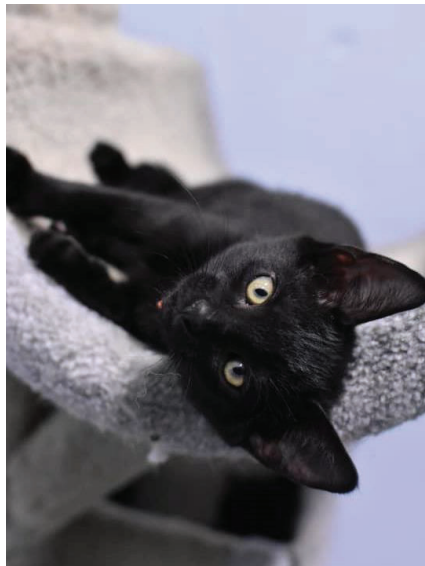
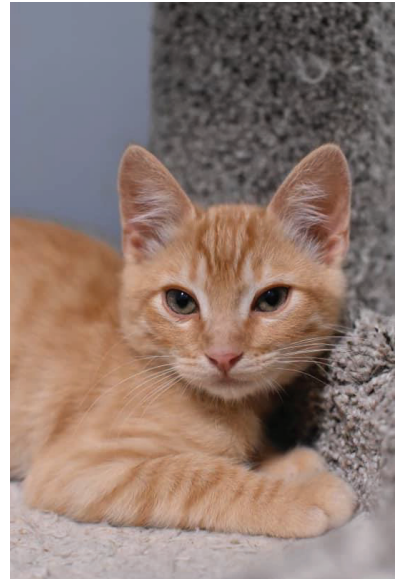
We acknowledged the generous support of FVRD on our Facebook page, on our website, and on the bulletin board in our shelter entrance. Our annual report to members in our coming AGM in April will also acknowledge the grant received.

Cost breakdown of the treatments and procedures

Spay/neuter 39 cats	\$150 per cat	\$5,850
Microchips, 9 from vet	\$35 each	\$315
Microchips, 30 from stock	\$9 each	\$270
Vaccines	\$10 each	\$390
Flea/de-wormer medication	\$25 each	\$975
Total spay/neuter program costs for 39 cats		\$7,800

Some of the cats and kittens that benefitted from this grant

These cuties:



These curious moms, Sophie & Marigold



This playful mom, Sheba





2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid: Success and Impact Statement

Recipient Organization: Standards. Joseph ' s Food Bank
 Amount of Grant Received: 3400.00
 Project or Purpose:

Delivery service Since its implementation, the delivery service has proven to be an essential lifeline for many in our community. The overwhelming positive response highlights the urgent need for this program, reinforcing our commitment to making food security accessible to everyone. We are incredibly grateful for FVRD ' s support in helping us expand our reach and continue our mission to end hunger in our community. Since its implementation, the delivery service has proven to be an essential lifeline for many in our community. The overwhelming positive response highlights the urgent need for this program, reinforcing our commitment to making food security accessible to everyone. We are incredibly grateful for FVRD ' s support in helping us expand our reach and continue our mission to end hunger in our community to reach vulnerable persons who struggle to access food. Services, PHSD, transportation not available, rural areas etc.

Statement as to the usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/event and any other supporting information¹:

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Statement as to how these funds benefitted the regional district or any aspect of the regional district (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

Thanks to the generous support from the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Grant-in-Aid funding, St. Joseph ' s Food Bank has successfully launched a much-needed delivery service to Mission, BC, and electoral areas G, C, and F. This program has been a game-changer, ensuring that individuals and families facing mobility challenges, transportation barriers, or other difficulties can access nutritious food without added stress.

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Statement as to how the Fraser Valley Regional District was recognized as a funding agency through signage, event literature and/or program websites.

I tried on 3 occasions to get ahold of your communications. information package said, all website and or advertising must be approved. i have and am ready to post our gratitude of success due to this funding asap.

