

2018 Community Impact Grants

Community Impact Funds are pooled to address emerging and pressing needs of the community both now, and in the future. These funds 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.

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Arts/Culture

Centre for Creative Arts Society of Grande Prairie

Healing Arts Program Initiative

Funded by Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund

The Healing Arts Program Initiative is designed to enrich the lives of local community members that face a variety of barriers. Through art instruction, discussion, studio time and exhibition opportunity, H.A.P.I. allows individuals and groups a chance to express themselves, build self esteem, find hidden talents and experience a sense of positive accomplishment.

Elder's Caring Shelter Society of Grande Prairie

Youth and Elder Retreat

Funded by Beattie Family Fund

The Youth and Elder retreat connects Indigenous elders with youth in the community, facilitating a connection between the generations and sharing the heart of their community with each other through arts and culture.

Fairview Aircraft Restoration Society

Restoration Projects

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

The society's main objective is the restoration and preservation of the Canso, a Canadian built aircraft veteran of World War II. Later, it was converted to a water bomber that spent several decades protecting Canadian forests from wild fires. Their mission is to preserve and share this page of history with Canadians, both young and old.

Fairview Fine Arts Society

Revitalization Project

Funded by Frank and Agnes Lovsin Legacy Fund

It is the society's focus to provide learning opportunities, information sharing, exhibit and workspace to everyone interested in the arts. The Fairview Fine Arts Centre is committed to working to expand opportunities for art, culture and collaborative projects in their communities.

Grande Prairie Live Theatre Society

Live Theatre Programming and support for youth to attend GPLT led summer camps

Funded by Grande Prairie Live Theatre Fund, Smart & Caring Youth Fund, and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta Community Impact Fund

The Grande Prairie Live Theatre works to provide people and youth with the opportunity to enjoy and participate in arts & culture.

HIV North Society

Art Programming for Youth

Funded by Young at Art Fund by T. Sedore Photography Fund

The LGBTQ Youth Mentor program is vital to the young people in our community. Additional barriers exist for LGBTQ youth which can include feelings of isolation leading to unhealthy behaviours, thoughts, and relationships. Building leadership skills leads to greater resiliency amongst LGBTQ youth thus helping to build a more inclusive, vibrant community and by engaging in arts activities, youth are encouraged to use creative expression as an outlet.

High Prairie and District Museum and Historical Society

Time Traveller Project

Funded by Frank and Agnes Lovsin Legacy Fund

This project is intended to make all community members feel like they belong. The differences can lead to dynamic community interaction. By involving a mix of cultures and backgrounds they will provide the framework for greater understanding and a greater feeling of inclusiveness for everyone. It will provide a unique, safe and trusting background of a Museum while exploring different cultures and traditions.

MD of Spirit River

Camp WaNaGo – Craft Supplies

Funded by Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund

Camp Wanago is the Summer Day Camp Program offered by the Central Peace FCSS. Summer day camp program provides families with an affordable option for summer child care while providing youth with opportunities to learn new things and have fun with other children.

Sexsmith and District Museum Society

Install protective blinds in Paszkowski house

Funded by Sexsmith and District Community Foundation Fund

The blinds purchased are to protect artifacts in the Paszkowski house from UV rays. The Paszkowski House is an excellent example of a 1930's home. A pre-World War II farm House, donated by the Paszkowski family and moved from their farm just east of Sexsmith to its present location on 99th Avenue, across from the Museum.

The Cool Aid Society of Grande Prairie

Arts Programming

Funded by Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund and Young at Art Fund by T. Sedore Photography Fund

Drop-in centres offering friendship, guidance and support to youth in grades 1 to 12 in Grande Prairie and area. Connecting local youth with a variety of programming, including arts, builds stronger communities.

Children/Youth

Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Grande Prairie & Area

In-School Mentoring Program

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta Community Impact Fund

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grande Prairie & Area In-School Mentoring program is a school-based mentoring program that engages adults or high school students as Mentors and matches them with elementary school children. The program builds positive, responsible, and dependable relationships to promote social, academic and emotional development for local children and their Mentors.

Camp Tamarack Association

Summer Youth Camps

Funded by Beattie Family Fund

Camp Tamarack works to make their summer camps inclusive and accessible by offering a subsidy to deserving children and youth who would not otherwise not have the chance to attend camp.

City of Grande Prairie

Experience Fun Experience Fitness

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

Experience Fun Experience Fitness provides deserving, local youth from throughout our region the opportunity to participate in sports & recreation activities that are new and engaging.

Grande Prairie and District Grief Support Association

Circle of Life School Groups Program

Funded by Logan Family Fund, Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

Their mission is to provide children, adults and families with education and support through their grief journey. This is done through follow-up support groups, Circle of Life school groups, one-on-one counselling, and a summer program Camp He-A-He a.k.a Camp Heal-A-Heart - a summer bereavement camp for youth.

