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### **107 Communities Will Benefit From Over \$3 Million in Funding**

From Aberdeen to Zenon Park, 107 Saskatchewan communities will share a total of \$3,257,109 in funding, with the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) today announcing approval of 245 grants that will support a wide variety of projects throughout the province.

Projects range from literacy programs to after school activities, cultural festivals and community celebrations, parenting programs, community hall renovations, physical activity initiatives, volunteer programs, youth mentoring and much more, all in support of enhanced quality of life for Saskatchewan residents.

Through its **Community Grant Program**, the CIF approved 164 grants totaling \$2,207,654 in support of projects that contribute to the wellbeing of Saskatchewan's children and youth, families and communities. Grant approvals through the **Community Places and Spaces Program** total \$1,049,455 with 81 grants to help improve multi-purpose community facilities such as halls, recreation facilities, and playgrounds.

"The CIF plays an important role in our growing province through its support of a wide range of community projects," Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport Mark Docherty said. "These funds support initiatives that enrich the lives of Saskatchewan citizens—whether they are newcomers or long-time residents."

"The diversity of projects really reflects the creativity and innovation of community leaders and organizations in providing programming and opportunities for the benefit of their residents." says Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "The resilience of communities and their ability to respond to changing demographics, priorities and challenges evident in these projects is truly inspiring."

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 is at [www.cifsask.org](http://www.cifsask.org).

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