

Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta

2016 Community Impact Grants	Thank you to the following funds	Program Name	Project Details
Cool Aid Society of Grande Prairie	Beattie Family Fund and matching funds from the Community Fund for Canada's 150	Canada's 150th Birthday Programming & Purchasing of Books & Games	Cool Aid Society has been providing youth programming to our region since 1979. In 2015 -2016 there were 11,605 visits to the two centers. The organization will introduce special programming to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Summer programming will focus on celebrating each province in Canada through special crafts, snacks, and games. The summer activities will wrap up with a special 150th Birthday party. A second grant is being awarded to the Cool-Aid Society to help them purchase new books and games for the two Centres.
County of Grande Prairie No. 1 - Bezanson Agricultural Society	Community Impact Funds and Matching funds from the Community Fund for Canada's 150	Celebrating Bezanson	The project is a day of celebration which will includes a Fair, Homecoming, and 60 Year School Reunion. The day starts with a pancake breakfast, parade, fair, homecoming celebration and historical tour of the Old Bezanson Town site, numerous activities including ball games, ball hockey tournament, gymkhana events, followed by a community supper and dance. The goal of this event is to celebrate the community and its heritage. Bezanson was built on a vision and this day will depict many of the activities from the past.
Elder's Caring Shelter Society	Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund and matching funds from the Community Fund for Canada's 150	Youth and Elders Cultural Retreat	The Elders Caring Shelter's is a fully accessible shelter that meets the needs of homeless at risk men and women over the age of 55. With 16 bedrooms and licensed for a total of 18 people at any given time, they share a common kitchen and eating area which builds trust and a sense of belonging. The goal of the Retreat is to have the Elders in our community work with and help local youth be proud of their aboriginal culture and to bridge the gap not only between the youth and the elders, but bridging the gap between all cultures.
Grande Prairie Live Theatre Society	Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund and matching funds from the Community Fund for Canada's 150	Grande Prairie Children's Festival	A festival celebrating Canada's 150th that inspires children ages 5 - 12 to embrace the joy of creative expression through the arts. May 25 and 26 teachers/parents will choose sessions for children to view or participate in directly. Children in and surrounding Grande Prairie will experience music, creative movement and dance, visual arts, puppetry, theatre and much more. The goal of the festival is to reach close to 30,000 community members from across Northwestern Alberta.
Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Grande Prairie & area	Logan Family Fund and GP Auto Group Legacy Foundation Fund	The High school Mentorship Program	The High school Mentorship Program is a one-on-one mentoring program that pairs an elementary school student with a high school student for the duration of the school year. The Program, which has approximately 30 participants, allows the younger students to have a positive older role model, and the older students to develop strong leadership skills through assisting a young student.
Camp Tamarack Association	Beattie family Fund, Aquatera Environment Fund and Fund for Environmental Purposes	Environmental Camps	Camp Tamaracks provides inclusive, barrier free camping experience for youth and adults of all abilities. Camp Tamarack offers a variety of summer programs for children of all abilities and interests. Campers will connect with nature, understand the importance of preserving the environment and develop physical, social, and emotional skills. Annually, Camp Tamarack serves over 2,000 campers.

