

Community Initiatives Fund – Program Summary

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Background

- The CIF was established in 1995 and began receiving casino profits in 1996/97 in order to provide compensation to non-profit organizations hurt financially by casino expansion and to ensure that off-reserve Saskatchewan communities received tangible benefits from casinos in Regina and Moose Jaw. Separate arrangements were made to ensure benefits for First Nations and Métis people.
- Every few years, government has provided direction for the CIF distribution strategy. The last three-year distribution strategy ended March 31, 2006. The current two-year distribution strategy will end March 31, 2008.
- In the summer of 2005, the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation conducted a written consultation process to gain input from communities and stakeholders on the purpose and future direction of the CIF. All Saskatchewan municipalities and CIF delivery partners were invited to respond. In addition, consultation meetings were held with the CIF Board of Trustees and with northern stakeholders.
- In March 2006, as a result of the review of the CIF, Cabinet provided direction on purpose, spending and program delivery for the CIF.

Mandate

The purpose of the CIF is to provide grants for community initiatives 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 peoples as leaders in the delivery of community activities.

Provincial Scope and Operation

The Community Initiatives Fund operates under the authority of Part IV of *The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Act*, which makes its Board of Trustees 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.

Board Members

The Fund is managed by an eight-member Board of Trustees appointed by Order-in-Council. The Trustees and the dates of their original appointments are as follows:

Lance Brown (Chairperson) – Craik, 1996
Kevin Scott (member) – Saskatoon, 1996
Cheryl Bauer Hyde (member) – Regina, 1996
Don McDougall (member) – Regina, 1996
Randy Goulden (member) – Yorkton, 1996
Audra Young (member) – Regina, 2002

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Joe McKay (member) – Canoe Lake, 2002

Rachel Jane Jobb (member) – Southend, 2006

Funding

- The CIF receives 25 per cent of the annual profits from casinos in Regina and Moose Jaw, minus a \$2M annual payment to the Clarence Campeau Development Fund. In 2005-06 this amount was \$5.6 million.

CIF Distribution Strategy for 2006/07 – 2007-08

- The CIF Board of Trustees has approved the following two-year plan for the distribution of funds ending March 31, 2008. All grant decisions are made by the CIF Board of Trustees.

Purpose	2006/07 (\$)	2007/08 (\$)
Community Initiatives Grant Program	2,200,000	2,200,000
Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program	620,000	620,000
Mitigation Payments		
Exhibition Associations	240,000	240,000
Problem Gambling	500,000	500,000
Community Service & Administration	239,000	239,000
Physical Activity	1,700,000	1,700,000
Total	5,499,000	5,499,000

Community Initiatives Grant Program

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Amount: \$2.2 million per year, distribution per region, estimated as follows:

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Region	Summer Grants	Annual Grants	Total
Southeast	93,500	280,500	374,000
Melfort/ Nipawin	23,650	70,950	94,600
Moose Jaw	33,000	99,000	132,000
North Battleford	51,150	153,450	204,600
Northern	56,100	168,300	224,400
Prince Albert	59,950	179,850	239,800
Regina	89,650	268,950	358,600
Saskatoon	105,050	315,150	420,200
Swift Current	37,950	113,850	151,800
	550,000	1,650,000	2,200,000

**The percentages used represent the proportion of children and youth (19 years and younger) in each Social Service Region in 1993 with an adjustment to support the Northern region at a higher level.*

Eligibility: Any incorporated not-for-profit community or volunteer organization providing programs and services that benefit children, youth and families.

Program

Delivery: Grant applications are reviewed through nine Regional Intersectoral Committees (RICs) following the June 1, November 1 and February 1 deadlines. These committees provide funding recommendations to the CIF Trustees for approval.

Urban Aboriginal Community Grant Program

Purpose: Community Grant Component: 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.

Leadership Component: to develop and implement quality city-wide leadership and training initiatives for Urban Aboriginal sport, culture and recreation practitioners and volunteers through the assistance of a full-time person working in this sector.

