



Membership Advisory

Government of Alberta 2018 Budget

On March 22, 2018 Finance Minister Joe Ceci presented *Budget 2018: A recovery built to last* in the Alberta Legislative Assembly. 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 2018 budget (including programming, operating, and capital spending) is \$383.2 million, an increase of \$33.2 million over last year. This includes \$63.4 million for the support of museums, archives, historic sites, and heritage preservation. The Royal Alberta Museum received \$2.1 million in new funding to support operational costs associated with the opening of the new facility, and the TELUS World of Science Edmonton received \$4.0 million in capital funding to support the Aurora Project. Support for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Community Facility Enhancement Program, the Community Investment Program, and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF), which funds the AMA and other provincial heritage organizations, was maintained at near 2017 levels.

Museums help share Alberta's diverse stories, spark conversations, and create meaningful experiences that enhance the vibrancy of our communities. The Culture and Tourism Business Plan 2018 – 2021 reiterated that Albertans value heritage; an overwhelming majority agree that historical resources are important in contributing to overall quality of life. Building on this strength, Alberta museums are uniquely positioned to continue to embrace their role as agents of social change and to support the government's commitment to increase economic diversification and build strong, engaged, and resilient communities. The AMA remains committed to leading, facilitating, and supporting museums in their vital role as centres of creativity, inquiry, and inspiration and will continue to work with AHRF and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to advocate on behalf of Alberta's museum community.

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Budget 2018 – by the numbers

<i>(thousands of dollars)</i>	2017 Budget	2018 Budget	% Change
Community and Voluntary Support Services			
Community Facility Enhancement Program	\$38,000	\$38,000	0%
Community Initiatives Program	\$24,585	\$25,000	1.7%
Heritage			
Royal Alberta Museum	\$14,784	\$16,890	14%
Royal Tyrrell Museum	\$3,767	\$3,840	1.9%
Historic Sites and Other Museums	\$9,684	\$9,725	0.4%
Provincial Archives of Alberta	\$3,229	\$3,260	1%
Entity Amounts			
Alberta Foundation for the Arts	\$32,035	\$32,077	0.1%
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation	\$8,206	\$8,221	0.2%
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Glenbow Museum	\$3,588	\$3,588	0%
Heritage Preservation Partnership Programs	\$2,184	\$2,195	0.5%
Support for Provincial Heritage Organizations	\$2,080	\$2,080	0%
Heritage Markers Program	\$106	\$104	-1.9%

- *Note: Budget 2018 covers the 2018 fiscal year, which begins April 1, 2018 and ends March 31, 2019.*