



Report

TITLE: 2026 TOURISM ASSISTANCE GRANT - FLAGSTAFF SCOTTISH CLUB GATHERING OF THE CLANS HIGHLAND FESTIVAL

Meeting: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: May 6, 2026

Background

Attached is a Tourism Assistance Grant application from the Flagstaff Scottish Club requesting grant funding from our Tourism Assistance Grant (one-time event enhancement) for the purpose of hosting The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival to be held on August 22, 2026, in Sedgewick, AB. This event brings over 200 people from across the province to the region to celebrate Scottish culture with a fun filled day of highland festivities.

Policy CP018 Tourism Assistance Grant Policy identifies the guidelines for the grant application. The attached Grant Evaluation Form is utilized to evaluate the application. The 2026 budget for the Tourism Assistance Grant is \$50,000. Currently \$12,374 of the tourism grant has been committed as outlined below:

	Single Annual Event Enhancement	Ongoing Initiative (Multi-Event Programming)
Friends of the Battle River Rail		\$3,874
Swinging for the Stars Ball Tournament	\$2,500	
Iron Creek Flying Club – Discover Aviation	\$3,000	
Forestburg Arena Association – Buckin In the Burg	\$3,000	
Subtotal	\$8,500	\$3,874
Total Committed	\$12,374	
Available Funding	\$37,626	

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Flagstaff County's commitment to Economic Prosperity means we will work collaboratively with our local businesses and regional partners in the diversified growth of our economy.

Alternatives/Options

1. THAT after reviewing the evaluation form for the Tourism Assistance grant request from the Flagstaff Scottish Club for the purpose of hosting The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival, approve the grant in the amount of \$3,000.
2. THAT after reviewing the evaluation form for the Tourism Assistance grant request from the Flagstaff Scottish Club for the purpose of hosting The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival, not approve the grant request.

Recommendation

THAT after reviewing the evaluation form for the Tourism Assistance grant request from the Flagstaff Scottish Club for the purpose of hosting The Gathering of the Clans Highland Festival, approve the grant in the amount of \$3,000.