



Community Rink Affordability Grant 2021-2022 Season

Introduction

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 2021-22 operating season.

Eligibility

The Community Rink Affordability Grant:

- Applies to indoor skating and curling rinks only. Outdoor facilities are not eligible.
- Requires that indoor skating and curling rinks have plans to install ice this season in order to be eligible.
- 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.

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

Eligible costs must have been incurred between April 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained for potential auditing purposes.

Registration Process and Deadlines

Registrations will be accepted online from October 15, 2021 until January 15, 2022. Late registrations will not be considered.

A separate registration will need to be completed for each ice skating and curling facility. Multi-use facilities will need to complete separate registrations for skating and curling surfaces. Ice surface, is defined as, every pad used for an ice surface (not per building). Multiple curling sheets on the same pad will classify as one ice surface.



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A user profile will need to be created to enable access and complete the online registration. If you applied for CRAG last season or to any recent SPRA grants through the online platform, please log in with your existing profile.

Review Process and Payment Information

An email confirmation will be sent to you following your submission, to verify that your registration has been received. Based on the volume of registrations and reviewing of eligibility requirements, successful registrants can expect 6 -8 week processing time, before receiving a cheque mailed to the legal owner of each facility.

Follow-up Reports will be due by March 31, 2022.

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.

The Follow-up Report will require you to provide:

- Information on how the CRAG funds were utilized in your facility.
- An impact statement on how this funding has benefitted your facility and community.
- A listing of on-ice programming that occurred in your facility this season.

Completion of the Follow-up Report is a pre-requisite for eligibility in any future CRAG funding offerings. Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained for potential auditing purposes (upon request). 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. As an organization, we 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 view the Grant Applicant Tutorial videos for instructions on how to [create your profile and/or login](#), [apply for a grant](#) or [use your dashboard](#) in the system. Please contact SPRA for further information, technical support or for clarification pertaining to this Grant program through e-mail at crag@spra.sk.ca.