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CIF Approves \$6.4 Million in Funding in Support of 407 Projects

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is delighted that Saskatchewan communities will benefit from **407** grants totaling **\$6,411,037** from CIF's February 1st and April 1st deadlines. CIF supports initiatives that enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of people living throughout Saskatchewan.

Through its **Community Grant Program's** April 1st deadline, CIF approved **\$5,324,014** in support of **160** grants, for projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities. These projects provide opportunities for children and youth to gain the knowledge, skills, and supports to develop positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle behaviours, and ensure families have access to support and resources to create healthy and caring environments. Projects also provide training and resources for nonprofit staff, Board members, and volunteers to improve program delivery, governance and leadership, and support individuals to become involved as active citizens, volunteers, and community leaders. Additionally, **247 Summer Grant** projects were approved totaling **\$1,087,023**, to support camps and day programs offering positive recreation, arts, culture, and learning opportunities for children and youth during the summer months.

"The Community Grant Program enhances the quality of life for Saskatchewan citizens in sport, culture and recreation throughout every corner of our province," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "The reach of this program benefits people of all ages, skill sets and abilities, while focusing on sustainable inclusive communities of all sizes."

"The range of programs, organizations, and communities supported by the CIF is truly inspiring," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "The projects supported reflects the dedication and hard work of the volunteers and community-based organizations across Saskatchewan who ensure that individuals have access to services, supports and programming designed to improve their wellbeing."

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act* and governed by a volunteer board appointed through the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport.

A complete list of the grant recipients and their projects, as well as information about the Community Initiatives Fund can be found at www.cifsask.org.

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