

### **CIF Approves \$4.5 Million in Funding in Support of 353 Projects**

Saskatchewan communities will benefit from **354** grants totaling **\$4,503,747** from the Community Initiatives Fund's (CIF) February 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines. These grants will contribute to the wellbeing of **143 communities**, serving an estimated **104,338 individuals** across Saskatchewan.

Through its **Community Grant Program's** April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, CIF approved **\$3,561,484** in support of **142 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, **212 Summer Grant programs** were approved totaling **\$942,263** to support camps and day programs offering positive recreation, arts, culture, and learning opportunities for children and youth during the summer months.

"The Community Initiatives Fund enhances the quality of life for all Saskatchewan people," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "Our government works closely with the Community Initiatives Fund to ensure that Saskatchewan residents and communities are benefitting from investments in community-based programs and projects throughout our province – and we look forward to continuing this important working relationship."

"The range of programs, organizations, and communities supported by the CIF is truly inspiring," shared Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "The projects supported reflect the contribution of community-based organizations across Saskatchewan who ensure that individuals have access to services, supports and programming designed to improve their wellbeing."

The CIF is a Special Purpose Fund created through *The Lotteries and Gaming Saskatchewan Corporation Act* and managed by a government appointed Board of community volunteers.

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).

- 30 -

**Contact:**

Joanna Wreakes  
Community Initiatives Fund  
T: 306.780.9394  
E: [jwreakes@cifsask.org](mailto:jwreakes@cifsask.org)

Jamie Gibson  
Parks, Culture and Sport  
T: 306.787.3506  
E: [jamie.gibson2@gov.sk.ca](mailto:jamie.gibson2@gov.sk.ca)