

2026 Fall Funding Application

Introduction

The Town of Olds invites local organizations to collaborate in strengthening our community through the Mountain View Power (MVP) Community Grant Program. This program offers financial support for projects that enhance and enrich our community, specifically targeting local not-for-profit and non-profit organizations with a broad community impact. The program operates under the guidance of the Town of Olds' Policy 804C: Community Grants.

What is MVP?

Mountain View Power (MVP) is an energy marketer providing natural gas and electricity to homes and businesses, not only in Olds, but throughout the entire province of Alberta. Founded in 2015, MVP focuses on generating funds for community initiatives. It offers a competitively priced alternative to incumbent energy retailers, with profits reinvested into the community. For more information or to become a customer, visit www.mountainviewpower.com or call 1-403-507-4811.

Community Grants: The Basics

- Provide detailed information to assist the grant evaluation committee in their decision-making.
- Successful applicants will be asked to sign a funding agreement with the Town of Olds.
- Multi-year funding requests may be considered but are limited to temporary projects.
- Use the budget template provided for your application.
- Applicants may be asked to present their project to the evaluation committee.
- All applicants will be informed of the outcome once decisions are finalized.

Priority Funding Streams

Six funding streams guide applicants toward the community impact the program is prioritizing. Every project should identify the stream(s) it aligns with most closely:

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| • Community Connection | • Placemaking & Uptowne Revitalization |
| • Winter & Seasonal Vibrancy | • Culture, Heritage & Story |
| • Youth & Future Leaders | • Community Infrastructure |

The aim is to remain flexible to support both innovative and traditional projects, while helping applicants understand what type of impact is being prioritized.

How Applications Are Evaluated

The Community Grant Evaluation Committee, consisting of local citizens, scores every application against a standardized 100-point rubric and makes funding recommendations to Council.

Other Eligibility Details

- Projects should be completed within 12 months of receiving funds.
- To qualify for funding, programs of service providers must:
 - Be registered non-profit organizations or community groups that operate within Olds with an active presence in the community.
 - The project must take place in the Town of Olds or within the Olds recreation area in Mountain View County.
 - The organization's members and project beneficiaries must be residents of the Olds community.

Programs, events and services not eligible for funding include:

- Those of a political or religious nature
- Educational institutions (including schools, school boards, colleges, and universities)
- Programs providing direct financial benefits to for-profit organizations or individuals
- Those seeking retroactive funding
- School projects or initiatives that do not benefit the greater community
- Applications that meet the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) criteria

Expenses not eligible for funding include:

- Salaries, volunteer stipends, officials' honorariums, board member expenses
- Purchase or rental of standard office equipment, furniture and supplies
- Costs to build or enhance a program or service, including single-use sporting equipment and uniforms
- Home phone and internet costs; costs to maintain activities beyond the funding term
- Strictly religious activities/services, banquets, receptions, fundraising events, donations to charitable causes, lobbying or advocacy on behalf of for-profit entities
- Partisan political activities; alcohol; land acquisition, lease or rental
- Improvements to rental or leased properties (unless Town owned)
- Personal vehicle expenses, including repairs, gas and parking
- Disbursements of funds to provide additional grants to other parties
- Conference registration and travel fees; reserve funds, debt repayment, deficit funding
- The Town of Olds reserves the right to decline any application or adjust requested funding amounts.
- Applicants must acknowledge the Town of Olds/MVP's contribution in all related public information, printed materials, and media coverage.
- Organizations and community partners must contribute to project costs, either financially or by providing materials, supplies, or services. MVP funding is intended to support, not fully fund, eligible projects or programs. Applicants must demonstrate a financial contribution toward the total project cost. Preference will be given to applications where the organization contributes more than 25% of the total project budget.
- Please note that funding is limited. Not all applications will be funded, and some may receive less than the requested amount.

