

Sources of Government Funding for Trail Development

The Major Community Facilities Program (MCFP) (NEW!) will assist communities to plan, upgrade and develop large community-use facilities and places in order to enhance community life and citizen well-being. MCFP is intended to address where funding requirements exceed the level of grants provided by the Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP), which generally has a cap of \$125,000. This program is funded by Alberta Tourism, Recreation, Parks and Culture.

Phone: 1-800-642-3855

Website: http://www.tprc.gov.ab.ca/funding_partnerships/MCFP/index.asp

Community Facility Enhancement Program (Alberta Lottery Fund) - Provides 50% matching funding to support to the expansion and upgrading of Alberta's extensive network of community-use facilities. The program provides matching grants to municipalities, Indian Bands and Métis Settlements, and registered community non-profit groups to build, purchase, repair, renovate, or otherwise improve related family and community wellness facilities.

Phone: 1-800-642-3855

website: <http://albertalotteryfund.ca/ApplyingForAGrant/CommunityFacilityEnhancementProgram.asp>

Canada-Alberta Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund - improves and increases public infrastructure, namely water and wastewater systems, and cultural and recreational facilities. Eligible applicants is any local government proposing an Infrastructure Project. "Local Government" is defined as any city, town, village, municipal district, county improvement district, special areas, or Métis Settlement in Alberta. Consortiums of local governments and non-governmental organizations whose application is submitted and signed jointly with a local government are also eligible applicants. Online application. **Deadline July 31, 2007**

Phone: 1-800-396-0214

website: <http://www.camrif.ca/en/>

Rural Alberta's Development Fund - created to fulfill a commitment by the Government of Alberta to support communities, regional alliances, government departments and not-for-profit organizations in kick starting community-building projects that would contribute to the growth and prosperity of rural Alberta. The \$100 million provided to the Fund by the Government of Alberta will be used to invest in projects that stimulate economic growth and address rural challenges and opportunities. The Fund is a key implementation initiative of the province's Rural Development Strategy, released in 2005. For more information on the Strategy, go to

website: www.rural.gov.ab.ca/strategy

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website: <http://www.ruralalbertasfund.com/index.htm>

Possible Corporate Sources of Funding for Trail Development

Mark's Work Wearhouse Ltd. - www.marks.com

Home Depot (Rebuilding Nature Grant) - www.evergreen.ca

Mountain Co-op Equipment - www.mec.ca/envirofund

Weyerhaeuser - www.weyerhaeuser.com

BP Canada Energy Company - www.bp.com

Shell Canada - www.shell.ca

***Please check website and/or contact for application, eligibility and deadline requirements.**