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Submitted By (Name/Title): Sandra Cascaden
 Organization: St. Joseph ' s Food Bank

Signature of Submitter

Manager
 Title



2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid: Success and Impact Statement

Recipient Organization:	Isthmus Canada
Amount of Grant Received:	\$4,000
Project or Purpose:	Providing food for children at Dewdney, Deroche and Mission Central Elementary Schools

Statement as to the usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/event and any other supporting information¹:

The support was in the form of food dropped off each week that went home with the kids for the weekend to support families when they did not have access to breakfast club and lunch supports. Fresh fruit is also dropped off weekly.

Statement as to how these funds benefitted the regional district or any aspect of the regional district (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

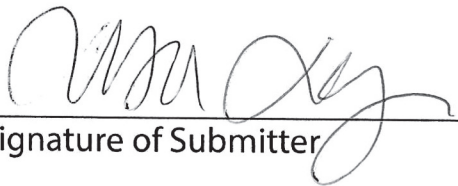
The grant went directly to providing food for children at Dewdney, Deroche and Mission Central Elementary Schools, which all served families from the Fraser Valley Regional District. The grant helped support 20 school kids at Mission Central Elementary, 20 school kids at Deroche Elementary, and 10 school kids at Dewdney Elementary. Please see the picture attached that shows the food that covers the three schools for several weeks. Food is the same each week to help the kids understand how to prepare it at home for themselves or their siblings. Thank you to FVRD for your Regional Grant in Aid that is helping send school kids home with a little extra each weekend!

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We held a fundraiser in Fall 2023 where we noted FVRD's donation and we were thankful to Area Director Cassel for attending and supporting the event.

Submitted By (Name/Title): Lesa Lacey, Volunteer
Organization: Isthmus Canada


Signature of Submitter

Regional Volunteer
Title

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2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid: Success and Impact Statement

Recipient Organization: Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning

Amount of Grant Received: \$4,000

Project or Purpose: Brochure printing

Statement as to the usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/event and any other supporting information¹:

Funds were used as requested, for the printing of brochures. We printed two different brochures, and distributed them via various channels throughout the year including community events, canvassing, in rack card holders in select locations, and more.

Statement as to how these funds benefitted the regional district or any aspect of the regional district (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

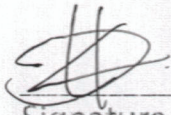
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning has been providing a wide range of programs, services and infrastructure in the FVRD and for the benefit of FVRD residents. This includes environmental education school programs, education-focused outdoor recreation programs, wildlife conservation and advocacy, and hiking trail building and maintenance. Printing these brochures helps people learn about the various opportunities that exist for them to get involved, and benefit from our work.

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Statement as to how the Fraser Valley Regional District was recognized as a funding agency through signage, event literature and/or program websites.

Fraser Valley Regional District was recognized as a funding agency on our website at <https://www.hopemountain.org/partners> as well as in our annual report and e-newsletter.

Submitted By (Name/Title): Kristine Perez de Leon, Executive Director
Organization: Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning



Signature of Submitter

Executive Director

Title

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From:

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Re: Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning - Regional Grant in aid follow up

Date:

Saturday, February 15, 2025 11:26:56 AM

Attachments:

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Hello. Just realized I forgot to attach images to my last email with the report. Here are a couple of photos.





Thanks,

Kristine Pérez de León ([*she/her*](#))

Executive Director
Hope Mountain Centre
[*Registered Charity BN 818663940 RR0001*](#)

Box 115, Hope BC, V0X 1L0



Find us on [*Instagram*](#) and [*Facebook*](#) too!

2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid: Success and Impact Statement

Recipient Organization: Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada
 Amount of Grant Received: \$8000
 Project or Purpose: Watch It Grow, A Youth Agricultural Project

Statement as to the usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/event and any other supporting information¹:

