

Detailed Application Reviews

Operational Community Applications

Adjacent Municipalities

1. **Beiseker Minor Hockey Association (BMHA)**

Request:

\$11,000.00 to provide each of the six teams with seven player skill training sessions, and pay for referees at home games.

Background:

- Beiseker Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) is a completely volunteer-run organization that provides a safe and enjoyable hockey atmosphere for our children aged 5 to 18.
- Of the 89 children who take part in BMHA programs, 80 (90%) are County residents. The decrease in registrations from last year is due to the fact that some players have decided not to play this year because of COVID 19, and more older players have aged out of the program than new young players have entered.

Application review:

- Anticipated annual operational costs are \$94,235.00, and the projected revenue (player fees and ice rental), is \$54,170.00, for a deficit of \$40,065.00.
- The requested funds from RVC equals 12% of the club's projected expenses.
- The group notes that over 60 hours a week are dedicated in volunteer time by the coaches, managers, treasurers, and score keepers.
- No matching funds have been provided by the Village of Beiseker; BMHA does not anticipate support from the Village, as most of the players are County residents.
- The application meets all other requirements of Policy C-317.
- As the application does not align with policy C-317, Administration recommends that the Beiseker Minor Hockey Association's funding request be declined.

2. **Camp Chestermere Association (CCA)**

Request:

\$6,000.00 to assist with snow removal costs.

Background:

- Camp Chestermere Association (CCA) is a faith-based, not-for-profit organization focused on building relationships, creating experiences, and developing people.
- During the months of July and August, they run day and overnight camps for children ages 5 to 18.
- Approximately 322 (47.4%) of the total 679 people who access the facility are County residents.
- The organization works with many local community groups and allows access to their facility during the school year.
- A wide range of community-focused events are also hosted by the organization, such as the Halloween Howler, Family Fun Fair, and Winter Wonderland.

Application review:

- Anticipated annual operational costs are \$1,045,286.00, and the projected revenue (primarily program fees, rental revenue and grants), is \$1,036,815.00, for a deficit of \$8,471.00.
- Though the official funding request is for snow clearing (the camp's top priority), CCA has emphasized that any additional support to help cover insurance costs (\$44,000/year) and utilities costs (\$74,700/year) would be appreciated.
- The requested funds from RVC equals 1% of the camp's projected expenses.
- No matching operational funds have been provided by the City of Chestermere; matching funding has been received in 2020 for a bike program and for the HVAC update (also funded by RVC).
- The application meets all other requirements of Policy C-317.
- As matching funding has not been received from the City of Chestermere for this year's operational expenses, Administration recommends that the Camp Chestermere Association's funding request be declined.

Community Capital Applications*Adjacent Municipalities***3. Cochrane Minor Baseball Association (CMBA)**Request:

\$3,000.00 to assist with purchase of a batting cage, portable pitching mound, and shed.

Background:

- Cochrane Minor Baseball (CMBA) offers baseball for children aged 4 to 16 of all skill levels, and a Challenger program for children with cognitive and physical disabilities.
- CMB rents diamond space from the Town of Cochrane.
- Of the 656 participants, 63 (10%) are County residents.
- The organization has seen an average growth rate of 21% over the last 5 years.
- The grant request will allow the groups to use the diamonds for multiple age groups.

Application review:

- The total cost of this project is \$12,688.49.
- The surplus that the organization has is dedicated towards operations during the pandemic.
- CMBA will be seeking matching funds from Community Facilities Enhancement Program (GOA), CIP Project Based Grants (GOA), Cochrane Foundation, BREC, Cochrane Community Grants, UFA Rural Communities Foundation.
- The application does not meet policy, as matching funds have not been provided by the Town of Cochrane.
- The application meets all other requirements of Policy C-317.
- As matching funding has yet to be confirmed from the Town of Cochrane or any other sources for this project, Administration recommends that Cochrane Minor Baseball Association's funding request be declined.

4. Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association (ECAA)

Request:

\$7,614.00 to repair and improve Ranchlands Horse Park (in Cochrane), install media stands and a storage facility, and purchase a generator.

Background:

- ECAA is a not for profit club that promotes the sport of Extreme Cowboy Racing, which is the “Family Cowboy Sport for all riding levels”.
- Of their current membership of 133, 113 (85%) are County residents. It is estimated that roughly 300 County residents that attend events as spectators. Participant numbers have decreased due to the pandemic. Membership ages range from 7 to 70 years.
- ECA events are held primarily at the Cochrane and District Agricultural Society (CDAS) indoor arena and the outdoor arena at Ranchlands Horse Park (located on leased County lands in Cochrane).
- Ranchlands Horse Park has been recognized as one of the world’s top two or three outdoor Extreme Cowboy Racing racecourses.
- The CDAS lands are currently under lease from the County, but title is in the process of being transferred to the CDAS.

Application review:

- The total cost of this project is \$30,456.00.
- ECAA will be seeking matching funds from Alberta Equestrian Federation, the Community Facility Enhancement Program, and the Town of Cochrane.
- Due to limited available cash funds, ECAA is depending upon pending grant requests to fund 75% of this project.
- The application does not meet policy, as matching funds have not been provided by the Town of Cochrane.
- The application meets all other requirements of Policy C-317.
- As the Town of Cochrane has not provided matching funds, Administration recommends that Extreme Cowboy Alberta Association’s funding request be declined.