

Provincial Budget 2007 Quick Facts for Arts + Culture

\$1.4 billion for municipalities

The provincial budget provides a boost of \$400 million to municipalities in 2007-08, including:

- **\$75 million** for sustainable community infrastructure projects such as recreation facilities, libraries and arts facilities.

A \$429 million increase in infrastructure support over the next three years will help communities add, maintain and upgrade key community facilities, including:

- **\$280 million** over two years to establish a Major Community Facilities Program, funded by lotteries, to assist non-profit organizations, municipalities and Aboriginal communities with building, renovating, upgrading or maintaining major community public use facilities for sport, recreation, culture and wellness.

This funding is part of an \$819 million investment over three years in community facilities which also includes:

- the ongoing Community Facility Enhancement Program which provides matching grants of **\$38.5 million** per year to support the expansion and upgrading of Alberta's extensive network of community-use facilities;

Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture

The ministry's 2007-08 program expense is \$756 million, a \$300 million or 66 % increase from the 2006-07 forecast. This increase includes \$140 million for the new Major Community Facilities Program as part of a two-year \$280 million commitment.

Lottery Fund Revenue Allocation

Programs	2006-07	2007-08	% increase
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	20.5 million	26.6 million	20%
Alberta Film Development Program	14.6 million	18.3 million	25%
Community Initiatives Program	30 million	30 million	0%
Community Facilities Enhancement Program	38.5 million	38.5 million	0%
Major Community Facilities Program	0	140 million	-

Increased funding is also being allocated to address service and maintenance in Alberta's network of 500 parks and protected areas, and to support Alberta's museums and heritage programs.

Alberta Tax Advantage

Donations above \$200 will be eligible for a credit of 21 per cent, encouraging Albertans to give even more. Including the federal charitable donations credit, Albertans will receive 50 cents in tax credits for every dollar donated over the \$200 threshold.