



Membership Advisory

Government of Alberta 2017 Budget

On March 16, 2017 Finance Minister Joe Ceci presented the Government of Alberta’s Budget 2017 – 2018. The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) would like to thank the Government of Alberta for its continued support of the museum community and other heritage organizations.

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism’s budget for 2017 / 2018 (including programming, operating, and capital spending) is \$353.7 million, an increase of \$11.4 million over last year. This includes \$57.6 million for the support of museums, archives, historic sites, and heritage preservation. Significant increases were provided to the Royal Alberta Museum (\$2.35 million) and the Royal Tyrrell Museum (\$1.35 million) to support operational costs associated the expansion of these facilities, as well as an additional \$235,000 to support the other provincially operated museums and historic sites in Alberta. Funding for the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF), which funds the AMA and other provincial heritage organizations, was maintained at 2016 / 2017 levels.

Support to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts increased by \$5 million, fulfilling the Government’s commitment to increase its support to the arts community. Funding for the Community Facility Enhancement Program and the Community Initiatives Program has been maintained at 2016 / 2017 levels. Reynolds-Alberta Museum also received \$39.5 million (to be allocated over the next three years) to expand its collections facilities and provide greater access to the province’s collections.

Alberta museums are vital to the vibrancy and well-being of our communities, and our institutions are well positioned to assist the Ministry of Culture and Tourism as it strives to increase collaboration within the non-profit sector and be a vehicle for reconciliation. Museums facilitate diverse cultural opportunities and contribute to a diversified economy in Alberta, and the work of the AMA membership demonstrates a commitment to affecting real social and environmental change in the lives of everyday Albertans. All members of Alberta’s museum and heritage sector require support in order to provide their communities with accessible venues for meaningful conversations, thought-provoking discourse, and engaging leisure opportunities. The AMA is committed to building that capacity through its work with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

For more information on the budget presented on March 16, visit <https://www.alberta.ca/budget>

2017 – 2018 BUDGET			
<i>(thousands of dollars)</i>	2016 – 2017 Budget	2017 – 2018 Budget	% Change
Community and Voluntary Support Services			
Community Facility Enhancement Program	\$38,000	\$38,000	0%
Community Initiatives	\$24,585	\$24,585	0%

Program			
Heritage			
Royal Alberta Museum	\$12,440	\$14,790	19%
Royal Tyrrell Museum	\$2,425	\$3,780	56%
Historic Sites and Other Museums	\$9,455	\$9,690	2%
Provincial Archives of Alberta	\$3,260	\$3,235	-1%
Entity Amounts			
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	\$27,107	\$32,078	18%
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	\$8,215	\$8,206	-0.11%
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Glenbow Museum	\$3,588	\$3,588	0%
Heritage Preservation Partnership Programs	\$2,181	\$2,184	0.14%
Support for Provincial Heritage Organizations	\$2,080	\$2,080	0%
Heritage Markers Program	\$118	\$106	-10%