Community Rink Affordability Grant
2023-2024 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, The 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 2023-2024 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.

☐ Applications 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 application.

CRAG funds can be directed towards rink operating costs (i.e. wages, utilities) or minor capital improvements.

Eligible costs must have been incurred between September 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained for potential auditing purposes.

Application Process and Deadlines
Applications will be accepted online from October 16, 2023 until January 15, 2024. Late applications will not be considered.

A separate application will need to be completed for each ice skating and curling facility.

Multi-use facilities will need to complete separate applications 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.

A user profile will need to be created to enable access and complete the online application. If you applied for CRAG last season or to any recent SPRA grants through the online platform, please log in with your existing profile at www.spra.sk.ca/funding/our-grants. Please note that this specific link takes you to the grant platform page which is a is a separate log in from the SPRA members 'sign in' at the top right of the SPRA web page.

Review Process and Payment Information
An email confirmation will be sent to you following your submission, to verify that your application has been received. Based on the volume of applications and reviewing of eligibility requirements, successful applicants 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, 2024
Successful applicants will be required to submit a Follow-up Report online. Applicants 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.

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 SPRA reserve the right to promote and advertise the facilities approved and projects funded.

Contact
Please contact SPRA for further information, technical support or for clarification pertaining to this Grant program through e-mail at crag@spra.sk.ca.