

CIF Approves over \$2.4 Million in Funding Supporting 151 Projects

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is delighted that communities across Saskatchewan will benefit from **\$2,498,293** supporting **151** grants for projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities through its Community Grant Program's October 1st deadline.

These projects provide opportunities for children and youth to gain the knowledge, skills, and supports to develop positive mental health, self-esteem, and healthy lifestyle behaviours, and ensure families have access to support and resources to create healthy and caring environments. Projects also provide training and resources for nonprofit staff, Board members, and volunteers to improve program delivery, governance and leadership, and support individuals to become involved as active citizens, volunteers, and community leaders.

Since its first grants in 1996/1997, CIF has distributed more than \$154 million to over 400 communities throughout the province. To learn more about the valuable programs that CIF funds, refer to CIF's Feature Stories at www.cifsask.org.

"The CIF plays an important role in our provincial growth by continuing to develop leadership capacity and make innovative investments in community-based projects," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "These funds help build sustainable, inclusive communities and support the well-being of individuals and families."

"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 continually amazed by the dedication and creativity of community leaders and organizations that work so tirelessly to enrich our province."

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.

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