



Town of Bassano and County of Newell Recreation Funding Committee

December 13, 2022

Attention: Recreation, Leisure, and Culture Groups of Bassano

We are pleased to announce an early release of the 2023 Recreation Grant Program. The recreation grant fund is made possible by the Town of Bassano and the County of Newell to support recreation and leisure programming in the community. An early release of the program supports local organizations as members start to plan for their upcoming season or event. Applications apply to projects/programs/events between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023.

Quick tips to improve your chance of success when applying for this grant. The process has not changed from the 2022 program:

1. Review Application Guidelines (Schedule B). This explains who can apply for what and why.
2. Follow the Application Process (Schedule C). This provides an example of how to complete an application.
3. Check out the Grade Matrix (Schedule F). This tells you how the grant funders will grade your application.
4. Complete the Application Form (Schedule D). Reference the Guideline; Process; and Grade Matrix. Contact the Town Office to review your application prior to submission. This could save you time.

User groups have made real efforts to reduce operating costs, costs that have risen due to inflation and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. With this in mind, both the Town and County have approved an inflationary increase to the grant funding, raising available funds from \$50,000 to \$54,000 for the 2023 funding cycle. Thank you for continuing to provide accessible recreation and leisure opportunities for our community.

If you have any questions about the program or your application, contact Sydney Smith at (403) 641-3788 or assistant@bassano.ca. Remember you must submit your Follow-up Form if you received funds in 2022 to be eligible for funds in 2023. Applications will open on March 31, 2023. Applications are available online at www.bassano.ca or www.countyofnewell.ab.ca. or for pick up at the Town Office.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Davis".

Amanda Davis, CAO

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1. Recreation Grant Package