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Community
Initiatives Fund

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Community Initiatives Fund Approves Over **\$7.5 Million** in Support of **475 Community Grants** Across Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan communities will benefit from **475 grants** totaling **\$7,573,740** from the Community Initiatives Fund's February 1 and April 1 funding deadlines. These investments will support community-led initiatives that strengthen wellbeing, expand opportunities, and enhance quality of life in communities across the province.

Through its Community Grant Program (April 1 deadline), the Community Initiatives Fund approved **208** grants totaling **\$4,281,714**. These investments support programs that contribute to the wellbeing of children and youth, families, and communities by fostering positive mental health, building self-esteem, encouraging healthy lifestyle behaviours, and strengthening community connections. Funding also supports nonprofit organizations in enhancing program delivery, governance, leadership capacity, and volunteer engagement. As part of this funding, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Saskatchewan Division will receive **\$1,566,000** in two-year funding support for the Gambling Awareness Program.

Additionally, through the Summer Grant Program (February 1 deadline), CIF approved **266** grants totaling **\$1,726,206**. These grants support camps and day programs that provide children and youth with meaningful opportunities in recreation, arts, culture, and learning during the summer months.

"Our government is proud to support the CIF's important work with a dedicated share of SaskGaming's revenues," Minister of Parks, Culture, and Sport Alana Ross said. "This year's \$1 million funding increase will support even more projects and programs in communities across the province."

"At the Community Initiatives Fund, we continue to be inspired by the creativity, commitment, and care demonstrated by organizations across Saskatchewan," said Tracey Mann, Executive Director of the Community Initiatives Fund. "These investments reflect the strength of our communities and the shared commitment to ensuring children, youth, families, and communities have access to meaningful opportunities that support wellbeing and connection."

The Community Initiatives Fund 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 grant recipients and funded projects, along with more information about the Community Initiatives Fund, can be found at www.cifsask.org.

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