
REPORT NAME

Seniors Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the 2025 seniors funding allocations of \$11,840 and authorizes administration to approve funding agreements for the remaining \$3,160 as projects and partners are identified in 2025.

IMPLICATIONS

Reason: Seniors Grant Funding

Authority: (MGA section/bylaw/policy number): NA

Amount of funding required: \$15,000

Funding source: 2025 budget

BACKGROUND

The goal of the seniors grant program is to create deep community connection by supporting initiatives led by regional community partners to meet the needs of Leduc County seniors. This program continues to evolve as we refine our funding criteria and develop new partnerships with community groups. In 2025, we have requested approval to continue to work directly with community groups to utilize the remaining funds and to develop new programs and partnerships that meet our desired outcomes.

The seniors grant program supports projects/programs/events that enrich the quality of life and enhance the health and well-being of seniors within Leduc County. The program is designed to provide funding support to organizations and volunteer groups who will create opportunities for Leduc County seniors to connect, engage and contribute to their communities.

The objectives of the grant program connect to the goals of FCSS provincial funding and the 2019 Social Framework:

- Promote and encourage active engagement and volunteerism;
- Foster a sense of belonging;
- Promote social inclusion;
- Develop and maintain healthy relationships;
- Enhance access to social supports; and
- Develop and strengthen skills that build resilience.

Grant applications must connect to at least one of the following priorities:

- Aging well,
- Inclusion and diversity,
- Connection and engagement.

Through the 2024 grant program, Leduc County supported the success of 11 programs, projects and events. These activities were created by and for local seniors. These partnerships support community groups to identify activities that are important to them and help them to meet their own needs while bringing new opportunities to Leduc County seniors.

Some of the activities being submitted for funding in 2025 include:

- Outdoor nature activities.
- Arts and craft activities with social components.
- Intergenerational wisdom sharing.
- Presentations on fraud prevention, computer literacy, food budgeting and stress reduction.

During the application submission period we received 11 proposed initiatives and \$39,962 in funding requests. After administrative review we are recommending 7 grant requests for Council approval totaling \$11,840. With Council approval, the remaining \$3,160 will be used to support local groups to provide senior-focused programming throughout the year. FCSS staff will work with local organizations to identify gaps in service priorities and communities that are underrepresented in funding.

We will continue to review the needs of the community to ensure that appropriate funds are placed in the budget to support community organizations to the best of our ability.

Once approved, Family Community Support Services will administer grant distribution, monitor program and event progress, and ensure that final reports are prepared and submitted.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Senior grant program funding summary