

CIF will Support 273 Projects through over \$4.5 Million in Funding

Today, the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is thrilled to announce the approval of 273 grants totalling \$4,551,287 in funding from its October 1, 2015 deadline. With CIF support, Saskatchewan communities will benefit from having access to local projects that matter. These projects support opportunities that prepare youth for the future; celebrate community achievements; ensure communities have access to programming and services including sport, culture and recreation; and ultimately create a sense of belonging and pride in Saskatchewan communities.

Through its **Community Grant Program**, the CIF approved 183 grants totalling \$3,195,847 supporting projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families and communities within Saskatchewan. Additionally, 90 projects were approved through the **Community Places and Spaces Program**, totalling \$1,355,440 in grants. CIF is proud to invest in a diverse range of projects that support innovative local initiatives, build healthy and vibrant communities and enrich the quality of life for all Saskatchewanians.

The **Community Places and Spaces Program** has been extended with one final application deadline: October 1, 2016. This program supports small capital renovations that improve the sustainability, accessibility, and long-term use of multi-purpose community facilities such as halls, recreation facilities, and playgrounds.

“Our Ministry strives to support programs that contribute to the quality of life of our province’s citizens,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “The Community Initiatives Fund not only supports projects that encourage active, healthy lifestyles, it also aids to instill a sense of pride in communities across our province.”

“We are committed to building healthy communities through supporting programs and projects that contribute to quality of life” shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. “The wide range of projects announced today is a great representation of the important work happening at a community level throughout Saskatchewan.”

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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