

Application Summary: 2026 - 3354 - Community Impact Grant - Community Programs and Projects

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Applicant Information

Organization Information

Fort McKay Recreation & Cultural Society

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Fort McMurray, AB, T9H 2B4

Primary Contact

Rod Hyde

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Is the organization a registered non-profit?

Applicants must be a registered non-profit organization or a community group in partnership with a registered non-profit organization. If you have any questions regarding grant eligibility, please contact cip@rmwb.ca to book a pre-application meeting.

Yes

Has the organization operated within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for at least one year?

Applicants must have resided or operated within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for at least one year prior to applying. If you have any questions regarding grant eligibility, please contact cip@rmwb.ca to book a pre-application meeting.

Yes

In the last year, have there been any significant changes to your organization or program?

No

What is your organization's Mission Statement?

Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society provides meaningful recreational and cultural programs to the youth, adults and seniors of Fort McKay to cultivate and support the development of healthy lifestyles for all participants.

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Brief Summary of the Proposed Program(s) and/or Project(s).

Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society provides meaningful sports recreation, arts, cultural programs, activities, and experiences which lead to the well-being of the members of the community of Fort McKay. While the emphasis of the programming is on youth, programs and activities for adults seniors is also offered.

Youth: In 2026 FMRCS plans to offer programming that will lead to skill development in volleyball, hockey and football. The youth will also be encouraged to participate and receive instruction in cultural activities such as traditional hand games and Dene games events and to participate in youth conferences and/or workshops that come available. Wellness in sport will be encouraged through workshops and instruction in fitness, nutrition and mental health. The youth will be introduced to positive Indigenous role models and cultural practices such as smudging during theses activities. Youth will also be encouraged to assume leadership roles during sports camps and to develop coaching and officiating skills.

Adult/Seniors: FMRCS will continue to support the adults of the community by providing certified officials for coed slo-pitch tournaments, encouraging participation in recreational activities such as volleyball, and hosting special events. FMRCS will encourage and support individuals who are interested in attaining coaching and/or officiating certification.

FMRCS will partner with the Indigenous Sport Council in attaining certification for coaches, officials, trainers, etc, for interested individuals aged 16 and over.

Please note any restrictions on participating in your organization's programs, projects, services or events.

The programs and activities of the FMRCS are offered to all residents of the community of Fort McKay. Programs such as youth hockey, volleyball, and football camps and cultural activities are open to all Indigenous residents of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Minimum number of board members according to the organization's bylaws:

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Please list your current Board of Directors in the table:

Board of Directors

Name	Board Position	Years on Board
Billy Joe Fitzpatrick	President	10
Brandy Fitzpatrick	Vice President	10
Rod Hyde	Secretary Treasurer	38
Simon Adams	Member	10

Do one or more board representatives or program staff have lived experience or expertise reflective of the demographics your organization serves?

Yes

If Yes; please briefly explain the lived experience or expertise.

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programs for and worked with the youth of the community.

All board members have developed

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Program/Projects Details

Are you applying for more than one program or project?

If you are unsure, please contact CIP@rmwb.ca for clarification.

No

Program/Projects

Step 1: Click on the button below to enter the name of your program(s) or project(s).

Step 2: Click on the Save Draft button at the bottom of the screen.

Step 3: Click on the "Program/Project Details" button below to complete the details of each Program/Project. Please be sure to submit the current program/project information form before moving onto the next project information form.

Program/Project: Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program Status: Completed

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Finances

Organization's most recent Fiscal Year End date

Please click Save Draft to update the following two questions with this date.

12/31/2024

Unrestricted Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets (accumulated net assets/surplus that the organization has not set aside for a particular purpose or earmarked by a donor for a specific program or project) from your Financial Statements ending: 12/31/2024

\$58,526.04

Total Operating Expenses

Total Expenses from your Financial Statements Ending: 12/31/2024

\$101,177.00

What efforts have been made in the past fiscal year to increase the financial support for your organization?

The Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society endeavours to secure funding and/or in-kind funding from community and corporate resources throughout the year. FMRCS partners with a number of community organizations including Fort Youth Centre, Fort McKay Metis Nation, and Elsie Fabian School to develop and coordinate programs and activities that are beneficial to the community. Generous in-kind support is received from community organizations including the Fort McKay First Nation which provides the use of the Fort McKay Arena and outdoor facilities as well as use of a van for local transportation at no cost, the Fort McKay Radio Society which provides free advertising and public service announcements throughout the year, the Elsie Fabian School provides free use of the gymnasium and sports equipment and the Fort McKay Youth Centre which provides a venue for activities at no cost. Communication with other community organizations assures there is no duplication of services and/or programming.

