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Purpose:

The Community Connection Grant is an initiative to encourage Kneehill County Rural Residents to engage in local activities that promote social connections, inclusion, and well-being. This initiative offers grants to support a variety of neighbourhood and community-oriented gatherings, events, or activities. Successful applications will demonstrate how the grant supports residents to connect and engage with each other.

Policy Guidelines:

- 1. Eligibility:
 - a. Applicants must be a rural resident of Kneehill County and the activity or event must be held in Kneehill County. Businesses are not eligible for funding.
- 2. Funding:
 - a. The grant amount and availability will be determined by Council during the annual budget deliberations.
- 3. Grant Application Process:
 - a. Rural Residents interested in applying for the grant must complete the provided official application form. The application form will require detailed information about the event, budget, and demonstrate how it will promote social connections, inclusion, and well-being.
 - b. Each event may have only one application.
 - c. Events must serve the best interests of the community and should not promote any ideas or opinions that could be considered discriminatory or offensive.
 - d. Grant funds must be used for a public purpose and may not support or promote political activities, or private interests. This grant funding cannot be used for fundraising events or to host charity walks or runs.
- 4. Application Review:
 - a. All applications will be reviewed and awarded by Kneehill County Council.
- 5. Grant Disbursement and Reporting
 - a. The grant amount will be determined by Kneehill County based on the events needs, impact and available funds.
 - b. Grant recipients must acknowledge Kneehill County's support in event marketing and promotional materials.
 - c. A brief final report is required upon completion of your event or activity, and the event may be focused in our newsletter.
- 6. Application Deadline
 - a. Applications will be accepted through January 1 to December 31.

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