Grande Prairie Youth Emergency Shelter Society

Shelter Supplies

Funded by the KMSC Law LLP Fund

Operating as Sunrise House, they provide emergency shelter to youth ages 12-17 who have become or are at risk of becoming homeless. Providing a safe and supportive environment encouraging healthy decision making and helping to strengthen coping skills.

Town of Beaverlodge - FCSS

Youth Program and Self Esteem Building

Funded by Jeff Toews Memorial Foundation Fund

The Town of Beaverlodge provides an after school program that will provide local youth with access to programs and activities that build a sense of community.

Education

Canadian Friends of Cooperative for Education

Student Support

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

Canadian Friends of Cooperative for Education helps Guatemalan students break the cycle of poverty by sponsoring their placement in Cooperative for Education's Rise Youth Development Program.

This program provides the funds students need to stay in school, while wrapping innovative youth development activities and support services around a traditional tuition sponsorship. Students attend workshops on topics like leadership, financial education, and self-esteem, go on field trips to explore a variety of career paths, and receive support from trained staff and psychologists.

Frontier College

Literacy Support

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

Low literacy skills are directly linked to poverty, poor health, and high unemployment. Frontier College's network of volunteers provides excellent and effective programming to improve literacy in communities. They value mutual respect and collaboration in all relationships and are committed to finding and using innovative ways to reach the people who need them most.

Grade Three Reading Academy Society

Grade 3 Reading University

Funded by Hope Today Tomorrow: Side/Munro Family Fund

Reading University is a three-week summer program intended to increase the literacy skills of children who are struggling at their reading level.

Grande Prairie & Area Safe Communities Committee

Youth Programming and Client Services

Funded by Prairie Villa Legacy Fund

Safe Communities aims to promote public safety and reduce the incidence of injury in Grande Prairie and area.

Grande Prairie Public Library

Public Library Programming

Funded by Grande Prairie Public Library Fund

The Grande Prairie Public Library is truly a community hub. Public programming connects children and youth to educational resources and improves literacy.

Grande Prairie Regional College Alumni/Foundation

Student Services Department Emergency Bursary

Funded by Pearcy Family Fund

Emergency student funding is available to assist students in times of crisis when needed or for books and/or tuition fees.

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2387

Parkside Montessori Camera Project

Funded by Young at Art Fund by T. Sedore Photography Fund

The children of Parkside Montessori are excited to begin using the new digital cameras that they will purchase with this funding.

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2387

Psycho-educational Assessments

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

A psycho-educational assessment identifies an individual's strengths and needs in reading, written language, math, attention, activity level, impulse control, self-regulation and executive functioning, cognitive abilities including language skills, nonverbal learning, working memory, and processing speed. Any behavioural, social, or emotional factors that may be interfering with learning or achievement.

Grande Prairie Volunteer Services Bureau Association

Board Leadership Northwest 2018

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

Board Leadership Northwest 2018 was a full-day learning event featuring engaging sessions about fundamentals and industry trends for not-for-profit organizations, as well as valuable networking opportunities

Slave Lake Regional Library Board

Improving the collection of the Municipal Library

Funded by Slave Lake Municipal Library Fund

Public libraries are the hub of a community. The Slave Lake Regional Library offers programming supporting the community, education and youth literacy.

Environmental

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2387

Hillside School Garden Tower

Funded by Aquatera Environment Fund

The tower garden will impact the school and community by educating students in the importance of healthy eating, and allowing them to produce food to supplement our snack program. The tower also gives them another option for those students who struggle in class, and allows for more inclusivity in the school. These students would be learning important life skills, while using the tower garden as a calming environment. Hillside School serves 225 students from Kindergarten to Grade 6, and the school is encouraging all of them play some role in caring for and harvesting the potential crop.

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2387

Composite High School Greenhouse Club

Funded by Aquatera Environment Fund and Marcotte Family Fund

The Composite High School has a functioning Greenhouse club and were able to experiment with a Hydroponic Tower last year after receiving a generous donation. They are going to expand and purchase a second tower along with getting new rockwood (the growing medium) and a variety of seed pods. Their goal is to plant herbs and vegetables to harvest for use in the cafeteria and foods classes.

Health

Alberta Lung Association

Programing and Client Support

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

The Lung Association, Alberta & NWT is a non-profit and volunteer-based charity that raises money to fight lung disease, fund lung health research and support patients in need. They also serve as an advocate on lung health issues with government, industry and the community.

