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CIF will Support 274 Projects through \$4.5 Million in Funding

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is thrilled to announce that Saskatchewan communities will benefit from **274** grants totaling **\$4,523,480** from CIF's October 1st, 2016 deadline. CIF supports initiatives that enhance individual and community quality of life and wellbeing. With CIF support, Saskatchewan communities benefit by having access to local projects that encourage community development, access to programs and services, inclusion, and leadership.

Through its **Community Grant Program**, CIF approved **157** grants totaling **\$2,554,685** supporting projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families and communities.

Additionally, **117** projects were approved through the **Community Places and Spaces Program**, totaling **\$1,968,795** in grants supporting small capital renovations that improve the sustainability, accessibility, and long-term use of multi-purpose community facilities. The October 1, 2016 deadline marks the final intake for this program that was introduced in 2010 and funded through the CIF's accumulated surplus. Over the program's lifespan more than \$16 million was approved to support projects in almost 400 communities across the province. As the surplus has now been fully expended, the Community Places and Spaces Program has ended.

"Saskatchewan is home to many strong communities," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Ken Cheveldayoff said. "The Community Initiatives Fund supports numerous projects that contribute to that strength while building pride and enhancing quality of life."

"The programs and initiatives funded by CIF have a profound impact on the quality of life of communities across Saskatchewan," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "We are so thankful for the community leaders and organizations that work tirelessly to enrich our province through implementing inclusive programming 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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