



## **Bonnyville & District Historical Society**

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Mayor Brosseau and Councilors  
Town of Bonnyville  
4917-49 Avenue, Bag 1006  
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Dear Mayor Brosseau and Council;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bonnyville & District Historical Society, I wish to make a formal request for a continued Operating Grant for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027. Annually, the Town of Bonnyville has generously provided the organization with \$30,000. The grant directly assists us with the expenses of providing services and programming to the community and visitors through the Bonnyville & District Museum. For 2025, due to exorbitant operating costs and aging buildings needing upkeep, we would like to request \$35,000. With this increase, we would be agreeable and enthusiastic about working with the Town of Bonnyville on joint ventures, projects, partnerships, personnel sharing, etc.

We have so greatly appreciated your financial support for the past years. Without your financial contribution we most certainly would have faced immense challenges in personnel and operational expenses. Over the last decade we have made tremendous strides in expanding our programming, facility and exhibits, and our organization continues to show unwavering commitment and dedication to representing the historic and cultural foundation of the region, as well as fundraising efforts, revenue generation, and facility maintenance and enhancement.

We face tremendous challenges with increasing overhead costs as well as maintenance on aging buildings and infrastructure. We know that our most sustainable way forward is with a full-time manager, and we are diligently working to find a person who is both qualified and able to work within our tight budgetary constraints. This is more difficult than you might imagine. We have many fantastic ideas to further broaden the community and cultural reach of the organization; we must always work to balance our plans and projects with our fiscal prudence.

Thank you for your consideration of this request as you develop your budget(s) for the coming years. Please know that your assistance has assisted us fulfilling the important role that the Bonnyville & District Historical Society and Museum plays in preserving and interpreting the history and culture of all the peoples of the Bonnyville region.

Sincerely,

*Morris Mickalyk*

President, Bonnyville & District Historical Society

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	Feb 2024 - Jan 2025	Feb 2025 - Jan 2026	Feb 2026 - Jan 2027
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Grants	80000	85000	110000
Casino	16000	---	---
Interest	2500	2000	1500
Rent	900	1800	2000
Admissions	1500	2600	3000
Donations	1500	2000	2500
Sponsorship	---	2000	10000
Fundraising	7000	8000	10000
Membership	200	200	200
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>109600</b>	<b>103600</b>	<b>139200</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Bookkeeping/Acct	2000	2000	2000
Advertising	1500	1000	700
Office Supplies	1200	1500	1500
Utilities	12000	12000	14000
Insurance	6400	6500	7000
Repair/Maint	25000	18000	25000
Casino	5000	---	---
Volunteer Apprec.	350	350	350
Events	2500	2000	4000
Wages/MERCs	55000	65000	90000
Special Project	---	---	---
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>110950</b>	<b>106550</b>	<b>144550</b>
Surplus	(1350)	(2950)	(5350)