



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

Chinook Regional Foundation for Career Transitions, \$15,000:

This grant supports the expansion of a career exploration program for grade 10 students throughout Southwestern Alberta. Rural youth tend to have limited access to career exploration activities, and this program will help students plan for their futures by introducing them to a wide range of career pathways and possibilities.

Foothills Special Needs Association for Parents and Siblings (FSNAPS), \$6,000:

FSNAPS provides support, education, and information to families who are living with or are connected with someone with special needs. This grant will help them expand supports to the community in the Claresholm area. The outreach program will enhance participants' abilities to manage critical decisions, be better informed, and build capacity as a member of their community.

Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta, \$25,000:

This project will give families in Pincher Creek an opportunity to own an affordable home. Habitat for Humanity will use the grant funding for a duplex build project in Pincher Creek. This project is both an innovative response to this rural community's Housing Needs Assessment as well as a collaborative community initiative, and is Habitat's first build project in Pincher Creek.

Parkinson Association of Alberta, \$8,000:

This grant will expand the Parkinson Disease Outreach Program for those affected by Parkinson Disease outside of Lethbridge. Many people with the disease live in isolation, with limited access to specialized healthcare and psycho-social supports vital to living well with Parkinson disease. This initiative will help foster healthy communities and community connections by reaching out to outlying communities through a variety of in-person and technological channels.