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Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society of Northern Alberta	Aquaterra Environment Fund and Marcotte Family Fund	Waterways Project	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society achieve conservation and legislated wilderness protection in Alberta through research, collaboration, and community outreach. This project helps communities who are situated along and benefit from the Peace and Athabasca watersheds. Fostering more local knowledge and gaining local support enables a stronger case for the protection of ecologically, and culturally important areas in Northwestern Alberta.
Centre for Creative Arts Society of Grande Prairie	Young at Art by T.Sedore Photography fund and KMSC LAW LLP Fund	Healing Arts Program Initiative (HAPI)	Centre for Creative Arts Society provides a Creative Experience that encourages the teaching, expression and celebration of the Arts. HAPI is designed to provide artistic opportunities to anyone that faces a barrier that would otherwise keep them from participating in Artistic and Cultural programming. Inclusive and wide reach, the youngest HAPI student is 5 and their most senior is 95 years old. They work with students with both intellectual and physical disabilities, and partner with agencies that service at risk populations to provide classes to their clients. In 2015, HAPI continued to thrive with 341 sessions offered to a total of 1028 individual students resulting in over 2500 visits to the Centre for Creative Arts.
City of Grande Prairie - Experience Fun Experience Fitness	Nourish the North and Anonymous Donor Fund	Experience Fun Experience Fitness	A new project for 2017, Experience Fun Experience Fitness camp will provide youth in need from our region the opportunity to experience new sport and recreational activities over the school spring break, plus get to know the activities and events within the Eastlink Centre.
City of Grande Prairie - Pursuit of Excellence Award	Come Fly with Me Legacy Fund	Pursuit of Excellence Award	Pursuit of Excellence Athlete Development funding is provided to assist in the training and development of individual athletes who are pursuing excellence in their chosen sport.
Grande Prairie & District Golden Age Centre	Golden Age Centre Fund	Golden Age Centre Programming	Incorporated in 1975, the Golden Age Centre is Grande Prairie's seniors recreational centre. Offering a wide variety of programs and activities aimed at citizens over 55 years of age, including dances, crafts, cribbage and indoor curling. The Golden Age Centre is a Hub for local seniors to gather, connect and build friendships.
Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities	northerSPIRIT Fund and Opdahl Michaud Family Fund	Home Alone Program	Safe Communities promote public safety and reduce the incidence of injury in Grande Prairie and area through the maintenance and operation of Safety City and other programs designed to educate the public about safety and injury prevention. The Home Alone Program is offered to help youth who will be home for short periods of time learn how to remain safe, internet and phone safety, dealing with strangers, and more.
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre	Nourish the North Philanthropy Package	One Window Resource	The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre administers and implements programs to meet the needs of Aboriginal people migrating to living in urban centres and at the same time bridging a cultural gap between the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community. The One Window Resource Centre is a community based drop-in program to address the needs of individuals that are considered at risk or in need. The program works to provide non-financial services that will help the individual sustain stability in our community and provides those in need with a little bit of certainty. They know where they can turn to access emergency food closet, free gently used clothing, hygiene supplies, information resource area, referrals to agencies, free bread, computer/internet access, job board listings, 3 evening weekly meals, and activities as scheduled.

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Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society	Terry and Darrel Dola Fund, Ed Boyce Memorial Fund Prairie Villa Legacy Fund	Hospice/Palliative Care Programming	The Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society provides end-of-life care for community members with a terminal illness and to provide support for their families. Hospice palliative care is specialized client-centered end-of-life care. It aims to relieve suffering and improve the quality of living and dying. Hospice palliative care supports people living with life-threatening illnesses. It provides care for patients and their loved ones to meet each individual's medical, psychological, social, spiritual, and practical needs.
Grande Prairie Live Theatre Society	Grande Prairie Live Theatre Fund	Live Theatre Programming	The Grande Prairie Live Theatre Association provides the community with a chance to experience Live Theatre in their own city. Featuring local talent, the Grande Prairie Live Theatre continues to thrill audiences of all ages throughout the year.
Grande Prairie Public Library	Grande Prairie Library Fund	Library Programming	The Grande Prairie Public Library (GPPL) serves the City of Grande Prairie, County of Grande Prairie and the MD of Greenview. Located in the Montrose Cultural Centre, GPPL is also the Resource Centre for the Peace Library System. In 2015, GPPL circulated over 438,000 items. Vital Signs has identified community libraries as a hub of information for community members.
Grande Prairie public School District #2357	Community Impact Fund	School Snack Program	The Grande Prairie Public School District Snack programs offers healthy snacks for students who may arrive at school without something healthy to eat. Healthy meals are vital to a child's ability to learn and thrive in school.
Grande Prairie Public School District #2357	Simpson/Phillips Family Fund	COMP Football Program	Encouraging young athletes, the Grande Prairie Composite High School football program providing young people the chance to pursue their athletic goals.
Grande Prairie Regional College Foundation	Pearcy Family Fund	Emergency Student Funding	Established in 1966, Grande Prairie Regional College is a comprehensive community institution, providing opportunities in post-secondary education in northwestern Alberta. Emergency student funding is available to assist students in times of crisis when they need it for books and tuition fees.
Grande Prairie Women's Residence Association	Evaskevich Family Fund	Odyssey House Programming	Odyssey House provides safe, secure, and supportive accommodation for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence, are in crisis, or in need of a housing alternative. The house is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help women and children break free from the cycle of family violence.
Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society	Grande Prairie Auto Group Legacy Foundation Fund	Sunrise House Steps to Success Program	Sunrise House serves youth ages 12-17 who are currently homeless or are at risk of being homeless and provide tools and resources for youth success. They serve youth throughout the region as they operate the only youth shelter in northwestern Alberta. The Steps to Success Program provides access to life skills development and learning new skills to help increase coping skills making them more resistant to crisis. In 2015-16, Steps to Success programs were attended by 70 youth who attended an average of 6 programming sessions each.
HIV North	Beattie Family Fund	LGBTQ Leadership Program	HIV North has supported individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Alberta's North for over 25 years. Based in Grande Prairie, they promote awareness, initiate prevention and provide care and support for the northern region of Alberta. The LGBTQ Leadership Program is dedicated to increase leadership skills and resiliency among youth identifying as LGBTQ.

