

2023/2024 Métis Recreation Development Grant

1. Introduction

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) Métis Recreation Development Grant is supported by the Recreation Section of Sask Lotteries and is managed and administered by the SPRA.

The amount of funding available for the Métis Recreation Development Grant, like all other SPRA grants in any given year, depends upon the availability of Lottery Funds in the Recreation Section for that specific year.

The Métis Recreation Development Grant application deadline is November 15, 2023.

2. Purpose

Recreation plays a key role in the lives of every Saskatchewan resident and should be available to all. The SPRA Métis Recreation Development Grant Program aims to support SPRA members to develop new recreation opportunities or initiatives in their community for Métis people while also encouraging engagement and support of local Métis in the development of the recreational opportunities.

SPRA's Métis Recreation Development Grant is available to fund a one-time only recreation program. Successful applicants must outline how the program will promote inclusion of Métis people in the continued development of recreation in their communities.

Examples of Recreational Opportunities

The following are examples of recreational programming that would be in the spirit of the grant guidelines. This list provides examples, but eligible projects are not limited to the following:

- Land-based learning activities
- Try it activity days
- Métis heritage celebration events
- Community games nights
- Community square dance or jigging events
- Fitness and physical activities development
- Swim programs
- Intergenerational recreation programs

3. Eligibility

The SPRA Métis Recreation Development Grant is available to eligible **Active members** of SPRA. Priority will be given to Métis Regions or members that partner with Métis Regions, locals or groups to apply for the grant.

Eligible Active members include Métis Regions, Cities, Towns, Villages, Rural Municipalities, First Nations, Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts, Provincial Recreation Associations, Tribal Councils and Regional/Urban Park Authorities. **SPRA**



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membership must be current.

Please note:

- Communities that have not fulfilled the requirements of SPRA Member's Initiative Grants from the previous three years are not eligible to receive funding for this grant. Further information on the status of previous grants can be gained by contacting SPRA at 1-800-563-2555.
- Grant payments will not be made if an applicant has any outstanding Grant Follow-up Reports with the Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program, SPRA or the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund.

4. Available Assistance

Applicants are encouraged to consult with SPRA prior to submitting an application.

Applicants can apply for grants to a maximum of \$2,500. Preference may be given to applications that show self-help, i.e. self-generated funds, donations-in-kind, other revenue.

Applicants can only receive one SPRA Members Initiative Grant per initiative per year.

To maximize the benefits of the SPRA's Métis Recreation Development Grant, communities that apply for more than one opportunity are requested to prioritize their applications (i.e. Priority 1, 2 or 3). A maximum of three opportunities will be accepted from one SPRA Active Member.

Please note, new initiatives are encouraged as the grant is not able to provide sustainable delivery funds. Previously funded opportunities will receive a lower priority due to the availability of funds in the grant.

5. Ineligible Expenditures

The following items are considered ineligible:

- Capital expenditures, assistance for the construction, renovation, or repair of capital facility projects such as arenas, pools, parks, athletic fields, trails, buildings, grounds, etc.
- Food related expenditures – participants meals or snacks, banquets, dinners, fundraising and celebrations
- Subsidization of wages for full-time employees (additional staff hired to implement the program is eligible)
- Property taxes and insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Cash prizes including gift cards
- Out of country travel
- Uniforms, or personal items such as hats, sweatbands or t-shirts.

Note: Rental costs of facilities that are directly related to the recreation program opportunity are eligible to receive up to 25% of the total grant for each program, up to a maximum of \$500 per program.



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6. Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to consult with SPRA prior to submitting an application.

All applications must be submitted on SPRA's online grant platform on or before November 15, 2023.

SPRA will review the applications to confirm that basic eligibility requirements have been met before determining if applications will be provided to the SPRA Members Initiative Grant (MIG) Adjudication Committee. The MIG Adjudication Committee evaluates the applications against set objectives and criteria through a weighted scoring system.

Funding decisions of the MIG Adjudication Committee are final, will not be revisited and are not subject to appeal.

Applications will be reviewed approximately three weeks after the deadline and applicants should know the outcome approximately four weeks following the deadline date.

