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## **Community Foundation announces spring grant recipients *\$67,456 in community and designated grants announced***

**Medicine Hat, Alberta (June 16, 2011)** – In continuing its rich history of supporting charitable organizations in the region, the Community Foundation of Medicine Hat and Southeastern Alberta today announced a grants distribution totaling \$67,456.

Over half of the grant funds will go toward nine community projects. Groups applied for these funds in March and the Foundation’s grants committee undertook the process of choosing the grant recipients. These community groups will receive \$42,991 of the funds while the other \$24,465 is allocated to pre-determined designated grants for charitable organizations in the region.

The Community Foundation has now awarded 689 grants in its 19-year history, worth over \$2.8 million.

“We are proud to be able to help build our community into an even better place,” said executive director Mike Christie. “This spring’s grants enable our foundation to support many facets of the community and continue our long-standing efforts to be a 360-degree grant maker.”

The grants announced today include funds to support Youth, Health & Social Services, Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Environment.

Community grants this spring include:

<b>Kidsport</b>	Continuing Funding	\$10,000
<b>#15 Air Cadet Squadron Sponsorship Committee</b>	Activity Support	\$4000

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<b>Canadian Mental Health</b>	Computers and DVD Replacement	\$2509
<b>Society of Friends of the Monarch Theatre</b>	Digital DVD Projector and Support System	\$9107
<b>Medicine Hat Public Library</b>	Microform scanner/digitizer	\$6000
<b>Saamis Immigration Services Association</b>	Concrete Repair	\$2690
<b>Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education</b>	Aboriginal Day Celebrations	\$1500
<b>Medicine Hat and District Citizen Advocacy Society</b>	Community Advocacy Program (CAP)	\$6500
<b>Persian Dreams and Canine Themes Rescue Society</b>	Feral Cat Colony Control Program	\$685

Shelley Ross, Chief Librarian at the Medicine Hat Public Library, said their Community Foundation grant for the microform scanner/digitizer will allow greater capacity to digitize and distribute historical records.

“We respond to many question about Medicine Hat citizens and builders that come to us from around the world.” she said. “the Foundations’ confidence in our central role in providing access to the history of Medicine Hat and its people is equally valuable.”

The Foundation received applications totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars, but grant giving is limited as it is based on the investment performance of its endowments. Current endowments to the Foundation total over \$6.7 million.

“We look forward to the day when a larger endowment allows us to fund more charitable requests,” Christie said. “Every year we are overwhelmed with requests that average six or seven times our capacity to provide grants. So there are many organizations in the community in need of funds and we hope to do more for them in the future.”

The Community Foundation holds two grant cycles each year, one in spring and one in fall. The next grant application deadline will be September 15, 2011.

A complete list of grant recipients is attached. For more information, please contact Mike Christie at (403) 527-9038.

# Community Foundation Grant Summary – Spring 2011

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Organization	Project	Amount
<i>Community Foundation Grants</i>		
<b>Kidsport</b> <i>~amount includes \$5153 from Rural Youth and Recreation Fund</i>	Continuing Funding	\$10,000
<b>#15 Air Cadet Squadron Sponsorship Committee</b>	Activity Support	\$4000
<b>Canadian Mental Health</b> <i>~amount includes \$1848 from Claude Bishop Fund</i>	Computers and DVD Replacement	\$2509
<b>Society of Friends of the Monarch Theatre</b>	Digital DVD Projector and Support System	\$9107
<b>Medicine Hat Public Library</b>	Microform scanner/digitizer	\$6000
<b>Saamis Immigration Services Association</b>	Concrete Repair	\$2690
<b>Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education</b> <i>~amount includes \$1420 from Saamis Teepee association</i>	Aboriginal Day Celebrations	\$1500
<b>Medicine Hat and District Citizen Advocacy Society</b>	Community Advocacy Program (CAP)	\$6500
<b>Persian Dreams and Canine Themes Rescue Society</b> <i>~amount includes \$685 from Methanex Social Investment</i>	Feral Cat Colony Control Program	\$685
<b>TOTAL CF GRANTS</b>		<b>\$42,991</b>

*\$9,105 of this total is from Field of Interest Funds as noted above*

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## Designated Grants

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### *Predetermined designated grants*

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<b>Legal Archives Society of Alberta</b>	Alberta Legal History	\$210
<b>Donna McLean, Bill Morrison, Peter Armstrong, Orv Kope</b>	Communities in Bloom	\$248
<b>Donna McLean Grasslands Naturalists Fund</b>	Grasslands Naturalists	\$514
<b>Donna McLean Library Fund</b>	Medicine Hat Public Library purchase of art instructional material	\$546
<b>Donna McLean Museum Fund</b>	Medicine Hat Museum and Art Gallery school art annual award	\$514
<b>Donna McLean SPCA Fund</b>	Medicine Hat SPCA	\$174
<b>Donna McLean Participation House – Toronto Fund</b>	Participation House in Markham, their choice-use of funds	\$382
<b>Donna McLean Southern Alberta Medic-Air Society Fund</b>	Emergency medical helicopter for Southern Alberta	\$764
<b>Donna McLean War Amp Fund</b>	CHAMP program	\$764
<b>Donna McLean Ontario College of Art and Design Fund</b>	Scholarship to support life and portrait study	\$764
<b>Thomas and Constance Sissons</b>	Salvation Army	\$168
<b><i>DESIGNATED TOTAL</i></b>		<b>\$5048</b>
<b>Frost Family Fund</b>	Selected by Family	\$589
<b><i>DONOR ADVISED TOTAL</i></b>		<b>\$589</b>

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**Agency Funds**

Friends of Medalta	General Operating Expenses	\$758
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	General Use	\$68
Friends of the Family Foundation	General Use	\$36
United Way	General Use	\$36
YMCA	General Use	\$839
CORE	General Use	\$34
CORE – Jason Mauch Scholarship	Support for Art Program	\$155
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1926</b>

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**Scholarships**

Zirca Ukrainian Dance Ensemble	MHSD#76/MHCBE	\$733
Lions Club of Irvine	Irvine School	\$170
DR. F.W. & Harriet Gershaw Fund	Scholarship chosen by the family	\$446
Valli Family Scholarship Fund	Grasslands Public Schools	\$1268
Drowing Ford Grazing Association	Prairie Rose School Division	\$805
James and John McConnell	Chinook School Division – Nursing and Trades	\$12,459
Baseball Canada Cup		\$978
<b>SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL</b>		<b>\$16,902</b>

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**TOTAL DESIGNATED GRANTS = \$38,245**

**TOTAL SPRING GRANTS = \$67,456**