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County hands out \$888,000 in grants

In Monday's council meeting, Council announced that the County will be providing \$330,000.00 in major capital community grants (50K+) and \$558,000 for capital assistance grant projects (5K- 50K+) within the region for 2013.

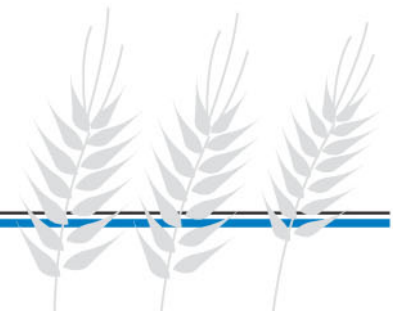
The purpose of the capital assistance grant program is to financially assist non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities that provide recreational, sports and cultural opportunities to County of Grande Prairie residents. Major capital grants assist non-profit organizations undertaking significant improvements to their local facilities.

"The County is more than happy to pitch in when local non-profit organizations and groups want to grow to benefit their community as a whole," says Leanne Beaupre, County Reeve. "Our recreation, sports and cultural amenities and services play a key role in making our region stronger, healthier, more sustainable, and such a wonderful place to live, play and work in."

Major Capital Community Grant (50K+) recipients are as follows:

- **\$300,000 to be paid over five years (2009-2013) to Grande Prairie Minor Ball Association** – facility development at Evergreen Park
- **\$450,000 to be paid over two years (2013-2014) to Teepee Creek Stampede Association** – to build indoor riding facility
- **\$100,000 to be paid over two years (2012-2013) to Wembley Seed Cleaning Plant**
- **\$100,000 to be paid over five years (2012-2016) to Compassion House Foundation**

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Capital Assistance Grant (5K-50K) recipients are as follows:

- **\$50,000 to Beaverlodge Agricultural Society** – to expand arena
- **\$50,000 to Lymburn Community Society** – to assist in building renovations
- **\$50,000 to Sexsmith Agricultural Society** – to purchase new arena boards
- **\$42,500 to Bezanson Fire Department** – to build outdoor skating rink
- **\$25,000 to Clairmont Agricultural Society** – to purchase wheelchair lift and air unit for arena
- **\$25,000 to Clairmont Community School** – to develop outdoor field and fund programs
- **\$25,000 to Five Mile Agricultural Society** – to upgrade hall
- **\$25,000 to Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural and Exhibition Society** – to purchase portable bleachers
- **\$20,000 to Hythe Golden Age Centre** – to replace roof
- **\$15,000 to Bezanson Agricultural Society** – to assist in hall improvements
- **\$15,000 to Glen Leslie Preservation Society** – to restore Glen Leslie Church
- **\$15,000 to Rio Grande Sports Association** – to renovate community hall
- **\$15,000 to Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society** – to upgrade outdoor facilities
- **\$15,000 to Wembley Agricultural Society** – to replace condenser in recreation centre
- **\$15,000 to West County Lightning Football** – to assist in concession and goal post improvements
- **\$12,500 to Grande Prairie Ski Club** – to upgrade hill equipment
- **\$12,000 to Hythe Public Library** – to purchase shelving
- **\$11,000 to Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association** – to upgrade Seniors Centre
- **\$10,000 to Clairmont Participarent** – to purchase equipment for school gymnasium
- **\$10,000 to Goodfare Community Hall** – to renovate kitchen
- **\$10,000 to Grande Prairie Performing Arts Guild** – to upgrade fly tower and facility
- **\$10,000 to Hythe Athletic Association** – to purchase new compressor

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- **\$10,000 to Hythe & District Agricultural Society** – to repair pool
- **\$10,000 to Hythe Royal Canadian Legion** – to repair roof
- **\$10,000 to Valhalla Archery Club** – to upgrade lighting and renovate bathroom
- **\$9,750 to Beaverlodge Curling Club** – to repair roof
- **\$8,250 to Teepee Creek Museum** – to purchase office trailer
- **\$7,500 to Hythe Curling Club** – to install Well
- **\$7,000 to Mountview Curling Club** – to replace aging electrical
- **\$6,500 to Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society** – to upgrade dorms
- **\$6,000 to Peace Wapiti Speed Skating Club** – to purchase equipment for outdoor oval
- **\$5,000 to South Peace Centennial Museum** – to restore grain elevator

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