

About Us

A better quality of life through parks and recreation

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) is a provincial nonprofit dedicated to connecting, educating, and inspiring recreation and parks providers.

We offer consulting, funding, and training services to parks and recreation providers and are a voice and advocate for the parks and recreation industry.

Through the Sask Lotteries Trust Fund, we provide funding support to the seven Sport Culture & Recreation Districts in Saskatchewan, 32 Provincial Recreation Associations (PRAs), communities, nonprofit organizations, volunteer groups, parks and recreation providers, and post-secondary students.

Sask Lotteries

Bringing Recreation to Life

Proceeds from the sale of every lottery product purchased through Sask Lotteries benefits over 12,000 nonprofits, communities and groups across our province.

SPRA plays an integral role in distributing a portion of Sask Lotteries proceeds across the parks and recreation industry. Together with our partners at Sask Sport and Sask Culture, we collectively work to distribute these funds and make shared investments in programs that support participation in sport, culture and recreation like:

- Community Grant Program
- Northern Community & School Recreation Coordinator Program
- Dream Brokers

Learn more at sasklotteries.ca/supporting-our-community/

Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts

Seven Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts facilitate community development and enhance access to sport, culture and recreation programs and services in Saskatchewan. These Districts receive funding from Sask Lotteries.

District staff collaborate with communities, organizations and volunteers to assess their needs and provide services and information to support access to a wide range of sport, culture and recreation programs and services.

The Sport, Culture and Recreation Districts are:

- South East Sport, Culture & Recreation District
- South West District for Culture, Recreation and Sport
- Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District
- Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation
- Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation
- Lakeland District for Sport, Culture & Recreation
- Northern Sport, Culture & Recreation District

Learn more about the Districts at www.spra.sk.ca/membership/districts

Provincial Recreation Associations

Funding nonprofits across the province!

We distribute annual funding from Sask Lotteries to support thirty-two Provincial Recreation Associations (PRAs), representing a wide range of grassroots programs and services in the parks and recreation industry.

Here are a few of the PRAs we provide funding to:

- CNIB Saskatchewan
- Girl Guides of Canada Saskatchewan Council
- Inclusion Saskatchewan
- Saskatchewan Camps Association
- Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

View the complete list of PRAs at www.spra.sk.ca/membership/provincial-recreation-associations/



Training Grant

Our Training Grant supports skill development in or delivery of services, programs and facilities related to parks and recreation.

Eligible training may include parks and recreation conferences, seminars, certifications or courses related to facility operations, program development, safety standards, evaluation practices, resource management, or facilitation.

Funding available:

a maximum of \$2,000 per applicant

Application period:

Ongoing. Visit our website for more details



Parks for All Action Grant

The Parks for All Action Grant is our commitment to supporting *Parks for All:*An Action Plan for Canada's Parks Community. This grant helps local, regional and provincial activation of the vision of Parks for All.

Examples of eligible initiatives include:

- Nature engagement and education
- Educational and training sessions for the use and care of green spaces
- Programming to enhance natural heritage appreciation, stewardship and conservation projects, or
- Outdoor learning tools and interpretive signage programs.

Funding available:

a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant

Application period:

Spring and Fall

Framework in Action Grant

The Framework in Action Grant supports initiatives that advance the goals and priorities identified within *The Framework for Recreation in Canada*.

Funding initiatives may include:

- Drop-in recreation programs for all ages and abilities,
- Policy development to support and encourage outdoor play,
- Strategies to support diverse, equitable and inclusive recreation,
- Capacity development for recreation staff and volunteers,
- And much more!

Funding available:

a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant Application period:

Spring and Fall



Get Moving Grant

The purpose of the Get Moving Grant is to make physical activity accessible and reduce sedentary behaviors. It supports initiatives that advance the principles identified within A Common Vision for Increasing Physical Activity and Reducing Sedentary Living in Canada: Let's Get Moving.

Funding initiatives may include:

- Public education sessions or campaigns that support physical activity
- "Learn To" activities for beginners, youth, seniors, and newcomers
- Activity programs (e.g. Walking & Running Clubs)
- Design of places and spaces to increase physical activity
- Policy development centered around reducing sedentary activity at work, and
- Partnership development and collaborations to get the public moving.

Funding available:

a maximum of \$5,000 per applicant

Application period:

Spring and Fall

Future Leaders Scholarship

Removing barriers for the next generation of recreation professionals.

We"re focused on supporting and diversifying the next generation of parks and recreation leaders.

Everyone has a right to education, and we're committed to providing those experiencing barriers the opportunity to apply for funding to advance their training in the field of parks and recreation.

Funding available:

a maximum of \$3,000 per applicant

Application period:

Spring



Grants and Funding Guide

A great starting point for your funding search.

To make it easier to find the money you need, we compile over 200 unique funding opportunities and publish them in our annual Grants and Funding Guide. The Guide can help bring your parks, recreation and community development ideas to life!

Find the most recent Guide at: www.spra.sk.ca/funding/grants-and-funding-guide/

We're Here to Help!

If you're looking for funding to support your parks and recreation initiatives – get in touch with us.

Our team has years of experience locating grants and funding opportunities and can help connect you to potential funding, based on your needs.

Reach out for support at grants@spra.sk.ca.

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