



Country Agricultural Fairs

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Policy K19

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Policy Purpose

The County of Grande Prairie is committed to promoting cultural, traditional, and agricultural connections to all County residents. Country Agricultural Fairs are living reflections of the life and times around them, are rooted in agriculture and are typically hosted by volunteer organizations. Country Agricultural Fairs positively impact their communities through the events they plan, the assets they hold and the traditions and values they nurture.

Policy Statement

The County of Grande Prairie No. 1 is committed to funding Country Agricultural Fairs hosted by community organizations that have an agricultural component and will promote cultural, traditional and agricultural components in an equitable manner.

While this Policy has an agricultural focus, community event funding is coordinated through the County's Policy K6 – Community Assistance Grant.

Definitions

"Agriculture" means the science, art, or occupation concerned with cultivating land, raising crops, and feeding, breeding and raising livestock; farming.

"Agriculture Society" means an organization with the objective of encouraging improvement in agriculture and enhanced quality of life for persons living in the community by developing educational programs, events, services and facilities"

"Council" means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

"County" means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation.

"Event" means Country Agricultural Fair.

"Exhibition" means to show, display or view.



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“Fair” means an exhibition that is intended to promote agriculture by including a variety of exhibits of livestock and/or agriculture products.

“Grants” are non-repayable funds or products disbursed by the Council to a recipient. Under this policy it is often a non-profit entity, local organization or volunteer group that provides recreation or cultural programs and opportunities that benefit County residents.

“Organization” means an incorporated municipality, or a duly registered society in good standing within the Province of Alberta, or a formal service group which has been identified by Council as the provider of community services.

Policy Guidelines

1. Funding

- 1.1. Country Agricultural Fairs are funded through the County’s Community Assistance grant program as documented in Policy K6.
- 1.2. Funding is available to a maximum of \$1,000 per Country Agricultural Fair.
- 1.3. Administration will provide Council with a summary of recipients in a report to the Committee of the Whole each year.

2. Applications for Funding

- 2.1 Must be submitted a minimum of 90 days prior to event date and may be submitted via email to Administration via: parksandrecreation@countygp.ab.ca
- 2.2 Applicants are responsible to ensure that there is \$2,000,000 liability insurance for the event.
- 2.3 Applications for funding must demonstrate that the Country Fair is open for the enjoyment of all County residents.
- 2.4 The approved applicants must display the County logo prominently at the event, indicating the event was funded in part by the County

3. Funding Qualifications

- 3.1. To qualify for funding for a Country Agricultural Fair, the event must have an agricultural focus and enhance the quality of life for people living in the community.

4. Liability

- 4.1. The County is not responsible for claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys’ fee, rising out of negligence, misconduct or any other accident or incident related to the Country Agricultural Fair hosted by the organization and/or Agricultural Society. The County is only providing funding to support the said event.



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Attachments

N/A

References

Legal Authorities	N/A
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	Policy B1 – Policy Development Policy K6 - Community Assistance Grant
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