

Press Release

TOWN OF FOX CREEK RECEIVES \$50,000 FOR REACHING HOME PROJECT

Fox Creek, Alta. – The Town of Fox Creek is pleased to announce that it has received \$50,000 in funding for the Reaching Home project, a federal initiative aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness. This funding will support several critical community services and resources to assist those in need.

Allocation of Funds:

- **Part-Time Facilitator:** A part-time facilitator will be hired to work 5 hours per week, coordinating the various aspects of the Reaching Home project.
- **Frozen Meals:** Frozen meals will be provided through Edmonton's Meals on Wheels program to support our local community.
- **Winterwear:** Mitts, toques, socks, and other winterwear will be purchased for those in need.
- **Transportation Assistance:** Fuel gift cards, taxi passes, and bus passes will be provided for emergency and medical appointment transportation or to access essential services.
- **Hygiene Items:** Necessary hygiene items will be distributed to individuals in need.
- **Rental and Utility Support:** A small amount of funding will be allocated for rental or damage deposit assistance and utility support.

About Reaching Home:

Reaching Home is the federal government's homelessness prevention and reduction strategy that commenced in April 2019. The Rural Development Network (RDN) manages the Rural and Remote funding in Alberta for this initiative. RDN supports municipalities, non-profits, First Nation communities, and Métis Settlements working on homelessness projects outside Alberta's seven major cities.

Since its launch, Reaching Home has expanded significantly, thanks to additional federal investments. RDN has supported over 80 unique projects and distributed COVID-19 emergency funding to communities, shelters, and organizations impacted by the pandemic. This funding has also enabled RDN to research the connection between rural and urban homelessness and to develop educational and practical resources for rural and remote communities in Alberta and nationwide.

The Town of Fox Creek is committed to utilizing these funds effectively to support our community and those in need, ensuring that everyone has access to essential services and resources.

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