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## **502 Projects Will Benefit From \$7,210,203 in Funding**

Today, the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is announcing the approval of 502 grants totalling \$7,210,203 in funding that will support a wide variety of projects across Saskatchewan. With CIF support, communities benefit from having access to local projects providing services that increase the quality of life and wellbeing of Saskatchewan residents.

Projects support opportunities that prepare youth for the future; celebrate community achievements; ensure communities have access to sport, culture, recreation, and other programming and services; and ultimately create a sense of belonging and pride in our communities.

Through its **Community Grant Program**, the CIF approved 214 grants totalling \$5,088,936 supporting projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families and communities within Saskatchewan. Through the **Community Grant Program Summer Grants**, the CIF approved 204 grants totalling \$990,250 supporting summer programs and activities for children and youth. Additionally, 84 projects were approved through the **Community Places and Spaces Program**, totalling \$1,131,017 in grants. Programs and initiatives such as these allow communities to flourish through enhancing the wellbeing and quality of life of the people making up their communities.

The CIF also announces today the extension of the popular **Community Places and Spaces Program**. Targeted to end March 31, 2016 the program will now end March 31, 2017. This means 2 application deadlines remain: October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016. The program supports small capital renovations that improve the quality, sustainability, and long-term use of multi-purpose community facilities such as halls, recreation facilities, and playgrounds.

“Our government is proud to support the Community Initiatives Fund,” Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Mark Docherty said. “Projects supported through the CIF enhance our enviable quality of life and make our province stronger.”

“These projects truly bring people together which in turn builds stronger communities” says Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. “The diversity of projects is a great demonstration of the creativity of community leaders in approaching local challenges and opportunities.”

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

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