Canadian Cancer Society

Colorectal Cancer Research

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

The Canadian Cancer Society believes that working with government and legislators to bring about healthy public policies is a vital part of the fight against cancer. Taking action by taking a stand on important cancer issues, raising Canadians' awareness and understanding about these issues, and influencing government to pass public policies that will help prevent cancer and help people living with cancer.

City of Grande Prairie

A Path Forward: Simple Connections, Stronger Families Program

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Fund

The Simple Connections, Stronger Families initiative focuses on strengthening family resiliency to cope with life's challenges and to bounce forward from difficult times. There are specific suggestions for families around the seven protective factors of personal wellness, togetherness, communication, parenting style, partner relationships, extended family and community - connections. This type of initiative is at the very grass roots level of crime prevention of putting strategies in place to cope with life's struggles in a healthy, meaningful way.

Doctors Without Borders Canada

Programming and Client Support

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

Doctors Without Borders provides assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict. They do so irrespective of gender, race, religion, creed or political convictions. Observing neutrality and impartiality in the name of universal medical ethics and the right to humanitarian assistance and claims full and unhindered freedom in the exercise of its functions.

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

Programming and Client Support

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

The MS Society provides services to people with multiple sclerosis and their families and funds research to find the cause and cure for this disease. They have a membership of 17,000 and are the only national voluntary organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services.

Peace River School Division No. 10

EE Oliver Breakfast Program

Funded by Frank and Agnes Lovsin Legacy Fund

The Breakfast Program is for everyone and it is important that all students feel welcome in all programs at the school; that they fuel their bodies so that their brains are ready to work; and that they have positive social experiences that extend beyond the classroom and playground.

Suicide Prevention Resource Centre

Breakfast Club

Funded by Young at Art Fund by T. Sedore Photography Fund and the Hannah Ouellette Memorial Supporting Suicide Prevention Resource Centre Fund

The Breakfast Club is a co-ed program for youth, 9 to 17 years old, that helps participants deal with mental health issues, gives them tools and strategies to cope and the opportunity to interact with peers.

The War Amputations of Canada

Programing and Client Support

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

Providing assistance to amputees and their families to ensure they know their rights and are aware of the financial and health-care benefits available to them. They also help in areas such as government benefits, human rights, insurance and legal issues, and war amputees' benefits.

Wounded Warriors Canada

Programing and Client Support

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

Wounded Warriors Canada is able to deliver a national slate of mental health programs and services that are adaptive, innovative and evidence-informed. Their investments are providing life changing and family saving results for our Veterans, First Responders and their families.

Seniors

Grande Prairie & Area Council on Aging

Senior Outreach Support

Funded by Ed Boyce Memorial Fund

Seniors Outreach is a "One Stop Shop" for supports for seniors. Offering assistance with a wide range of issues from pensions to home care, snow removal and Meals on Wheels, Seniors Outreach keeps our region's elderly happy and healthy.

Grande Prairie & District Golden Age Centre

Golden Age Centre Programming and Exercise Equipment

Funded by Morris Financial Group Fund, Dodd Harms Happy Healthy Seniors Fund, Golden Age Centre Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

Incorporated in 1975, the Golden Age Centre is Grande Prairie's seniors' recreational centre. Offering a wide variety of programs and activities aimed at folks over 55 years of age, offerings include dances, crafts, cribbage and indoor curling. The Golden Age Centre is a hub for local seniors to gather, connect and build friendships.

MD of Spirit River

Community Kitchen

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

The Community Kitchen in Spirit River is a community driven project involving team work and community building to help support those in need. Community members ages 65-95 gather to work together to create healthy meals to distribute to those in need in the Spirit River Area. The Program also connects our younger generation with seniors to learn home cooked traditional meals, creating a community hub that connects generations.

Stephen Lewis Foundation

Grandmothers Fund

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

Monies are raised for African grandmothers through the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Resources from the Campaign are invested directly at community level, with grassroots organizations that provide grandmothers and the children in their care with supports that include food, educational supplies, uniforms and school fees, medical care, HIV counselling and testing, adequate housing and bedding, counselling and support groups, home visits, and much more.

Social Services

Beaverlodge Christmas Hamper & Food Bank

Food Bank

Funded by West County Community Fund and Campbell Family Foundation

The community of Beaverlodge has seen an increase in food bank usage. Supporting families in times of need and especially around the holidays helps to create healthy communities.

Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta Northwest Region 1995

Programming and Client Services

Funded by Grande Prairie Auto Group Legacy Fund

As the nation-wide leader and champion for mental health, CMHA facilitates access to the resources people require to maintain and improve mental health and community integration, build resilience, and support recovery from mental illness.

Catholic Family Services Society of Grande Prairie

Professional Counselling

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

The program provides affordable professional counselling services to individuals who are in need of supports and unable to afford them. The program empowers individuals and families to have the capacity to deal with times of crisis.

