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Dear Reeve Oel:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Lower Highwood Flood Risk Mitigation Program and for the enclosure, "Chronology – Foothills County Lower Highwood Mitigation Program."

I recognize your concerns about continued provincial funding for the Lower Highwood Flood Risk Mitigation Program. The Government of Alberta is working hard to mitigate flood risks to Albertans and is supporting local authorities in their efforts to mitigate flood risks. As you mentioned in your letter, Alberta is experiencing unprecedented financial challenges and cannot accommodate your request at this time.

I encourage you to continue working with Andy Lamb, Director of Resilience Grant Programs, to explore opportunities to leverage your existing grant funding to ensure its most effective use. You can reach Mr. Lamb in our Red Deer office, at 403-340-4326 (dial 310-0000 for a toll-free connection), or at [andy.lamb@gov.ab.ca](mailto:andy.lamb@gov.ab.ca).

Thank you again for your letter. Despite the significant challenges Alberta is facing, the Alberta government believes in creating more resilient communities and is committed to providing support toward this important goal whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Jason Nixon  
Minister

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