



The Banff Community Foundation
... for now and forever

Your/Our community. Your/Our foundation.

Located in the town of Banff, but geographically defined by Banff National Park we are the only community foundation in Canada that is located inside a national park – maybe even in the world! The foundation embraces and celebrates our natural and cultural heritage and we share that extra dimension of responsibility, passion, gratitude and excitement. TBCF is a remarkable vehicle for community philanthropy and the volunteer board urges you to consider sharing a gift of your time, talents, or money.



Photo Credit: Bow Valley Mountain Bike Alliance

\$100-million Community Spirit Program benefits Alberta charities - April 2008

“With a goal of increasing charitable donations from individuals, the Alberta government has launched its Community Spirit Program. The program includes an enhanced charitable tax credit as previously announced and a new donor-driven grant program. It allows Albertans to decide where they want funding to go based on their annual donations.”

TBCF salutes the “community spirit” of all Donors and intends to leverage or apply for matching funds whenever possible.

<http://alberta.ca/acn/200804/234109FCE7F31-DA63-69CE-F4D4BD6D80903F79.html>

The Banff Community Foundation Selected for “Kick-Start Grant” - Rocky Mountain Outlook, January 2008

“ A local granting agency typically accustomed to giving money to other community organizations was recently given a boost...”

As part of the *Community Foundations and the Environment* program, TBCF received a grant from Community Foundations of Canada, made possible by the generous support of the J. W. McConnell Family Foundation.

By virtue of its location inside Banff National Park, The Banff Community Foundation offers an unparalleled opportunity to become a leading example of a foundation that honours and plans for the artistic, educational, health, heritage, recreational, social and environmental values in an integrated, responsive and coherent manner. The foundation will be a catalyst for partners who wish to share environmental responsibilities with the communities of Canada’s first national park...

If you have questions, would like to contribute money or ideas to this initiative, please contact our office.

School Board endows funds with local Foundation November 2007

The Canadian Rockies Public School (CRPS) 2007 Fund is one of the endowed funds held by TBCF. Established by Canadian Rockies Public School Trustees, the net income of this fund will flow back to the school board and will support research initiatives related to continuously improving classroom practice. The fund will be held and administered by the foundation with all proceeds going to CRPS. Anyone can donate by contacting Canadian Rockies Public Schools or TBCF. Charitable income tax receipts will be issued.

Fast Fact: Canadian giving to community foundations

Canadians gave \$348 million to community foundations in 2007, showing a 28% increase from 2006... Last year, community foundations across Canada handed out \$176 million to thousands of local charities. Collectively, community foundation assets grew from \$2.7 billion to \$2.91 billion in 2007.

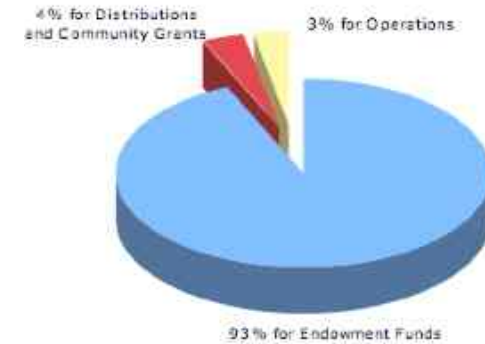
-- Community Foundations of Canada, March 2008

<http://www.charityvillage.com/cv/news/news.as>

Growing the Funds

January - December 2007

Total Raised = appr. \$2.5 million



March 2008

Total Assets under Administration = appr. \$5 million

Goals for 2009

- To raise \$200, 000 - For Community Endowment Fund
- To Raise \$60, 000 - For Flow Through Funds (Grant and Operations)
- To Budget \$9, 400 - For Fund Development Expenses

Quick FAQ’s

Q: Where does the Foundation’s money come from?
From investment income and from Donors. As of December 31, 2007, over 50 individuals, businesses, other registered charities, government agencies, and community groups have donated to TBCF.

Q: Who is eligible to receive a grant?
Any registered charity that improves the quality of life for residents of Banff National Park is eligible for a grant. The eligible recipient may work in one (or more) of the following sectors:

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| Arts | Heritage |
| Education | Recreation |
| Environment | Social Services |
| Health | |

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