

GRANT APPLICATION - GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETION

Purpose	The purpose of an Environment and Parks Grant is to support the maintenance, development or growth of our province's natural resources.
Eligibility	<p>Applications will be reviewed on individual merit and must support one of the following key areas maintained by Environment and Parks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish and Wildlife Management • Air, Land, Water and Biodiversity Stewardship • Land and Water Management and Conservation • Sustainable Development of Natural Resources <p>Programs must be within the existing Environment and Parks mandate.</p>
Application Process	<p>The Application shall include the following supporting documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of Organization • Description of program/project including start and end date, goals and objectives • Proposed budget for program/project • Incorporation documentation (if not previously supplied) • One to three year Business plan • A program of recognition for Environment and Parks' contribution to the organization <p>Note: Grant applications from applicants with outstanding documentation from previous grants will only be reviewed when all outstanding documentation has been received.</p> <p>Applications will be reviewed and organizations will be notified of the results within 60 days of receipt of application.</p>
Reporting Requirements	<p>The receipt of any grant disbursements is conditional upon the following requirements being met at the end of the grant cycle:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Statements for the past fiscal year (April 01 to March 31) • Proposed Budget vs. Actual Comparison noting the budget expenditures made directly from the grant. • Business plan review including a description of outcome of the program including how goals and objectives were met. • Samples of Environment and Parks recognition. <p>Only applicants that meet the reporting requirements will be considered for future funding.</p> <p>If the grant is approved in whole or in part, the Applicant agrees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enter into an agreement with Environment and Parks to meet all requirements. • To recognize the contribution of Environment and Parks' funding. • The grant shall be used only for the purposes for which the grant application was approved. • If the original application has been varied by the Minister, the grant will be used only for those varied purposes.
Freedom of Information	The Government of Alberta has passed the <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> (Act). All information and documents submitted to the Minister become the property of the Minister and are subject to the provisions of the Act. The Act grants a right of access to records in the Minister's custody or control and prohibits among other things the Minister from disclosing information where disclosure would be harmful to your business interests as defined in Section 15 of the Act or would be an unreasonable invasion of your personal privacy as defined in Section 16 of the Act.

Application is hereby made to the Minister of the Environment and Parks (hereinafter called the "Minister") for a Grant pursuant to the Environment and Sustainable Resource Development Grant Regulation, A.R. 182/2000 [refer also to the Designation and Transfer of Responsibility Regulation, Section 21(6)].

Organization/Individual(s) Name(s): Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Society		
Address: (Indicate Street No./P.O Box, City/Town or Others and Postal Code) Mailing: PO Box 217, McLennan, AB T0H 2L0 (Location: 205 First Street E, W.C. Kirkland Building, McLennan, AB)		
Phone # 780-324-3355	Fax # 780-324-3377	E-mail Mpwa.execdirector@telus.net

Provide name of all Officers and Directors. (if additional space is required, please use attachment)

First Name Chris		Last Name Thiessen	
Position Chair	Telephone # 780-831-1328	Fax #	E-mail cthiessen@cityofgp.com

First Name Ashley		Last Name Rowney	
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Position Treasurer	Telephone # 780-552-3356	Fax #	E-mail mayor@valleyview.ca

If organization is incorporated, please indicate the applicable Act by checking one of the following and provide a copy of the incorporation documents if not previously provided:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Societies Act (Alberta) <input type="checkbox"/> Business Corporations Act (Alberta) <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain)		Incorporation Number:
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Purpose of organization including goals and objectives or occupation of individual (provide a copy of your curriculum vitae):

Established in 2011, the Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance is an essential partner under Alberta's Water For Life Strategy as the Watershed Planning and Advisory Council for the Peace River and Slave River watersheds. This WPAC covers approximately 30% of the geographic area of Alberta and two major basins.

This not-for-profit organization is based on a Multi-Stakeholder model with representatives from Government (Federal, Provincial, Rural and Urban Municipalities and First Nations), Industry (Agriculture, Forestry, Oil and Gas, Utilities, Mining), Indigenous Communities (Metis Settlement General Council, Metis Nation of Alberta and First Nation Communities), non-government organizations (Environmental, Research/Education, Watershed Stewardship, Recreation), and the general public.

