

# Grants Newsletter

July 2010

*Ask for an MD grant budget form and document checklist!*

## Upcoming Deadlines:

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| ◆ Career Focus Internship Program                    | Ongoing            |
| ◆ Alberta Museum Association                         | September 1, 2010  |
| ◆ Community Initiatives                              | September 30, 2010 |
| ◆ Community Facility Enhancement Program             | September 30, 2010 |
| ◆ MD Capital Grants                                  | September 30, 2010 |
| ◆ Community Performing Arts Organization (operating) | October 1, 2010    |

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*Does your organization have it's Charitable Status?*  
Get your Charitable Status and receive access to more grant opportunities. **Contact me at the MD office** for more information and assistance with your charitable status application.

**Alberta Foundation for the Arts Grants** are ongoing. With both **project and operational grants** available, your organization may be eligible. Visit [www.affta.ab.ca/grants.aspx](http://www.affta.ab.ca/grants.aspx) for detailed guidelines and application information.

## Online Newsletters

Subscribe to **Online Newsletters** for current promotions and program offerings available for Charity and Nonprofit Organizations. These can be great resources to stay current with available grants and support resources. Visit the following sites for information about who they are, how they can help, and to access their **Online Newsletters**:

- ◆ **Imagine Canada's** mandate is to assist nonprofit and charitable organizations so they can best serve their local communities ([www.imaginecanada.ca](http://www.imaginecanada.ca)).
- ◆ **Taking Root: TD Friends of the Environment Foundation** provides funding to local organizations dedicated to preserving the environment ([www.fef.td.com](http://www.fef.td.com)).
- ◆ **Charity Law Information Program** is dedicated to provided charities with the knowledge and guidance of the Income Tax Act in Canada and it applicability to charity organizations ([www.capacitybuilders.ca](http://www.capacitybuilders.ca)).
- ◆ **Canada Helps** makes it easy to give to Canadian charities by establishing a secure online donation system that charities can register their organization with to make it easy for people to donate simply and safely ([www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)).
- ◆ **Alberta Foundation for the Arts** provides funding, encouragement, and support to the development of arts in Alberta ([www.affta.ab.ca](http://www.affta.ab.ca)).

Stop by the MD office and pick up a copy of the "**Rural Canadians' Guide to Programs and Services**" for a comprehensive database of national and regional programs and contact information. Or access it online at Canada's Rural Partnership website at [www.rural.gc.ca](http://www.rural.gc.ca).

Do you ever wish that there was a forum for the Charities and Non-profits of Alberta? A place where you could share and access the wealth of information and support that other organizations have to offer? Visit the **Charity Connector Forum** to:

- ◆ to see how other organizations handle certain situations
- ◆ post questions on the forum and interact with fellow non-profits
- ◆ get information regarding Canada Revenue Agency requirements
- ◆ connect and discuss current and relevant issues facing the non-profit and voluntary sector.

Visit [www.charitycentral.ca/small](http://www.charitycentral.ca/small) for more information on how this tool can help make your work easier.

### Cast Your Vote!!

Pepsi is getting on board and funding a variety of community projects as part of the “**Pepsi Refresh Project Program**”. The **ACE Communities Alberta Aboriginal Music and Dance Project** has been **SHORT-LISTED** for the **\$100,000 prize** but **they need your vote!!!!** Vote once, every day, until August 31st, 2010 and help them receive the **GRAND PRIZE!!**

Visit <http://ab.yace.ca/artstour> to register your vote.

### Just a Reminder....

**AVIVA Canada is giving away \$1,000,000 to help build better communities!**

Starting in the Fall of 2010, submit your idea for community improvement. The most popular ideas, as chosen by Canadians, will have a chance at sharing in the **\$1,000,000 Aviva Community Fund**.

Visit their website at <http://www.avivacommunityfund.org> to find out more!



### Trying to Recruit More Volunteers to your Organization?

Explore how these tips might help your organization draw in and retain new volunteers.

- ◆ Get them involved with specific and goal-oriented tasks at the outset. This will develop a sense of belonging and accomplishment.
- ◆ Provide orientation and information sessions for new recruits. Informed and direct communication will encourage volunteers to “buy in”.
- ◆ Be efficient. Time commitments are harder to come by, so be sure that your organization values volunteer time by being prepared and organized.
- ◆ Listen to, and involve, your new volunteers with all aspects of your organization. Help them to understand the big picture and let their voice be heard.
- ◆ **Most Importantly, HAVE FUN!!!!**