



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: February 23, 2026

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## Letter of Support- Community Foundation Anniversary Grant

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### **DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:**

The Town of Claresholm is pleased to apply for the Diamond Anniversary Grants Program through the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta in celebration of its 60 years of building community across the region.

Claresholm Fair Days is an established annual community festival that brings together residents and visitors for a weekend of connection, celebration, and local pride. While Fair Days already offers a variety of events, this grant would allow us to intentionally enhance and expand one key area of the festival: free, family-focused programming on Friday evening.

Our goal is to create a vibrant, inclusive, no-cost Family Fun Night that ensures every child and family, regardless of financial circumstance, can fully participate in the celebration. Funding from the Diamond Anniversary Grant would support interactive activities, entertainment, games, and engaging experiences designed specifically for children and families. By removing financial barriers, we strengthen community connection and create a welcoming space where all residents can gather, celebrate, and build lasting memories together.

This enhancement aligns directly with the Foundation's vision of building and strengthening communities through inclusive events that bring people together. Fair Days already serves as a cornerstone celebration in Claresholm, and this focused investment will deepen its impact by expanding accessible opportunities for participation.

The application deadline is March 31, and the Town will be requesting a formal letter of support from Council to include with this submission, demonstrating municipal backing and community-wide commitment to the success of this initiative.

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to provide a letter of support for the Town of Claresholm's Community Foundation Anniversary Grant application.

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APPROVED BY: Abe Tinney, CAO

DATE: Feb 19, 2026

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