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2000-2001 Community-based Centennial Legacies Projects

In his First Quarter Fiscal Update, August 31, 2000, Provincial Treasurer Steve West announced \$50 million in additional funding earmarked for centennial projects.

This funding will enable the first group of legacy projects to mark Alberta's 2005 centennial to proceed. Funding for legacy projects in future years will be established according to the government's priorities and budgets.

The first group of project funded under the Alberta 2005 Centennial Legacies Grant Program includes 17 facilities in 13 communities:

Calgary ***Calgary Performing Arts Centre (CPAC)***

The CPAC is one of Alberta's premier arts facilities. It is home to three theatre companies, a symphony orchestra and two major festivals, and host to a variety of concerts and special events. A one-time grant will be provided to undertake capital upgrades which are required immediately. Amount: \$2.5 million. <http://www.theartscentre.org/>

Calgary ***Lougheed Residence***

Funds will be directed to the restoration of the Sir James Alexander Lougheed Residence, built in 1891. Typical of the heavy sandstone mansions built by Calgary's business elite during the 1890s, this elegant building is a designated provincial and national historic site. Amount: \$2.8 million <http://public-library.calgary.ab.ca/tours/corner/lou.htm>

Drumheller ***Royal Tyrrell Museum Learning Centre***

The Royal Tyrrell Museum is recognized internationally for its palaeontological research and extraordinary exhibits. Centennial funding will be used to develop an innovative learning centre that will offer school children and teachers exciting and memorable educational experiences. Amount: \$2.5 million <http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com/>

Edmonton ***Citadel Theatre***

The Citadel Theatre is one of Alberta's largest theatre facilities, home to a major regional theatre company and frequent host to local and visiting companies and productions. A one-time grant will be provided to undertake capital upgrades which are required immediately. Amount: \$2.5 million <http://www.citadeltheatre.com/>

Edmonton ***Fringe Theatre "Arts Barns"***

Since its inception in 1980, Fringe Theatre Adventures has offered professional live theatre in Edmonton and throughout Alberta. Funds will be provided to continue renovating a 50-year old transit bus garage as a multiple-use professional arts facility. Amount: \$2 million <http://www.fringe.alberta.com/fta/>

Fort Macleod *Fort Macleod Historic Area, Empress Theatre and Fort Museum*

Centennial funding will be used to upgrade the 1912 Empress Theatre, the Fort Museum and the Fort Macleod Historic Area, which contains Alberta's most significant collection of buildings from the Late Victorian and Edwardian eras (1890 to 1920).

Amount: \$2.3 million

<http://www.discoveralberta.com/FortMuseum/> <http://www.empresstheatre.ab.ca/>
<http://www.discoveralberta.com/AlbertasSouth/FortMacleod/SightsAttractions/HistoricSitesInteractiveCentres/index.html?vid=2827527>

Fort McMurray *Oil Sands Discovery Centre*

The Oil Sands Discovery Centre is an important educational and tourism resource for northeastern Alberta. Centennial funding will be used to support redevelopment of 15-year-old interactive audio-visual displays.

Amount: \$200,000

<http://www.oilsandsdiscovery.com/>

Gleichen *Siksika Cultural Centre and Museum*

Funds will be used to help develop a museum and cultural centre. The Siksika possess a significant collection of historic Blackfoot materials. They plan to build an appropriate facility to house and display these materials.

Amount: \$4.5 million

<http://www.treaty7.org/info/siksika.htm>

Grande Prairie *The Grande Prairie Museum*

The Grande Prairie Museum is a dynamic facility that serves the City of Grande Prairie and the Peace Region. Centennial funds will support upgrading and expansion of the museum's archival, collections and programming space, and construction of a permanent display area.

Amount: \$1.2 million

<http://www.agt.net/public/amasse/gpmuseum.html>

Lac La Biche *Lakeland Interpretive Centre and Regional Leisure Complex*

Centennial funding will assist in the construction of a multiple-use facility to house historical, cultural and natural displays, and provide space for leisure, social, recreational and educational programs.

Amount: \$1.2 million

http://www.laclabicheregion.ab.ca/new_developments.htm

Lac La Biche *Mission Historic Site*

Centennial funding will be used to complete restoration of the convent and begin work on the furnishings. This site will pay tribute to the contribution and history of the French, Metis and First Nation people of Northern Alberta.

Amount: \$250,000

<http://www.museumsalberta.ab.ca/network/directry/LacLB.htm>

Medicine Hat *Arts and Heritage Centre*

The Medicine Hat Arts and Heritage Centre will provide citizens in southeastern Alberta with a wide array of cultural experiences. Centennial funds will be directed to constructing this new facility.

Amount: \$3.5 million

Medicine Hat *Medalta Potteries and Hycroft China Factory*

Centennial funding will be used to support restoration, preservation and interpretation of these provincial and national historic sites.

Amount: \$2 million

<http://www.medalta.org/index.html>

<http://www.medalta.org/hycroft.htm>

Olds *Aquatic Centre*

The Town of Old and Olds College will receive centennial funds to construct a community swimming pool on the college campus.

Amount: \$2 million

<http://www.town.olds.ab.ca/welcome.html>

Stirling *The Great Canadian Plains Railway Project*

Centennial funds will be used to assist with the restoration, furnishing and interpretation of the Coutts Railway Station in its new location just north of Stirling, Alberta. This historic railway station is the last surviving structure from the old narrow gauge railway that ran from Lethbridge to Great Falls in the 1890s.

Amount: \$500,000

<http://www.agt.net/public/vilstir/intro.htm>

<http://collections.ic.gc.ca/prairie/rachpt7.htm>

Turner Valley *Turner Valley Gas Plant*

Centennial funding will be used to develop Phase 1 (including reclamation requirements) of the Federal-Provincial Development Plan for this provincial and national historic site. Amount: \$5 million

<http://www.town.turner-valley.ab.ca/tturval/history2.htm>

Vermilion *Canadian Fire Museum and Discovery Centre*

Centennial Legacy funds will assist in constructing a unique world-class facility. The centre will interpret the history, evolution and current directions in fire fighting, rescue work and fire safety, and the science of combustion. The centre will also include a Hall of Fame honouring Canadian firefighters.

Amount: \$3.8 million

<http://www.afts.ab.ca/>