

## RECREATION FACILITY OPERATIONS GRANT APPLICATION

### PURPOSE

To fund community organizations, agricultural societies, recreation societies or associations and hall boards that are operating community facilities and programs within the County of Vermilion River. The goal is to build experiences that:

- **Preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance natural resources, parkland and recreational opportunities**
- **Enrich the lives of residents and build healthier communities**
- **Provide opportunities for relaxation, learning and socialization to promote personal growth and well-being**
- **Teach, learn and develop skills, abilities and talents for residents of all ages**
- **Encourage active participation and social engagement**
- **Create and enhance community spirit**
- **Enhance recreation, arts (how we express ourselves), culture (who we are), and**
- **Provide open access to County residents**

### FUNDING OVERVIEW

There are a variety of grants available from the County of Vermilion River. These include operational, project and capital funding options for facilities, community halls, as well as grants for Programs & Events.

- Each category of funds has a limited supply of funds. Not all eligible projects may receive funding and even those that are approved may receive less than their requested amounts.
- Funding may vary from year to year and organizations should not expect to receive the same amount from year to year. CVR will have final approval on all fund allocations.
- Those that are approved will be required to complete financial reporting at the end of the project/year. If there is any outstanding reporting from previous projects, the organization will not be considered for new funding until it is submitted properly to CVR.

*Organizations that are funded under existing cost share agreements are ineligible to apply for separate community enhancement funding but may still be eligible to apply for Park Trust Funds.*

### Applications can be submitted:

**Mail:** County of Vermilion River  
Attention: Community Development Coordinator  
4912 50 Ave Box 69 Kitscoty, AB T0B 2P0

**Email:** [community@county24.com](mailto:community@county24.com)

**Fax:** 780.846.2716

**DEADLINE: OCTOBER 13, 2023**

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## WHO CAN APPLY?

- Non-profit organizations and societies operating a community facility (other than a Hall) that is used for instructional programming, organized recreation, community functions, special events, rental or provides services to the community. Eligible applicants should have status under the Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act.

## WHAT CAN THE FUNDS BE USED FOR?

- Allowable operational expenses are insurance, utilities, ongoing yearly maintenance and janitorial expenses. Funds cannot be used for start-up costs, debt reduction, endowments, capital projects or celebrations.
- Other sources of annual funding plus adequate user fees are key criteria to show financial stability and willingness to be self-sustainable.
- Any requests for capital items or significant enhancement of facilities will apply through the Special Capital Projects grant.

## HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?

Recreation facility categories are referenced in PD 021 Community Enhancement Funding Policy. The full policy can be found on our [website](#). Non-profit organizations will be eligible for funding according to what category (Outdoor, Indoor, Community) their recreation facility aligns with. Outdoor recreation facilities include baseball diamonds, golf courses, outdoor rinks, playgrounds, soccer associations and winter recreation. Indoor recreation facilities include curling rinks, indoor rinks and swimming pools. Community recreation facilities include seniors' centers, rodeos and museums. The range of investment in our communities is approved by Council.

FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY FUNDING
Baseball Diamonds (up to a maximum of four)	\$700
Golf Course	\$6,500
Outdoor Rinks	\$3,000
Indoor Rinks	
• Category 1	\$40,000
• Category 2	\$5,000
Curling Rinks (up to a maximum of 3 sheets)	\$4,500
Playgrounds	
• Villages/Hamlets	\$1,000
• Day Use	\$6,000
Soccer (per association)	\$1,000
Winter Recreation	\$6,600
Senior Centers	\$2,600
Ag Grounds	
• Category 1	\$8,000
• Category 2	\$2,000
Museums	\$3,400
Senior Centers	\$2,600

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- Applications are accepted annually in October.
- Visit the County of Vermilion River website or contact the Community Development Coordinator for assistance with the form.
- Recreation Facility Operations Grant Application and submit to the County of Vermilion River on or before the deadline.

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

All applications will be evaluated based on annual allowable operating expenses; commitment to CVR Goals: Diversity and Sustainability; and commitment to recreation focus: Seniors, Youth, Education, Healthy & Active Living and Community Enhancement.

