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County Distributes Operating Assistance Grants to Community Groups

The County of Grande Prairie has awarded \$186,470 in operating assistance grants to numerous non-profit organizations and volunteer groups as well as \$596,880 in grants to 27 sports, recreation and cultural facilities to cover utility and other operating expenses.

“One of the hallmarks of any great community are its non-profit organizations and grassroots groups,” said Reeve Leanne Beaupre. “The County’s investments enhance the well-being of local citizens, but just as importantly, support the commitment and priorities of local citizens who put these funds to work for their communities.”

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.

The County of Grande Prairie awarded \$46,500 in cemetery improvement grants to 11 local groups for improvements to cemeteries located within the County.

Operating assistance grant monies were allocated to:

- Beaverlodge–Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board - \$29,120
- Clairmont-Bezanson Recreation Board - \$35,430
- Grande Prairie Recreation Board - \$34,400
- Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board - \$26,090
- Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board - \$33,430
- Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board - \$28,000

Beaverlodge-Elmworth-Huallen Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – South Peace Centennial Museum – Wages for summer caretaker
- \$5,000 – Beaverlodge Boys and Girls Camp Society – Operational funding
- \$5,000 - McNaught Homestead Preservation Society – Operational funding
- \$5,000 – Beaverlodge Area Cultural Society – Operational funding
- \$3,500 – Beaverlodge Senior Citizens Association – Operational funding
- \$2,300 – Beaverlodge Hidden Potential Society – Room rentals, maintenance, general operations
- \$1,500 – Beaverlodge Elementary School – Grade 6 trip to Edmonton
- \$1,320 – Beaverlodge Barracuda Swim Club – Operational funding
- \$500 – North Peace Bracket Racing Association- Property Improvements



Clairmont-Bezanson Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Bezanson Agricultural Society – Operational Support (software)
- \$5,000 - Whispering Ridge School – Swimming lessons
- \$4,500 – Crystal Creek Recreational Society – Plumbing upgrades
- \$4,500 – Grande Prairie German Canadian Society- front steps replacement
- \$3,500 – Clairmont Participarent Society – Upgrade scoreboards
- \$3,000 – West Smoky Legion #244 - Bezanson Legion Hut roof repairs
- \$2,930 – Kleskun Hill Museum Society – Historical tours, catalogue artifacts
- \$2,500 – Bezanson Booster Club – Support busing for field trips
- \$2,500 – Bezanson School – School sport programs/PARDS therapeutic program
- \$2,000 – Bezanson Recreational Society- Operational Support for outdoor rink

Grande Prairie Area Recreation Board

- \$5,000 - Camp Tamarack Association – Adventure Training Course for staff
- \$5,000 – Wapiti Nordic Ski Club – General operations and program support
- \$3,500 – Centre for Creative Arts – General operations
- \$3,500 – Grande Prairie Piranhas Swim Club – Swim meet sponsorship
- \$3,500 - Swan City Taekwon-Do o/a Gladiator's Martial Arts Academy- Operational Support
- \$3,000 – Troyanda Society of Ukrainian Culture & Heritage- General operations
- \$2,500 – The Friends of the Grande Prairie Boys Choir – Concert Series
- \$2,500 – The Grande Prairie Gymnastics Society – General operations
- \$2,500 – Nitehawk Alpine Ski Team – B-netting for ski hill
- \$2,500 – Grande Prairie Synquatics Swim Club – Offset pool costs/coach wages
- \$900 – Junior Forest Wardens – Programming

Hythe-Demmitt-Valhalla Recreation Board

- \$4,640– Royal Canadian Legion Hythe Branch 93 – General operations (utilities)
- \$4,640 – Hythe and District Recreational Society –Operational costs
- \$2,500 – Hythe and District Agricultural Society – Operational costs
- \$2,155 – Valhalla Community School – Science equipment
- \$2,000 – Borderline Culture Foundation – Operational Concert Series
- \$2,000 – Valhalla Recreation Centre – General operations
- \$2,000 – Hythe Regional School- Swimming lessons
- \$2,000 – Spring Lake Ski Hill Association – General operations
- \$1,655 – Lymburn Community Association- Power lawn sweep.
- \$1,500 – Hythe Curling Club –Install electricity, insulation in shed
- \$1,000– Hythe Community Choir – Chairs

Sexsmith-La Glace-Teepee Creek Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Robert W. Zahara Public School – Swimming lessons
- \$5,000 – St. Mary's Catholic School – Swimming lessons
- \$5,000 – Teepee Creek Stampede Association- Operational support
- \$4,500 – La Glace School – Swimming lessons



- \$2,107.50 – Sexsmith Wellness Coalition – Program funding
- \$2,107.50 – Twilight Club of La Glace- Operations- utilities
- \$2,107.50- Peace River Bible Institute- Operational support
- \$2,107.50 – Sexsmith Minor Hockey Association- Player development
- \$1,500 – Sexsmith and District Seniors Association – Operational funding
- \$1,500 – Sunset Homes Tenants Association – Programming
- \$1,500 – Sexsmith and District Museum Society-Operational support-gas, water, power
- \$1,000 – Sexsmith Playschool – Program resources

Wembley-Dimsdale-Saskatoon Lake Recreation Board

- \$5,000 – Saskatoon Lake Agricultural Society – Staff wages, new tables
- \$5,000 – Wembley & District Agricultural Society – Operations
- \$5,000 – Silver and Gold Pioneer Club of Wembley- Metal roof
- \$5,000 – Wembley & District Arts, Culture and Historical Society – General operations
- \$5,000 – Wembley Elementary School – Swimming lessons
- \$3,000 – FCSS Wembley- Community events equipment

Grants for Utility and Operating Expenses

- \$350,000 – Beaverlodge Pool

The following indoor ice arenas will receive \$43,400 each:

- Clairmont Arena
- La Glace Arena
- Arenas located within the neighbouring Towns and Village of Hythe will be funded as per their respective Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreement

The following curling rinks will receive \$11,600 each:

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

The following community halls will receive \$4,640 each:

- Albright Community Hall
- Bezanson Memorial Hall
- Clairmont Community Hall
- Clairmont Seniors Centre
- Crystal Creek Hall



- Demmitt Hall
- Dimsdale Hall
- Goodfare Community Hall
- Hinton Trail Community Hall
- Homestead Hall Association
- Lymburn Community Association
- Rio Grande Sports Association
- Saskatoon Lake Hall
- Silver Wing Hall
- Teepee Creek Stampede Association
- Webster Community Hall
- Valhalla Heritage Society

The Cemetery Improvement Grants

- \$4,393.33 - Beaverlodge Cemetery- Refurbishment of shelterbelt and additional trees to site. Maintenance of gates and roadway
- \$4,393.33 - Emerson Trail Cemetery- Headstones for unmarked graves
- \$4,393.33 - Glen Leslie Cemetery- Build cement pads for two columbarium's
- \$4,393.33 - Halcourt Cemetery- Grave markers, top soil to fill graves, replace damaged or missing headstones
- \$4,393.33 - Hythe Cemetery- Replace damaged headstones with "pillows" for families no longer here
- \$4,393.33 - Northfield Cemetery- Hire Arborist to top mature spruce trees
- \$4,393.33 - Spring Creek Cemetery- Plant trees and interpretive signs
- \$4,200 - St. Patrick's Cemetery- Remove clay & rubbish and replace with topsoil
- \$2,760 - St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery- Grave markers, straighten headstones, reset sunken headstones, grave covers
- \$4,393.33 - Teepee Creek Cemetery- Landscaping and drainage
- \$4,393.33 - Valhalla Cemetery- Landscaping, dirt work

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