Please complete the following budget table: If there are multiple programs, projects, services or events

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included in this application, please provide the total budget for all requests in the budget table. Additionally, attach a detailed breakdown of the budget by program, project, service or event on the Attachment tab.

Secured Revenue

Revenue Sources	Description	Revenue (Jan-Dec)
In-Kind Donation	Fort McKay First Nation: ice rental and outdoor facilities,	\$42,000.00
In-Kind Donation	Fort McKay Youth Centre rental: art projects and crafts, special events, meetings.	\$2,500.00
In-Kind Donation	Fort McKay Radio Society: free advertising, pub. serv. announcements.	\$2,500.00
In-Kind Donation	Elsie Fabian School:gymnasium, weight room, dressing room, sports equipment, etc	\$4,500.00
		\$51,500.00

Revenue in Progress

Revenue Sources	Description	Revenue (Jan-Dec)
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Expenses

Type of Expense	Description	Total Expenses	Requested RMWB Grant
Program Materials & Supplies	Youth programming	\$95,000.00	\$46,500.00
Program Materials & Supplies	Adult & Seniors sports & recreation program	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00
Administration Costs 15% Maximum	Insurance, bank fees, office supplies, etc.	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
		\$117,000.00	\$65,500.00

Shortfall

	Total
(Total Secured Revenue - Total Expenses)	\$65,500.00

Total RMWB Grant Request



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	Amount
Total	\$65,500.00

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Total Cost of Program, Project, or Service

Total cost includes all costs of the entire program, project or service.

\$117,000.00

Total Grant Amount Request

Up to 75% of total program, project cost up to maximum of \$100,000.

\$65,500.00

Grant request as percentage of total cost of program, project or service

Click on the Save Draft button to calculate the percentage.

56%

Outline any expected non-financial resources being leveraged for this program, project, service or event to demonstrate community support.

Fort McKay First Nation provides the use of the Fort McKay Arena, community outdoor facilities and the use of a van for local transportation at no cost. Fort McKay Radio Society provides free advertising of events and public service announcements. The Elsie Fabian School provides the use of the gymnasium, weight room, dressing rooms, and other spaces as well as the use of sports equipment at no cost. The Fort McKay Youth Centre provides space for programs and events at no cost. FMRCS partners with community organizations such as MOM's Daycare to host special events.

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Attachments

Please attach a budget breakdown for each program, project, service or event if there are multiple requests included in this application.

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Please attach a Partnership Letter(s) of Support for the proposed program, project, service or event to demonstrate authentic partnership and collaboration.

Applicants may use the >Partnership Letter of Support Template or submit a customized letter.

Each letter should include the following five key elements:

1. Commitment to the partnership and shared initiatives
2. Confirmation of the community need
3. History of prior collaboration or rationale for a new partnership
4. Defined roles, responsibilities, and resource commitments
5. Contact information for the partner organization

Each letter must be signed by an authorized representative of the partner organization.

Please note: The partnership letter is a mandatory requirement for Community Sustaining applicants and optional for Community Impact Grant application.

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Please attach signed Financial Statements for the most recent fiscal year end.

Year-end date must fall between July 1, 2024 of last year and June 30, 2025.

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Declaration

Declaration: In making this application, I, the undersigned, confirm:

- that I have read the appropriate Grant Guidelines;
- that I understand that this application form and all required attachments must be completed in full and received before 2025-10-14 4:30 p.m. MT;
- that I understand that this application form and any attachments shall be part of the Community Investment Program Approval Committee (CIPAC, Council Appointed) meeting agenda and accessible through all methods that the public meeting agenda is available;
- that I understand the term of the Grant is January 1 to December 31, 2026 and that all expenditures must happen during this term; and
- that I am authorized by the applicant organization to complete the application and hereby represent to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Community Investment Program and declare that to the best of our knowledge and belief, the information provided is truthful and accurate, and the application is made on behalf of the above-named organization and with the Board of Directors' full knowledge and consent.
- that I understand the personal information collected in this application is collected under the authority of Section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act and is managed in accordance with the Act. It will be used to process your application and contact you if needed during the review of this application. If you have questions about the collection or use of your personal information, you may contact the Manager, Community Partnerships and Initiatives, at 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4 or at 587-919-5522.

Acknowledgement

I do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, this application contains a full and correct account of all matters stated herein.

