

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:

- **Are accessible to all County residents**
- **Encourage participation and engagement**
- **Promote personal growth and well-being**
- **Safeguard natural resources, parks, and recreational opportunities**
- **Enhance community wellness**

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 sponsorship opportunities for events & initiatives.

- 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
Box 69 Kitscoty, AB T0B 2P0

In Person:
County of Vermilion River
505040 HWY 897
(Check in with reception upon arrival)

Email: community@county24.com

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 3, 2025

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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.

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	
• Hamlets	\$1,000
• Day Use	\$6,000
Soccer (per association)	\$2,000
Ski Hill	\$15,000
Senior Centers	\$2,600
Ag Grounds	
• Category 1	\$8,000
• Category 2	\$2,000
Museums	\$3,400
Campgrounds	
• Category 1	\$3,000
• Category 2	\$1,000

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; and commitment to recreation focus: Seniors, Youth, Education, Healthy & Active Living and Community Enhancement.

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ORGANIZATION LEGAL NAME:		
MAILING ADDRESS: (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"/> X (Twitter)		
CONTACT INFORMATION:		
	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
Name:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Position:		
ARE YOU A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION? ___ YES ___ NO		INCORPORATION ACT REGISTERED UNDER: (i.e. Societies Act, Alberta Companies Act, Ag Societies Act, etc.)
INCORPORATION NUMBER:		
DATE OF INCORPORATION:		

FACILITY NAME:
LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
REGISTERED HOLDER OF LAND TITLE:
Select all financial sources that provide revenue for your facility: <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Rental Fees</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Admission Fees</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Memberships</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> User Fees</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Donations</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorships</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising</div> </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Other government grants _____ Other:
Does your organization want to receive other information about other grant opportunities? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Email Address to send to:

FUNDING REQUEST

AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED \$

(reference page 2 of the application)

Describe your operations, services and programs provided:

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.)

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

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

Have You Completed the previous year's Year End Report (If no, contact the Community Development Coordinator)

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO**

FINANCIAL REPORTING – OPERATIONS FROM PRIOR YEAR

OPERATING REVENUE:	
User Fees (rentals, memberships, admissions, etc.)	\$
Fundraising	\$
Donations/Bequests/Sponsorships	\$
Grants:	
Municipal	\$
Provincial	\$
Other (i.e. Provincial Associations, etc.)	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
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	\$
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$

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 **Year End 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:**

CHECK ONE:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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.

Do you have annual events that you would like advertised on the CVR website and social media?

NO **YES** (Please provide event name and date)

Events can be submitted at any time on our website: <https://www.vermilion-river.com/explore-the-county/events-calendar#grid>

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 under the authority of the Access to Information Act and the Protection of Privacy Act. It being collected for the purpose of determining the eligibility of an applicant to receive recreation funding. It may become public information once it is submitted to municipal Council and may be published in a Council meeting agenda. Questions regarding the collection of this information can be directed to the County of Vermilion River office.