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John Howard Society of Grande Prairie	Brian Nash Memorial Fund	The Boys Club	The John Howard Society of Grande Prairie began in 1979 and is a community based organization concerned with the causes and consequences of crime. They focus on crime prevention through social development which addresses the risk factors that contribute to crime. The Boys Club aims to help male youth to develop healthy male attitudes and behaviours, deconstruct male stereotypes, and address social pressures faced by young males. The program assists in building healthy images, relationships, communication and lifestyles skills, and to foster resiliency. This past year, 16 boys participated a total of 121 times over the 28 weeks of the program. Of the 16 youth, 2 participated in Boys Club previously.
KidSport	Woronuk Legacy Fund	Spirit River Youth	The Grande Prairie & Area 2016 Vital Pulse on sport and belonging has identified the impact sport and recreation can have on the overall sense of belonging of a population. With only 7% of low income youth taking part in sport, and 85% of the population believing that Sport & Rec creates a stronger sense of community, programs like KidSport are vital to helping ensure youth in those low income families are given the opportunity to build a stronger sense of community through sport. These funds will ensure youth in Spirit River and Rycroft are supported through kidsport and given the opportunity to participate in sport.
MD of Spirit River	Woronuk Legacy Fund	Trauma Drama	Trauma Drama is an eye-opening and attitude changing approach to teaching young people the dangers of driving impaired. Bringing in guest speakers who have experienced their own heartbreaking stories of driving while impaired, this program will be presented to Grads of the Spirit River area to teach them the importance of making positive life choices.
Peace Wapiti School Division #76	Nourish the North Philanthropy Package	Clairmont School Snack Program	Of the 300 children at Clairmont Community School over half of them are identified as at risk. It is a known fact that Children learn better and are more connected with their peers when their stomach's are full. The Clairmont school breakfast program is a no questions asked approach to ensuring that every child at the Clairmont school has access to a healthy breakfast.
Peace Wapiti School Division #76	Young at Art by T.Sedore Photography	Clairmont Community School Art Program	Clairmont Community School opened in early 2009 for students in Kindergarten to grade eight within the community of Clairmont as well as the surrounding area. The school has been designed with modern technology, an oversized gymnasium, Home Economics room, Band room and two different multi-use computer stations. The Clairmont school Art program introduces students to various art experiences including artist studies, painting, clay work, drawing, using different mediums like fabric, plaster and packing tape. Using children's literature to inspire their art work, the goal is to bring a joyful experience to the school day through arts programing. Sheila Paeyur, art teacher for grades 2-5 and 7-8, proudly wears a t-shirt to her art classes that reads "Some people only dream of meeting their favorite artists. I teach mine."

