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## **County Distributes Operating Assistance Grants to Community Groups**

The County of Grande Prairie has awarded \$181,345 in operating assistance grants to numerous non-profit organizations and volunteer groups as well as \$730,890 in grants to 30 sports, recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility expenses.

“The efforts of local non-profit organizations and volunteer groups are critical to ensuring the positive well-being of residents throughout the County,” said Reeve Leanne Beaupre. “Council is committed to supporting the work that these organizations do and is proud to offer grant funding that will contribute to their continued success.”

Operating assistance grant funding is provided to non-profit organizations and volunteer groups that provide recreational or cultural services to their community. These groups must be 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.

### **Operating assistance grant monies were allocated to:**

- Beaverlodge–Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board - \$28,271
- Clairmont-Bezanson Recreation Board - \$34,403
- Grande Prairie Recreation Board - \$38,200
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$25,328
- Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$32,462
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$22,681

### **Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board**

- \$4,471 – South Peace Centennial Museum – Wages for summer caretaker
- \$4,000 – Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society – Operational funding
- \$4,000 – Red Willow Wilderness Camp – Operational funding
- \$3,000 – Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association – Operational funding (utilities)
- \$3,000 - McNaught Homestead Preservation Society – Operational funding (utilities)
- \$2,500 – Beaverlodge Area Cultural Society – Operational funding
- \$2,500 – Beaverlodge Barracuda Swim Club – Operational funding
- \$2,500 – Beaverlodge Elementary School – Grade 6 trip to Edmonton
- \$2,300 – Beaverlodge Hidden Potential Society – Room rentals, maintenance, general operations

### **Clairmont-Bezanson Recreation Board**



- \$4,000 – Bezanson Agricultural Society – Recreational amenities (volleyball posts)
- \$4,000 – Bezanson Booster Club – Playground equipment
- \$4,000 – Clairmont Community School – Swimming lessons
- \$4,000 – Crystal Creek Recreational Society – Facility repairs
- \$3,500 – Clairmont Minor Hockey – Operational funding - new foam dividers
- \$3,153 – Bezanson School – School sports and arts funding
- \$3,000 – Grande Spirit Foundation – Gardening project (raised flower beds)
- \$3,000 – Kleskun Hill Museum Society – Historical tours, catalogue artifacts
- \$2,500 – Clairmont Participarent Society – Upgrade projector
- \$2,000 – Clairmont and Area Seniors Club – Raised flower beds, planters and benches
- \$1,250 – Bezanson Brown Bears – Waterfront Canoe Instructors

#### **Grande Prairie Area Recreation Board**

- \$4,000 - Camp Tamarack Association – Adventure Training Course for staff
- \$4,000 – Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club – Swim meet sponsorship
- \$4,000 – The Friends of the Grande Prairie Boys Choir – Concert Series
- \$4,000 – Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – General operations and program support
- \$3,500 – Centre for Creative Arts – General operations
- \$3,500 – Game County Archers – General operations
- \$3,500 – Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities – General operations
- \$2,800 – The Grande Prairie Gymnastics Society – General operations
- \$2,500 – Nitehawk Alpine Ski Team – Operational funding to ensure affordable memberships
- \$2,500 – Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage – Costumes for Hopak cultural celebration
- \$1,500 – Grande Prairie Aquarians Summer Swim Club – General operations
- \$1,200 – Grande Prairie Centaurs Rugby Football Club – General operations
- \$700 – Junior Forest Wardens – Purchase of a barbecue
- \$500 – Girl Guides of Canada 1<sup>st</sup> Spirit River Pathfinders and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grande Prairie Pathfinders – Trip to Europe

#### **Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board**

- \$4,500 – Royal Canadian Legion Hythe Branch 93 – General operations (utilities)
- \$4,000 – Valhalla Community School – Jasper trip and replacement of sports equipment
- \$2,500 – Borderline Culture Foundation – Operational Concert Series
- \$2,500 – Hythe and District Agricultural Society – Bleacher replacement
- \$2,500 – Hythe Athletic Association – Replacement of dressing room benches
- \$2,500 – Hythe Curling Club – Maintenance and concrete work
- \$2,500 – Valhalla Recreation Centre – General operations
- \$2,000 – Hythe Heritage & Historical Society – Summer Student wages
- \$1,000 – Spring Lake Ski Hill Association – General operations
- \$750 – Immanuel Lutheran Church – Replacement of brick chimney
- \$578 – Village of Hythe Library Board – Community programming



### **Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board**

- \$5,000 – Robert W. Zahara Public School – Swimming lessons
- \$5,000 – Sexsmith Football Club – Purchase new helmets
- \$5,000 – St. Mary's Catholic School – Swimming lessons
- \$4,100 – La Glace School – Swimming lessons
- \$2,500 – La Glace School - Grade 5/6 classes trip to Edmonton
- \$2,500 – Sexsmith Wellness Coalition – Program funding
- \$2,000 – Bear Lake Bible Camp – Operational funding
- \$1,662 – Twilight Club Crafts – Programming and supplies
- \$1,550 – Sexsmith and District Seniors Association – Operational funding
- \$1,550 – Sunset Homes Tenants Association – Programming and supplies
- \$1,250 – Sexsmith Playschool – Operational funding, resource and play centers
- \$350 – Sexsmith Sky Raiders RC Club – Improve site accessibility and maintenance

### **Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board**

- \$5,000 – Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society – Offset wages for staff
- \$5,000 – Wembley & District Agricultural Society – Fall Fair
- \$5,000 – Wembley Firefighter Association – Community Awareness Program
- \$3,981 – Wembley & District Arts, Culture and Historical Society – General operations
- \$3,700 – Wembley Elementary School – Gymnastic programming

### **Grants for Utility Expenses**

- \$376,130 – Beaverlodge Pool

### **The following indoor ice arenas will receive \$42,140 each:**

- Beaverlodge Arena
- Clairmont Arena
- Hythe Arena
- La Glace Arena
- Sexsmith Arena
- Wembley Arena

### **The following curling rinks will receive \$11,260 each:**

- Beaverlodge Curling Club
- Bezanson Curling Rink
- Hythe Curling Club
- La Glace Curling Club
- Mountview Curling Club
- Sexsmith Curling Club

### **The following community halls will receive \$4,500 each:**



- Albright Community Hall
- Bezanson Memorial Hall
- Clairmont Community Hall
- Clairmont Seniors Centre
- Crystal Creek Hall
- Demmitt Hall
- Dimsdale Hall
- Five Mile Hall
- Goodfare Community Hall
- Hinton Trail Community Hall
- Homestead Hall
- Lymburn Community Association
- Rio Grande Sports Association
- Saskatoon Lake Hall
- Teepee Creek Hall
- Webster Community Hall
- Valhalla Heritage Society

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