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1. Project Name

Project name:	Has this facility and/or footprint previously received financial support from Northern Development under this program?
Big Lake Ranch Heritage Site Improvement	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

2. Applicant Profile

Applicant organization (legal name): Big Lake Community Association	Non-profit society registration number: <i>(if applicable)</i> S19286
Mailing address: PO Box 68, Big Lake Ranch, BC V0L 1G0	Telephone: 250-243-2268
Email: beehooker82@gmail.com	Website (URL): http://biglakeranch.net/

3. Primary Contact Information

Primary contact (for this application): Joan Sorley	Position/title: Community volunteer	
Email: joan.sorley@getnetgo.ca	Primary Phone Number: 250-243-2261	Secondary Phone Number: 250-267-1006

4. Project Location and Resolution

Appropriate jurisdiction the project is located within:	Name of the appropriate local government or First Nations Band providing the resolution of support:
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Municipality (city, town, village or regional district):	Cariboo Regional District If regional district, what electoral area: F
<input type="radio"/> First Nation reserve:	Cariboo Regional District
Has the resolution of support been secured? <i>★ Refer to the Application Guide for sample resolution wording.</i>	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes; attached to application	<input type="radio"/> No; date resolution of support is expected to be secured:

5. Project Timeline

Stage of project:	Scheduled date (dd-mmm-yyyy):
Forecasted project start date	01/05/20
Forecasted project completion date	11/30/20

6. Project Overview

Will the applicant own and operate the asset?
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <i>★ If the property/building is not owned by the applicant, please provide evidence of control (i.e. lease agreement for five years or more).</i>
Indicate the physical condition of the asset before investment. <i>★ Before photos required.</i>
<input type="radio"/> N/A <input type="radio"/> Very poor <input checked="" type="radio"/> Poor <input type="radio"/> Fair <input type="radio"/> Good <input type="radio"/> Very good
Enter a brief description of the project, including the scope and objective/outcome:
<p>Project Description The Big Lake Heritage Site (BLHS) is a vibrant hub for the Big Lake community and the site of the original Big Lake Ranch. It acts as the ideal venue for the market and outdoor community events, especially during Covid-19 restricted times. This site is key to regional history and has recently become unsafe due to the unprecedented spring runoff. The Big Lake Community Association proposes to revitalize the site including the Blacksmith Shop (34 by 22 feet, 12 logs high), the Saddle Building (20 by 18 feet, 10 logs high), and the surrounding grounds. These plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improving drainage - replacing and improving foundations, flooring, log structures, doors and windows - resurfacing the grounds for low mobility accessibility to picnic areas and historic structures - upgrading to accessible pathways throughout the site

Please explain why your project is needed in your community.

The Big Lake Community Association acquired the Heritage Site as part of land development in 2005 and 2006. It is the site of the original Big Lake Ranch, an important stop on the Gold Rush Trail, the only stand-alone, branded touring corridor in BC. This route and its heritage highlights is strongly marketed by Destination BC and the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association (<https://goldrushtrail.ca/>). Refurbishing and enhancing this site is a strong draw to keep tourists in the area longer by offering an authentic experience. Revitalizing BLHS will provide a safe gathering space for community events including the market, live music and additional celebrations. The need for a space to connect safely has been amplified by Covid-19 and the Big Lake Store burning down in 2020. By addressing accessibility restrictions the site will become a draw for tourists and residents with accessibility issues. It also helps keep the history and heritage of the community alive. Local volunteers have been successful at maintaining aspects of the site but these improvements will cut down on maintenance.

7. Strategic Factors

Fill out all that are applicable. The following strategic factors will be considered in the application assessment.

Does the project create space(s) that offer ancillary uses that will generate revenues for the applicant? If so, please explain

The regular markets generate a small amount of revenue. Vendors are charged a small fee for their space, and the volunteer members of the Heritage Committee host a flea market and serve lunch. The site could also be rented for outdoor weddings and private gatherings. https://industry.landwithoutlimits.com/resources/uploads/2019/08/Gold-Rush-Trail-Destination-Development-Strategy_Final.pdf

If any market research or a business case been completed, summarize the results:

This must be demonstrated by attaching the relevant supporting document.

The Gold Rush Trail, an established tourism route by both Destination BC and the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association, attracts Authentic Experiencers, Cultural Explorers, and Cultural History Buffs. (https://www.destinationbc.ca/content/uploads/2019/05/Gold-Rush-Trail-Destination-Development-Strategy_Final.pdf) Rejuvenating this site will help attract and keep tourists in this area longer.

Will the project foster cultural awareness and contributes to inclusivity? if so, please explain

Renovations, pathways, and picnic/gathering areas will be accessible, contributing towards inclusivity. This heritage site serves as a museum showcasing the history and culture of the Big Lake area, ranching in the Cariboo, and the Gold Rush.

Will this project enhance the physical appearance, character, or natural environment in the community? If so, please explain

Once completed, this site will house beautifully renovated heritage buildings, accessible paths, picnic area, and landscaped lawns. This work will greatly improve the look, feel, and draw to the site.

