

## RURAL RESILIENCY FUND APPLICATION GUIDELINES



### **About the Rural Resiliency Fund**

The Westlock Community Foundation established this fund in honour of Florence and Albert Miller. The Millers donated the initial gift that started the Foundation, and were deeply rooted in the lifestyle of rural Alberta.

The objective of the Rural Resiliency Grant is to enhance and sustain a quality of life in the rural communities Westlock. Examples of organizations that may apply for this grant include: 4H, Community Halls, Agricultural Societies. This fund is not limited to these groups; if you have a project that you believe fits the criteria outlined below, you are invited to apply.

### **From Application to Grant**

The Community Foundation's Rural Resiliency Grant Review Committee, comprised of Community Foundation directors and volunteers from across rural Westlock, reviews and considers each application before making funding recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. Please note that all applicants are notified, regardless of whether or not they receive funding. Funding is awarded approximately two months after the deadline date.

This grant will fund projects up to \$10,000.

### **Grant Application Deadlines**

We accept applications to the Rural Resiliency Grant once a year: • April 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

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### **Applying to the Rural Resiliency Grant**

Before spending your valuable time completing a grant application, please read the following information and answer the questions to determine whether your organization and your project meet our eligibility requirements.

#### **Step 1: Is your organization eligible for funding?**

- Are you located within our region? Our region includes the boundaries of the Town of Westlock, Westlock County, and the Village of Clyde. You must be located within this region, or carry out programming within this region to be eligible for funding.
- Are you a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency?  
The Community Foundation can only grant to federally registered charities or qualified Donees (grant recipients) with a business number (BN). You can check your organization's charitable or qualified donee status by visiting the Canada Revenue Agency Website. Please note that this number is different from an Alberta Societies Number. The Community Foundation cannot fund societies unless they are also federally registered.
- Are you applying in partnership?  
If you do not have a CRA BN, you may still apply for funding through a partnership with another registered charity, municipality or school district. If you would like more information on charity/non-charity partnerships, please call the office at 780-349-2212.

#### **Step 2: Is Your Project Eligible?**

The Rural Resiliency Grant is coordinated with the Foundation's Community Priorities Grants Program. Therefore, proposals that focus mainly on capital expenses such as new construction, renovations, large equipment items, playgrounds, parks, and vehicles are NOT eligible for funding from the Rural Resiliency

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Fund. Applications of this nature should be directed to the Community Priorities Grant CAPITAL Stream for consideration.

### **Step 3: Does Your Project Display the Following Strengths?**

Eligible organizations will be invited to complete a full application. Charities or Qualified Donees will choose one or more categories to submit an application:

- **Innovation** – Project initiatives proposed by one or more qualified donees that encourage innovation through new approaches, new models, and new ways of making change for individuals in our communities.
- **Community Collaboration** – Project initiatives funded by the Rural Resiliency Fund that will encourage collaboration and work together to build inclusive responses to local issues.
- **Education and training initiatives** – The quality of life in rural communities thrives through employment opportunities. Education and training initiatives that support organizations that will develop and enhance the skills to strengthen organizations that support the rural community.
- **Information and research initiatives** – Projects that focus on research and information initiatives that impact the rural community and quality of life of its citizens

### **Step 4: Completing Your Grant Application**

Grant applications can be accessed through the online grant management system.

The following documents are required to be completed prior to the April 1, 2026 deadline:

Organizational Information:

- External Financial Statement
- List of Board and key staff members

Project Specific Information:

- Application Form Intermediary Agreement (if applying in partnership)
- Project Quote

In order for your application to be eligible, you must submit any outstanding reports prior to the grant deadline.

### **Contact Us**

Grant applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Foundation to discuss their project at any point during the application process—we are here to help! **Email: [info@westlockfoundation.ca](mailto:info@westlockfoundation.ca)**