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Community Grants Program
Arts, Culture and Status of Women
Government of Alberta

Dear _____,

On behalf of _____, I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Airdrie Public Library's Community Initiatives Program grant application for \$75,000 to support building their diverse collection of resources to support the community's information and entertainment needs. We strongly support this application and the APL's desire to increase the number and variety of resources it will provide in its new, enhanced, community space, slated to open in September 2025.

Over the past few decades, the population of Airdrie has grown exponentially, and APL has met and adapted to the changing needs of our expanding community. APL delivers programs and services in response to the community's expressed requirements and is excited to have the increased space and capacity for the collection to respond to those needs, too. Although books are at the heart of every library collection, the growing need for information and entertainment in other formats, including electronic equipment like iPads and ring lights for the new podcaster, eResources like eBooks and eAudiobooks, and Library of Things items like STEAM learning kits or soil testers, have been indicated as areas in need of growth. This funding will support APL in meeting those needs in addition to their print and audiovisual collections.

APL supports the City's caring community objectives by providing residents with barrier-free opportunities to feel a sense of belonging, to having support for social wellbeing, to allowing for engagement in lifelong learning, and most-importantly, to building strong connections that are essential for a healthy, vibrant, and resilient community.

It is our hope that APL is given this opportunity, through the Community Initiatives Program grant, to build the right-sized and vibrant collections its community desires and deserves. In doing so, the Library will enhance its contribution to the success and health of Airdrie and surrounding Rocky View County. The larger, more varied, and diverse offerings available at the APL, the more the community benefits. When the Library has it, everyone has it.

Sincerely,

Signature

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