

Community Partnership Projects

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The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to advancing reconciliation in partnership with First Nations and Métis people, as well as all Saskatchewan citizens. The Ministry of Government Relations' First Nations and Métis Relations Unit supports innovative projects that involve partnerships with First Nation and/or Métis communities, agencies or non-profit organizations.

Interested organizations are encouraged to discuss their proposals before submitting applications by contacting fnmr@gov.sk.ca or 306-798-0183.

Projects that fall under one of the following categories will be considered:

- Safe Communities
- Strong Families
- Student Achievement
- Economic Growth

Who can apply?

An authorized representative(s) of a Saskatchewan-based:

- First Nations Band Council or Tribal Council;
- Métis Nation-Saskatchewan Local, Métis Region;
- First Nations or Métis representative organization;
- Indigenous non-profit organization*;
- Non-Indigenous non-profit organization seeking partnerships with Indigenous communities or whose programs/services benefit a primarily First Nations or Métis clientele*; or,
- Municipality.

**Please note that non-profits must provide an incorporation number to confirm "active" status with Information Services Corporation (ISC) to be eligible to apply.*

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Innovation,
- Partnerships internal or external to the community,
- Clear, achievable objectives, and
- Potential improvement of cross-cultural/intergenerational relationships.

Partnerships:

- Partnerships may include federal, provincial or municipal governments, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, First Nations Bands, Tribal Councils, Métis Nation-Saskatchewan locals or regions, First Nations or Métis representative organizations, or private sector firms;
- Provide signed letters of support and contact information for the partner(s) of the project, who may be contacted to confirm their participation; and,
- The Ministry may not be considered the only partner.

Funding criteria:

- All costs must be specific to the project.
- The Ministry may provide a maximum of \$45,000 for projects.
- The Ministry may provide a maximum of 40 per cent of total project costs.
- Maximum of 10% of the grant request can be considered for costs associated with the administrative costs of the organization.
- In-kind contributions may be considered towards total project costs.

Ineligible projects/expenses:

- Projects that are already complete or more than halfway complete at the time of application are not eligible;
- Existing staff salaries or wages;
- Any administrative expenses over 10% of the grant amount being requested;
- Corporate/business projects intended to make a profit;
- Honoraria other than for Elders; and/or,
- Gifts.

Other requirements

Upon being approved for funding, recipients must sign and return the Letter of Offer, which details the conditions under which the funding is to be used, and includes reporting requirements.

Reports must be submitted prior to successful applicants being considered for future funding.

For more information

If you have questions about the Community Partnership Projects Grant Program or the application process, email fnmr@gov.sk.ca or call the First Nation and Métis Relations Unit at 306-798-0183.