



November 17, 2009

The Economic Development Alliance of Southeast Alberta (EDA) will be receiving Community Adjustment Funds (CAF) for local initiatives on Friday, November 20. The MP for Medicine Hat, LaVar Payne, will be presenting the cheque.

The EDA is the economic development agency for five partners, including the City of Medicine Hat, Town of Bow Island, Town of Redcliff, Cypress County, and County of Forty Mile.

Through the CAF program, the EDA will receive \$675,894 from Western Economic Diversification, and \$213,700 from partner contributions, making the total value \$889,594. The funds received will stimulate local communities through job creation, and new infrastructure to enhance services and attractions for long term benefits.

The EDA will be working with the communities of Medicine Hat, Bow Island, and Redcliff on projects such as interior updates and new additions to Police Point Interpretive Centre in Medicine Hat, town revitalization and a new Visitor Information Centre in Bow Island, and the construction of historic cairns in Redcliff. The CAF funds will enable the EDA to hire appropriate personnel for effective roll out of these projects. The EDA also played an integral role in the previously announced funding for the Bow Island Fire Training Centre.

The EDA would like to thank the Western Development Diversification and their partners for these contributions, as it will provide many benefits to our local communities.

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