



Saskatchewan  
Parks and Recreation  
Association

# PARKS FOR ALL ACTION GRANT

Grant Deadline: March 15, 2021

The Parks for All Action Grant  
assists SPRA Active members  
in initiatives that support the  
Parks for All Action Plan.

*Collaborate Connect Conserve Lead*

Funded by :





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### 1. Introduction

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

*The amount of funding available for the Parks for All Action 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.*

### 2. Purpose

The Parks for All Action Grant is a commitment to the *National Parks for All Action Plan* and aims to support efforts that achieve the *Parks for All Vision*. Efforts can be local, regional or provincial in scope. Applications should highlight how people will be engaged, and the long term benefits that are expected.

The *Parks for All Vision* is:

*Connected Canadian park lands and waters that support healthy nature and healthy people in harmony for generations to come, backed by an active, diverse parks community that cultivates shared goals, mutual respect and collective action.*

*Parks for All* includes four (4) Strategic Directions:

- Collaborate
- Connect
- Conserve
- Lead

To review *Parks for All – An Action Plan for Canada’s Parks Community*, please visit:

<https://www.spra.sk.ca/resources-and-advocacy/parks-for-all/>

Applications should clearly outline how the initiative will engage people and result in long term benefits. Initiatives may include events, programs, studies and projects that effectively fulfill the *Parks for All* Strategic Directions.

For inspiration, see **Appendix I - Parks for All Action Ideas**.

### 3. Eligibility

The SPRA Parks for All Action Grant is available to eligible **Active members** of SPRA. Eligible Active members include Cities, Towns, Villages, Rural Municipalities, First Nation Communities, Provincial Recreation Associations, Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts, Tribal Councils, Métis Region and Regional/Urban Park Authorities. SPRA membership must be current.

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Please note:

- The contact name on the application must match the contact name on the SPRA membership.
- Communities that have not fulfilled the requirements of SPRA Member's Initiative Grants from the previous three (3) 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 can apply for grants to a maximum of \$2,000. Preference may be given to applications that show self-help, i.e. identify partnerships, generate other sources of revenue. A maximum of one (1) application will be accepted from an Active SPRA member. Efforts will not be funded retroactively. Applicants can only receive one (1) approval for initiative per year.

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. Expenditures

The following items are considered ineligible expenses:

- Capital expenses, assistance for construction, renovation, or repair of capital facility
- Food related expenses – banquets, dinners, fundraisers and celebrations
- Subsidization of wages for full-time employees (additional staff hired to implement the program is eligible)
- Property taxes, insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Cash prizes including gift cards
- Off continent travel
- Uniforms or personal items such as hats or sweatbands

### 6. Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to contact the SPRA Consultant – Grants and Funding prior to completing the application.

All applications must be submitted before the end of day **March 15, 2021**.

SPRA will review applications to confirm that basic eligibility requirements have been met before determining if applications will be provided to the Parks and Open Spaces Adjudication Committee. The Adjudication Committee evaluates applications against set objectives and criteria through a weighted scoring method.

Funding decisions of the Adjudication Committee are final and are not subject to appeal.

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Applications will be reviewed approximately three (3) weeks after the deadline and applicants should know the outcome approximately four (4) weeks after the deadline date.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount granted will be provided following confirmation of approval. The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) will be sent upon receipt and acceptance of the Follow-up Report.

*Late applications will not be considered.*

### 7. Funding Obligations

All funds must be used within twelve (12) months of the application deadline date.

Where possible, groups receiving grants must publicly acknowledge the Sask Lotteries and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association within their activities. Logos for each organization will be made available to successful applicants.

Funds granted through the SPRA Parks for All Action Grant may only be used for the purpose stated in the application and funds are not transferable. 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.**

It is important to recognize if your program is funded through the SPRA Parks for All Action Grant, that it must adhere to the COVID-19 restrictions, guidelines and protocols the Provincial Government has applied on public gatherings and programming. Your initiative must also follow public health recommendations set in place by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA).

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

### 8. Follow-up Requirements

Successful applicants will submit a Follow-up Report within thirty (30) days of completing the initiative. Follow-up Report forms will be forwarded to successful applicants.

The Follow-up Report must include evidence of how the funded initiative is fulfilling the Vision of *Parks for All*.

SPRA would like to showcase the impact of this funding. 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 form can be used and submitted with your Follow-up Report.

SPRA's Photo Release Form can be accessed at:

<https://www.spra.sk.ca/resources-and-advocacy/photo-release/>

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In addition to the completed Follow-up Report, successful applicants will provide: photocopies of actual receipts, cancelled cheques or a schedule from the community's audited financial statement that verifies 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.**

### 9. Application Requirements

The following information must be included in the application. Approval of applications will be based on all of the areas listed below.

#### a) Contact Information

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

#### b) Proposal

A detailed description of the initiative and how its need was determined.

#### c) Action in support of *Parks for All*

Outline how the initiative will promote continued action in support of one (1) or more of the listed *Parks for All* Strategic Goals.

#### d) Evaluation of Outcomes

Outline the initiative's outcomes and include indicators on how these outcomes will be evaluated, or measured, for success.