Will the completion of the project will result in reduced operation, maintenance and related costs over the life-cycle of the asset? If so, please explain

With the buildings structurally sound, a roof over the machinery, well-designed paths and lawn repairs, the site will require little maintenance over the next few years other than cutting the grass.

What, if any systems, policies or practices are in place to ensure that funds to replace the asset at the end of its life will be available?

This must be demonstrated by attaching the relevant supporting document (e.g. Asset Management Plan).

The Big Lake Community Association is a well-established organization responsible for numerous successful projects in the area. They have an assigned Heritage Committee for site management and a good working relationship with the CRD.

If the project is aligned with the long-term plans/vision of the community, please explain how.

This must be demonstrated by attaching the relevant supporting document (e.g. OCP)

Big Lake is a small unincorporated community and does not have an official community plan. However, this site aligns with the Cariboo Regional District's economic development and tourism plans. It is a designated stop on the Gold Rush Trail and the Cariboo Regional District's Heritage Map. Heritage plays an important role in the region's tourism strategy.

Describe any accessibility concerns the completion of this project will alleviate:

The buildings and the site are currently not accessible to people with low mobility. The project will include low mobility pathways, an accessible picnic area for people with low mobility.

Describe any health and safety concerns the completion of this project will alleviate:

Currently, the buildings are not structurally sound from the foundation to the timbers. Also, access from building to building and the picnic area is uneven. Completing this project will create a safe and accessible site for all.

If the project will support resident/workforce attraction and retention, please explain how.

The community of Big Lake is a desirable place to live in the Cariboo, as it has a well-deserved reputation for community involvement and events. With the advent of Covid, and the destruction of the local store, the community has not been able to gather. The re-establishment of the market and the site, with its regular outdoor gatherings, adds to the attraction for workers and parents who are considering moving to and/or staying in the community.

How does the project result in the preservation/creation of an amenity that serves multiple uses?

The completed project will restore the structural integrity of the original ranch buildings, it will serve to inform the community about its history, and it will serve as a safe gathering place for community members. It will also serve as a draw for tourists and those looking for a day trip from the Williams Lake area.

8. Project Budget, Funding Request, and Funding %

Eligible project budget (as per Project Budget Template):	Funding request (grant):	Requested funding %:
\$ 45,000.00	\$ 30,000	% 66.67
✦ Applicants are required to use the Project Budget Template .	✦ Maximum \$30,000.	✦ Maximum 70%.

9. Other Funding Sources

Funding source: ✦ Do not use acronyms.	Amount (\$):	Identify funding terms:	Identify funding confirmation:
	\$	Applicant contribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval letter attached <input type="checkbox"/> Date approval expected:
Cariboo Regional District	\$15,000.00	<input type="radio"/> Grant <input type="radio"/> Loan <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other: Cariboo Regional	<input type="radio"/> Approval letter attached <input checked="" type="radio"/> Date approval expected: December 10, 2
	\$	<input type="radio"/> Grant <input type="radio"/> Loan <input type="radio"/> Other:	<input type="radio"/> Approval letter attached <input type="radio"/> Date approval expected:
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TOTAL OTHER FUNDING: \$ 15,000.00		TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING: \$ 45,000.00 (Northern Development + Other Sources)	
✦ Eligible project budget must match total project funding ✦			

10. Attachments

Check all documents that are applicable and attached to this application:

Document name:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed project budget using Northern Development’s Project Budget Template (required; in excel format)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed quotes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding approval confirmations (required prior to approval, except in the Northeast)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local government or band resolution of support (required prior to the regional advisory committee meeting)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Society certificate of incorporation (required for not-for-profit applicants)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ‘Before’ photo(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most recent annual financial statements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letters of support from community organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Lease agreement/or user agreement
<input type="checkbox"/> Business case or other market research
<input type="checkbox"/> Asset management plan
<input type="checkbox"/> Community alignment document (OCP, council priorities, strategic plan, economic development plan etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
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11. Authorization

- I have read and understand the [Application Guide](#) and confirm that all the required information has been completed in this form, and required attachments are being submitted.
- I understand that Northern Development has the right to discard incomplete applications.
- I confirm that the information in this application is accurate and complete, and that the project proposal, including plans and budgets, is fairly presented.
- I agree to enter into an agreement with Northern Development prior to commencing the project. Project costs incurred by the Applicant in the absence of a signed agreement are at the sole risk of the Applicant and any such costs may be considered ineligible for reimbursement.
- I agree that once funding is approved, any change to the project proposal will require prior approval of Northern Development.
- I also agree to submit reporting materials as required by Northern Development.
- I understand that the information provided in this application may be accessible under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.
- I agree to acknowledge funding by Northern Development, where applicable.
- I authorize Northern Development to make enquiries, collect and share information with such persons, firms, corporations, federal and provincial government agencies/departments and non-profit organizations, as Northern Development deems necessary for decision, administration, and monitoring purposes for this project.
- I agree that information provided in this application may be shared with the appropriate regional advisory committee(s), board of directors, Northern Development staff, and consultants.

Name (organization signing authority): ★ Please type name.	Position/title:	Date:
Richard (Bee) Hooker	President	September 23, 2021

12. Submitting Your Application

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