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**Historical Society of Alberta Secures \$133,000
in Transitional Provincial Funding**

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The Historical Society of Alberta (HSA) is pleased to announce it has received an official commitment from the Honourable Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Status of Women, for \$133,000 in one-time, transitional provincial funding over the next three fiscal years.

The funding structure will provide \$76,000 for the 2026-27 fiscal year, followed by \$38,000 for 2027-28, and \$19,000 for 2028-29. This stepped allocation is explicitly designed to support operational stability as the HSA navigates a path toward long-term financial sustainability. The decision follows a concerted public advocacy campaign by HSA members, heritage advocates, and community stakeholders across the province.

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"We are incredibly grateful to Minister Fir and the provincial government for recognizing the essential value of heritage preservation," said Lorien Johansen, President of the Historical Society of Alberta. "This funding is not just an investment in our organization; it is an investment in Alberta's cultural fabric and our vibrant tourism economy. Our history is a shared asset, and this support allows us to keep it accessible for generations to come."

The provincial budget adjustments earlier this year had threatened to severely disrupt the society's operations, educational programming, and publication efforts. In response, a grassroots advocacy initiative highlighted the deep connection between heritage preservation, local tourism revenue, and community identity.

With operations stabilized, the HSA looks forward to continuing its collaborative partnerships, delivering public programming, and supporting its regional chapters in their localized preservation efforts.

The HSA extends its deepest gratitude to its dedicated membership, regional chapters, and the public who stepped forward to advocate for the preservation of Alberta's history. The society remains firmly committed to its 119-year mission of safeguarding the diverse stories and heritage that define the province.

For more information about the Historical Society of Alberta's upcoming projects or to learn how to support our sustainability fund, please visit our website at albertahistory.org.

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About the Historical Society of Alberta: Established in 1907, the Historical Society of Alberta is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging the study of the history of Alberta, preserving historical records and sites, and fostering a deeper public appreciation for the province's past.

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