

## **Alberta Conservation Association 2016/17 Project Summary Report**

**Project Name:** Grant Fund Annual Report

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**Partnerships:** N/A

### **Key Findings**

- Provided stakeholders with information about the ACA Grant Fund process, the funding allocations, and the activities and results of the projects that receive funding each fiscal year.
- Funnelled over \$1 million to conservation work in Alberta through the grant programs.

### **Introduction**

The aim of the Grant Fund Annual Report is to document the grant fund procedures and provide an overview of activities and results of projects financially supported through Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) grants (the Conservation, Community and Education Grants and the ACA Research Grants) each fiscal year. ACA funnels over \$1 million into conservation work in Alberta through the grants. Between 2002/03, when we started our grant program, and 2016/17, we have awarded over \$15.4 million to 979 projects.

Some projects have benefited from long-term funding—everything from avian monitoring and education programs to research on bighorn sheep and elk. Other recipients include the Edmonton Nature Club's popular Snow Goose Chase, the Camrose Purple Martin Festival, and many Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association programs, which engage youth and adults in outdoor recreational activities, such as archery, fishing and hunting. The Conservation, Community and Education Grants also fund education programs, such as Trout Unlimited Canada's Emerald Award-winning Yellow Fish Road program and Nature Alberta's Living by Water program. These projects are only a small sample of the 979 projects funded so far.

### **Methods**

The ACA Grant Fund Annual Report is drafted over the summer by the ACA Grants Program project administrator. A complete draft is sent to the Information, Education and Communications Program at the end of August. The final ACA Grant Fund Annual Report is printed in a small quantity and is circulated to ACA's Board of Directors to keep its members informed of the ACA Grants Program. The report is also posted on our website, which allows anyone interested in our grants to access information on both the operation of the ACA Grants Program and the achievements of projects we have supported.

## **Results**

We updated the grants section on ACA's website as needed and promoted the grants and their deadlines as they occurred.

## **Conclusions**

The Grant Fund Annual Report is one of the ways ACA shares information about our grants. We feel richly rewarded in helping support diverse conservation work happening in our province. Alberta's hunters, anglers and trappers should be proud of the work accomplished with their levy dollars.

## **Communications**

- Grant Fund Annual Report