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### **CIF Approves over \$2.4 Million in Funding in Support of 145 Projects**

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is pleased to announce that Saskatchewan communities will benefit from **\$2,423,512** in support of **145** grants for projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities through its Community Grant Program's October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. CIF supports initiatives that enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of people living throughout Saskatchewan.

The 2016/2017 year marked the twentieth year that the CIF has provided grants to support the many community projects, programs and events that enhance quality of life for Saskatchewan residents throughout our province. Since CIF's first grants in 1996/1997 the CIF has distributed more than \$148 million to over 400 communities throughout the province. Read CIF's Feature Stories to learn about some of the valuable programs that CIF funds at [www.cifsask.org](http://www.cifsask.org).

"The impact of the Community Initiatives Fund's Community Grant Program is felt across Saskatchewan," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "These grants focus on contributing to our great quality of life and help make Saskatchewan communities stronger."

"The Community Initiatives Fund continues to support locally-led community projects that strengthen Saskatchewan communities," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "More than 10% of the province's population, primarily children and youth, benefit annually from CIF's support of these initiatives."

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act* and governed by a volunteer board.

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](http://www.cifsask.org).

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