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### **County Awards Operating Assistance and Cemetery Improvement Grants to Community Groups**

Approximately \$183,078 in operating assistance grants and \$51,700 in cemetery improvement grants have been awarded by the County of Grande Prairie to numerous non-profit organizations and volunteer groups as well as \$683,785 in grants to 31 sports, recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility expenses.

“We have witnessed and experienced the immense benefits that sports, culture and recreation has on individuals, families and our communities. The local non-profit organizations that provide these opportunities are the backbone of our community which is why we remain committed to supporting them,” says Leanne Beaupre, County Reeve. “We thank them for their hard work and dedication to quality of life.”

Operating assistance grant funding is provided to non-profit organizations and volunteer groups that provide recreational or cultural services to their community. These groups must be open to County residents, provide proof of volunteerism and fundraising, and achieve identified goals. Applications are available through any of the six area County recreation boards to eligible community-based volunteer groups, non-profit organizations, municipalities, schools and sports clubs.

Cemetery improvement grants are provided to local groups for improvements to cemeteries located within the County.

#### **Operating assistance grant monies were allocated to:**

- Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board - \$25,100.00
- Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board - \$36,038.00
- Grande Prairie Recreation Board - \$36,080.00
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$26,270.00
- Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$31,848.00
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$27,740.00

#### **Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board**

- \$5,000 – Beaverlodge Area Cultural Centre – General operations
- \$5,000 – Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society – Additional funding for kitchen project
- \$5,000 – Beaverlodge Day Care Society – Transportation and activities
- \$4,000 – Red Willow Wilderness Camp – General operations
- \$3,000 – Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association – General operations
- \$2,100 – South Peace Centennial Museum – Purchase grill and install ceiling light



- \$1,000 – Beaverlodge Hidden Potential Society – General operations

#### **Clairmont-Bezanson Recreation Board**

- \$5,000 – Bezanson Community Groups – Website development project
- \$5,000 – Bezanson School – Missoula Children’s Theatre Program
- \$5,000 – Clairmont and Area Senior Citizen’s Club – General operations
- \$5,000 – Clairmont Participarent – Purchase musical instruments
- \$5,000 – Crystal Creek Recreational Society – Purchase tables and chairs
- \$5,000 – Kleskun Hill Museum Society – Summer student wages
- \$3,038 – Bezanson Agricultural Society – Administrative support wages
- \$3,000 – Bezanson Brown Bears/Junior Forest Wardens – Program supplies

#### **Grande Prairie Area Recreation Board**

- \$4,250 - Camp Tamarack – Adventure park staff training
- \$4,250 – Grande Prairie Children’s Festival – Event funding
- \$4,250 – Grande Prairie Gymnastics – Special needs programming
- \$4,250 – Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club – Pool rental for swim meet
- \$4,250 – Society for the Friends of the Grande Prairie Boys’ Choir – General operations
- \$4,250 – Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture and Heritage – Dance instructor fees
- \$4,250 – Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Programming
- \$4,230 – Grande Prairie Curling Centre – Install lockers
- \$2,100 – Game Country Archers – Facility rental

#### **Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board**

- \$5,000 – Hythe Athletic Association – General operations
- \$5,000 – Valhalla Rec Society – General operations
- \$3,720 – Borderline Cultural Foundation – General operations
- \$2,850 – Hythe Curling Rink – Facility improvements
- \$2,850 – Hythe Recreation Society – General operations
- \$2,350 – Spring Lake Ski Hill – General operations
- \$2,000 – Homestead Hall – Install outdoor volleyball stand and net
- \$1,500 – Hythe Public Library – Upgrade computers
- \$1,000 – Valhalla Community School – Swimming lessons

#### **Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board**

- \$5,000 – La Glace School – Swimming lessons
- \$5,000 – Robert Zahara School – Swimming lessons
- \$5,000 - St. Mary’s Catholic School – Swimming lessons
- \$3,348 – Sexsmith Minor Soccer – New soccer nets



- \$2,500 – Sexsmith Secondary School – Purchase canoes for Outdoor Education Program
- \$2,500 – Sexsmith Tumbling Club – General operations
- \$2,000 – Sexsmith & District Seniors Association – General operations
- \$2,000 – Sunset Homes Tenants Association – General operations
- \$1,500 – La Glace School Grande 5/6 Class – Field trip to Edmonton
- \$1,000 – Sexsmith Wellness Coalition – General operations
- \$1,000 – Steel Wheel Craft and Historical Society – General operations
- \$500 – La Glace Ceramics – Program supplies
- \$500 – La Glace Gardeners – Program Supplies

### **Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board**

- \$3,380 – Dimsdale Recreation Society – Utilities
- \$3,380 – Wembley Parks and Recreation – Fitness and sports equipment
- \$3,380 – Peace Country Offroad Racing – General operations
- \$3,380 – Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society – General operations
- \$3,380 – Silver and Gold Club – Replace furniture
- \$3,380 – Wembley Elementary – Swimming lessons
- \$3,380 – Wembley Girl Guides – General operations
- \$3,380 – Wembley & District Arts, Culture and Historical Society – Repair and restore St. Alban’s Anglican Church
- \$700 – Grandview Hutterite Colony School – Swimming lessons

### **Grants for Utility Expenses**

Beaverlodge Pool - \$279,915

**The following indoor ice arenas will receive \$39,720 each:**

Beaverlodge Arena  
Clairmont Arena  
Hythe Memorial Arena  
La Glace Igloo  
Sexsmith Arena  
Wembley Arena

**The following curling rinks will receive \$10,610 each:**

Beaverlodge Curling Club  
Bezanson Curling Rink  
Grande Prairie Curling Club  
Hythe Curling Club  
La Glace Curling Club  
Sexsmith Curling Club  
Mountview Curling Club



**The following community halls will receive \$4,240 each:**

Albright Community Hall  
Rio Grande Sports Association  
Bezanson Memorial Hall  
Crystal Creek Hall  
Demmitt Hall  
Homestead Hall Association  
Teepee Creek Hall  
Dimsdale Hall

Hinton Trail Community Hall  
Goodfare Community Hall  
Clairmont Community Hall  
Five Mile Hall  
Lymburn Community Association  
Valhalla Heritage Society  
Webster Community Hall Association  
Saskatoon Lake Hall

**Cemetery Improvement Grants Recipients:**

- \$5,000 – Beaverlodge Cemetery – Clearing of fallen trees, replacement of shelterbelt
- \$5,000 – Glen Leslie Cemetery – Install Provincial Historical signage
- \$5,000 – Halcourt Cemetery – Level headstones, replace headstones, landscaping
- \$5,000 – Hythe Cemetery – Signage and memorial benches
- \$5,000 – Northfield Cemetery – Columbarium
- \$5,000 – Riverview Cemetery – Landscaping and fencing
- \$5,000 – St. Patrick's Cemetery – Install gates
- \$5,000 – Teepee Creek Cemetery – Columbarium
- \$4,700 – Emerson Trail Cemetery – Planting trees around perimeter
- \$4,500 – La Glace Mennonite Brothern Cemetery – Level headstones, pour footings
- \$2,500 – Valhalla Cemetery – Haul in topsoil, purchase gravel

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