Applicant Name

Rod Hyde

Position/Title

Secretary Treasurer

Date: 10/14/2025



Project Summary

Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Program, Project or Service Name

Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Beginning Date

01/01/2026

Completion Date

Note: The term of the grant is January 1 - December 31, 2026. The program, project, service or event and all expenditures must occur during this term.

12/31/2026

Location program, project or service will be provided:

Note: If the grant is approved, the communities served will be included in the Grant Agreement and data collection from all communities will be required.

Do not select the rural community if the service is provided to the clients from rural communities through the urban service area.

Fort McKay

Please complete the following Program/Project or Event Delivery Details.

Program, Project, or Event Delivery Information

Program/Project/ or Event Location	In Person (Yes/No)	Virtually (Yes/No)	Travel Budget Required (Yes/No)
Fort McKay	Yes	No	yes

How does your organization plan to address barriers related to delivering virtual services in rural areas. This may include limited internet access, lack of devices, and limited technical support. If applicable.

FMRCS does not foresee any problems in this area as its use of virtual services is limited. In the case where it is used, adequate devices and technical support are available.

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Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

How does your organization plan to address transportation barriers to provide the program, project, service or event? If applicable.

The cost of providing transportation to events and venues outside the community of Fort McKay is a huge barrier to the successful delivery of FMRCS programs. For local use FMRCS has limited access to a passenger van generously supplied by Fort McKay First Nation (in-kind donation). The driver requires compensation which could be provided through an honorarium process. Larger groups must be transported by bus which is an expensive proposition and a barrier for program success. For example a round trip by charted bus from Fort McKay to Fort McMurray costs \$400.00 while a round trip from Fort McKay to the Edmonton area by chartered coach bus costs \$4000.00.

Council approved seven funding priorities. Please indicate which funding priority/priorities are applicable to this application.

Please select at least 3 funding priorities for the Community Sustaining and Subsidiary Grant applications. Please select at least 1 funding priority for the Community Impact Grant (Community Programs and Projects or Community Events) application.

- Community support services and wellness
- Accessibility, inclusion and belonging
- Hosting events/new business and visitors
- Partnership and collaboration
- Rural and Indigenous Communities and Relationships
- Social participation
- Value of culture, heritage and regional pride

Describe how the proposed program, project, service or event align with these priorities.

FMRCS serves the Indigenous community of Fort McKay and partners and collaborates with a number of community organizations. FMRCS programs are inclusive and serve the whole community while concentrating on the wellbeing and the development of healthy lifestyles for the youth of the community. Cultural activities as well as traditional cultural practices are incorporated into the program and the youth interact with positive Indigenous role models. Special events and the adult coed recreational slo-pitch tournaments promote social participation. Sports camps and cultural activities are open to all Aboriginal youth in the Wood Buffalo region.

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Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

In the table below, please identify the total number of unique participants that you anticipate will access the funded program, project, service or event.

Target Population

Age	Target Population
Children (0-12 years)	80
Youth (13-18 years)	90
Adults	250
Seniors (65+)	30
Families	0
Community	0
Total	450

Please identify the equity deserving population the program, project, service or event will serve.

Youth, Seniors, 2SLGBTQIA+, First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit Peoples, Youth, Seniors, Women and/or girls, People living with disabilities, People living in rural communities



Project Summary Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

How does your organization ensure that its programs, projects, services or events are accessible and inclusive for anyone who has an interest? Please share examples and success stories of accessibility and inclusivity.

FMRCS is always aware of new interests and trends that may develop in the community as professionals who interact with community members on a day to day basis are consulted. Youth with special needs are taken into consideration. For example, a young lady with special needs was introduced to the Special Olympics Wood Buffalo program and a young man with special needs volunteers in the community sports program as an equipment manager.

If applicable, please explain how your program, project, service or event celebrates Indigenous culture, serves Indigenous communities and/or promotes Indigenous healing, language, cultural restoration, or reconciliation.

This project serves the Indigenous community of Fort McKay by providing programs, activities, and events for youth, adults, and seniors. The youth are provided access to a variety of programs including sports and cultural activities and they have the opportunity to interact with role models of Indigenous descent who share their life experiences. The Indigenous football program includes cultural teachings by elders and traditional practices such as smudging.

Members of the community of Fort McKay have participated in the Arctic Winter Games, Alberta Indigenous Games and the North American Indigenous games.

In 2025 the Northern Spirits girl's football team hosted its first ever home game in Fort McKay on the Elsie Fabian School football field. The game was attended by approx. 300 fans, and was live streamed. The players were introduced by traditional drumming and players from Northern Spirits and those from the opposing team who chose to do so smudged before the game. Local talent was showcased during the half time show.

