

Spring 2016 Community Grants



The Community Foundation is pleased to support 37 southwestern Alberta organizations with \$193,800 in project grants from the Community Priorities Fund. Many generous donors have given together to create a community fund that serves the grass root needs of our communities. The funding for the grants is provided by the income from endowment funds established at the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta for the past 50 years.



The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation is also pleased to have the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association assist with the funding of seven projects for a total of \$19,500. This partnership provides a way for the Association to significantly impact the community organizations within the service areas of the auto dealers.

Senator Buchanan School will use a **grant of \$5,000** (\$1,200 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) to boost their overarching literacy program at the school. New literacy kits and ipads will be used for students who learn in a non-traditional way.

Wheat Country Special Needs Society in Vulcan hosts many public events in their basement. With a **grant of \$5,000** (\$2,000 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) they will install a lift, platform and railing so that everyone can access this area.

Raymond Elementary School will use a **grant of \$4,600** (\$2,300 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) to purchase a large commercial refrigerator for the "Healthy Snack Program." This refrigerator will improve the program by having more accessible and healthy snacks available for all students.

Fort Macleod Public Library will use a **grant of \$4,000** (\$2,000 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) to significantly improve the quality of the furniture in the library that is used for public presentations and community meetings.

The **Rainbow Literacy Society** in Vulcan will use a **grant of \$2,300** (\$1,000 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) for audio visual presentation equipment. This new equipment will improve the public presentations that the Society hosts ranging from family literacy workshops to adult literacy programming.

The **Castle Mountain Community Association** will be moving an existing playground structure and installing it in their community park with the help of volunteers and a **\$5,000 grant** from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association.

The **Lethbridge Symphony Association** will be using a matching **grant of \$3,800** (\$2,000 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) to purchase a variety of percussion equipment. This equipment will also be available to lend out to other community organizations.

YMCA Lethbridge and District will be using a grant of **\$7,500** (\$4,000 from the Lethbridge Auto Dealers Association) to renovate space in the building. Once renovated, this area will add more publicly accessible space and additional programming opportunities for the organization.

The **4-H Foundation of Alberta** has more than 1,000 members in 55 clubs across the southern Alberta region. With a **grant of \$2,500** for new office equipment, the organization will be able to better track finances, memberships and projects going on in southern Alberta.

Barons and Carmangay Schools will use a **grant of \$2,000** to purchase used skates and helmets for students in all grades that don't own any equipment. This new equipment will ensure that all students can participate in ice-skating field trips.

For the past 14 years, **Camp Carmangay** has helped disadvantaged youth at risk. In 2015, 200 youth attended the camp. With a **grant of \$7,500** for building upgrades, they will improve the facility with the help of the youth campers.

A **grant of \$3,000** will be used to enhance online resources for **Canadian Mental Health Association, Alberta South Region**. This revamp will help educators connect with youth participating in the online Anti-Stigma project.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) will be purchasing assisted living demonstration products with a grant of **\$4,000**. This grant will allow clients to try out new technologies that work best for their lifestyle.

The **Cardston & District Health Foundation** will be using a **\$10,000 grant** for a lab equipment upgrade. The blood-testing equipment will improve services for patients that require laboratory services at the Cardston Hospital.

The Mountain View Senior's Centre is a hub for events in Mountain View. A **\$2,200 grant** to the **Chief Mountain Recreation Board** will be used to purchase high- quality light blocking window coverings in the building for increased privacy.

The **Cardston High School and Cardston Junior High** joint band will use a **grant of \$4,000** to enhance the quality of the musical instrument inventory by acquiring a professional grade oboe for the band.

A **grant of \$6,000** to **Chamberlain/ Arden T Litt School** will enhance their ability to produce quality drama performances, concerts and other events for the Grassy Lake and area communities.

A new drumline program will be launched at **Chinook High School** with a **grant of \$5,000**. This new program will be instrumental in attracting and retaining students interested in arts and culture.

The Claresholm and District Museum receives over 4,000 visitors each year. As stewards of the area's history, the museum will be improving its ability to care for and manage artifacts with a **\$7,000 grant** that will be used to purchase high quality shelving.

Coaldale Christian School, located on the east side of Coaldale, will use a **\$10,000 grant** towards a new playground installation. The location of the playground will serve all the students at the school as well as the hundreds of children that live nearby.

A **\$10,000 grant** to the **Coalhurst Elementary School** will be used to upgrade the community playground located on the school ground. The playground will be used by the approximately 700 children that live in the town.

Using a **grant of \$5,000**, the **Crowsnest Pass Library** will upgrade the landscaping and signage around the building.

The **Destination Exploration** program at the University of Lethbridge offers science and technology programs to youths aged 5-16 from across the region. A **grant of \$6,000** for 15 robotics kits will allow students to create and command robots to walk, talk and do other tasks.

The **Fort Macleod & District Allied Arts Council & Association** promotes and coordinates many artistic and cultural activities in Fort Macleod. **With a grant of \$4,000** for a new kiln, the Association will expand public pottery classes.

The **Friends of Taber Literacy Association** is upgrading their facility to a new “One Stop Learning Centre” where they will be able to operate all of their literacy services from one location. A grant of **\$6,200** will fund the purchase of new furniture for this facility that serves nearly 300 people per year.

Lethbridge and District Japanese Garden Society will use a **grant of \$5,000** to purchase specialty lighting in support of their first-ever winter light festival planned for November 2016.

Lethbridge Collegiate Institute will use a **grant of \$5,000** to increase the inventory of lower brass instruments for their expanding band program. The band has had a steady increase in enrollment over the past ten years.

The annual Lethbridge Jazz Festival has over 300 participants and more than 5,000 guests each year. A **grant of \$2,300 to the Lethbridge Jazz Society** will help them enhance their website and add online ticket purchasing to improve guest convenience.

The **New West Theatre Society** has increasingly been taking their performances on the road to audiences across southern Alberta. A new durable, portable keyboard purchased with a **\$2,500 grant** will help the Society will be able to take their performances to a new level.

The **Pincher Creek Municipal Library** will use a **\$6,000 grant** to upgrade shelving and re-arrange the floor plan of the facility to make it more accessible for all patrons.

Spring Glen Junior High will use a **grant of \$4,500** to improve the quality and quantity of the track and field equipment at the school.

The **Stavely Golden Age Center** provides an environment for seniors and the community at large to interact through social activities. A **grant of \$3,900** will be used for building improvements.

The Town of Cardston’s Rotary Club will use a **grant of \$10,000** for a new community playground installation.

The **Town of Claresholm** and the Kraken Swim Club will use a **grant of \$4,000** to purchase new lane ropes and pool equipment. The Claresholm pool is used by eight swim clubs and many Claresholm community members.

The **Town of Milk River** hosts many public events at the town baseball diamonds. A **grant of \$5,000** will support upgrades to the washroom facilities to better manage larger volumes of guests.

Accessibility into the newly renovated **Village of Hill Spring** Community Hall is currently limited. A **grant of \$6,500** will improve level access into the building for all members of the community.

The Vulcan and District Historical Society will use a **grant of \$7,500** to digitize the collection of the Vulcan Advocate newspaper from 1912-1965. The archived information will be widely shared on other archival websites and will also be available to the community at large to learn more about their history and heritage.