This program was introduced as a centennial initiative from 2003/04 to 2005/06 and has been renewed to 2007/08.

Amount: \$620,000 annually, distributed to each community estimated as follows:

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Municipality	Community Grants	Leadership
City of Lloydminster	10,000	
Town of Battleford	12,000	
City of Melfort	6,000	
Town of Nipawin	6,000	
City of Estevan	6,000	
City of Yorkton	20,000	
Town of Fort Qu'Appelle	12,000	
Town of Meadow Lake	12,000	
Town of Kamsack	6,000	
City of North Battleford	35,000	
City of Prince Albert	90,000	35,000
City of Regina	140,000	35,000
City of Saskatoon	140,000	35,000
City of Moose Jaw	20,000	
Total Annual	515,000	105,000

Eligibility: Fourteen municipalities are eligible to participate in the community grant component (as listed above). Eligible communities have a minimum overall population of 1500 people and a minimum Aboriginal resident population of 300, as recognized in the 2001 Statistics Canada data.

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

The cities of Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina are eligible to receive funds for the leadership component.

Program

Delivery: The municipalities have each established an Urban Aboriginal Advisory Committee to support program implementation and the review of grant requests. By June 1 of each year each municipality applies to the CIF for grant funds to distribute to their respective communities. The municipality reports grant decisions to the CIF.

Exhibition Association Support

Purpose: A financial contribution program intended to support activities linked to eligible exhibition associations that are consistent with the objectives that follow:

- Community development
- Agricultural awareness and education
- Tourism

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- Creation of new markets and/or expansion of existing markets for agricultural products.

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

Llyominister 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

Amounts are based on average gaming profits for each association between 1989 and 1993.

Eligibility: Exhibition associations identified in 1996 that demonstrated financial loss due to gaming expansion. Current eligible associations are located in Lloyminster, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Swift Current and Yorkton.

Program

Delivery: Each exhibition association provides an annual submission to the Trustees for approval.

Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Support

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

Amount: \$500,000 per year, estimated for 2006/07 as follows:

Canadian Mental Health Association (annual funding for 2007/08)	301,400
Regional Health Authorities	135,000
Community Component	63,600
Total	500,000

Eligibility:

- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Regional health authorities in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert
- Non-profit community organizations that provide problem gambling prevention and education programs and services

Grant

Review: Saskatchewan Health provides an annual distribution plan with rationale to the Trustees by February 1 each year. Health reviews proposals from eligible applicants and makes recommendations to the Trustees for approval.

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Physical Activity / Active Living

Purpose: To foster opportunities which 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 per year, estimated as follows:

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association	
• Saskatchewan in <i>motion</i> annual funding	1,400,000
• Saskatchewan Physical Activity Council	30,000
Provincial Active Living Strategy	180,000
Active Living Roundtable	10,000
Active Living Research and Evaluation	35,000
Other Physical Activity/Active Living Initiatives	45,000
Total	1,700,000

Eligibility: Sask Sport Inc.
Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association
Corporate, educational or non-profit organizations that support the development and or the implementation of physical activity based objectives as approved by the Trustees.

Grant

Review: The Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation provides an annual distribution plan with rationale to the Trustees for consideration.

Operations and Management

Purpose: To support the effective management and operations of the CIF including:

- internal and external communications;
- support to the Trustees governance role;
- client consultation and community service;
- support program implementation in coordination with delivery partners;
- grants administration and financial management;
- support to evaluation and reporting.

Amount: \$239,000 per year as follows:

Administration and Management	194,000
Trustee Honorariums	15,000
<i>Total SSI Contract for Services</i>	<i>209,000</i>
Delivery Partner Engagement	30,000
Total Operations and Management	239,000

Eligibility: Service contracts and recipients as approved by the CIF Trustees.

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Delivery: The Trustees have engaged Sask Sport Inc. to provide administrative management services through a contractual agreement. The current agreement ends March 31, 2008 and is reviewed annually.