These funds supported our "Watch It Grow" youth agricultural programming during the Summer and Fall of 2024. This initiative takes place at our farm, The Kara-Kata Africa Village, where we grow culturally preferred foods for Black, African, and Caribbean communities. Additionally, we mentor community members on starting farming in Canada and share sustainable and cultural farming practices. "Watch It Grow" is our youth program designed to inspire and educate the next generation about the importance of agriculture and self-sufficiency. Through this program, we equip youth with essential farming and gardening skills, instill a sense of empowerment, and foster a strong sense of community and belonging. This year marked our inaugural offering of the program, and we were thrilled by the enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from the community. Over 20 families participated in 2024, and we anticipate tripling this number in 2025. The program is supported by seven dedicated volunteers. Initially planned as an eight-week program for July and August, we extended activities into the Fall due to high demand and the abundant learning opportunities available during the season. Participants experienced the full lifecycle of plant growth, from seed to harvest, many for the first time. They gained hands-on experience with seed selection, plant care, and sustainable farming practices. Additional on-farm activities include: Goat petting, Learning about caring for farm animals, Education on food and nutrition, Outdoor cooking, Community cultural storytelling, Outdoor games and exploration, Farm harvesting. The grant funds from FVRD were allocated as follows: Planter pots: \$800, Planting soil: \$1,500, Seeds: \$1,200, Hand tools: \$1,000, Food and beverages for program participants: \$2,500, Toilet and washing station: \$1,000, Total: \$8,000 (funds granted by FVRD)

Statement as to how these funds benefitted the regional district or any aspect of the regional district (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

The funds benefitted the regional district, as they supported the Black, African and Caribbean communities' youth and families in the area, to be inspired and to learn about cultural farming, growing their own food, health and engaged in cultural community activities, which cultivated a greater sense of belonging, community and well being for marginalized and systemically underserved communities.


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Statement as to how the Fraser Valley Regional District was recognized as a funding agency through signage, event literature and/or program websites.

The FVRD was recognized on our marketing and social media materials, as well as verbally during the programming.

Submitted By (Name/Title): Jennifer Wilds/Administrator
Organization: Kara-Kata Afrobeat Society of Canada

Jennifer Wilds
Signature of Submitter

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Administrator
Title

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2024 Regional Grant-in-Aid: Success and Impact Statement

Recipient Organization:	Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association
Amount of Grant Received:	\$12,500
Project or Purpose:	Squid Line Bridge Replacement Project on Sumas Mountain in Abbotsford

Statement as to the usage of funds and their success, including pictures of the project/event and any other supporting information¹:

The goal of this grant was to replace five wood bridges on the Squid Line trail on Sumas Mountain, which required immediate bridge replacements as they were in poor condition and posed a safety risk for all trail users. A total of six bridges have been replaced to date under this project. Additionally, materials and supplies have been sourced and prepared to replace an additional three bridges identified as deteriorating in the new year, with estimated completion being weather dependent in early 2025. Please see the photos attached showing several bridge replacements.

Statement as to how these funds benefitted the regional district or any aspect of the regional district (Please attach a separate sheet if required):

The bridges identified for replacement were in poor condition and posed a safety risk for all trail users. A total of six bridges have been replaced to date under this project and all new bridges and boardwalks are rebuilt to current trail standards which reduce risk of falls and injury to trail users.

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Statement as to how the Fraser Valley Regional District was recognized as a funding agency through signage, event literature and/or program websites.

Submitted By (Name/Title): Lynda Ferris, Executive Director

Organization: Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association

Signature of Submitter

Title

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Fraser Valley Mountain Bikers Association

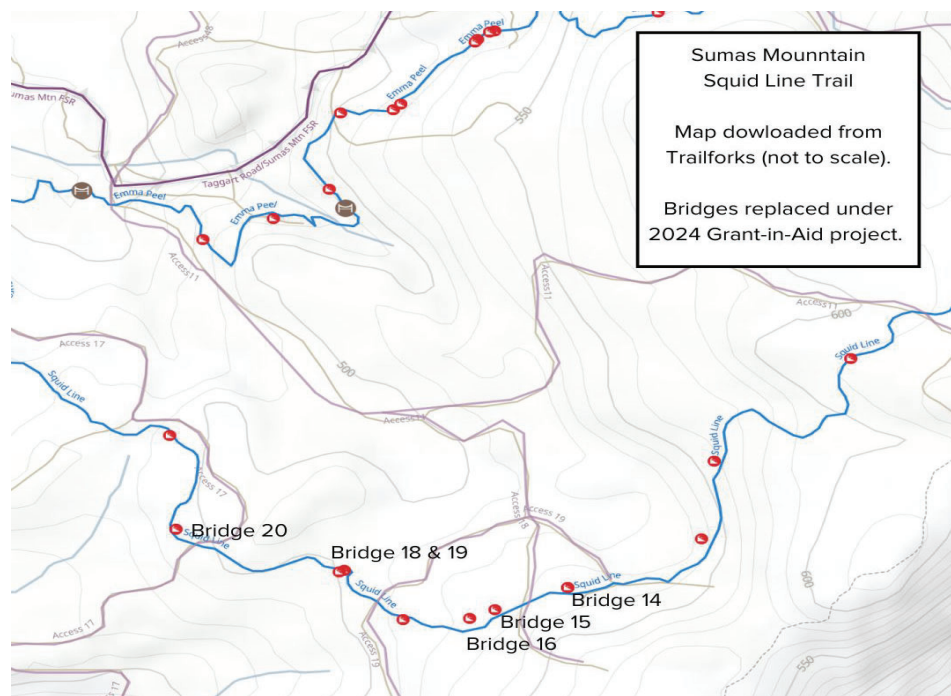
Squid Line Bridge Replacement Project - Sumas Mountain Abbotsford

