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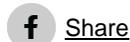
Creating Opportunities in South-Central Alberta



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Let's Grow: Grant Opportunities for 2019

What's in your 2019/20 Budget?

When you review this month's list, ask yourself 'what's already in my budget for next year, and can I use that budget to leverage a much larger bucket of funding?'

The Let's Grow campaign from SouthGrow and the [Factor 5 Group](#) is intended to help member municipalities leverage grant opportunities without over-taxing your staff resources. Here's how it works:

1. Fill out your funding priorities so that we can better target grants.
2. Read the Monthly Grant Report and explore the opportunities.
3. If you see a grant you want to chase, call Factor 5 for a free consultation.
4. Write the Grant! OR.... hire Factor 5 to write it for you at a preferred SouthGrow rate.

It's just that easy!

Contact the Factor 5 Group to talk about your Grant.
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February Featured Grants

1. Community and Regional Economic Support Program (CARES)

The CARES program provides financial support for Alberta's communities, regions and municipalities for initiatives that promote long-term economic growth. The program will run until 2020 and will fund initiatives that create a measurable impact and align with one or more of the following program outcomes: improving local business environment and/or regional economic collaboration; increasing support for entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises to grow and succeed; enhancing support for businesses and industries that provide diversification to a community or a region; and increasing investment that drives high-value job creation. The CARES program follows a competitive application process. Program funding begins at \$10,000 and applicants must be able to match the funding requested (1:1 matching ratio). Projects must not take more than two years to execute; successful applicants will receive the grant up front so that their project can commence immediately.

Applications Period: May 1 - May 31, 2019

Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/community-regional-economic-support-program.aspx>

Email: cares.program@gov.ab.ca

Phone: 403-393-2614

2. Strategic Innovation Fund

The Strategic Innovation Fund's objective is to spur innovation for a better Canada. Specifically, it serves to simplify application processes, accelerate processing, and provide assistance that is more responsive and focused on results.

The program has **four Streams**, each with its own precise objective:

- **Stream 1:** Encourage R&D that will accelerate technology transfer and commercialization of innovative products, processes and services;
- **Stream 2:** Facilitate the growth and expansion of firms in Canada;
- **Stream 3:** Attract and retain large scale investments to Canada; and

- **Stream 4:** Advance industrial research, development and technology demonstration through collaboration between the private sector, researchers and non-profit organizations.

Next Deadline: Mar 1,2019 (agriculture and agri-food, steel and aluminum)

Website: <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/125.nsf/eng/home>

Phone: 1-800-328-6189

3. Western Diversification Program (WDP)

The Western Diversification Program (WDP) makes strategic investments in initiatives with not-for-profit organizations that enhance and strengthen the economy of Western Canada.

Contributions will be made to projects that support the development and diversification of the western Canadian economy, and activities where economic and/or employment benefits accrue primarily within Western Canada.

For 2018-19, WD is investing in WDP projects that directly support one (or more) of the following investment priorities:

- Cluster Growth
- Inclusive Economic Growth

Strong projects demonstrate:

- Strong market/industry demand (e.g., the project addresses a significant gap in the market, there is a demonstrated industry demand for the project or there is demonstrated labour/skills shortages);
- Clear, measurable economic results for Western Canada;
- Effective governance measures and management team in place to carry out the project;
- A strong rationale for the project;
- Financial statements that demonstrate the organization is financially self-sustaining;
- Leveraged funding from provincial governments, the private sector, and other non-government sources (typically 50 percent or more); and,
- Non-WD funding is confirmed. Funding will only be considered confirmed with proof of confirmed funding.

Next Deadline: Mar 1, 2019

Website: <https://www.wd-deo.gc.ca/eng/39.asp>

Email: wd.bc-cb.deo@canada.ca

Phone: 604-666-6256

4. Henry S. Varley Fund

This program will support a wide range of projects in communities throughout southern Alberta.

Stream 1 - Community Priorities

Stream 2 – Rural life

Next Deadline: Mar 15, 2019

Website: www.cflsa.ca.

Email: office@cflsa.ca

Phone: 403-328-5297.

5. Community Facility Enhancement Program

Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) funding provides financial assistance to acquire, build, purchase, repair, renovate, upgrade or expand sports, recreational, cultural or other related public-use community facilities.

CFEP Small Funding stream maximum funding request is \$125,000. Organizations may be considered for up to \$10,000 non-matching funding

The CFEP Large Funding stream is for projects requesting over \$125,001 and up to \$1 million

Organizations can apply for one capital and one non-capital grant per government fiscal year (April 1-March 31).

Next Deadline: May 15, 2019

Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/community-facility-enhancement-program.aspx>

Email: LFP.application@gov.ab.ca

Phone: 780-422-9598

6. Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP)

The Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) provides funding to municipalities under 4 funding streams:

- [Community Airport Program](#)
- [Local Road Bridge Program](#)
- [Resource Road Program](#)
- [Local Municipal Initiatives](#)

The program goals are to:

- improve accessibility and the movement of goods and people
- increase the capacity of municipal transportation infrastructure to support economic growth
- enhance safety and efficiency
- extend the service life of key transportation infrastructure

Next Deadline: Nov 30, 2019

Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/stip.aspx>

Phone: [403-381-5426](tel:403-381-5426)

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Additional Grant Resources



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Community Economic Development Grants

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade maintains a large library of grant opportunities to explore. Check it out at the link below.

[Grants and Funding](#)

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