



## **Media Release – For Immediate Release Thursday, August 1, 2019**

### **Applications open for Capital and Major Capital Assistance Grants funding**

Local non-profit groups are invited to apply online for Capital Assistance and Major Capital Grant Program funding starting today.

Applications will be accepted until September 15, 2019.

“Community organizations are integral to providing services and opportunities that enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of County residents,” said Christine Rawlins, parks and recreation manager. “These grant programs enhance sports, culture and recreation in our region.”

In 2019, the County distributed close to \$1.1 million in Capital and Major Capital funding to community organizations.

To assist non-profit groups with the online application process the County will be holding a Grant Information Session on August 6 at the County Community Services Building located at 10808 - 100 Avenue in Clairmont, starting 3:30 p.m.

Potential applicants are encouraged to register for the sessions by contacting the Parks and Recreation department at [parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca) or by phone at 780-532-9727. Community groups that do not have access to a computer or smart device with internet or are unable to attend can book a one-on-one appointment through the department.

The Capital Assistance Grant Program provides financial assistance to non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities that provide recreational, sports and cultural opportunities to County residents. Applicants can apply for up to 50 per cent of the total cost of a project, to a maximum of \$50,000.

Major Capital Grants assist community based, not-for-profit organizations undertaking significant improvements to their local facilities or building new facilities in the County of Grande Prairie that will improve quality of life for residents. This grant is for requests over \$100,000.

Applicants who are seeking funding for structural improvements to facilities will be required to work with the County and an engineering firm to provide a facility status report as a condition of their application. The cost of the report is covered by the County.

For more details about the County Recreation and Culture Grants Program, visit [www.countygp.ab.ca/grants](http://www.countygp.ab.ca/grants).

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