

DID YOU KNOW?



## GRANTS AND FUNDING

### FAST FACTS

- The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) offers a number of member grants including the First Nation Member's Recreation Grant, the Métis Recreation Development Grant and the Leadership Development Grant.
- In 2014-15, over 4 Million in funding was distributed to 32 recreation organizations and seven Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts through the Recreation Section of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.
- In addition to SPRA, other funding sources are available to assist with programs, facilities, human resource development, special events and initiatives.
- Consider other resource options like sponsorship, bursaries, fundraising, in kind donations and specific services.
- Put the effort in! Many funding agencies do not fully distribute their grants due to lack of applications.

### TESTIMONIAL

*Grant dollars have a ripple effect that reaches out to many communities throughout Saskatchewan, helping to grow the next generation of leaders....and that just makes good sense."*

- Lauren Heistad 4-H Saskatchewan

*"The grant writing process is such an investment of volunteer time that when a person knows that others have had success with getting a particular grant, it does make it seem worthwhile to fill out the application form!"*

-Dinsmore Centennial Committee Co-Chair



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## GRANT TIPS

### Do Your Homework

Spend time researching the funding organization to identify if your initiative or program aligns with their objectives. Read the grant guidelines to determine if the opportunity is a good fit. If you have any questions, contact the organization directly. In the end, you will be saving both your time and theirs.

### Less is Sometimes More

Be clear and concise as you craft your proposal or grant application. Padding your application with extra text or unnecessary supplements such as flyers, videos or books may only distract funders from your ask.

### Big or Small, Apply for Them All

Don't limit your search to the "big ticket" grants – The best 'fit' and least competition for dollars may be through a local community foundation.

### Be Specific

Funders want to know why your program/initiative is a good investment. Outline exactly what they are going to get for their money; starting with a strong, credible description of the project, with its need and outcomes clearly identified.

### Include a Detailed Budget

Outline how you intend on utilizing the money; make a list of everything you said you were going to do that has financial implications, then assign a dollar value to each item.

### Create an Evaluation Plan

What tools will you use to collect data or information that shows whether your project has met its objectives? Surveys, pre or post questionnaires, focus groups, testimonials and videos are only some of the ways you can measure your impact.

### Follow the Application Guidelines

Use the guidelines as an outline and a checklist to ensure your application includes all of the required information.

## HOW CAN SPRA HELP?

### ■ Advice

SPRA Field Consultants are available to provide support to your recreation or parks organization. Contact your Field Consultant today to see if a grant writing workshop is being offered in your area. Visit [www.spra.sk.ca/sprastaff](http://www.spra.sk.ca/sprastaff) to find the Field Consultant nearest to you.

### ■ Funding News

Visit [www.spra.sk.ca/funding](http://www.spra.sk.ca/funding) for information on SPRA grants and news about other funding opportunities.

### ■ Funding Opportunities

SPRA Information and Research Services staff can access funding directories to help you identify potential grant opportunities for your next project, program or initiative. Contact us at (306) 780-9439 or by email at [resourcecentre@spra.sk.ca](mailto:resourcecentre@spra.sk.ca) for details!

### ■ Resource Centre

There are many FREE resources available to help you set your ideas in motion. Check out

- SPRA's Grants and Funding Opportunities Guide
- Perfect Phrases for Writing Grant Proposals
- Volunteers' Guide to Fundraising
- 50 Mistakes Grant Writers Make
- 199 Ideas: Raising Revenue

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