

RURAL COMMUNITY FUND OF FORTY MILE

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OUR OBJECTIVE

For us, it is all about how **WE GROW** by engaging donors with causes they are passionate about; **how WE GIVE** by distributing investment income to a broad range of community initiatives; and how **WE take action to INSPIRE** to connect issues, convene partners and develop community-based solutions. Ultimately, the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile is here, forever, to assist with the needs of non-profit groups and charities in the County of Forty Mile by growing our fund through corporate and individual donations.

OUR HISTORY

John Ignatius created what is now the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta in 1992, with an initial endowed donation of \$25,000. When John passed-away in January 2000, he contributed in excess of \$2.4 million, but his biggest legacy was the original creation of the Foundation which continues to support vibrant, healthy, caring communities across Southeastern Alberta – today, tomorrow, forever!

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTHEASTERN ALBERTA (CFSEA)

With the help of other friends and donors, the endowment is worth **over \$25 million dollars** and the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta grants approximately **\$300,000-\$400,000 each year** to up to 70 different local charities, school districts and municipalities. To date, over **\$6 million dollars** has been granted throughout the southeastern Alberta area. **In our County of Forty Mile region alone there has been over \$230,000 received in grants, with over \$123,000 granted to 23 charities/non-profits/projects since Spring 2019.**

The CFSEA is a registered charitable organization that distributes funds to all areas including human services, health, education, justice, environment, arts, culture, recreation, and community development. Our grants are dispersed twice annually. **What sets the Community Foundation apart from other charitable organizations is that our donors' initial gifts are never spent.** Instead, every donation is prudently invested for the long-term benefit of our communities. It is the investment income generated that is granted out to non-profits, registered charities and qualified donees throughout Southeastern Alberta.

RURAL COMMUNITY FUND OF FORTY MILE

In Fall 2018, three community funds were established to serve the charitable needs of specific geographical regions within Southeastern Alberta, to enable the community to "give where you live." **This included the development of the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile.** This permanent fund, or endowment, has been established by local-residents and they operate using the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta's charitable status, administration and financial supports.

In its first year the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile doubled its fundraising goal, and the fund is now over \$40,000, thanks in part to an original matching donation of \$10,000 from the CFSEA board. The Spring 2019 grant process supported the \$10,000 grant for the Senator Gershaw Track Enhancement Program. In the of Fall 2019 the Susan Andersen Library in Bow Island and Town of Bow Island Arena Project each received \$5,000 in grants, and the Bow Island Historical & Tourism Society also received a \$10,000 grant for the maintenance of the Bow Theatre. Fall 2019 also saw an additional \$15,000 in grants come into our region through the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge held in partnership with Community Foundations Canada. Partnering with youth in the community, Foremost School received \$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 \$5,000. In Spring 2020 the grant cycle was directed to the needs that arose from the COVID19 pandemic, and a \$5,000 grant was received by Forty Mile Regional FCSS to support its Summer Youth Program. The COVID19 Response Fund for SE Alberta was then established, and to date, groups in our Forty Mile region have received over \$41,000 in grants. The 2020 Fall Smart & Caring Grant Cycle resumed and an additional \$19,400 in grants were awarded to Etzikom Museum (\$17,000 for display enhancements and facility upgrades) and the Village of Foremost (\$2,400 for a final component of the Splash Park Project). Spring 2021 Smart & Caring Grants were then awarded to Forty Mile Park Board (\$2,400 for park construction) and the Foremost Ag Society (\$10,000 towards the purchase of a tractor). The Fall 2021 Smart & Caring Grants will soon be announced!

It has been incredible building our fund and distributing grants through our local Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile committee, chaired by Clint Thacker and additional committee members Lorne Buis, Tyson Ormann, Larry Robinson, Nathan Kiffiak, Stephanie Hlady, John VanTryp, Curtis Gouw, Raylene Hobbs and Joe Eisenlohr. We look forward to growing our endowment fund and assisting on many more non-profit projects that will achieve our mission and help our area continue to be **a vibrant, healthy, caring community – today, tomorrow, forever!**

Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile Funding Summary

Smart & Caring Grants



2019

- \$10,000 - Senator Gershaw School
- \$5,000 - Bow Island Susan Andersen Library
- \$5,000 - North Forty Mile Recreation Society Accessible Bathroom Bow Island Arena
- \$10,000 - Bow Island Historical & Tourism Society Bow Theatre Upgrades

2020

- \$17,000 - Etzikom Museum Accessible Upgrades & Facility Enhancements
- \$2,400 - Village of Foremost Splash Park

2021

- \$2,400 - Forty Mile Park Foundation Park Project
- \$10,000 - Foremost Agricultural Society Tractor Purchase
- \$7,047.50 - Friends of Bow Island Library Society - Bow Island Children's Festival

COVID-19 Response Fund for Southeastern Alberta



2020

- \$1,336.50 - Etzikom Museum picnic tables
- \$5,025 - Bow Island Golden Ages Centre PPE
- \$10,000 - Forty Mile Christian Academy laptops
- \$15,000 - Forty Mile Regional FCSS 'Meals on Wheels Program'
- \$1,800 - Bow Island Fire Department sanitizing units
- \$1,800 - Bow Island Susan Andersen Library computer area sanitize & safety upgrades
- \$1,750 - Village of Foremost sanitizing units

Youth in Philanthropy YiP 2021



\$1,800 - Senator Gershaw School
Kale Porteous Memorial Splash Park

\$1,800 - Cherry Coulee Christian Academy
Prairie Gleaners Association

\$ 900 - St. Michael's School Bow Island
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Medicine Hat Women's Shelter Youth
Camp Program

RBC Future Launch Community Challenge



2019

- \$5,000 - Foremost School
- \$5,000 - Foremost RE-Create Youth Program
- \$5,000 - Bow Island Youth Swim Club

2020 Spring Repurposed Grant



2020

- \$5,000 - Forty Mile Regional FCSS Summer Fun Youth Program

24 GRANTS & \$130,958.50 AWARDED IN FORTY MILE SINCE 2019

When GIVING MATTERS Most

2.5 YEARS OF SERVICE

**LOCAL COMMITTEE
MEMBERS**

10

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\$130,958.50 GRANTED



\$47,000+ RAISED

Since establishing the Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile in 2019, our LOCAL committee of volunteers have made an impact on our region in a number of ways.

Connect with our local committee to find out more, or contact us at 403.866.8901.



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