75% of the total amount granted will be provided with confirmation of approval. The remaining 25% will be sent upon receipt and acceptance of the Follow-up Report.

Late applications will not be considered. Projects will not be funded retroactively. Any project that has begun prior to the application deadline will not be considered.

7. Application Requirements

The following information must be included in the application. Approval of applications will be based on all areas listed below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

a) Contact Information

The name of the **Active member**, contact person, telephone number, address, email address, program name, amount of funding requested and program start and completion date(s).

b) Proposal

A detailed description of the program and how the need for the program was determined. Include estimated percentage of Métis population within the community and how this population will be included.

c) Community Recreation Development

How the program will promote the development of recreation within the Métis communities.

d) Outcomes

Identify the impact of the program. What is the program hoping to achieve?

e) Evaluation

Outline how the program will be evaluated. The evaluation needs to measure how the program achieved the anticipated results.



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f) Budget

Complete a proposed budget using the following outline:

- List of revenue (including SPRA's Métis Recreation Development Grant request, partnerships, other grants, fees and all self-help fund amounts)
- List of expenses (including promotion, materials, instruction, equipment, transportation and other expenditures amounts)
- The application must have a balanced budget (revenues and expenditures are equal)

g) Action Plan

Include a projected Action Plan with proposed timelines.

Please submit your grant application and supporting documentation through the SPRA Online Grant Platform prior to the end of day on November 15, 2023.

[Click here to access the SPRA Online Grant Platform.](#)

Note: New users to the Online Grant Platform will need to create a username and password to access any of the SPRA Member's Initiative Grants. Existing or previous users can simply enter their username and password to access the site. If log-in information has been lost, or if further information or clarification is needed for this grant, please contact SPRA.

8. Funding Obligations

All funds must be by November 15, 2024.

It is understood that activities offered through programs funded by the SPRA Métis Recreation Development Grant must adhere to all Government of Saskatchewan Public Health Orders (if in effect at the time of activity) and that activities are expected to provide a safe environment for those involved.

Where possible, groups receiving grants must publicly acknowledge Sask Lotteries and the SPRA within their activities. Logos of each organization will be made available to successful applicants upon request.

Funds granted through the SPRA Métis Recreation Development Grant may only be used for the purpose stated in the application. SPRA must approve, in writing, any significant change in the use of funds. Unused funds or funds that are spent without prior approval must be returned to SPRA.

Failure to meet the above funding obligations to the satisfaction of SPRA will be grounds to withhold the final payment and restrict access to future funding.

9. Follow-up Requirements

Successful applicants will submit a Follow-up Report within 30 days of the program completion. Follow-up Report forms will be assigned on SPRA's Online Grant platform.

The Follow-up Report must include evidence of how the program has had an effect on your community.



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SPRA would like to showcase the impact that this funding has had in your community. Please send us pictures, videos and written testimonials. We will only use your photos and videos when a release form has been signed by the participant or their legal representative. If your community does not have an established release form, SPRA's release form can be used and submitted with your Follow-up Report.

SPRA's Photo Release Form can be accessed online by clicking [here](#).

In addition to the completed Follow-up Report form, SPRA requires the following financial accountability for the complete grant amount: photocopies of actual receipts, cancelled cheques or a schedule from the Audited Financial Statement of the organization that verifies the program expenditures.

SPRA reserves the right to request a refund of the grant amount from members that do not submit the required Follow-up Report information.

10. 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. SPRA reserves the right to promote and advertise the grant recipients and programs.

We welcome your feedback on this and on other SPRA programs and services.

Please review the following checklist to ensure that all required information has been included in your Métis Recreational Development Grant Application.

- Your SPRA membership is Active*.
- All of your expenditures are eligible.
- Completion and submission of a balanced budget.
- Completion of **all** sections of the application.
- The application has been signed.
- All required documents have been filed in order to close past grants.

* If you are interested in applying but do not represent an SPRA Active member, please contact us to find out who our Active Members are. SPRA grants may only be applied for by Active members of SPRA. To find out more about SPRA and becoming an Active member, please visit our website at <http://www.spra.sk.ca/membership/benefits-of-membership/>.
