

4.(a) RECREATION & CULTURE FUNDING

Policy

Mountain View County will provide an annual grant to the urban centres for recreation and cultural programs and facilities that are available for use by rural residents in Mountain View County.

Regulations:

1. The intended use of this grant is for recreation and cultural purposes but is not limited to those uses. This grant cannot be used for essential services such as public works and education.
2. This grant will be provided annually to each urban centre in Mountain View County.
3. This grant will be a per capita grant based on the rural population in each recreation district as identified in Schedule A.
4. The rural population used for determining this grant will be from the most recent federal census.
5. The per capita rate will be annually adjusted by the previous year's Alberta Full Consumer Price Index.
6. Funding requests for rural facilities and programs will be directed to the County with the exception of Cremona.
7. Cremona will be the only urban centre required to have a recreation board with County representation.
8. Grants will be paid by June 30th.
9. County Council may choose to spread a grant increase or decrease over the first two years following a new federal census.
10. Unused grant funds by urban centres in the fiscal year may be set aside for future recreation and cultural uses of the respective urban centre and are to be stated separately on the respective urban centre financial statement as "County Recreation and Culture Reserve".
11. Each urban centre will send a brief report to the County by March 31st following the end of each fiscal year identifying the programs and/or facilities for which the grant was used or intended to be used.
12. The per capita rate for 2001 will be \$28.

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SERVICES**

13. The 2001 per capita grant will include the following transition criteria:
 - (a) Olds & Didsbury will be grandfathered and will receive the same amount as the 2000 grant.
 - (b) The 2001 grant for Cremona will be reduced by the amounts to grandfather Olds and Didsbury.
14. This policy will be reviewed following each census, excluding 2001, prior to grant determination using the new census data.

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BACKGROUND:

Recreation grants for annual urban operations have previously been distributed on a combination of live assessment and population. This policy changes the recreation funding approach as follows:

- The same amount per rural resident is transferred to each urban centre.
- Each urban centre may use these funds as they wish for recreation and cultural purposes.
- Rural communities and residents may request special funding from the County rather than going to the towns as previously required.
- County membership on rural recreation boards will not be required with the exception of Cremona.
- The Village of Cremona Recreation Board will continue to distribute funds on behalf of the County due to the high percentage of rural residents in that community.
- The capital funding policy passed by County Council in 2000 will remain, i.e. urban centres are eligible for up to \$50/capita for approved capital projects.