

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND PROGRAM SUMMARY 2008-09

OVERVIEW

The following is the plan for distribution of funds to Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) grant programs for the year beginning March 31, 2008. All grant decisions are made by the CIF board.

Program Components	2008-09
Community Grants Program	\$3,360,000
Urban Aboriginal Community Grants	\$620,000
Physical Activity/Active Living	\$1,700,000
Mitigation Payments	
Problem Gambling Prevention & Treatment	\$500,000
Exhibition Associations	\$240,000
Total	\$6,420,000

The CIF operates under the authority of Part IV of [*The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act*](#), which makes its board responsible “for managing and operating the fund”. The board is empowered to make payments from the fund:

- a. to charities and exhibition associations in Saskatchewan;
- b. to any organization or association representing Métis people in Saskatchewan;
- c. to any person, organization or association in Saskatchewan prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council; or
- d. for any purposes prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

An Order in Council has been approved that allows schools, school divisions, municipalities and health regions to apply for support for community-led and community-based projects.

The CIF is managed by a government-appointed board of community volunteers. CIF board members are:

Darlene Bessey (Chair) – Saskatoon,
Michael Crowter (Vice-Chair) – White Fox
Cara Merasty (Member) – Pelican Narrows
Ranjith Narayanasamy (Member) – Regina

SUMMARY OF CIF PROGRAMS 2008-09

Community Initiatives Grant Program

The program offers summer grants up to \$5,000 and projects grants up to \$25,000. About 400 grants are approved each year. Examples include funds for summer camps, prenatal counseling for mothers, nutrition programs and after-school drop-in programs for youth.

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Purpose: to provide grants for community programs that enhance human development and community vitality, focusing on:

- development opportunities for children, youth and families;
- increased positive activities for young people at the local level, including physical activity and community arts and culture activity;
- increased community leadership capacity, particularly leadership opportunities for youth; and
- inclusion of First Nations and Métis people as leaders in the delivery of community activities.

Priorities: community-based projects that improve the education, health, and/or wellbeing of children, youth and families. The focus is on human development, prevention and early intervention, as opposed to crisis intervention. Priority areas are established in consultation with the Human Services Integration Forum and Regional Intersectoral Committees and posted in the program guidelines. Current priorities are:

- family violence prevention
- health prevention and early intervention
- social service prevention
- justice-related education, crime prevention and early intervention;
- sport, culture and recreation initiatives to reduce participation barriers;
- community-school partnerships to address complex and diverse needs;
- projects that respond to the growing urban aboriginal population

Amount: \$3.3 million, with distribution for 2008-09 estimated as:

Region	2008/09
South East	\$519,959
West Central	\$93,969
North East	\$134,218
South Central - Moose Jaw	\$184,284
North West	\$307,265
Northern	\$283,238
Prince Albert	\$321,754
Regina	\$553,746
Saskatoon	\$676,519
South West	\$125,048
Regional Coordination	\$160,000
Total	\$3,360,000

Formula: the regional distribution formula is based on the proportion of children and youth (under 20 years old) in each Human Service Region with an adjustment to support the Northern region at a higher level. Delivery partner costs are based on 5 per cent of total grants per region.

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Eligibility: non-profit community organizations and community groups providing projects and services that benefit children, youth and families. Schools, school divisions, municipalities and health regions may apply to support community-based projects.

Delivery: grants are adjudicated by nine human service Regional Intersectoral Committees (RICs) and recommendations are made to the CIF board.

Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program

About 160 community projects are supported each year through the 14 municipalities.

Purpose: to increase the participation and leadership of First Nations and Métis people in the development and delivery of culture, sport and recreation programs in urban centres.

Amount: \$620,000 with distribution for 2008-09 estimated as:

Municipality	Grant Amounts Per Municipality	Leadership Per Municipality	Total
Battleford	\$12,000		\$12,000
Estevan	\$6,000		\$6,000
Fort Qu'Appelle	\$12,000		\$12,000
Kamsack	\$6,000		\$6,000
Lloydminster	\$10,000		\$10,000
Meadow Lake	\$12,000		\$12,000
Melfort	\$6,000		\$6,000
Moose Jaw	\$20,000		\$20,000
Nipawin	\$6,000		\$6,000
North Battleford	\$35,000		\$35,000
Prince Albert	\$90,000	\$35,000	\$125,000
Regina	\$140,000	\$35,000	\$175,000
Saskatoon	\$140,000	\$35,000	\$175,000
Yorkton	\$20,000		\$20,000
Total			\$620,000

Formula: municipalities must have a minimum population of 1,500 people and a minimum Aboriginal resident population of 300. The municipalities were identified using 2001 Statistics Canada data. Municipalities may use 5 per cent of the total allocation to support delivery partner services.

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Eligibility: Saskatchewan non-profit corporations that provide services with First Nations and Métis people apply to the program offered through the participating municipality.

Delivery: municipalities apply annually to the CIF for funds to distribute in their communities. Municipalities convene an Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee to review grants. Five per cent of the grant fund is used by the municipality to support program delivery. Allocations to Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina also include \$35,000 each to help coordinate city-wide initiatives. The program is offered in partnership with the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation and is coordinated provincially by Sask Sport.

Physical Activity / Active Living

Saskatchewan [*in motion*](#) is a province-wide social marketing program delivered through the [Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association \(SPRA\)](#). Other projects supported include: local community initiatives; regional partnership projects, provincial research and evaluation initiatives.

Purpose: to advance the physical activity and active living agenda in Saskatchewan and ensure that Saskatchewan residents are healthy, active and socially engaged.

Amount: \$1,700,000 with distribution for 2008-09 estimated as:

Program	Amount
Saskatchewan <i>in motion</i> annual funding	\$1,400,000
Physical Activity/Active Living Projects	\$300,000
Total	\$1,700,000

Eligibility: non-profit organizations, community groups and agencies working to advance physical activity objectives.

Delivery: the [SPRA](#) is the delivery partner for the physical activity component of the CIF. [SPRA](#) works with [*in motion*](#) staff to prepare an annual funding proposal as well as funding guidelines and a plan for the use of the project funds in consultation with government and community partners. [SPRA](#) convenes physical activity sector partners to provide strategic direction to [*in motion*](#) and to make funding recommendations to the CIF board.

Exhibition Association Support

Purpose: to support activities that are consistent with the following objectives:

- community development;
- agricultural awareness and education;
- tourism; and,
- creation of new markets and/or expansion of existing markets for agricultural products.

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Amount: \$239,625 per year distributed as:

Association	Grant Amount
Lloydminster Exhibition Association	\$3,765
Battlefords Agricultural Society	\$35,000
Prince Albert Exhibition Association	\$178,223
Swift Current Agricultural and Exhibition Association	\$9,251
Yorkton Exhibition Association	\$13,386
Total	\$239,625

Formula: grant amounts are based on average gaming profits for each association between 1989 and 1993. These payments meet obligations made at the time of casino expansion.

Eligibility: exhibition associations identified in 1996 that demonstrated financial loss due to gaming expansion.

Delivery: each exhibition association provides an annual submission to the board.

Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Support

Purpose: for delivery of problem gambling prevention and treatment initiatives.

Amount: \$500,000 with distribution for 2008-09 to support Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Grants.

Eligibility: [Canadian Mental Health Association, Saskatchewan Division](#), regional health authorities and non-profit community organizations that provide problem gambling prevention and education.

Delivery: [Saskatchewan Health](#) provides an annual distribution plan with rationale to the board each year, reviews project proposals and makes recommendations to the CIF board.