



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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Projects receiving grants from the Henry S. Varley Fund for Rural Life, Spring 2018

Chinook Arch Regional Library System, \$26,000: In partnership with small business incubator Teconnect, the Rural Entrepreneurial Virtual Portal Project will help Chinook Arch connect entrepreneurs living outside of Lethbridge with opportunities for skills training, workshops, and seminars via teleconferencing.

Friends of Taber Literacy Association, \$10,000:

This grant supports the Families Learning Together English literacy program, which helps women and their preschool-aged children overcome barriers to literacy and develop language skills. This program is offered in Grassy Lake, Taber, and Vauxhall.

Raymond and District Futures Society, \$3,000:

This grant will assist in applying updates and incorporating play-based learning techniques into the organization's safety education presentation for kindergarten.

Rowan House Society, \$25,000:

This grant supports the second phase of the Transitional Housing for Women Leaving Domestic Abuse Project. This phase involves recruitment of suitable homes, landlords, and host families throughout Claresholm and the surrounding area.

Shock Trauma Air Rescue Service Foundation, \$25,000:

This grant will bring critical care skills training to medical professionals in rural locations through STARS' Mobile Education Unit, including a focus on new technology in medicine and clinical training.

Sik-Ooh-Kotoki Friendship Society, \$5,000:

This grant supports Reconciliation through the Blackfoot Perspectives Professional Development Tipi Camp. Participants in the camp gain a greater awareness and understanding of the Indigenous peoples of Southwestern Alberta.