

A light blue map of the province of Alberta, showing major cities and geographical features. The word 'ALBERTA' is written in large, bold, blue letters at the top. The map includes labels for Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, EDMONTON, St. Paul, Red Deer, Airdrie, Drumheller, CALGARY, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge.

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Community Investment Strategy

Land Stewardship and Environment



Community Investment Guidelines

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The Alberta Real Estate Foundation welcomes initiatives that bring together Real Estate Professionals and the people and communities of Alberta. Interested applicants are asked to contact the Foundation to discuss their initial concept and determine if the project fits with the Foundation's areas of interest.

Successful proposals will encompass most of the following:

- Alberta based and/or Alberta focused.
- Enhance the Alberta real estate industry and the Foundation .
- Involve the active participation of Real Estate Professionals or Real Estate Boards/Associations.
- Build capacity in the community or Real Estate Industry.
- Work collaboratively to leverage resources.
- Incorporate knowledge sharing.
- Demonstrate organizational capacity to follow through on time and on budget.
- Showcase the value and benefits of the project to the real estate industry and the people of Alberta.





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Funds will NOT be provided for:

- Projects that have individual or shareholder profitability as primary objectives
- Endowments or Capital Campaigns
- Deficit, debt retirement or expenses that were incurred in the past (no retroactive grants)
- Political or religious activities
- Motivational presentations





How to apply for funding

To be eligible for funding from the Alberta Real Estate Foundation, projects must meet these basic criteria:

- Ensure the proposed project meets the Foundation's Community Investment Guidelines.
- Assess the project idea according to the appropriate area of interest guidelines:
 - Education & Research
 - Housing Affordability
 - Land Stewardship & Environment
 - Industry Leadership
 - Other
- Contact the Foundation at questions@aref.ab.ca or (403) 228-4786 to discuss the project concept. Foundation staff will assist applicants throughout the proposal process.
- Submit the application according to the Community Investment application deadlines.

Important Note: All applicants must contact the Foundation at questions@aref.ab.ca or (403) 228-4786 to discuss their idea and obtain our application format prior to submission. The application is not available on-line.

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Land Stewardship & Environment

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The outcome of the Land Stewardship & Environment area of interest is to enable Albertans to understand and respond to changing land use patterns, growth pressures, air and water management issues and to enhance the ecological quality of their communities.

Land Stewardship & Environment Guidelines

Preference will be given to projects that:

- Build Real Estate Professionals and public capacity to improve quality of life.
- Enable better land stewardship, land use planning and land use management of Alberta's diverse land base.
- Encourage responsible land use including air, water, species, ecosystems and climate change.
- Consider cumulative effects, land use patterns and consequences for future generations.
- Support capacity to engage in democratic processes and resolve conflicts.
- Increase capacity to develop sustainable communities.
- Incorporate smart growth principles.
- Embrace technologies that enhance energy efficiency and sustainable buildings.



Land Stewardship & Environment Working Definitions

Land Stewardship is the relationship of awareness and responsible action to care for and enhance the ecological and economic value of land, water, air, species and ecosystems for future generations.

Environment includes economic value, social awareness, governance practices and technologies that lead to the long-term prosperity of Alberta communities.

Land includes the surface of the earth, water, air, space, and subsurface area.
(Real Estate Council of Alberta)

Land use includes all uses of land, including ownership, management, planning and regulation of real property.

Real Estate is real property; leasehold property; a business (whether with or without premises), a property user's license, a portable dwelling (other than a holiday trailer or recreational vehicle used wholly or mainly for recreational purposes).
(Real Estate Council of Alberta)

