



Membership Advisory

Government of Alberta Budget 2022

On February 24, 2022, Finance Minister Travis Toews presented the Government of Alberta's Budget 2022, *Moving Forward*. 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 Status of Women's budget for 2022 - 2023 maintains the funding allocation to the Provincial Heritage Organizations at the level set in 2021. While funding levels remain consistent year-over-year, the AMA is continuing to operate on a reduced funding envelope following the reductions in 2019 and in 2020, putting strain on the programs and services that are offered to the diverse community of museums and museum professionals that we support. The Heritage Division also saw an increase in funding to the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology (\$1.8 million), a slight increase to the Historic Sites and Other Museums (\$235,000), and a small decrease to the Royal Alberta Museum (\$1.5 million).

Funding to the Community Facility Enhancement Program increased (\$20 million), while the allocation to the Community Initiatives Program decreased (\$16 million), to a level that is similar to pre-pandemic funding. The Glenbow Museum will receive \$80 million in capital funds (allocated over the next three years) to support the Glenbow Revitalization project. Capital funds are also allocated to the Calgary Zoo Canadian Wilds Redevelopment (\$8.5 million) and the Calgary Stampede Foundation's SAM Centre (\$3.1 million). Included below is a breakdown of the funding in the 2022 - 2023 budget for museums and heritage organizations.

Museums are at the heart of our small towns and big cities, essential participants in creating the vibrant local communities that make our province a great place to live, work, and play. The challenges of periodic closures and prolonged instability faced by Alberta's museum community over the last two years have been significant, and the ongoing supports and investment reflected in Budget 2022 are important to ensure a sustainable path forward for the sector. As we look toward the future, the AMA will continue to advocate for our sector and support the diverse ways museums across Alberta contribute to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the province.

2022 - 2023 BUDGET				
<i>(thousands of dollars)</i>	2020 - 2021 Budget	2021 - 2022 Budget	2022 - 2023 Budget	% Change from 2021 - 2022 to 2022 - 2023
Community and Voluntary Support Services				
Community Facility Enhancement Program	\$25,000	\$18,500	\$38,500	+108.1%
Community Initiatives Program	\$19,725	\$37,085	\$20,735	-44.1%
Heritage				
Royal Alberta Museum	\$13,285	\$11,715	\$10,260	-12.4%
Royal Tyrrell Museum	\$6,325	\$5,205	\$6,975	+34.0%
Historic Sites and Other Museums	\$9,715	\$7,630	\$7,865	+3.1%
Provincial Archives	\$3,380	\$3,250	\$3,210	-1.2%
Support to Glenbow Museum	\$2,691	\$2,288	\$2,288	0.0%
Historic Resources Management	\$5,410	\$5,120	\$5,090	-0.6%
Heritage Preservation Partnership Programs	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,450	0.0%
Support for Provincial Heritage Organizations	\$1,705	\$1,705	\$1,705	0.0%
Arts				
Assistance to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts	\$26,935	\$25,585	\$25,585	0.0%
Tourism				
Travel Alberta	\$37,747	\$59,691	\$59,925	+0.4%