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### County Distributes Recreation and Culture Grants to 51 Groups

Fifteen area communities are receiving operating assistance grants from the County of Grande Prairie this year.

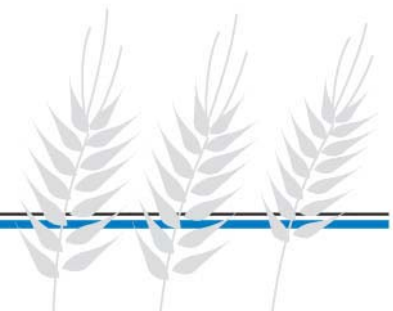
In total, \$173,967 is being distributed to 51 non-profit organizations and volunteer groups.

“I am pleased that the County has been able to provide many not-for-profit organizations with funding towards the cost of their initiatives,” said County Reeve Everett McDonald. “Empowering our volunteers and community partners is one of the keys to developing safe and healthy communities. These grants are a clear indication of our commitment to support the endeavours of these groups.”

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 - \$33,134.00
- Clairmont-Bezanson Area Recreation Board - \$33,947.00
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$26,504.00
- Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board - \$25,757.00
- Sexsmith-LaGlace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$30,422.00
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$24,203.00



<b><i>Beaverlodge, Elmworth-Huallen Area</i></b>		
Hinton Trail Hall Community Assoc	Renovations	\$5,000.00
Beaverlodge Day Care Society	Physical and Cultural Programs	\$4,000.00
Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp	Renovations and Utilities	\$4,000.00
McNaught Homestead Preservation	Electrical Upgrade	\$4,000.00
St. Mary's School	Arts and Theatre Presentation	\$2,000.00
Beaverlodge Skating Club	Subsidize Skating Fees	\$2,757.00
Beaverlodge Pony Club	Teaching, Clinics, Shows	\$4,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED</b>		<b>25,757.00</b>

<b><i>Clairmont-Bezanson Area</i></b>		
Clairmont & District Agriculture Soc.	Recreational Skating Program	\$5,000.00
Clairmont Communities in Bloom	Advertising and Beautification	\$3,500.00
Bezanson Agricultural Society	Running Trails, Accommodations, Toilets, Curling Rink Instructor, Ice Time	\$5,000.00
Northern Lights Pony Club	La Trec Clinic	\$2,500.00
Clairmont and Area Seniors Centre	Operational costs of facility	\$2,500.00
Bezanson School	Extra-curricular activities	\$2,772.00
Crystal Creek Recreational Society	Repairs and Maintenance to Hall	\$12,675.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED</b>		<b>\$33,947.00</b>

<b><i>Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Area</i></b>		
Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society	Outdoor skating rink upgrades	\$5,000.00
Dimsdale Recreational Society	Hall Maintenance and cement pad	\$5,000.00
Town of Wembley Municipal Library Board	Library Programs	\$5,000.00
Wembley Elementary School	Hockey Program	\$5,000.00
Riverview Pines	Playground Upgrades	\$1,500.00

Wembley FCSS	Summer Program	\$2,504.00
Wembley FCSS	Fitness Gym Equipment	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED</b>		<b>\$ 26,504.00</b>

<b>Grande Prairie Area</b>		
Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture and Heritage	Vitaemo Festival	\$4,000.00
Grande Prairie Curling Club	Repair condenser fan motor and upgrade electrical	\$5,000.00
No Opportunities Wasted Dance Society	Renovations, stereo systems, signage, wages, general expenses, workshops	\$3,500.00
Five Mile Community Agricultural Society	Wages	\$2,500.00
Pineridge Christian Camp	wheelchair ramp, hand railings to dining hall	\$4,134.00
Camp Tamarack Association	purchase 4 teepees - (4 teepees at \$4000.00 each = \$16,000.00)	\$4,000.00
The Dunes Golf and Winter Club	Junior Program, instruction, golf equipment for less fortunate, prizes	\$5,000.00
Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club	Sponsorship for 1 night a week for free public swim	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED</b>		<b>\$ 33,134.00</b>

<b>Hythe-Demmit-Valhalla Area</b>		
Hythe Public Library	Summer Reading Program, after school program	\$2,000.00
Hythe and District Agricultural Society	Junior Lifeguard Program	\$4,000.00
Valhalla Recreation Centre	Utilities and Insurance	\$4,000.00
Valhalla Community Library	Purchase of young adult books	\$2,000.00
Hythe Curling Club	Ventilation System for Ice Arena	\$1,500.00
Demmitt Cultural Society	New sustainable timber frame straw bale community centre. As well as utilities, insurance and accounting program fees	\$1,500.00
Valhalla Heritage Society	High efficiency furnace	\$4,203.00
Homestead Hall Association	preschool playground equipment, sand and upgrade existing equipment	\$1,500.00

Lymburn Community Assoc.	replace doors in hall	\$1,500.00
Valhalla Community School	swimming lessons, field trips, bussing fees	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED</b>		<b>\$24,203.00</b>

<b>Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Area</b>		
Teepee Creek School Student Union	Trip to Edmonton for Grade 7&8	\$2,500.00
Impalas Girl Volleyball Team	Funding for Tournaments	\$1,000.00
St. Marys Catholic School	Swimming Lesson Program	\$2,822.00
Sexsmith Gymnastics Club	Subsidize the Can Gym program	\$1,000.00
La Glace Ceramics and Crafts	moving to larger space, buy new molds	\$500.00
Teepee Creek School Parent Advisory Council	Swimming Lesson Program	\$4,650.00
Teepee Creek Stampede Association	Utilities	\$1,500.00
La Glace School Grade 5&6	Trip to Edmonton Grade 5&6	\$2,500.00
La Glace School	Swimming Lesson Program	\$4,650.00
Sexsmith Sabres Girls Football	Travel, protective equipment, uniforms	\$2,000.00
Sexsmith Sabres Boys Football	Travel and protective equipment	\$3,000.00
Robert W. Zahara Public School	Swimming Lesson Program	\$3,000.00
Sexsmith and District Museum Society	Build Shelving	\$1,300.00
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED</b>		<b>\$30,422.00</b>

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