



## **Membership Advisory Reduction to AMA's Annual Allocation from AHRF**

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The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) has received its annual contract from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF) and this year, for the first time, the AMA was presented with a reduction in its annual allocation. The AMA will be receiving \$1,725,000 for the 2010 - 2011 fiscal year — a cut of 13.75% from the previous year and a difference of \$275,000.

Due to the significant reduction in this funding envelope, the AMA has had to assess its internal operations and all programs and services. After much consideration, the AMA has reduced its internal operations as well as explored an increase in certain revenue areas.

In the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year, the Grants Program budget for distribution was approximately 57% of the annual allocation from AHRF, in 2008 - 2009 it was 59%, and in 2009 - 2010 it was 58%. This year, despite the cuts, the AMA has been able to maintain the Professional Development, Institutional, General Operations, Operational Staffing, and Conference Grant Programs, though with reduced funding levels in each category. The Learning Bursary, connected to the Operational Staffing Grant, has been eliminated but professional development in support of positions funded by the Operational Staffing Grant will be eligible for funding from the Professional Development or Conference Grant Programs. The 2010 - 2011 fiscal year will include 55% of the AHRF allocation dedicated to the Grants Program.

These cuts will affect the level of funding provided to Alberta museums as well as the programs and services the AMA offers to museums and museum professionals. Nonetheless, the AMA appreciates the ongoing financial support of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, through the lottery-funded Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and is working with Minister Lindsay Blakett and the department to ensure stable funding for the museum community remains a priority. This continued support will allow the AMA to remain committed to the Alberta museum community and to inspiring excellence and leading a dynamic museum community.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact me at 780.424.2626 x.224 or email [ahatcher@museums.ab.ca](mailto:ahatcher@museums.ab.ca).

Thank you.