COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LETHBRIDGE + SOUTHWESTERN ALBERTA

Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life Grant Recipients

Adaptable Outdoor Recreation Society, Pincher Creek, $30,000:
Funding will be used to hire a Program Coordinator, who will improve the coordination and organizational capacity to expand safe, inclusive, adaptive outdoor recreation for people with disabilities across Southwestern Alberta.

Big Brothers Big Sister of Lethbridge and District, $10,000 (from a Field of Interest Fund):
Funding will be used to expand mentoring programs for youth in rural communities.

Castle-Crown Wilderness Coalition Society, Crowsnest Pass, $6,500:
Funding will be used to launch a program that partners with Alberta Parks to engage locals and community groups in photography, nature journaling, and sketching to foster the access to and the long-term stewardship of the environment.

Chinook Arch Regional Library System, Regional, $17,578:
Funding will be used to purchase 100 audio players for use at 32 rural member libraries. The devices will be preloaded with audiobooks that seniors and individuals with visual impairments can borrow.

Farming Smarter Association, Lethbridge County, $15,000:
Funding will be used to launch a mentorship program between farmers and agronomists across Southwestern Alberta to help build strong relationships with each other.

Fort Macleod Historical Association, $8,000:
Funding will be used to work with Blackfoot Elders to record oral histories, language teachings, and cultural stories to create interactive listening stations and traditional learning activities.

Inclusion Lethbridge Association, $4,320:
Funding will be used to provide free financial literacy workshops in rural communities for people who need them.

Livingstone Range School Division, CNP 40 Youth, Crowsnest Pass, $10,000:
Funding will be used to create interactive workshops, youth leadership programs, and a school-wide celebration to promote emotional resilience, stress management, and positive peer connection.

Taber Food Bank Society, $1,440 ($1,290 from a Field of Interest Fund):
Funding will be used to train and certify six staff and volunteers in forklift safety.

Village of Arrowwood, Arrowwood Centennial Committee, $4,000:
Funding will be used to create a documentary style video on the history of Arrowwood.

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