The WPAC works to actively engage stakeholders in watershed assessment, planning, and education/outreach on watershed issues in the Peace Watershed. With the completion of both a State of the Watershed and Integrated Watershed Management Plan, the MPWA work is now based upon collaborative watershed conversations and priority setting exercises where MPWA fulfills the role of catalyst in bringing the different sectors together to implement the IWMP recommendations and other planning initiatives and priorities as indicated through discussions with our variety of partners (including priorities of AEP Ministry and AEP Regional Operations Office). Major areas of work include: Source Water Protection Planning, Water Management Plans, Riparian improvement and protection, water monitoring (lakes and streams) and water literacy (including useage, Beneficial management practices, invasive species), and other planning initiatives.

MPWA works towards a continual improvement in watershed management and conservation . There will be an increased focus on educating others to work towards common water quality and quailty goals, as this piece of work can be and will be intigrated into our other work areas.

This adaptive management watershed approach supports the GOA cumulative effects approach and will feed watershed information into the Land use Framework process for the upper and lower peace regional planning process.

Additional personnel, whether staff or contractors, are required to fully implement MPWA's mandate and *Water for Life* goals across the Peace and Slave Watersheds, which is reflected in the requested funds for staff salaries.

The underlying purpose of designated WPACs such as the MPWA is to support the engagement of Albertans in the shared stewardship of watershed resources and assure the achievement of the GoA Water for Life Strategy outcomes through collaborative partnerships, adaptive planning, and knowledge transfer.

Project Title: Mighty Peace Watershed Alliance Operating and Program Grant

Description of project/program include schedule of performance of work, benefits to Alberta. (If more space is required, please use attachment.)

Please see the attached document – Description of Project/Program Part A & B 2023-2027

Details of grant income received/receivable from other source(s) for this project including amounts:

We receive funding and in-kind from various sources to complete project work ie/ Municipal Governments, Industry, ACA, ECCC, and WRRP. The only source of income for this project (operating funds for the WPAC are received from this GoA grant.

List by Grant Number the amounts of previous grants paid to your organization by the Minister of Environment and Parks or other Government of Alberta departments in the current and immediate past fiscal year (April 01 - March 31).

20GRSTR01 – for 4-year operating grant of \$230,000 per year from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2023

23GRRSD28 – 2022 Beaverlodge Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Program \$9658.00

List by Grant Number all unspent amounts from previous grants:

In the event the grant is provided what is the communication strategy expected?

The communication strategy will involve advertising and notice of AEP financial assistance on the usual components of media (newsletter, articles and interviews), social media (Facebook, twitter, website, etc) and relevant brochures and/or

publications. Further acknowledgement of funding partners will occur as the organization moves forward with a variety of relevant workshops for the stakeholders and public in our watershed.

Communication of the MPWA initiatives and education materials increases opportunity to collaborate with Municipalities, other Community Organizations, and sector representatives to provide education and awareness about the MPWA, BMPs and our water resources. The MPWA uses frequent email blasts, updated website, Facebook posts, annual report, and newsletters to forward education materials and news. Participation at open houses, speaking events, other organization meetings, and updates to Directors ensures that relevant information is being shared across the stakeholders. There will continue to be a push to create and ensure strong educational material is provided to improve stewardship. With the addition of an Education & Outreach Coordinator, MPWA will continue to create opportunities to allow people to develop an affinity for the watershed and the interaction that they have with it. MPWA will continue acknowledgement of partners and funding at events and on material. The improved network of stakeholders and partners has allowed the MPWA message and work to be moved throughout the watershed.

Provide a description of how Environment and Parks' contribution will be recognized.

The Mighty Peace Watershed will continue to recognize support of Alberta Environment and Parks in the following ways: in our newsletters, on our website, through appropriate verbal recognition in conversations and presentations, and in our Annual Report.

Amount of Grant requested: \$397,300

Have you included your supporting documentation?

- ☒ Business plan/Operation plan including program goals and objectives (1-3 Years)
- ☒ Proposed program/project budget
- ☐ If not previously supplied within past year, a copy of your incorporation documentation
- ☐ Any other information that will benefit the decision making process

Date of Application: September 16, 2022

Signature:



Name: Rhonda Clarke-Gauthier

Position: Executive Director