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Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community Church	Happy Trails R.V. Fund	Soup Kitchen Programming	The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen serves breakfast and lunch five days a week and a hot dinner 3 days a week. The soup kitchen ensures that those in need in our community have access to daily healthy meals. The economic situation of the last year has put serious strain on soup kitchens and food banks across our region.
Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teens	GP Keg Steakhouse and Bar Pregnant Teen Program Fund	Baby Basics	The Pregnant and Parenting Teen Program is a community based, child centred and family focused service, providing information and support to pregnant and parenting teens. Baby Basics serves 3-7 young couples at a time teaching young parents and their families how to care for both themselves and their new baby. Focusing on topics such as feeding, sleeping, and how to care for themselves post baby, the program provides young parents with the confidence to be the best they can be.
Suicide Prevention Resource Centre	Hannah Ouellette Memorial Fund and Nourish the North Philanthropy Package	Breakfast Club and Tough Enough to Talk About it programs	Suicide Prevention Resource Centre vision is to reduce suicide, suicidal behaviour, and their effects, by promoting positive alternatives and healthy coping skills. The Breakfast Club program focused on assisting youth aged 9-17 who are struggling with stress, conflict, self esteem issues, and engaging in risky behaviours. The program offers youth a safe place to learn about their feelings and healthy ways to cope with them. Tough Enough to Talk About, entrenched in the community since 1999, is a suicide prevention strategy in response to the number of men in trades, agriculture and industry who have died by suicide.
Town of Peace River - Peace River Museum	Community Impact Funds and matching funds from the Community Fund for Canada's 150	A History of The Peace in 150 Objects	The "A History of the Peace Country in 150 Objects" seeks to inspire visitors and locals to discover the role that the peoples of the Peace Country have played in Canada's broader history. A brochure will list each of the 150 items in chronological order and will visually represent the history of the Peace Country. The 150 objects will be from thirty-six museums in the Spirit of the Peace Museum Network, with each displaying approximately four artefacts from their collection at their museum. The objects will be connected to the local community/region and will tell a story and represent the breadth of the Peace Country's history including: indigenous peoples, the fur trade, the missionaries, pioneer settlement and development and contemporary paleontological discoveries.
Town of Sexsmith FCSS	Sexsmith Elks Community Fund, Sexsmith Community Foundation Fund, Sexsmith Legion #60 Community Fund	Food Bank and Chautauqua Days	Alberta has seen a 30% rise in food bank usage in the last year. With many families experiencing food insecurity, this is a much needed program throughout our communities. This year we are honoured to partner with the Town of Sexsmith for the June Chautauqua Day which brings together families and community members.
YMCA of Northern Alberta	Jeff Toews Memorial Foundation Fund	Virtual Y Beyond the Bell	Virtual Y is an afterschool literacy program delivered through the YMCA within the community of Grande Prairie. The purpose of the program is to create an environment in which children ages 6-12 can feel safe, valued and heard. Delivered in an area where there are few resources or services available, Virtual Y has helped children, many of whom have experienced abuse and neglect in their lives, develop emotionally, socially, and academically. The program runs after school and supports 2 groups of 20 children for a total of 40 children each year.

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<p>Community Impact Funds are pooled to address emerging and pressing needs of the community both now, and in the future. These fund provide the opportunity to increase support to a project, respond to a pressing issue or need plus support projects that may not fit within a specific mandate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Anonymous Donor BP Canada Energy Company Fund Canadian Tire Grande Prairie Community Fund Cardon Homes Fund Clyde and Mary Blackburn Family Fund Community Impact Endowment Fund Fletcher Mudryk & Co. LLP CA's Fund Grande Prairie River Rats Association Fund Jody Evans Memorial Fund Kevin and Karen Willsey Family Fund McLevin Family Fund Merv and DawnMarie Crouse Family Fund Pete and Lori Merlo Family Fund Ric's Grill Grande Prairie Community Fund Rotary Club of Grande Prairie Memorial Fund Sheehan Flint Family Fund Vince and Tracey Vavrek Family Fund </p>			
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Beaverlodge Christmas Hamper and Food Bank	Christmas Hamper & Food Bank	In Alberta, 40% of lone parent families will experience food insecurity. This means that at some point during the year a large majority of families will not be able to afford food at some point. The Beaverlodge Food Bank provides families with a sense of security in uncertain times.	
Catholic Family Services Society of Grande Prairie	Non-Denominational Counselling Services	Catholic Family Services offer in house counseling and school programs assisting children, youth, families, couples and individuals. Many clients are low-income and at risk. In 2015, 1054 individuals received counseling services. The school liaison program served 2,043 in 2015. This number of individuals served has grown substantially in the 2016 due to the current economic climate and stress on both families, and young people due to job loss.	
Grade Three Reading Academy Society	Grade Three Reading University	Reading University is a three-week summer program intended to increase the literacy skills of children in Grade 3 who are not yet reading at grade level. In addition to being beneficial to children struggling with literacy, Reading University is an excellent example of partnerships, local organizations working together for the long-term benefit of children and society. In 2016, 120 students attended Reading University.	
Grande Prairie & Area Council on Aging	Seniors Outreach Programming	Seniors outreach is a "One Stop Shop" for seniors requiring assistance. With over 6,000 active files, Seniors Outreach helps seniors with everything from pensions, to home care, to snow removal and Meals on Wheels. Regardless of their need seniors across Northwestern Alberta know that Seniors Outreach can provide support, or guidance on any issue they are facing	
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Grande Prairie & District Grief Support Association	Circle of Life School Programming	The Circle of Life program is unique as it provides children, adults, and families with education and support through their grief journey. A number of programs are offered including school groups, Camp He-a-He, support groups for adults and public education and professional development. Originally developed to support children in Grande Cache during prior mine closures, the Circle of Life program has since expanded to help school aged children from the Peace Region who are experiencing significant change or loss in their lives. Through creating understanding and teaching children they are not alone, the program assisted over 150 students in 6 schools last year.	
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