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County of Grande Prairie Accepting Applications for Operating Assistance Grants

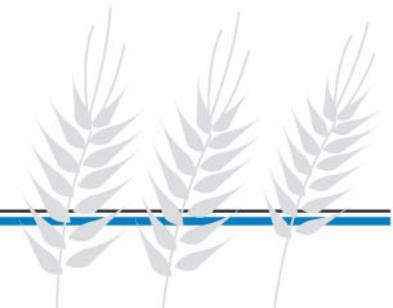
The County encourages all non-profit organizations and volunteer groups that provide recreational, sporting or cultural opportunities to County residents to apply for operating assistance grants. The County will be accepting applications until 4 p.m. on April 2, 2013.

“If you own or operate an arena, community hall, curling rink, library, museum or any other recreational, sporting or cultural facility in the region, we strongly encourage you to apply,” says Leanne Beaupre, County Reeve.

In 2012 the County provided \$173,697 in operating assistance grants to 57 non-profit organizations and volunteer groups. The Beaverlodge Blades Hockey Association, South Peace Centennial Museum, Clairmont & District Agricultural Society, Bezanson School, Wembley Communities in Bloom, Grande Prairie Curling Club, and the Sexsmith Gymnastics Club are only a few of many organizations who received assistance. These grants were mainly used for operating costs to cover utility, insurance and travel expenses; and run programs.

“We’re always proud to support our non-profit organizations and volunteers groups especially when it means they are providing quality services and recreation and cultural opportunities to our residents,” says Beaupre. “They work with such great dedication to make our community and region a healthier, more sustainable, and such a wonderful place to live, play and work in.”

The County will provide operating money or capital money to a maximum of \$5,000 to groups that offer recreational and cultural programs and opportunities. Community-based volunteer groups; non-profit organizations; municipalities; schools; and sports, recreation and culture clubs must be open for County residents use, provide proof of volunteerism and fundraising, and achieve identified goals in order to qualify for operating assistance grants.





Application forms are available through any of the six area County recreation boards; the County Administration Building or Community Services Building; administration offices in the communities of Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Wembley and Hythe; and, are also available on online at www.countygp.ab.ca. For more information regarding grants programs, please contact Rikki Christie, Parks and Recreation department at 780-532-9727 or rchristie@countygp.ab.ca or visit www.countygp.ab.ca.

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