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### County Council approves \$2.7 million in grants for local organizations

Fifty-five community groups will benefit from County Council's approval in Monday's Council meeting to contribute \$2,748,897 in grant funding to sport, recreation and cultural organizations and facilities in 2020.

Approximately \$1,599,205 will go towards organizations receiving community assistance grants, \$706,583 for major capital community grants and \$443,109 in capital assistance grants.

Grant funding helps support and offset operational costs for non-profit and community organizations that serve County and area residents and are located inside and outside of the County borders including the communities of Beaverlodge, Grande Prairie, Hythe, Sexsmith, and Wembley.

"The County is proud to support non-profit organizations and groups who contribute to overall community well-being, safety and quality of life," said Reeve Leanne Beaupre. "Ensuring County and area residents have easy access to recreational, social, sport and cultural opportunities is one of the County's priorities. We thank our local and non-profit organizations for their hard work, dedication and large role they have played in helping us achieve this priority."

The County's Capital Assistance Grant Program offers financial support to non-profit organizations that own or operate facilities that provide recreational, sports and cultural opportunities. The Major Capital Grants program helps non-profit organizations who are making improvements to their facilities or building new facilities. The Community Assistance Grant program provides operational funding to non-profit and volunteer groups that promote active, safe and sustainable communities.

Grants allocated in the 2020 preliminary budget include:

#### Major Capital Community Grant (\$50,000+):

- \$333,333 over six years (2018-2023) for the La Glace Regional Recreation Centre, which, since 2014, will bring the County's total contributions to \$3 million
- \$150,000 to the Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural & Exhibition Society for renovations to the Lewis Hawkes Pavilion in Evergreen Park
- \$113,250 to the Nitehawk Adventure Park for equipment replacement
- \$60,000 to Peace Area Riding for the Disabled Society (PARDS) for capital upgrades to the hay coverall, fencing, paving, mezzanine
- \$50,000 to Wembley Agricultural Society to purchase a dehumidifier and divider curtain

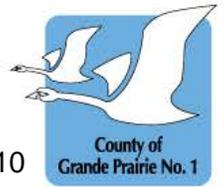


### **Capital Assistance Grant (\$5,000-\$50,000) recipients are as follows:**

- \$50,000 to the Clairmont & District Agricultural Society for community hall upgrades
- \$50,000 to the Clairmont & Area Seniors Club for drainage remediation around the building
- \$45,991 to the Beaverlodge Curling Club for curling rink upgrades
- \$40,000 to the Hythe & District Recreational Society for gym floor repairs
- \$30,000 to the Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural & Exhibition Society to purchase a tractor
- \$30,000 to the Rio Grande Sports Association to purchase a heating system, door and fence
- \$25,000 to the Whispering Ridge Participarent Society for playground expansion
- \$25,000 to the Bezanson School Booster Club for a new playground for a total contribution of \$100,000
- \$22,000 to the Hythe Athletic Association to purchase and install dressing room flooring
- \$20,805 to the Twilight Club of La Glace for building repairs, new windows, sod, eaves, porch and flooring repairs
- \$15,000 to the Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society for roof re-shingling
- \$15,000 to the Wembley and District Arts, Culture & Historical Society for a building site project
- \$12,500 to the Wapiti Nordic Ski Club for lease expansion
- \$10,626 to the South Peace Centennial Museum for new septic tank
- \$10,000 to the Friends of Hythe Community Playground for an early childhood playground
- \$9,937 to the Bezanson Agricultural Society for upgrade to LED lighting
- \$7,500 to the Beaverlodge Area Cultural Society to install a walking path
- \$7,500 to the Grande Spirit Foundation to install a walking path
- \$6,250 to the Grande Prairie Disc Golf Club in Evergreen Park to build a disc golf course
- \$5,000 to the Red Willow (Beaverlodge) Boys and Girls Camp Society to replace or repair air unit blower, steps and railing
- \$5,000 to the Hythe & District Recreational Society to purchase and install new furnaces

### **Community Assistance Grant recipients include:**

- \$414,000 to the Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural & Exhibition Society for operations
- \$400,000 to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum for operations
- \$200,000 to STARS for operations per year for four years (2019-2022)
- \$100,000 to STARS for fleet renewal funding per year for five years (2020-2024)



- \$100,000 to the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation per year for 10 years (2020-2029) for Key to Care Campaign/Patient bedside engagement system
- \$75,000 to the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie per year for four years (2019-2022) for operations
- \$66,700 to the South Peace Regional Archives per year for four years (2019-2022) for operations
- \$56,000 to the Grande Prairie Regional Sports Connection for operations
- \$50,000 to the Nitehawk Year-Round Adventure Park per year for five years (2015 – 2022) for energy costs
- \$37,398 to the Grande Prairie Museum for operations
- \$15,000 to Grande Prairie Technical Search and Rescue for operations
- \$14,240 to the Kleskun Museum Society for operations
- \$10,000 to the Grade 3 Reading University for operations
- \$10,000 to the County of Grande Prairie for Recreation Fee Assistance Pilot Program
- \$9,000 to the Peace Air Shed Zone Association for annual memberships
- \$7,500 to the Community Foundation for the County of Grande Prairie Firefighters for charitable community projects organized by the foundation
- \$6,000 to Agricultural Fairs the County- (six grants @ \$1,000 each), Valhalla, Beaverlodge, Sexsmith, Clairmont, Hythe and Bezanson
- \$6,000 to Kids Sport Grande Prairie for operations
- \$5,000 to the County of Grande Prairie Seasonal Ice Surface Grants Program (five grants at \$1,000 each)
- \$4,000 to the Reel Shorts Film Society for the Reel Shorts Film Festival
- \$3,300 to the Peace Draft Horse Club for the Northern Spirit Light Show
- \$2,500 to the Big Hearts for Big Kids Charity Fundraiser in support of Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society
- \$2,500 to the City of Grande Prairie Pursuit of Excellence Program per year over five years (2016-2020) for a total contribution of \$12,500
- \$1,700 to the Grande Prairie Petroleum Association for the STARS Hangar Dance
- \$1,200 to the Grande Prairie Regional EMS Foundation for the Family Golf Classic for Life
- \$1,000 to Hospital Foundations - \$500 each for Beaverlodge and Hythe
- \$600 to Dry Grad Committees - \$200 each for Beaverlodge Regional High School, Sexsmith Secondary High School, and Peace Wapiti Academy
- \$567 to the Grande Prairie & District Rural Crime Watch to support the development of a new website

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