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Village of Stirling Historical Society receives Community Foundations Grant

The Village of Stirling Historical Society submitted a grant application seeking support from Community Foundations Lethbridge. The support would be intended to allow the Historical Society to purchase items which could be used to support events at the Michelsen Farmstead and also be used to support the Community at large. The Community Event's Committee supported the application and provided grant writing support. Larry Nilsson, President of the Historical Society is quoted as saying, "we saw during our 125th Anniversary how increasing our capacity to host events through materials donated by corporate partners, really helped to bring the community out to the Michelsen Farmstead. When Aimee Donselaar of the Community Event's Committee approached us about undertaking this grant initiative to acquire those valuable items ourselves we saw it as a huge win for the Community. After all Stirling has a history of bringing people together and we feel this project will only make that more possible."

The Historical Society received \$10,000.00 of funding from Community Foundations Lethbridge to be used to purchase materials like a hand washing station; event tents; portable PA system; and event lighting. These resources were donated during the 125th Celebration and were found to have allowed for larger event attendance and greater offerings to allow people to come together.

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About Community Foundations Lethbridge:

It's right there in our name: community. Thanks to a group of community-minded individuals, the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta has been supporting the community for over five decades. Since 1966, we have built our endowment funds to more than \$41 million, with the intent to support our community forever. Our grants come from these funds and support the charities that are working hard to make our community a great place to live. How do we do this? We help donors connect with causes that are close to their heart. Thanks to their generosity, we have funded over \$18 million in grants throughout our region.

The Community Foundation is a registered Canadian charity and the ninth-oldest of Canada's 202 [community foundations](#). We manage charitable gifts from donors, whose generosity allows us to create permanent, income-earning endowment funds. The income generated by these funds is distributed to the charities our donors wish to support. In doing so, the Community Foundation helps charitable organizations succeed in building the community of Southwestern Alberta.

installation of such signage across southwestern Alberta as a pilot for continued investment in this space. Visit <https://lethbridgeregion.albertacf.com/south-western-alberta-blackfoot-signage-project/> for more information.

About Stirling:

The Village of Stirling is one of three communities in Canada designated as a National Historic Site and is the largest village in Alberta by population with 1,269 residents as of the 2019 municipal census. While Stirling is proud of its past, the community is also preparing for the future with high-speed fibre optic broadband internet service connected to more than 90% of households as well as solar arrays on public buildings to offset municipal power consumption needs resulting in Canada's first electrically "net zero" Village. Visit www.stirling.ca for more information.