



2020 Community Impact Grants

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.

Ainsworth Community Fund
Atkin/Curtis Family Fund
Beal Family Fund
Bill Rynsburger Legacy Fund
BMO Bank of Montreal Fund
BP Canada Energy Company Fund
Brick Shopik Family Fund
Canadian Tire Grande Prairie Community Fund
Cardon Homes Fund
Chrenek Dion & Associates Fund
Chris and Amy Richards Community Fund
Christine and Wayne Ayling Family Fund
Clyde and Mary Blackburn Family Fund
Community Impact Endowment Fund
Darrell and Joan Radbourne Family Fund
Diane and Fletcher Bootle Family Fund
Drs. David and Karen Chung Fund
Fletcher Mudryk LLP Fund
Fred Rinne Memorial Fund
Gilbert and Kiela Girard Family Fund
Grande Prairie River Rats Association Fund
Haberman Family Fund
Jody Evans Community Fund
Ken and Cyndy Halbert Family Fund
Kevin and Karen Willsey Family Fund
Kevin and Wendy Szakacs Family Fund
Loretta Thompson Memorial Fund
McLevin Family Fund
Menzies Family Fund
Merv and Dawn Marie Crouse Family Fund
Ness Family Fund
Northey/Wiebe Family Fund
Pat and John Reid Family Fund
Peace Power Corporation Community Fund
Pete and Lori Merlo Family Fund
Pirates Fastball Club Legacy Fund
RBC Peace Country Staff Fund
Ric's Grill Grande Prairie Community Fund
Rotary Club of Grande Prairie Memorial Fund
Sheehan Flint Family Fund
Vincent and Tracey Vavrek Family Fund
Wayne Drysdale Campaign Legacy Fund

Alberta Cancer Foundation

Patient Financial Assistance Program

Funded by Eva Marie Cancer Support Fund

This funding is in support of cancer patients and their families in the northwestern Alberta region.

Bandaged Paws Animal Rescue Association

Programming

Funded by Terry and Darrel Dola Fund

To help injured, homeless, abandoned, or otherwise in need animals find permanent and loving homes.

Beaverlodge Christmas Hamper & Food Bank

Foodbank

Funded by the West County Community Fund

Supporting families in times of need, especially around the holidays, helps to create healthy communities.

Camp Tamarack Association

Operations

Funded by Bill and Marg Bowes Family Fund

Striving to provide an inclusive and barrier free outdoor camping experience through accessible, fun-filled and innovative programs.

Canadian Cancer Society

Cancer Research

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family 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.

Catholic Family Services

Back to Business Face to Face

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

Catholic Family Services needed to get back to business and being able to see people face to face. Funding was required to provide safe COVID-19 practices to see clients in person.

Centre for Creative Arts Society of Grande Prairie

Healing Arts Program Initiative (HAPI)

Funded by the 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.

City of Grande Prairie

Pursuit of Excellence

Funded by the Come Fly With Me Legacy Fund

This award is given to local athletes who require assistance to enhance their training and development.

Compassion House Foundation

Support a Suite

Funded by Eva Marie Cancer Support Fund

Support a Suite at Sorrentino's Compassion House, covering all the costs of the suite for an entire year. This suite will provide a haven for women and families from northwestern Alberta.

Doctors Without Borders Canada

Programming

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

Providing assistance to populations in distress, to victims of natural or man-made disasters and to victims of armed conflict.

Elders' Caring Shelter Society of Grande Prairie

Youth and Elder's Retreat 2021

Funded by Dodd Harms Happy Healthy Seniors Fund, Community Impact Fund, Grande Prairie & Area Association of Realtors Fund and Evaskevich 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.

Grande Prairie & District Golden Age Centre

Administration

Funded by Golden Age Centre Fund

Incorporated in 1975, the Golden Age Centre is Grande Prairie's seniors' recreational centre.

Grande Prairie and District Grief Support Association

Alternative Programming

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

Responding to the needs of children and youth struggling with the changes stemming from COVID-19.

Grande Prairie and Area Safe Communities Committee

Safe Seats Program

Funded by Community Impact Fund

This program will provide safety and costs associated with child passenger safety, including training and equipment.

Grande Prairie Council for Lifelong Learning Society

Support of Female Newcomers

Funded by Spirit of the Peace Entrepreneurial Women's Fund

Providing adult learning programs and services related to employment, literacy, career, public education and English as a second language.

Grande Prairie Family Education Society

Administration

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

A family resource network to help strengthen families to thrive through connection, support and resilience.

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre

Traditional Healing Garden - \$24,000

Funded by Grande Prairie Lions Club Fund for Mental Health, Underwood Fund, Ed Boyce Memorial Fund, Grande Prairie Auto Group Legacy Foundation Fund, Campbell Family Foundation, Terry Ward KMSC Staff Fund, and Community Impact Fund

Building a community garden that will encompass vegetables, herbs, berry bushes and traditional medicines with an arbor that will be in the middle of the garden. This is a place to sit, reflect, visit and learn from our Elders.

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre

Community Kitchen

Funded by Community Kitchen and Food Bank Fund and Happy Trails RV Fund

Providing 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.

