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Wood Buffalo Community Foundation Announces Open Call for Community and Environment Grants

(Fort McMurray, AB – March 26, 2024) The Wood Buffalo Community Foundation (WBCF) will accept applications for the 2024 Community and Environment Grants starting April 8, 2024.

"We recognize that within our region, funding for mental health, and addictions and recovery is at a critical point, especially for organizations serving vulnerable populations. We also recognize the need for professional development to strengthen and enhance these organization's capacity to serve," explained Gaylene Weidlich, WBCF's Executive Director.

Applications will be accepted for the following areas:

2024 Community Grant Target Area:

Programs or projects that provide professional mental health, addictions and recovery supports. Preference will be given to youth, seniors, and Indigenous-led and/or Indigenous-serving organizations. Consideration will also be given to successful applicants for up to \$5000 for professional development training.

The Shell Albian Sands Environment Grant Target Area:

Environmental initiative(s) that focus on environmental education; renewable energy, energy conservation, and/or climate change; land, habitat, and wildlife conservation.

Deadline for grant applications is 11:59 p.m. MST, May 15, 2024. Details on the application process can be found at <u>https://www.wbcfoundation.ca/about-community-grants</u>.

The Wood Buffalo Community Foundation is the hub between donors, charities, and communities. WBCF holds over \$5 million in endowed funds and has granted \$2.2 million to local charities since 2017.

For more information about WBCF: <u>www.wbcfoundation.ca</u>.

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