FMRCS programs and activities meet Truth and Reconciliation mandates #88, #89, and #89.

Logic Model

Project Summary Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Statement of Need: What social problem or gap do you hope to address by delivering the program, project, service or event? What evidence do you have that this problem or gap exists?

Fort McKay is an Indigenous community of approximately 800 residents comprised mainly of Cree, Dene and Metis descent who were impacted by the Residential School system, the 60's scoop and systemic racism, as well as the effect of rapid industrialization (without consultation) on traditional lifestyle, causing intergenerational trauma and other challenges. By providing culturally appropriate programs and activities and interaction with positive role models, FMRCS collaborates with other community organizations to foster positive attitudes and healthy lifestyles amongst the youth, adults, and seniors of Fort McKay.

The evidence is that Indigenous people in Fort McKay and across Canada do not have the same socio-economic status of mainstream or non-Indigenous Canadians.

Broad Strategy: How will the program, project, service or event address the social problem? (e.g., What approach are you taking that you hope will lead your program, project, service or event to support the social problem?)

Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society will cultivate participant's interest in healthy activities by providing meaningful and culturally appropriate sports, art, and cultural programming for the youth, adults, and seniors of the community of Fort McKay.

Local individuals who have graduated from the Indigenous football program have returned in supporting roles as coaches, instructors, team managers, trainers, etc.

Rationale: What evidence or research do we have that this strategy will work? To demonstrate for example, "If [my organization] does 'x' program, project, service or event, then [this] change will happen for the target population."

If FMRCS develops and provides meaningful recreation and cultural programs and activities then the youth, adults and seniors of the community of Fort McKay will have increased pride in their community, develop increased self-esteem through positive experiences, and develop a positive attitude toward a healthy lifestyle.

As proof, graduates from the Indigenous football program have had successes in their post secondary education programs and have returned to the community as event organizers and motivational guest speakers in Fort McKay and Wood Buffalo.

Project Summary Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Inputs: What resources will be invested to achieve your goal? (e.g., staff labour, venue space, volunteers, computers, etc.)

Resources invested include volunteers working along with the dedicated staffs of the Fort McKay Youth Centre, the Fort McKay arena, and the Indigenous Football Development coaches as well as the use of facilities such as the Fort McKay Arena, Fort McKay Youth Centre , Elsie Fabian School, and community playing fields at no cost. The newly opened Fort McKay Community Centre will enhance existing facilities as it will provide a venue to host large gatherings for live music and cultural performances. Meaningful activities and programs will be offered and participants will interact with positive role models many of whom are Indigenous.

Visits to larger neighbouring communities will result in opportunities to use facilities such as swimming pools and field houses that are not available in Fort McKay.

Activities: What activities make up the program, project, service or event? (e.g., workshops, mentorship sessions, etc.)

Youth: Skill development in hockey, volleyball, Indigenous Youth Football development.

Instruction in cultural activities-Dene games, Hand games etc.

Opportunities to develop leadership skills, develop coaching and officiating expertise.

Wellness in Sport: workshops, and instruction in fitness, nutrition, and mental health.

Attendance and participation in Youth Conferences that may become available.

Adults: Certified officials for coed slo-pitch recreational baseball tournaments.

Opportunities to become certified coaches and/or officials

Encourage participation in recreational sports , e.g. volleyball, billiards

Seniors: Encourage participation in activities such as billiards.

Determine other programs and activities in consultation with community elders co-ordinator

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Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Outputs: What do you deliver? (e.g., # of total participants trained, # of organizations, # of sessions, # of events, etc.). Note, each activity should have outputs.

Note: If the program, project, service or event is approved, your outputs may be included in the Grant Agreement and data collection on the outputs is required.

Projected numbers to be delivered in 2026:

Youth:

3 sports conducted

150 youth (age6-18) involved in sports activities

2 traditional sports activities

6 youth trained as coaches

2 cultural activities

10 participants in Youth Conference (if available)

Adults:

3 recreational coed slo-pitch tournaments

250 adults participating in recreational sports tournaments

5 adults trained as coaches and/or officials

Seniors:

1 meeting with community elders co-ordinator to determine needs

30 elders participating in the program-e.g. recreational billiards, playing card tournament, traditional crafts, etc.

Project Summary Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Outcomes: What change do you want to see for the participants by running your program, project, service or event? Organizations are required to identify at least one outcome, that will be measured through the grant period, should the application be approved.