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre

Babies Best Start

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Fund

During the onset of COVID-19, Babies Best Start was in need of diapers, wipes and formula to provide these to community members.

Grande Prairie Friendship Centre

Care Kits

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Fund

Care kits were made to supply essential items to the elder's in the community. These kits were delivered directly to the seniors at their home.

Grande Prairie Hospice Palliative Care Society

Administration

Funded by Palliative Care Fund

Providing end-of-life care for patients with terminal illnesses and provides support and care for their families.

Grande Prairie Live Theatre Society

Administration

Funded by Grande Prairie Live Theatre Fund

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

Grande Prairie Public Library

Administration

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 Hospital Foundation

Administration

Funded by Bill and Marg Bowes Family Fund and Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

Engaging with our communities to support excellence in healthcare.

Junior Achievement Northern Alberta

Digital Programs

Funded by Beattie Family Fund and Logan Family Fund

Dedicated to educating students about work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs.

KidSport™ Canada

Hockey and Administration

Funded by Jeff Toews Memorial Foundation Fund, Q-99 Brian Nash Memorial Fund, kidSport Grande Prairie Fund, Mike Evans Fun For Kids Fund, Campbell Family Foundation and Community Impact Fund

KidSport provides support to children in order to remove financial barriers that prevent them from playing organized sport.

Mennonite Central Committee Alberta

MCC Calgary Group 17272 Refugee Sponsorship

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

Providing a multitude of resources, products through food, relief, education, health and more!

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Alberta Division

Administration and programming

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family 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.

Northern Lakes College

High Prairie Campus Project

Funded by Frank and Agnes Lovsin Legacy Fund

Help equip the Teaching Kitchen in the new High Prairie Campus including components of the Culinary Arts program.

Northreach Society (HIV North Society)

Re-opening amid COVID-19

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

This project allowed the society to connect and support clients and community as a whole while keeping staff safe and healthy.

Odyssey House

Shoulder to Shoulder Garage Program

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

A volunteer based, peer led program working towards engaging men and boys during the pandemic by creating a safe space where men can work together on projects, connect and interact with positive community leaders.

P.A.C.E. (Providing Assistance, Counseling, and Education on Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse)

Administration and programming

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

P.A.C.E. strives to develop an organization with skills, knowledge and resources in dealing with crisis, post traumatic stress, sexual abuse, child abuse, domestic violence and suicide. Also, to influence and educate communities to respond to individuals and victims with compassion and respect

P.A.C.E.

Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Safety Net

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

Project funding is for direct client emergency costs related to client safety, stability, and access to appropriate services.

Peace Area Riding for the Disability Society (PARDS)

Administration

Funded by Bill and Marg Bowes Family Fund and Percy Family Fund

PARDS supports individuals of all ages and abilities to maximize their growth and potential; physically, cognitively, behaviourally and socially, through equine assisted programs and activities.

Peace Regional Outreach Student and Daycare Support Society

The Outreach – Safe Return to Youth Supports

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

Funding provided was used to safely reconnect vulnerable youth/students and their daycare-attending children to supports and services needed for their school needs.

Peace Wapiti School Division No. 76 (Spirit River Regional Academy)

Technology

Funded by Woronuk Legacy Fund

Funding is being used to purchase Chrome Books for students to be able to use for school projects and in home learning as needed.

Prairie Gallery Society (Art Gallery Society of Grande Prairie)

Administration

Funded by Bill and Marg Bowes Family Fund

The Art Gallery works to enrich the community through the creation, conservation and sharing of art.

Prairie Gallery Society (Art Gallery Society of Grande Prairie)

Community Art Project - COVID-19

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Fund

The Art Gallery works to enrich the community through the creation, conservation and sharing of art. This project was to capture COVID-19 in our region.

Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Foundation

Non-Ambulatory Transport Van

Funded by Kevin and Karen Willsey Family Fund, Kevin and Wendy Szakacs Family Fund, McLevin Family Fund, Merv and Dawn Marie Crouse Family Fund, Peace Power Corporation Community Fund, Pete and Lori Merlo Family Fund, Pirates Fastball Club Legacy Fund, RBC Peace Country Staff Fund, Ric's Grill Grande Prairie Community Fund, Rotary Club of Grande Prairie Memorial Fund and Sheehan Flint Family Fund

The "NAT Van" will be used to move patients within the city instead of using an ambulance. By making sure our community has access to a unit that can move multiple stable patients at once, will keep our current ambulances available for emergency response or high acuity transfers. We know that a small investment now will pay dividends to the health care of our community.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Alberta Society

Programming

Funded by Grande Prairie Keg Steakhouse and Bar Supporting Youth with Cancer Fund

Providing support for kids with cancer in our Northwestern Alberta Region.

Slave Lake Regional Library Board

Administration

Funded by Slave Lake Municipal Library Fund

It is the library's mission to provide access to the world of social and cultural ideas for the community by offering a wide variety of materials, emerging technologies and programs.