#### e) Budget

Complete a proposed budget using the following outline:

- List of revenues (including SPRA Parks for All Action Grant request, partnerships, other grants, fees and all self-help funds)
- List of expenses (including promotion, materials, equipment, transportation, registration, mileage, professional fees, and all other expenditures)
- The Application must have a balanced budget (revenues and expenses are equal)

#### f) Action Plan

A projected Action Plan, with proposed timelines.

### 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.

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Please submit all grant applications and supporting documentation on [Foundant](#) prior to the end of March 15, 2021 to: <https://www.grantinterface.ca/Home/Logon?urlkey=spra>

Contact SPRA for further information or for clarification pertaining to this Grant. 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 Grant application.

- ✓ Your SPRA membership is Active\*.
- ✓ All of your expenditures are eligible.
- ✓ Completion of a balanced budget.
- ✓ Completion of **all** sections of the application.
- ✓ Sign the application.
- ✓ 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 the Active member is in your community or if you are eligible to become an Active member. 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/>.



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### Appendix I

#### Parks for All Action Ideas

*Parks for All* recognizes that “Connecting with Nature is good for Canadians, for personal, community and social enrichment.” Therefore, the Parks for All Action Grant may support initiatives such as:

- Programming to encourage use or care of green spaces (natural or created)
- Natural heritage appreciation
- Parks and open space projects specifically for educational, connectivity, and/or cultural purposes
- Relationship development that will connect people to nature, this includes recognition of cultural practices
- Stewardship and conservation efforts
- Education, learning, awareness and appreciation activities that are directly connected to acting on the *Parks for All* Strategic Directions.

Within the Strategic Directions, potential initiative ideas include:

#### **Collaborate**

*Nurture Partnerships* between Indigenous communities and the parks community that: facilitate training and knowledge sharing, integrate lessons from the past, strengthen economies, support leadership, and/or create relationships in the spirit of reconciliation.

*Collaborate to:* use parks as natural classrooms, enhance partnerships with the health sector, increase the economic benefits of parks through tourism, encourage the arts in our parks, share best practices in the parks sector, and/or enhance park governance.

*Develop and Implement Strategies*, which will: create connection between wilderness and urban areas, allow communities to act as effective tourism gateways to parks, ensure that parks function as sustainable ecosystems, and encourage partner organizations to support *Parks for All*.

#### **Connect**

*Raise public awareness* of parks through: integration of nature into indoor and outdoor public spaces, the connection of community parks and wilderness parks through communication, engaging families and schools in the benefits of being outdoors in nature.

*Facilitate experiences* that connect people to nature through: programming, recreation experiences, child-directed play, wilderness skills training, cultural tourism, and the creation and expansion of parks.

*Share stories* that: showcase successes with park technologies, allow others to value their own park experiences, recognize parks as natural solutions to environmental, social and economic issues and encourage nature citizen based stewardship projects.

#### **Conserve**

*Expand Canada's parks* by: contributing to protected lands, identifying and conserving valuable spaces, establishing new parks, converting underused urban spaces into parks, being part of the global conservation effort, and supporting efforts that help Canadians value nature.





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*Enhance parks planning* by: making well informed decisions with western and traditional knowledge, applying internationally recognized tools to parks governance, supporting ecological monitoring and public reporting, sharing best practices, using conservation tools to protect biodiversity and species at risk, and linking park management strategies to public programming.

*Enhance ecosystem benefits* from parks by: sharing the importance of nature, showcasing the economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits of healthy ecosystems, collaborating with partners to include parks in climate change strategies, including climate change impacts in park policies and management plans, ensuring ecosystem restoration adapts to changing climates, and developing integrated urban park system plans across the sector.

### **Lead**

*Pave the way* by: nurturing healthy communities through connection to land, water and storytelling; working to meet international conservation goals and sharing successes; showcasing sustainability targets and green initiatives in parks; leading open governance arrangements between public authorities and Indigenous governments; elevating the role of community and government in establishing parks; connecting to other parks in the system; and increasing research into park governance and sharing of positive examples.

*Build capable current and future leaders* by: developing grassroots nature-based programs and services that engage the generations; including youth and young professionals in parks dialogue and decision making; promoting social equity, diversity and inclusion in parks; and supporting opportunities for Indigenous peoples in parks on or near traditional lands.

*Develop and maintain systems, tools and resources* that support leaders by: encouraging mentorship between young professionals, current leaders and retired individuals; generating research that links conservation, connection with nature and better human outcomes; establishing platforms for sharing parks information and traditional knowledge; developing systematic processes for park governance and management, and creating regular opportunities to gather in parks.

### **Unique Concepts in support of Parks for All**

In addition, a small listing of potential efforts that the Parks for All Action Grant may support include:

- Project Wild initiatives.
- Junior Naturalist/Junior Forester Programs involving youth/children.
- Community Engagement sessions for Park Planning, Conservation and Environmental efforts.
- Educational Sessions that engage the public such as: Planting on the Prairies with Native Species.
- Knowledge Sharing efforts which engage the next generation and allow elders to pass on information about the medicinal value of native vegetation.
- Outdoor Learning Tools and Interpretive signage which will create a connection to nature through programming.

Please note that there are many other efforts beyond this list that may be considered for the Parks for All Action Grant. The examples are provided to encourage understanding of the options applicants may pursue.

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