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**Phoenix Foundation of the
Boundary Communities**

President's Report 2016

It has been an honour to serve as the Foundation's President over the past year and to have had the privilege of working with like-minded Board members in helping make the Boundary a place we want to thrive in. I have been fortunate to have had the Board's support in connecting with the larger Foundation community: to attend the first regional conference hosted by the Osprey Foundation in Nelson; to participate in the Art of Hosting educational retreat earlier this year on Bowen Island; to join in on the Provincial Gathering in Richmond and be asked to host an Open Space session with peers from around the province; and to be engaged in the intensive Community Foundation Learning Lab over the last six months, which the Vancouver Foundation has practically funded in full.

The Community Foundation movement in BC is at the forefront of some very interesting change of focus. We have, in our mission statement, five principles that direct our activities: perpetuity, development, investment, grant-making, and community leadership. The change of focus is in community leadership. Moving away from the traditional leadership model of top/down decision making the emerging paradigm supports participatory leadership.

Participatory leadership encourages people to take ownership of their future: putting "skin in the game" as it were. With an upcoming campaign, we can hope to create an environment that brings people out to invest in their community in innovative ways. As a community foundation, it is our pledge to support them where we can.

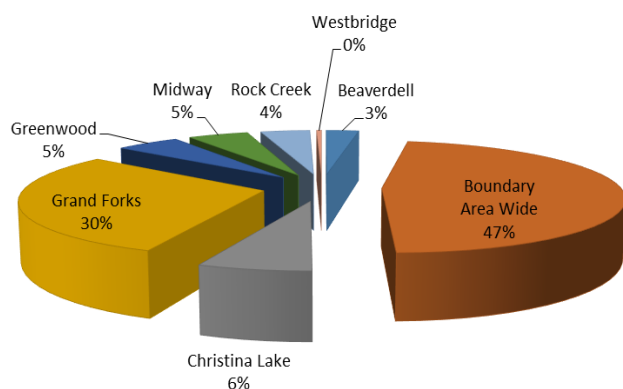
In 2017, the Phoenix Foundation of the Boundary Communities marks its 20th year of supporting the dedication and hard work of people building a better life for us all. Sharing a milestone with Canada in its 150th birthday is an opportunity to take ownership for what we want for our communities, and pride in what we can accomplish with its support.

"Belonging" is the theme for Community Foundations of Canada in 2017. The CFC150 campaign is an opportunity to learn together what that means for us locally, and to support projects, plans, and events that offer to enhance our individual and collective sense of belonging. We have welcomed you here as friends and neighbours... help us welcome those who would be.

Submitted by Gary Smith, President



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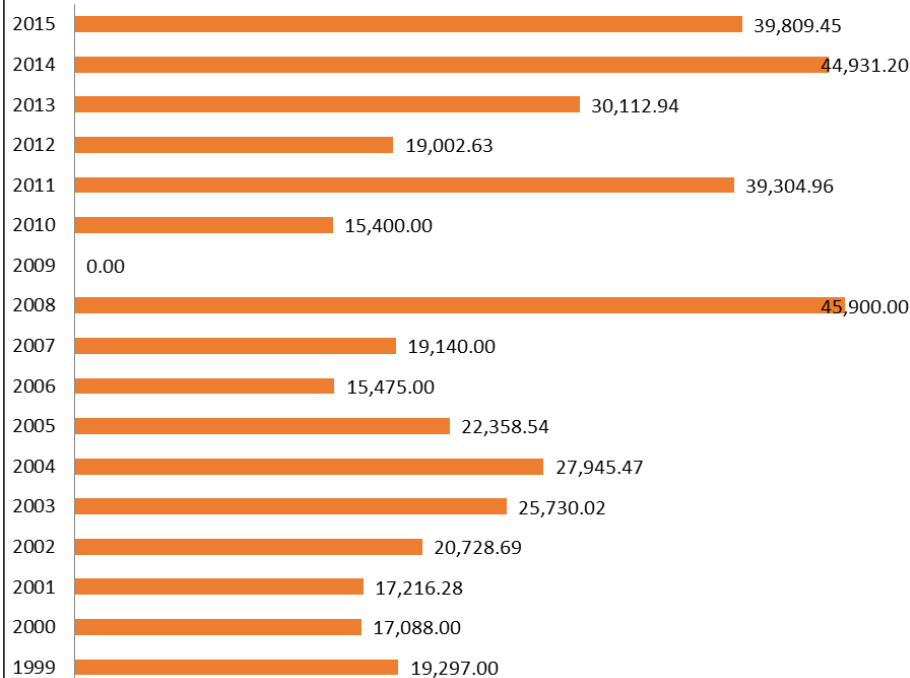
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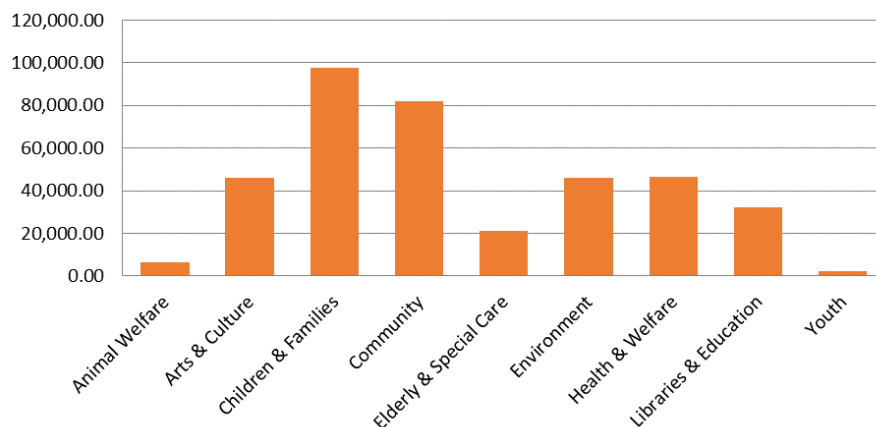
**Over \$425,000 granted into
our Communities**

Annual Grants



Over 2.3 million held in endowment funds

Grant Distribution 1998 - 2015



Youth In Philanthropy

In the spring of 2016 Avery Nordman was hired as the Youth Co-ordinator, this was made possible with a generous donation from a community member

The objective of this position is to engage youth in the communities to improve their community. Avery has been a busy young lady. She has formed a group here in Grand Forks and is working towards one in the West Boundary.

Highlights of the groups work include:



- ⇒ an art mentorship program which will result in a Ten-day art exhibit at Gallery 2 starting on October 18th to display collaborative pieces.
- ⇒ Youth nights as a fundraiser at GFSS, featuring empowerment and leadership activities
- ⇒ an essay writing contest on the topic of Leadership and/or empowerment. Winner gets to go to YES Leadership camp and runners up receive \$50
- ⇒ the group is promoting and taking grant applications from youth groups.
- ⇒ And they are seeking a building to rent or "borrow" for youth nights off of school grounds

**Complete financials for the year ending March 31, 2016 will be available on our website or
for a printed copy e-mail phoenixfoundationbdry@gmail.com**