Society for Support To Pregnant and Parenting Teens (Pregnant Teen Program)

Programming

Funded by Grande Prairie Keg Steakhouse & Bar Prenant Teen Program Fund and Sheehan Flint Family Fund

Supporting pregnant and parenting young families in Grande Prairie and the surrounding area. They offer non-judgmental, confidential, free support with dedicated, trained professionals.

Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teens

Online Advantage

Funded by Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund

Providing support to help bring the society to be able to offer programming barrier free for clients and staff due to COVID-19.

Society for Support to Pregnant and Parenting Teens

Baby steps towards success and programming

Funded by Grande Prairie Keg Steakhouse & Bar Pregnant Teen Program Fund and Sheehan Flint Family Fund

Funds will be used for training of volunteers, program resources/materials and promotion of and supplies for groups or classes.

St Paul's United Church

Sound and AV System

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

The church requires some updating and new equipment to be able to continue its services online and in person. These funds will provide a much needed upgrade.

Stephen Lewis Foundation

Grandmothers Fund

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

The Grandmothers Fund supports grassroots organizations that provide grandmothers and the children in their care with supports that include food, educational supplies, uniforms and school fees, medical care, adequate housing, counselling and support groups, home visits, and much more.

Suicide Prevention Resource Centre

Programs and Services

Funded by Hannah Ouellette Memorial Supporting Suicide Prevention Resource Centre Fund

Working to reduce suicide, suicidal behavior, and their effects, by promoting positive alternatives and healthy coping skills.

The Cool Aid Society of Grande Prairie

COVID Relief and Art Supplies

Funded by Janet Evans Legacy Fund, Young at Art Fund by T. Sedore Photography Fund and Sheehan Flint Family 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.

The Grande Prairie Regional College Alumni/Foundation

Student Services

Funded by Percy Family Fund

These funds are for the Student Services Department to use as emergency monies for any students that are in financial need. This could include food, shelter, books, tuition, etc.

The Grande Prairie Regional College Alumni/Foundation

Administration

Funded by Bill and Marg Bowes Family Fund

The GPRC Alumni/Foundation is the community-based organization that represents donors, volunteers, supporters and Alumni of GPRC.

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2357*Greenhouse Club**Funded by Aquatera and Marcotte Family Fund*

The Composite High School has a functioning Greenhouse club and they will use this funding to continue this club and it's activities.

The Grande Prairie School District No. 2357*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.

The John Howard Society of Grande Prairie*Eureka Program**Funded by Care Human Services Staff Gives Fund, Beattie Family Fund, northernSPIRIT Fund, Morris Financial Group Fund, Ainsowrth Community Fund, Beal Family Fund, 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.

The Oasis Fellowship of Grande Prairie*Addiction and Well-Being Project**Funded by Individuals at Risk Shelter Fund and Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund*

Meeting the emotional and addiction related needs within the homeless community in a wholistic manner.

The Salvation Army Grande Prairie Community Church*Food Bank**Funded by the Prairie Villa Legacy Fund, Better Together COVID-19 Response Fund and Community Kitchen and Foodbank Fund, Dodd Harms Happy Healthy Seniors Fund*

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

The War Amputations of Canada*Programming**Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family 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.

Town of Sexsmith FCSS*Food Bank**Funded by Sexsmith Elks Community Fund, Sexsmith Insurance Ltd. Fund and Sexsmith Legion #60 Community Fund*

grant brings much needed resources and support in the face of food insecurity to the residents of Sexsmith and Area.

Town of High Level*Rebuilding after the Fires**Funded by High Level Rebuilding Fund*

Support of mental health workshops intended for emergency responders and municipal employees involved with the fire response during the High Level forest fires.

Wapiti Community Dorm Society

Administration

Funded by Mac and Chris Henderson Family Fund

Wapiti Community Dorm, also known as 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.

Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF)

This year we also were entrusted, by the Government of Canada through Community Foundations of Canada, a large sum of monies to distribute to the Northwestern Alberta Region.

Bezanson Agricultural Society
Catholic Family Services Society of Grande Prairie
Central Peace FCSS c/o Municipal District of Spirit River #133
CNIB
Elder's Caring Shelter
Fairview Fine Arts Society
Frontier College
GP Lifelong Learning
Grande Prairie & District Catholic Schools Education Foundation
Grande Prairie & Safe Communities
Grande Prairie Family Education Society
Grande Prairie Friendship Centre
Grande Prairie Live Theatre
Grande Prairie Palliative Care Society
Grande Prairie Public Library
Grande Prairie Public School Division Education Foundation
Khwahish Centre (via Gursikh Missionary Society)
Lacrete FCSS
Manning Anglican Church
Manning Regional Child Care Association
MD of Greenview - Louis Delorme
MD of Spirit River
Mountain Plains
Northreach Society
PACE
Ronald McDonald House Charities Alberta Society
Society for Support To Pregnant and Parenting Teens (Pregnant Teen Program)
Suicide Prevention Resource Centre
Sunrise House
The Kidney Foundation of Canada
The Oasis Fellowship
Town of Fox Creek
Town of High Level
Valleyview Victims Assistance Heart Committee
Wapiti Community Dorm Society