

Important Dates

- [Every Kid Every Community Grant](#)
Hockey Alberta
Deadline: March 15, 2025
- [Coaching Education Grant](#)
Coaching Association of Canada
Deadline: March 17, 2025
- [Girls in Motion Grant](#)
Deadline: April 1, 2025
- [Community Recreation Enhancement Grant](#)
Deadline: April 3, 2025
- [Take the Lead Grant](#)
Deadline: April 30, 2025
- [Community Initiatives Program \(CIP\) Grant Program](#)
Deadline: May 15, 2025
- [Facility Rentals & Bookings for Fall and Winter 2025](#)
Open Now

Have you followed [@reccreateRD](#) on Facebook yet? Follow along for City of Red Deer Arts & Recreation updates, programming and fun opportunities.

rec(create)RD

News from The City of Red Deer

Welcome to 2025! Winter is a part of life in Red Deer and the cold and snow bring back our favourite outdoor activities. As we head into the tail end of winter and the sun begins to bring more warmth, there are even more ways to round out the season. Whether hitting the trails or visiting our indoor facilities while you gear up for the next season of sport, we have what you need at The City of Red Deer.

In this edition of Sidelines, we are excited to share details about the upcoming Community Recreation Enhancement Grant, and share some updated resources and events with your organization.

As always, we look forward to connecting with you throughout the year. Our team would love the opportunity to join your LSO at different events and meetings.

Yours in sport and recreation,
PJ Swales, Jessica Albrecht & Georgia Major.

Facility News and Updates

[Fall/Winter 2025/2026 bookings](#)

Booking applications for Red Deer's recreation facilities, pools and community spaces are now open. Our venues cater to a wide range of needs, welcoming community associations, sport partners companies, and the public to request spaces for league activities, special events, and meetings.

For detailed information on available spaces, guidelines and the booking process, please visit the [City of Red Deer website](#). You can also reach out to our Facility and Booking Specialists via email at facilitybookings@reddeer.ca or by calling 403-309-8411.



Community News and Updates

Participation - TRY IT Day Activities:

Did you know that Red Deer won the 2024 ParticipACTION Community Challenge for the province of Alberta. We did, and now the Community Better Red Deer Committee would like to say thank you to everyone who helped Red Deer win. We will be offering a series of FREE TRY IT events throughout the year to inspire our community to stay active and connected, as we gear up for this year's June ParticipACTION Community Challenge.

Check out the attached TRY IT Day activity events coming up! To register for the activities [click here](#).

Xplore Sport 365:

On March 29 Central Sport and The City of Red Deer are partnering are hosting Xplore Sport Day at the G.H. Dawe Community Centre. This is the second event since the new and improved format, which sees Xplore Sport hosting multiple events each year. The purpose of the increase in events is to be in line with your group's season and registration dates to better meet the needs of your organizations. If you would like more information on these events, please connect with Central Sport [here](#).

Training & Professional Development

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Framework for Recreation in Canada

The Framework for Recreation in Canada was established in 2015 and recently updated in 2024. This Framework is the guiding document for public recreation providers in Canada. The Framework emphasizes the vital role of the recreation and parks sector in enhancing the health, wellbeing, and resilience of Canadians and their communities. By providing accessible recreation activities, conserving natural environments, and fostering spaces for physical and social interactions, the sector significantly contributes to the quality of life across the country.

Learn more about the [2024 Framework update](#).

Coaching Association of Canada Mental Health and Sport Resource Hub

The Mental Health and Sport Resource Hub provides the tools and information to overcome stigma and guide conversations about mental health. This free online portal offers training and resources for coaches to develop mental health literacy and positive coaching practices to improve performance and well-being in sport. #MentalHealthIsOurSport

Access this wonderful resource [here](#).



NEW

Grant Opportunities

Community Recreation Enhancement Grant

The City of Red Deer's Community Recreation Enhancement Grant (CREG), spring intake is now open. The programs and services our not-for-profit organizations offer are essential to the health and wellness of our community. We, at The City, recognize the efforts all these groups and are honored to support them. Check out previously awarded initiatives and projects to see if this grant will suit your needs by visiting reddeer.ca/recreationgrants.

This year The City will host an online information session for LSO's and community groups to ask questions and receive information on eligible and ineligible criteria for applications. [Click here](#) to register for this new information session.

Grant opportunities

Red Deer Games Foundation - Athlete Grant

Did you know the Red Deer Games Foundation Application for Financial Assistance are being accepted year round. Grants are only provided to individual athletes and are not available for teams or organizations. Athletes in team sports will be considered if they are participating as a member of a provincial or national team in their sport. Alternatively, athletes that are participating in a team sport may apply provided they can demonstrate identifiable elite development potential equivalent to success at a provincial or regional level. This potential must include accomplishments that serve to set the individual apart from his/her teammates or fellow competitors. For more information please [click here](#).

