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County Awards Operating Assistance and Cemetery Improvement Grants to Community Groups

Approximately \$182,096 in operating assistance grants, and \$42,347 in cemetery improvement grants has been awarded by the County of Grande Prairie to numerous non-profit organizations and volunteer groups and \$714,287 in grants to multiple recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility expenses.

“Local non-profit organizations and volunteer groups are the heart of our communities, which is why the County of Grande Prairie is proud to provide annual grants to them,” said Reeve Leanne Beaupre. “We thank them for providing recreation, sport and cultural opportunities to our residents, families and communities and for contributing to our overall 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:

- Grande Prairie Recreation Board - \$39,665
- Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board - \$34,403
- Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$32,462
- Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board - \$29,271
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$26,270.00
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$21,025

Grande Prairie Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities – general operations
- \$4,000 – Grande Prairie Boys’ Choir – concert series
- \$4,000 – Camp Tamarack Association – Adventure course training for staff
- \$3,500 – Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – Programming support
- \$3,465 – Peace Region Music Series – Concert series
- \$2,500 – Centre for Creative Arts – General operations
- \$2,500 – Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club – Swim meets
- \$2,500 – Nitehawk Alpine Ski Team – Programming support



- \$2,500 – Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage – Dance instructor salary
- \$2,000 – Game Country Archers Association – Facility rental
- \$1,500 – Broadway Live Broadway Ltd. – Production of Hunchback of Notre Dame
- \$1,500 – Wapiti Dunes Development Society – Insurance
- \$1,200 – Girl Guides of Canada, 1st Grande Prairie Rangers – Trip to Victoria
- \$1,000 – Grande Prairie Pipes & Drums – World Pipe Band Competition
- \$1,000 – Reel Shorts Film Society – Shoots for Reel Program

Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Bezanson Agricultural Society – Booking software
- \$5,000 – Bezanson School – Sports and recreation recreation equipment
- \$5,000 – Clairmont Community School – Swimming lessons
- \$5,000 – Clairmont Seniors Centre – General operations
- \$4,500 – Clairmont Participarent Society – New musical instruments
- \$4,500 – West Smoky Legion #244 – Sports and recreation equipment
- \$2,703 – Bezanson Brown Bears/Junior Forest Warden Club – Snowshoes and provincial camp programming
- \$2,700 – Bezanson Community Groups – Administration positions

Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – La Glace School – Swim lessons
- \$5,000 – Robert W. Zahara Public School – Swim lessons
- \$5,000 – St. Mary's Catholic School – Swim lessons
- \$5,000 – Teepee Creek Booster Club – Sports equipment
- \$3,000 – Sexsmith & District Seniors Association – General maintenance of floors and furniture
- \$2,962 – Robert W. Zahara Public School – Gardening program
- \$2,000 – Sunset Homes Tenants Association – New signs
- \$1,500 – Sexsmith and District Museum Society – Build a landing for the church
- \$1,000 – La Glace Ceramics – Programming support
- \$1,000 – Sexsmith Playschool Society – general operations
- \$1,000 – Webster Community Hall – Additional support for utilities

Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board

- \$4,136 – South Peace Centennial Museum – Caretaker wages
- \$3,500 – Beaverlodge Area Cultural Society – General operations
- \$3,500 – Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society – Survey area map
- \$3,000 – Red Willow Wilderness Camp – Camp operations
- \$2,500 – Beaverlodge Barracudas Swim Club – Swimming lessons
- \$2,500 – Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association – Utility costs
- \$2,500 – Rio Grande Sports Association – General operations



- \$2,500 – Mountainside Horse Club Society – Repair tower at Beaverlodge Agricultural Society
- \$2,000 – Beaverlodge and Area Minor Soccer Association – Replace stolen equipment
- \$2,000 – Beaverlodge Hidden Potential Society – Offset office and activity room rental
- \$1,835 – Hinton Trail Hall Association – AED Machine

Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Borderline Culture Foundation – 2018-2019 season
- \$5,000 – Hythe Community Choir – Portable stage
- \$5,000 – Hythe & District Recreational Society
- \$5,000 – Lymburn Community Association – Replacement of wheelchair ramp
- \$2,270 – Hythe Recreation Society – General operations
- \$2,000 – Valhalla Community School – Swim lessons
- \$1,000 – Hythe Curling Rink – General operations
- \$1,000 – Spring Lake Ski Hill – General operations

Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Wembley Agricultural Society – New tables for concessions
- \$3,700 – Wembley Elementary School – Swim lessons
- \$3,000 – Silver and Gold Pioneer Club of Wembley – Purchase audiovisual equipment
- \$3,000 – Wembley & District Arts, Culture and Historical Society – window restoration
- \$1,325 – Grandview Hutterites – Swim lessons

Grants for Utility Expenses

Beaverlodge Pool - \$322,397

The following indoor ice arenas will receive \$40,910 each:

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

The following curling rinks will receive \$10,930 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 \$4,370 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 – Halcourt Cemetery – Level headstones, repair headstones/cover combos and landscape
- \$5,000 – Hythe Cemetery – Stain gazebo, paint and repair historic shed and install signage for pioneer children
- \$5,000 – Northfield Cemetery – Columbarium
- \$5,000 – St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery – Complete project to lift and straighten headstones and build bridge over berm
- \$5,000 – Spring Creek Cemetery – Mark historical graves with new wooden cross and begin constructing gazebo
- \$5,000 – Teepee Creek Cemetery – Landscaping around columbarium and repay loan for columbarium
- \$4,581.41 – Rio Grande Cemetery – Purchase and install metal posts to mark rows of graves to define plots and cement edges for snow removal
- \$4,265.30 – Sharon Mennonite Cemetery – Install perimeter fence and sign with cemetery name and persons buried
- \$3,500 – Emerson Trail – Straighten headstones and plant trees along east side of cemetery

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