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County Distributes Record Recreation and Culture Grant Amounts

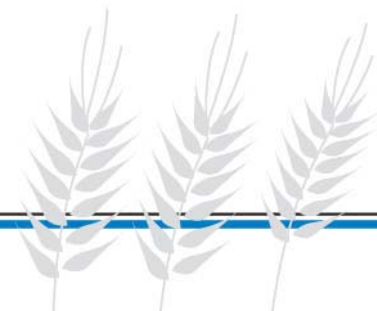
Council is distributing a record amount of operating assistance grants for recreational and cultural community organizations. Six regional recreation boards will receive grants totaling \$177,036, exceeding \$162,500 distributed in 2008 and \$145,972 in 2007.

“This just proves the extent these recreational and cultural programs are being used by the community,” said County Reeve Everett McDonald. “As well, in the past year new organizations and societies have been created to address specific needs in the community. The important role the County recreational boards play in processing and distributing these funds continues to grow in each coming year.”

The grants provide operating assistance to non-profit organizations and volunteer groups that are 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.

Grant monies were allocated to:

- Grande Prairie Recreation Board - \$38,550.00
- Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board - \$31,600.00
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$26,504.00
- Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board - \$25,757.00
- Sexsmith-LaGlance-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$30,422.00
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$24,203.00



<i>Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Area</i>		
Homestead Hall Association	\$ 1,000.00	Install shed, operations.
Lymburn Community Association	\$ 1,000.00	Operations.
Valhalla Community Library	\$ 3,000.00	New shelving.
Hythe Community Library	\$ 3,000.00	Reading program.
Blooming Valley Community Association	\$ 1,000.00	Operations.
Hythe Curling Club	\$ 5,000.00	Utilities.
Hythe & District Agricultural Society (pool)	\$ 5,203.00	Lifeguard program.
Valhalla Community School	\$ 3,000.00	Swimming lessons program & bussing.
Valhalla Heritage Society	\$ 1,000.00	New TV and DVD for community use.
Demmitt Cultural Society	\$ 1,000.00	Coverage for performers.
<i>Total - Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Area</i>	\$ 24,203.00	

<i>Sexsmith-LaGlace-Teepee Creek Area</i>		
LaGlace School Swim Program	\$ 4,760.00	Swimming lessons and bussing.
LaGlace School Field Trip Program	\$ 1,500.00	Field trip to Legislative Grounds.
Sexsmith Skating Club	\$ 1,500.00	Dance clinic for figure skaters.
Sunset Homes Tenants Association	\$ 1,000.00	Medical transportation and entertainment supplies.
R.W. Zahara Public School Swim Program	\$ 3,000.00	Swimming lessons and bussing.
Sexsmith Indoor Playroom Society	\$ 2,000.00	Support new parents/ children interaction program.
LaGlace Playground Committee	\$ 2,500.00	Replacement of older equipment and purchase new equipment for junior high school age groups.
LaGlace Recreational Figure Skating Club	\$ 1,500.00	Support fall/winter recreational figure skating program.
Twilight Ceramics and Crafts	\$ 1,000.00	Summer and school programs.
Teepee Creek School Swim Program	\$ 1,000.00	Swimming lessons and bussing.
Teepee Creek School Field Trip Program	\$ 1,500.00	Field trip to Legislative Grounds
Sexsmith Sabres Boys Football Team	\$ 3,062.00	Costs for travel, equipment, referees.
Sexsmith Sabres Girls Football Team	\$ 2,350.00	Costs for travel, sports shirts, referees, jerseys, and equipment. .
<i>Total - Sexsmith-LaGlace-Teepee Creek Area</i>	\$ 30,422.00	

<i>Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Area</i>		
Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society	\$ 3,170.00	Purchase Wii gaming system and replace gym equipment.
Dimsdale Recreational Society	\$ 3,000.00	Upgrade electrical outlets and breaker panel in hall.
West County Lightning Football Association	\$ 5,000.00	Expansions of equipment storage.
Helen E. Taylor School	\$ 5,000.00	Sports participation programs.
Town of Wembley FCSS	\$ 5,000.00	Summer fun programs for ages 4-12.
Wembley Child Care Centre	\$ 5,334.00	Purchase equipment and supplies.
<i>Total - Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Area</i>	\$ 26,504.00	

<i>Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board</i>		
Bezanson Agricultural Society	\$ 9,600.00	Hall renovations.
Bezanson School (Swim Program)	\$ 5,000.00	Swimming lessons for students.
Crystal Creek Recreational Society	\$ 6,000.00	Refurbish community hall sign and pillars.
Northern Lights Pony Club	\$ 4,000.00	English horse clinics, lessons, shows.
Clairmont and Area Senior's Club	\$ 2,000.00	Building maintenance.
Clairmont Community School (Swim Program)	\$ 4,000.00	Swimming lessons for students.
Clairmont Gardening Club	\$ 1,000.00	Hamlet beautification program.
<i>Total - Clairmont-Bezanson Area</i>	\$ 31,600.00	

<i>Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Area</i>		
Beaverlodge Elementary School	\$ 2,500.00	Artist in residency program.
Beaverlodge Area Cultural Society	\$ 2,000.00	Shelving units for pottery studio.
Beaverlodge Boys & Girls Camp Society	\$ 1,500.00	Building maintenance and site improvements.
Beaverlodge Minor Baseball	\$ 2,000.00	Equipment replacement and ball diamond resurfacing.
Town of Beaverlodge (Swimming Pool)	\$ 1,617.00	Purchase pool exercise equipment.
Hinton Trail Community Association	\$ 2,320.00	Upgrades to hall kitchen.
Elmworth Skating Club	\$ 2,500.00	Completion of players' box and purchase of snow-blowing equipment.
Beaverlodge Minor Hockey	\$ 2,232.00	Coach and safety certification course.
Beaverlodge Regional High School		
- Basketball Program	\$ 2,000.00	Travel expenses and fees.
- Volleyball Program	\$ 2,000.00	
Beaverlodge Day Care Society	\$ 2,500.00	Expansion of afterschool and summer camp programs.
Beaverlodge & Area 100 Year Settlement Committee	\$ 2,500.00	Travel and accommodation for oxen wagon team participating in parade.
<i>Total - Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Area</i>	\$ 25,757.00	

<i>Grande Prairie Area</i>		
Wapiti Dunes Development Society	\$ 5,000.00	Insurance to operate trails.
	\$ 2,550.00	Maintenance and new signs.
Five Mile Agricultural Society	\$ 5,000.00	Maintenance and operations.
Peace Gallery Society	\$ 5,000.00	Programs for children and students.
Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club	\$ 5,000.00	Fund a free County swim night once a week for the summer.
Wolverine Wheelchair Sports Association	\$ 5,000.00	School disability programs and Youth in Action programs.
Dunes Golf & Winter Club	\$ 5,000.00	Golf program for juniors
Peace Wapiti Academy	\$ 5,000.00	Assist with leadership and athletic programs.
Toastmasters International	\$ 1,000.00	To host regional conference in Grande Prairie.
<i>Total - Grande Prairie Area</i>	\$ 38,550.00	
<i>Total of all Recreation Board Areas</i>	\$ 177,036.00	

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