



## Community Rink Affordability Grant 2024-2025 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 grant of \$2,500 will be available per ice surface to help offset the expenses in eligible indoor skating and curling rinks for the 2024-2025 operating season.

### Eligibility

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

CRAG funds can be directed towards rink operating costs (i.e. wages, utilities, maintenance and supplies).

Eligible costs must have been incurred between September 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025. Receipts or other documentation of expenses must be retained and available upon request, for auditing purposes.

### Process and Deadlines

Submissions will be accepted online from January 6 – February 28, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered.

New for 2024-2025: one submission required per facility owner this season. Skating and curling rinks are on the same form. Follow-up questions are also included in this form.

The follow-up questions will require you to provide:



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

New for 2024-2025: a declaration that ice was installed will be required **prior** to approval. 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 submission. 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](http://www.spra.sk.ca/funding/our-grants). Please note that this specific link takes you to the grant platform page which 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 submission has been received. Eligibility requirements will be verified, and legal owner of each facility can expect a cheque within 4 weeks of the February 28, 2025 deadline.

### **Privacy**

SPRA will collect, use and disclose funding information in order to adjudicate submissions 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](mailto:crag@spra.sk.ca).