Note: If the program, project, service or event is approved, your outcomes will be included in the Grant Agreement and data collection on the outcomes is required.

FMRCS's goal is that participants in the programs provided have:

- increased self-esteem
- increased pride in their community
- increased participation in the activities offered
- the desire to continue pursue their interests in sports, art, culture and other recreational activities in the long term integral to personal and community wellbeing
- the desire to "give back" to the community as a coach, volunteer, official, or in some other capacity
- to provide the confidence to explore and expand opportunities and endeavours beyond Fort McKay and the RMWB region

FMRCS long term goals include:

- increased community participation in planning and providing recreational and cultural activities in the community
- increased volunteerism
- the retention of volunteers through supports such as clinics and workshops
- increased collaboration with community groups and the community as a whole

Outcome to be measured: Increased pride in the community.

Graduates from FMRCS programs have had post secondary success.

What tools will you use to measure the outcomes of the program, project, service or event?

Note: If your organization is approved for funding, copies of the measurement tools selected will be requested.

Focus Groups, Interviews, Observation

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Fort McKay Sport Recreation & Culture Program

Please provide details of how your program, project, service or event differs from other services being offered in the community.

This project does not duplicate or overlap with other services or projects in Fort McKay due to continued collaboration with other community groups, and consultation with community members and leaders. This has led to the development of programs that are unique to the needs of Fort McKay. The resources and facilities available in this small rural community are taken into consideration during planning processes. FMRCS is a partner in the Indigenous Youth Football Development program which is unique to the area, provincially, and nationally. This program led to the formation of the Fort McKay Northern Spirits girls football team. Young Indigenous female athletes across Canada now have the opportunity to play on the national Indigenous female football team.

In Oct. 2024 FMRCS partnered with other community organizations to host the Fort McKay Mental Health and Indigenous Symposium. This award winning conference featured a day of educational and healing sessions designed to destigmatize mental health problems and equip participants with tools and resources to manage their own mental health. While the conference featured several keynote speakers it was highlighted by the youth of Fort McKay speaking of their own successful journeys in the fields of arts, sports and culture.

This grant is intended to promote an allied social profit sector within the Municipality. List the community groups or organizations that will be actively involved in the program, project, service or event delivery.

Community Organization or Group	Role
Fort McKay Youth Centre	Provides venue for programs and events
Fort McKay First Nation	Provides arena, outdoor facilities, use of passenger van at no cost.
Elsie Fabian School	Use of gymnasium, dressing rooms, sports equipment, etc.
Fort McKay Radio Society	Free public service announcements
Fort McKay Metis Nation	Collaborate on coed slo-pitch tournament
Indigenous Sport Council	Partnership to provide certification for Indigenous coaches, officials, trainers, etc, aged 16 and over.

FMRCS Budget Breakdown 2026

	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Secured Revenue</u>	<u>Use of Sec. Revenue</u>	<u>Grant Request \$</u>	<u>Use of Grant \$</u>
<u>Youth Program</u>					
Multisport youth Program including Hockey, volleyball, Football, basketball, Track and field and Dene games	95,000.00	48,500.00	Ice rental, venue, radio, transportation	46,500.00	Player dev, facilitators, Partnership with Indigenous Sport Council to provide certification for coaches, officials, trainers, etc.
Sub Total	95,000.00	48,500.00		46,500.00	
<u>Adult Program</u>					
Coed Slo-pitch Tournaments	12,000.00	2,500.00	Venue, radio	9,500.00	Certified umpires
Seniors spec. events	3,000.00	500.00	Venue, radio	2,500.00	Entertainment
Sub Total	15,000.00	3,000.00		12,000.00	
Administration	7,000.00			7,000.00	Insurance, Bank fees
Total	117,000.00	51,500.00		65,500.00	

Fort McKay Recreation and Cultural Society

Financial Statement

For the year 01/01/2024-31/12/2024

Assets

Bank Balance 31/12/2024	58,526.04
Total Assets	58,526.04

Liabilities

There are no liabilities.

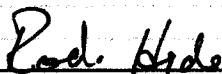
Income

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Grant	65,500
In Kind Donations	35,677
Total Income	101,177

Disbursements

Adult & Elder Sport	5,575
Youth Programming	53,573
Administration	6,352
In Kind - Ice Rental	35,677
Total Disbursements	101,177

This statement has been reviewed and approved by:



Rod Hyde: Secretary Treasurer



Simon Adams: Board Member

Date: Oct. 11, 2025