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<b>ORGANIZATION LEGAL NAME:</b>			
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b> (all correspondence and cheques will be mailed to this address) ADDRESS:			
TOWN:		POSTAL CODE:	
If Applicable: Website _____			
Check if you use social media to promote your facility/organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter			
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION:</b>			
	<b>President/Chair</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>			
<b>ARE YOU A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION?</b> ___ YES      ___ NO			
<b>INCORPORATION ACT REGISTERED UNDER:</b> (i.e. Societies Act, Alberta Companies Act, Ag Societies Act, etc.)			
<b>INCORPORATION NUMBER:</b>			
<b>DATE OF INCORPORATION:</b>			

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b>
<b>LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PHYSICAL ADDRESS:</b>
<b>REGISTERED HOLDER OF LAND TITLE:</b>
<b>Select all financial sources that provide revenue for your facility:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rental Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Admission Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Memberships <input type="checkbox"/> User Fees <input type="checkbox"/> Donations <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorships <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Other government grants _____
Other:



**FUNDING REQUEST**

<b>AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED    \$</b>
<b>Describe your operations, services and programs provided:</b>

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOUR FACILITY** (and provide further details where requested)

	<b>Our Organization uses the Facility for hosting special events/programs for the community.</b> If yes, what events/programs does your Organization host?
	<b>Our Facility is available for rental for private functions</b> (weddings, social gatherings, business meetings, special events etc.)
	<b>Our Facility is used by other community organizations at a lower rental fee</b> (child/youth clubs, seniors' groups, sports teams, community clubs etc.)
	<b>Our Facility is used by other community organizations at a normal rental fee</b>
	<b>Our Organization has a long-term strategic plan/capital plan and/or business plan in place.</b> If yes, what year was it last reviewed? _____
	<b>Our Organization works with other community groups to grow and sustain our community and our facilities</b>

**FACILITY USAGE – PRIOR YEAR**

	# OF DAYS	# OF USERS
Total Usage for Facility (# of days the facility is occupied/used in a year and # of users attending those days of use)		
Used by Applicant Organization		
Used by Other Organizations		
Used for Private Functions (i.e. rentals, etc.)		
Provide an overview of the impact your facility has on your community. Please also list community partnerships that your facility is part of and supports (i.e. events, activities, programs etc.)		

**FINANCIAL REPORTING – OPERATIONS FROM PRIOR YEAR**

<b>OPERATING REVENUE:</b>	
User Fees (rentals, memberships, admissions, etc.)	\$
Fundraising	\$
Donations/Bequests/Sponsorships	\$
Grants:	
Municipal	\$
Provincial	\$
Other (i.e. Provincial Associations, etc.)	\$
Other	\$
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Communications & Marketing	\$
Finance, Accounting & Legal	\$
Office & General	\$
Insurance	\$
General Facility Maintenance & Repairs:	
Building	\$
Parking & Landscaping	\$
Equipment	\$
Janitorial	\$
Supplies:	
Janitorial	\$
Equipment/Computers/Printers, etc.	\$
Fundraising	\$
Utilities:	
Natural Gas	\$
Waste Removal/Management	\$
Power	\$
Water/Sewer	\$
Capital Projects/Major Improvements	\$
Other Operational Expenses	\$
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$</b>



**OBLIGATION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Grant funding recipients will receive notification outlining the approved grant amount, including specific items approved or denied. Organizations may only spend grant funds on the specific items approved. Recipients must submit a **Grant Accounting Report** to verify that the funds were spent in the manner intended and approved prior to the next recreation grant funding cycle. Failure to submit a report, or delinquency in submission, may affect future grant application consideration. At any time, grant recipients must permit a representative of the County of Vermilion River to examine financial reports and supporting documents to determine whether the grant funding has been spent as intended and approved.

*Funder Recognition Plan*

Grant recipients will be required to recognize funding received from the County of Vermilion River. Use of the logo is encouraged as it is a recognizable symbol to acknowledge CVR support. If space does not allow for the use of the logo as acknowledgement, it can be via text (ex. Funded in part (by) the County of Vermilion River). Funding recognition plans will be subject to the approval process. Confirmation of the approved funding recognition plan will be included in the approval letter. Please indicate below how grant funding will be recognized.

<b>CHECK ONE:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> On-site Signage	<input type="checkbox"/> County Logo in Agency Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> County Logo in Advertising	<input type="checkbox"/> County Logo recognized at public event
<input type="checkbox"/> County Logo on Agency Social Media	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please describe how you will use the logo in the above select method:	

**Please note: By accepting receipt of this grant, organizations are obligated to complete the County of Vermilion River Community Enhancement & Recreation Grant Accounting Report and show proof of completed funding recognition as indicated above.**

**DECLARATION STATEMENT**

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS APPLICATION CONTAINS A FULL AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF ALL MATTERS STATED WITHIN. FURTHERMORE, I UNDERSTAND FULLY OUR OBLIGATION TO SUBMIT THE GRANT ACCOUNTING REPORT AND ANY REQUESTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Name: (please print)	Title:
_____	_____
Signature:	Date:
_____	_____

*The personal information on this form is being collected for the purpose of determining the eligibility of an applicant to receive recreation funding. This information is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and may become public information once it is submitted to the District Recreation Advisory Board and/or municipal Council and may be published in a Council meeting agenda. Questions regarding the collection of this information can be directed to the FOIP Coordinator at the County of Vermilion River office.*