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre

Food Bank, Soup Kitchen and Spirit Seekers Youth Conference

Funded by Community Foodbank Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

The Grande Prairie Friendship Centre provides hot meals to individuals that are considered at risk or in need. This grant brings much needed resources and support in the face of food insecurity

2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the Spirit Seekers Youth conference with a theme of "Continuation of Resilience." Over 250 youth participate to learn, receive guidance and celebrate indigenous culture. They leave feeling inspired and have a greater sense of belonging.

Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society

Programming and Client Services

Funded by Ed Boyce Memorial Fund and Terry and Darrel Dola Fund

The Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society provides end-of-life care for patients with terminal illnesses and provides support and care for their families. The society works to relieve suffering and improve the quality of living and dying. Care is offered for patients and their loved ones to help meet each individual's medical, psychological, social, spiritual, and practical needs.

John Howard Society of Grande Prairie

The EUREKA Program

Funded by Q-99 Brian Nash Memorial Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

The program is a two-day alternative to violence workshop aimed at grade 7 students. The workshop focuses on character building, community building, and conflict resolution.

St Paul's United Church

Outreach services and programs available for all citizens

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

St. Paul's Congregation is involved in outreach within our community and beyond. They support the work of the Community Dorm Odyssey House women's shelter, the food bank, Habitat for Humanity, the chronically mentally ill and KAIROS (Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives). Advocacy is part of outreach, and St. Paul's has submitted petitions and letters to the government on such issues as child poverty and cancellation of debt for the poorest of the third world countries. In 1999 they began sponsoring a refugee family. The congregation maintains a modest fund from which they can provide immediate assistance to People in times of financial crisis.

Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teens

Pregnant and Parenting Teens Programming

Funded by Grande Prairie Keg Steakhouse and Bar Pregnant Teen Program Fund

Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teens provides support programming for adolescent parents and their children offering a wide range of services and programming with the goal of empowering pregnant and parenting teens to make positive decisions.

The Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community Church

Food Bank and Soup Kitchen

Funded by Happy Trails R.V. Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

The Salvation Army offers assistance for children and families, often tending to the basic necessities of life, providing shelter & care.

Town of Sexsmith - FCSS

Food Bank

Sexsmith and District Community Foundation Fund, Sexsmith Elks Community Fund, Sexsmith Legion #60 Community Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

Our region has seen a rise in foodbank usage over the past year. This grant brings much needed resources and support in the face of food insecurity to the residents of Sexsmith and Area.

United Way Alberta Northwest Society

Innovative Storytelling Project

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Flow Thru Fund

United Way gives people in our community the opportunity to reach their potential and improve their quality of life. They bring together business, government, school boards and others to address the root causes of social issues and develop long-term strategies to solve them.

Wapiti Community Dorm Society

Women's Mat Program - Rotary House

Funded by Evaskevich Family Fund, Grande Prairie & Area Association of Realtors Fund and Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Family Fund

Rotary House offers 24/7/365 accommodation to a wide range of clients. Primary services include single-night emergency beds and mats, transitional affordable housing and onsite supportive staff. In addition, we operate an intox/mat program all year round with extended hours to accommodate the winter months. Men and women who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, are able to stay in this safe environment overnight while their condition stabilizes. The mat program recently added an additional outreach worker to better serve the vulnerable individuals that find themselves in the mat program.

YMCA of Northern Alberta

After-School Learning Adventures

Funded by Campbell Family Foundation, northernSPIRIT fund and Bryden Sparks Arts Family Fund

After School Learning Adventure provides a fun and comfortable social environment for youth to complete their school work, which encourages peer tutoring and promotes the importance of literacy and skill building through educational activities.

Sports/Recreation

County of Grande Prairie

Bezanson Regional Community Cultural Centre

Funded by Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta's Community Impact Fund

The Bezanson Regional Community Cultural Centre is a facility planned to serve the community of Bezanson and surrounding area. The Centre will be a hub for celebrations, sporting events, and the local school.

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2387

Composite High School Football Program

Funded by Simpson/Phillips Family Fund

Encouraging youth athletes, the Grande Prairie Composite High School football program provides young people the chance to pursue their athletic goals and dreams.

KidSport Canada

KidSport Grande Prairie

Funded by Campbell Family Foundation

KidSport believes that no kid should be left on the sidelines and all should be given the opportunity to experience the positive benefits of organized sports. KidSport provides support to children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport.

Peace Area Riding for the Disability Society

Programming and Client Services

Funded by Opdahl Michaud Family Fund

At PARDS they use equine therapy to help people feel healthy and whole. They have a wide range of programs that seek to impact lives in many positive ways.