Project Summary

The goal of this grant was to replace multiple wood bridges on the Squid Line trail on Sumas Mountain which were in poor condition and posed a safety risk for all trail users. There are a total of 30 bridges/boardwalks along Squid Line. At the time of application for the Grant-in-Aid 5 bridges were identified requiring immediate replacement and another 4 identified as deteriorating requiring replacement within 2 years. Bridges/boardwalks that are planned for replacement (rebuild) are rebuilt to current trail standards to reduce risk of falls and injury to trail users.

The original application budget was estimated based on contractor quotes. FVMBA selected to partner with a local non-profit trail group, Chilliwack Park Society, to provide trail crew labour to replace the bridges which minimized costs for the project allowing for a greater number of bridges to be replaced within the same budget.

A total of six bridges have been replaced to date under this project (original application provided initially for replacement of five immediate need bridge replacements). Materials and supplies have been sourced and prepared to replace an additional three bridges identified as deteriorating in the new year. (completion will be weather dependent but is scheduled for early 2025). Location of the replaced bridges are outlined on the map below with project details and photos outlined on the following pages.





Bridge 14: Prior to replacing. Ground water was seeping out below the footings of the bridge. Stringers were badly undersized (3" in diameter), and rungs had broken off, leaving nails exposed.



Bridge 14: Replacement. The span of the bridge was extended 2' to put footings beyond the wet areas. Stringers were increased from 3" round to 4x10 milled beams.



Bridge 15: Built in two spans, for a total of 16'. The original was constructed the same way, but with undersized stringers. Rungs were coming off and were placed too close together allowing water to run over the bridge, further accelerating the deterioration of the bridge. The new bridge is further off the ground to prevent build up of debris under the trail. The mid footing is built up on a foot of rock to keep it out of the water.



Bridge 16: Was too small for creek when ground water is high. Rebuilt to high water level. Also now further off the ground to prevent build up of debris underneath.



Bridges 18 and 19: (19 in foreground) were sitting too low to the ground and were blocking the flow of water under them. Bridge 18 was made of pressure treated lumber, and was still in good condition. Due the decking being milled and sitting too low to the ground we replaced it as well.



Preparation: slats prepped and ready to go for remaining bridge replacements in 2025

Financial Summary

A summary of grant funding spent is provided below. Supporting documentation available on request.

Expenditures	Budget ¹	Actual (to date)
Trail crew labour (contract) ²		\$6,075.00
Tools ³		\$3,281.04
Supplies and materials ⁴		\$2,378.27
Trail crew labour (estimated to complete additional 3 bridges in early 2025)		\$1,440.00
TOTAL	\$12,500.00	\$13,174.31

1. *Original budget based on all-in cost estimate from contractor for 5 bridge replacements.*
2. *Contract hours for Chilliwack Park Society Trail Crew.*
3. *FVMBA purchased additional tools and paid for maintenance on power tools used for the project.*
4. *Includes supplies and materials prepared for additional bridge replacements in early 2025.*

NOTE: The FVMBA will cover expenditures exceeding the grant budget with alternate funding sources (e.g. membership dues and Adopt-a-trail sponsorship funds).