

Subject: **Hesketh Community Hall Rural Hall Capital Grant**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025
 Prepared By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager
 Presented By: Carolyn Van der Kuil, Legislative Services Manager

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- Policy # 15-4 Rural Community Hall Capital Grant

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Kneehill County Council established the Rural Hall Capital Grant Policy for the purposes of assisting the renewal of community infrastructure like Rural Halls. Council is dedicated to offering financial support for the advancement and improvement of community halls within these areas.

Administration received an application from the Hesketh Community Hall Association requesting \$7,369.00 from the County to assist in purchasing replacement tables and chairs for their hall.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Application Review

The application request is over \$5,000 and is scheduled to be presented to Council at today's meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Eligibility

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
✓		Does the project offer clear benefits to the local community, enhancing its social, cultural, recreation, or education aspects?
✓		Is it a Capital Project?
✓		Do they have 25% of the total project cost?
	✓	Have they received funding from the Rural Hall Capital Grant Program in the prior year of over \$1,000?
✓		Will the project be done within one year?
	✓	Is the applicant at a Level A funding level? (Applicants that are at a Level A funding level will receive higher priority for funding.)



Project Request

Kneehill County Contribution	\$7,369.00
Rural Hall Contribution (minimum 25%)	\$1500.00 in cash and \$1,000 in labour= \$2,500.00
Total Project Funding	\$9,869.00

Recognition:

When creating the policy, Council expressed a desire for increased recognition for the County when providing grant funding and determined that the form of recognition will be made during grant approval.

Recognition Examples provided in the policy:

Recommended Recognition	Recognition Examples
	Public Acknowledgement This could be in the form of a social media post or a press release
✓	Photo Opportunity To capture a photo opportunity, it could be considered to coordinate it during a regular Council Meeting. Following the meeting, the photo could be shared on Kneehill County's social media accounts or included in a press release.
	Displaying a Sign at the Project Site (this is done at the applicants cost)
	A Customized Recognition

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Budget Overview: Allocation and Remaining Funds

In 2025, Council has budgeted \$20,000 for this program. To date, no other projects have been approved under this program.

<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>Allocated in 2025</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
\$20,000.00	\$0.00 (this is our first application)	\$20,000.00

RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

Policy #15-4, Rural Community Hall Capital Grant Application



Supporting Documents

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. Approve funding in the amount requested.
2. Approve funding in an amended amount.
3. Request further documentation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. That Council approve Rural Hall Capital Grant Funding in the amount of \$7,369.00 to the Hesketh Community Hall Association to assist in purchasing new tables and chairs for the facility.
2. That a photo opportunity be organized with the Hesketh Community Hall Association regarding the project.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will contact the applicant and let them know of Council's decision.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved-