Submission of Application

Applications may be submitted by email or in person. **Email submissions are preferred.**

Applications must be received at the Town of Olds on or before **Thursday, November 5, 2026** at 2:00 pm MT.

Town of Olds • Attn: Sarah Harper, Grants and Procurement • 3501 70 Ave, Olds, AB T4H 1L7 • E-mail: sharper@olds.ca

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization Name	
Contact Name	
E-Mail Address	
Website (if applicable)	
Mailing Address (include postal code)	
Physical Address (if different than mailing)	
Telephone Number	
Type of Organization (Alberta Society / Registered Charity / Other) and Registration Number	

AGENCY INFORMATION

Provide a brief overview of your agency (mission, mandate, and history):

PROJECT INFORMATION

Which Priority Funding Stream(s) does this project align with?

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| ☐ Community Connection | ☐ Placemaking & Uptowne Revitalization |
| ☐ Winter & Seasonal Vibrancy | ☐ Culture, Heritage & Story |
| ☐ Youth & Future Leaders | ☐ Community Infrastructure |

What is the purpose of your project?

Separate attachments permitted.

COMMUNITY IMPACT - How will this project benefit the Olds community, and how many residents will it reach?

PLACE-BASED IMPACT - What specific space or area of the community will this project activate or improve, and how?

PROJECT BENEFITS AND DELIVERY

SUSTAINABILITY & LEGACY - What will this project leave behind once the funded period ends? How will its benefit continue beyond the initial activity?

COLLABORATION & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP - What partnerships will your organization form to complete this project, and how will ownership or leadership be shared across groups?

List partnerships relevant to this project only.

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY - What is new or different about this project compared to similar past initiatives?

EXPERTISE - Describe your organization's capabilities and experience managing similar projects.

PARTICIPANTS AND PROJECT DETAILS

Primary target group(s) - select all that apply and estimate participation for each:

☐ Children/Youth	Estimated participants:	
☐ Family	Estimated participants:	
☐ Adults	Estimated participants:	
☐ Seniors	Estimated participants:	
☐ Community-wide	Estimated participants:	

What are the intended outcomes of this project, and how will success be measured?

Example: new pickleball nets increase recreational opportunities; measure court use and participant feedback.

Estimated number of volunteers:

Estimated volunteer hours:

Requested Funding Amount: \$

Is this project:

☐ Annual

☐ One-time

☐ New Initiative

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

How will the project be impacted if the full amount requested is not received?

PROPERTY AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

If the project is situated on property not owned by the applicant, a signed confirmation letter from the property owner is **REQUIRED** and must be attached.

☐ I certify that the applicant owns the property being used for the project.

☐ A confirmation letter, signed by the property owner, is attached.

Please provide any quotes, estimates, or letters of support related to project financing. A well-documented budget strengthens your application.

BUDGET

Include all activities above that require funding or resources. State the overall project cost and the amount requested from MVP. In-kind and/or cash contributions from other sources, including partners, are required. The Evaluation Committee may award less than requested.

Total cost of this project: \$

MVP amount requested: \$

How will the MVP Community Grant be used? List anticipated expenses covered by the grant.

Project Item / Activity	Cost (\$)

Financial support from other sources (funder, confirmed Y/N, amount):

Funder	Confirmed Y/N	Amount (\$)

Do you agree to submit a final report of project activities and expenses within 90 days of completion?

☐ YES

☐ NO

DECLARATION

I declare that all the information in this application is accurate and complete, and that the application is made on behalf of the named organization with its full knowledge and consent. I acknowledge that, should this application be approved, the organization will be required to enter into a funding agreement outlining the terms and conditions. I understand that recipients must spend the full grant within 12 months of receipt and submit a final report within 90 days of completing the project; failure to submit a final report may affect eligibility for future funding.

Print Name**Authorized Signature**

Please ensure the person signing is authorized to commit on behalf of the organization.

Date

Questions? Contact Sarah Harper at sharper@olds.ca.