



Imperial Oil

Esso Community Growth Fund Backgrounder

Working hand-in-hand with local business associates in farming communities across Canada, Imperial Oil is committed to supporting initiatives that impact the quality of every day life for Canadians. This year, the Esso Farm Community Growth Fund has raised over \$475,000 to improve arenas and sports facilities, provide equipment for fire departments, develop children's playgrounds and support various health related services in 20 rural farming communities across Central Canada.

The Esso Farm Community Growth Fund will directly benefit:

- Lloydminster and Area Brain Injury Society in Alberta - the only brain injury service between Edmonton and Saskatoon
- Moose Jaw Pee Wee Tier 1 Hockey in Saskatchewan
- Raymore Arena-Pool recreational facility renovations in Saskatchewan
- Communiplex Hockey Arena renovations in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
- Winter Sports for Youth Fund - these initiatives will provide better facilities for Milk River, Foremost and Bow Island sports facilities in Alberta
- Fire Equipment for local fire departments in the Arcola, Carlyle and Wawota communities in Saskatchewan
- Grimshaw Arena in Alberta that was badly damaged by an unexpected windstorm in June 2003
- Happy Thought School Play Structure, the revamping of the Warren Arena and a zamboni purchase for Selkirk Arena communities in Manitoba
- Eatonia swimming pool , roof repairs on a Luseland arena, and refurbishing a Eston fire truck in Saskatchewan
- Meadow Lake Arena modernization in Saskatchewan
- Kelsey Trail Health Region purchase new Dialysis machines for patients and their families from across the North East Saskatchewan
- Viking Carena renovations , improvements to the Hughenden Central Sports Garden and implementing a new computerized temperature control system at the Irma Arena in Alberta
- Cattle and Grain Round Up that supports the High River District Health Care Foundation in Alberta
- The Health Foundation of East Central Saskatchewan, Inc. purchase of medical equipment
- Fire Equipment Project for North Battleford and Saskatoon to purchase and upgrade equipment for first responder services and local fire departments in Saskatchewan
- Portage LaPrairie School District purchase of shot clocks for three local high schools in Manitoba
- Hythe Memorial Arena renovation in Alberta
- Virden Community Arts Council for the relocation and development of a new space for the "Costume Closet" in Manitoba
- St. Jean Arena remodeling and Pilot Mound Millenium Recreation Complex construction in Manitoba

Imperial Oil has been fuelling farm businesses in Canada for over 100 years. Contributing to communities has been a way of life for Imperial Oil for just as long with a great history of support to minor hockey and community living across Canada. In 2003, Esso, through the Imperial Oil Foundation, contributed almost \$6.1 million in support to over 400 non-profit organizations in Canada. One of the largest corporate donors in Canada, Imperial Oil was also a recipient of the 2003 United Way Spirit Award, recognized by the United Way for its exceptional commitment to supporting community programs.