

# RURAL COMMUNITY FUND OF FORTY MILE

Annual Year In Review



When **GIVING**  
**MATTERS** Most



**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
*of Southeastern Alberta*

## THANK YOU!

**TO OUR MANY DONORS, SPONSORS & FRIENDS,**

Our Forty Mile region has received an incredible level of grant support this year, and we cannot thank you enough for your continued and ongoing support of our local Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile, and for all that you do to support our area. We encourage you to read about all the incredible projects that have received support through the CFSEA in the past year.

We are looking forward to growing our fund in the coming year, which in turn assists in supporting many more non-profit and charitable projects that will achieve our mission and help our area continue to be a vibrant, healthy, caring community – today, tomorrow, forever!

On behalf of our CFSEA board, staff and our local Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile Advisory Committee, we wish you all the best this holiday season and throughout 2021!

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THE COUNTY OF FORTY  
MILE, TOTALING  
\$96,115.50!!!***

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# CFSEA Grants \$35,000 in Forty Mile - Fall 2019

6 CHARITIES AND  
NON-PROFIT GROUPS  
SUPPORTED

***In November 2019 our Fall Grant Reception was held and \$35,000 in grants were provided to six different non-profit and charitable groups in our region.***

Our Fall 2019 Smart & Caring grants were awarded to the Bow Island Municipal/Susan Andersen Library (\$5,000) to finish their solarium project; the North Forty Mile Recreation Society for the Town of Bow Island Arena Accessibility Project (\$5,000); and the Bow Island Historical & Tourism Society also received a (\$10,000) grant for maintenance of the Bow Theatre.

The region also received an additional \$15,000 in grants through the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge held in partnership with Community Foundations Canada. Partnering with youth in the community, Foremost School received a grant of \$5,000 for their youth entrepreneurship program; the Foremost Evangelical-Free Church received \$5,000 for their Re-Create youth program; and the Town of Bow Island - Youth Swim Club also received a grant of \$5,000.

The dollars from these grants are already in place through each of these organizations, benefiting many throughout our County of Forty Mile!



*"Only by giving are you able to receive  
more than you already have."*

~Jim Rohn





# \$5,000 Grant Received for Spring Repurposed Funds

## FCSS RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT YOUTH PROGRAMS

The 2020 year has looked considerably different and presented challenging times for many, as we are sure you would agree.

When our communities were facing uncertainty at the start of the pandemic, the CFSEA Board of Directors quickly pivoted to ensure that the greatest needs throughout Southeastern Alberta would be served.

The Board made a decision to re-purpose the 2020 Spring Smart & Caring grants to

address the urgent and immediate needs due to the impacts of COVID19 across the Southeastern Alberta region.

Over a two-month period the grants committee met and recommended funding to 18 charities in Southeast Alberta totaling \$104,030.

***The Forty Mile Regional FCSS received a \$5,000 Spring Repurposed Grant during this time for its Summer Fun Program, presented to Youth Workers (bottom left) by local committee members Clint Thacker and Curtis Gouw.*** It

was a program that many youth and families across the region were able to participate in, keeping everyone active throughout the summer months.

Supporting vulnerable populations, such as youth and their families was a primary goal of the Spring Repurposed grants, and our region.



*"Giving isn't just about making a donation.  
It's about making a difference."*

~Kathy Calvin





# **\$36,711.50 Granted for COVID19 Response in County of Forty Mile**

7 CHARITIES RECEIVE  
FUNDING TO  
SUPPORT INCREASED  
NEEDS DUE TO  
COVID19

The Stay-At-Home Gala was held in spring to establish a COVID19 Response Fund for SE Alberta, and our County of Forty Mile raised over \$4,000 in sponsorship and donations! To date, there have been five rounds of funding through the COVID19 Response Fund, and many needs in our Forty Mile region have been supported.

***In total, the County of Forty Mile has received \$36,711.50 grants from COVID19 Response Fund for SE Alberta.***

These grants would not be possible without the generous contributions made by donors, such as yourself, as well as the Government of Alberta and the Stay-At-Home Gala proceeds.

**COVID19 Response Fund for SE Alberta Grant recipients include:**

- **Etzikom Museum \$1,336.50**
- **Bow Island Golden Ages Club \$5,025**
- **Forty Mile Christian Education Society \$10,000**
- **Forty Mile Regional FCSS Meals on Wheels Program \$15,000**
- **Village of Foremost \$1,800 (Presented to Mayor Lorne Buis & Marilyn Hirschie - below, left)**
- **Bow Island Fire Dept \$1,800 (Presented to Fire Chief, Blaine O'Donnell - below, middle)**
- **Bow Island Susan Andersen Library \$1,800 (Presented to Kathryn VanDorp - below, right)**





# Fall 2020 Smart & Caring Grants Total \$19,400!

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DIFFERENT, BUT  
GRANTING IN  
SUPPORT OF NON-  
PROFIT AND  
CHARITABLE NEEDS  
IN THE REGION  
REMAINS A PRIORITY.*

While our Fall 2020 Grant Reception plans looked a little different this year with in-person celebrations not being possible at this time, grants totaling \$19,400 were awarded on December 2, 2020. Mayor Lorne Buis and Marilyn Hirschie accepted a grant of \$2,400 **(below, left)** for the Village of Foremost Splash Park. Rachel Stromsmoe of the Etzikom Museum **(below, right)** was also presented with a grant of \$17,000 for accessibility and technology upgrades.



## A FINAL NOTE OF THANKS ...

Many amazing CFSEA granting initiatives have happened this year. These grants would not be possible without your generous donations, so thank you!

We also want to thank our local Advisory Committee for their dedication and hard work. Through the work of our committee members (Chair- Clint Thacker, Jill Bernhart, Lorne Buis, Curtis Gouw, Stephanie Hlady, Nathan Kiffiak, Tyson Ormann, Larry Robinson, and John VanTryp) it has been an incredible year of reviewing and distributing grants throughout the region.

For ongoing updates, you can visit our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter.

***If you would like more info or wish to make a donation to support the charitable needs of our region, forever, please contact our local Rural Fund Coordinator, Michelle MacLean at 403.866.8901 or 40milefund@cfsea.ca.***



*"We donate because seeing the impact the foundation has in our region, forever, is very rewarding."*

*~Clint & Robin Thacker*

