



Community Rink Affordability Grant

Introduction (as of December 7, 2020)

Skating and curling rinks are integral to the creation of vibrant, active, and connected communities in Saskatchewan. These facilities play a critical role in health and wellness, at a time when that has never been more important. Recognizing the escalating operating costs communities and organizations face, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) have partnered with the Government of Saskatchewan to offer the Community Rink Affordability Grant (CRAG).

A maximum of \$2,500 will be available per ice surface to help offset the expenses in eligible indoor skating and curling rinks for the 2020-21 operating season.

Eligibility

The Community Rink Affordability Grant:

- Applies to indoor skating and curling rinks only. Outdoor facilities are not eligible
- Requires indoor skating and curling rinks to be currently active (installed ice this year) or if unable to open this year due to COVID-19, plans to open next year
- Is available to municipalities (urban and rural), First Nation communities, Canadian Forces Bases, schools and registered non-profit groups. Privately owned rinks are not eligible to receive funding
- Registrations must come from the legal owner of the facility (Facility Owner). For example: If the Village owns the facility, the Municipal Office will need to complete the Grant registration

Available Assistance

A maximum of \$2,500 is available per indoor ice surface. Ice surface is defined as, every pad used for an ice surface (not per building). Multiple curling sheets in one facility will classify as one ice surface.

A separate registration will need to be completed for each ice skating facility and curling facility. Multi-use facilities can register for funding for the skating surface and curling surface but will need to complete separate registrations for them.

Eligible Expenditures

CRAG funds can be directed towards rink operating costs (e.g. wages, utilities), COVID-19-related expenditures (e.g. personal protective equipment for the facility) or minor capital improvements.

Eligible costs must have been incurred between April 1, 2020 and March 12, 2021. Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained for potential auditing purposes.

Registration Deadlines and Process

Registrations will be accepted online until March 12, 2021. Late registrations will not be considered.



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A user profile will need to be created to enable access and complete the online registration. Please view the [“Grant Applicant Tutorial”](#) video for instructions on how to create your profile, login and how to complete your registration along with the follow-up report in the system.

Note: Separate registrations will need to be submitted for each facility type (e.g. skating rink and curling rink).

Please have the following information prepared, in order to complete your online registration:

- Contact information for the legal owner of the facility (Facility owner). For example: if the village owns the facility, the Municipal Office will need to complete the grant registration
- Facility information
- Description on how funds are intended to be utilized within the eligible expenditures - rink operating costs (e.g. wages, utilities), COVID-19-related expenditures (e.g. personal protective equipment for the facility) or minor capital improvements

An email confirmation will be sent to you following your submission, to verify that your registration has been received.

Review Process and Payment Information

Based on the volume of registrations and reviewing of eligibility requirements, registrants can expect 6 - 8 week processing time, before being notified on the status of their registration.

Successful registrants will receive a cheque mailed to the legal owner of facility.

Follow-up Requirements

Successful registrants will be required to submit a Follow-up Report online. Registrants will be notified when the online Follow-up Report is available for completion.



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Follow-up Reports will be due by April 30, 2021.

The Follow-up Report will require you to provide:

- Information on your facility operations and how the CRAG funds were utilized
- A description on how this funding benefitted your facility and community
- Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained for potential auditing purposes (upon request)

Completion of the Follow-up Report is a pre-requisite for eligibility in any future CRAG funding offerings. SPRA reserves the right to request a refund of the Grant amount from registrants that do not submit the required Follow-up Report information.

Privacy

The protection of information is important to SPRA. We, as an organization, are committed to protecting the privacy of our members, volunteers, partners and employees. Our commitment is to maintain the confidentiality of your information and preserve your right to privacy.

SPRA will collect, use and disclose funding information in order to adjudicate this Grant and maintain accountability with our funding partner. The Government of Saskatchewan and the SPRA reserve the right to promote and advertise the facilities registered and projects funded.

Contact

Please contact SPRA for further information or for clarification pertaining to this Grant program via email at crag@spra.sk.ca.
