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CIF Approves \$3.9 Million in Funding in Support of 363 Projects

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) is delighted to announce that Saskatchewan communities will benefit from **363** grants totaling **\$3,942,580** from CIF's February 1st and April 1st deadlines. CIF supports initiatives that enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of people living throughout Saskatchewan.

Through its **Community Grant Program**, CIF approved **\$2,873,475** in support of **138** grants, for projects that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities. 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. Additionally, **225 Summer Grant** projects were approved totalling **\$1,069,105**, to support camps and day programs offering positive recreation, arts, culture, and learning opportunities for children and youth during the summer months.

"Sports, culture, art and recreation programs bring people together, instill confidence and commitment, and contribute positively to overall physical and mental health," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "Thanks to the Community Initiatives Fund, more Saskatchewan residents will be able to access places and programs that contribute to the enviable quality of life in our province."

"The CIF supports a wide range of organizations, programs, people, and communities in all regions of the province," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "Children and youth are the primary beneficiaries of the programs receiving grants from the CIF, however people of all ages and backgrounds participate in and benefit from these community-based initiatives."

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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