

Appendix E: Funding Opportunities for Accessible Recreation

For Community-Based Organizations

City of Regina staff have compiled the following funding opportunities, available from other funders, to help local organizations to identify additional funding sources, outside of what the City of Regina (City) offers. This list focuses on grants that can be used to make sport, recreation, and leisure activities more accessible for people with disabilities.

The City of Regina has no affiliation with the following funding opportunities, and all questions should be directed to the funder themselves. (The only exception is the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program, which is administered by the City.) The City of Regina’s specific Sport & Recreation grants can be found at the following link: <https://www.regina.ca/about-regina/grants-scholarships/community-investment-grants/sport-recreation-grants/>

Tier 1 – Direct Alignment with Recreation & Disability

Funding Opportunity	Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program
Amount	Maximum \$30,000
Description	Funding for initiatives that assist in the development of sport, culture and recreation programs, especially those that encourage participation from under-represented populations. The City administers this grant on behalf of Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund.
Deadline	January 11, 2024 at 4:45 p.m
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.regina.ca/about-regina/grants-scholarships/community-investment-grants/complimentary-investment-grants/

Funding Opportunity	Small Grant Accessibility Program (SaskCulture)
Amount	\$2000
Description	The Small Grant Accessibility Program (SGAP) aims to provide support to grassroots, unique and innovative initiatives that respond to emergent needs or changes in the cultural sector. This funding round is aimed to support the improvement of the digital technology capacity of cultural organizations.
Deadline	Last deadline was December 2023 - Awaiting 2024 deadlines.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/small-grant-accessibility-program

Funding Opportunity	Innovation Initiative (Sport Canada, Government of Canada)
Amount	Ranging amount up to \$250,000 +

Description	Testing new ways to enhance sport participation experiences for all equity-deserving groups, in particular, Black, Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQQA+, low-income and newcomers.
Deadline	Call for Concept must be submitted first. Successful applicants will be contacted to submit a full application. Awaiting 2024 deadlines.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/call-concepts-innovation-initiative.html

Funding Opportunity	Accessible Canada Grants funding – National AccessAbility Week
Amount	Up to \$100,000 per year for 2 years
Description	Projects across Canada that raise awareness of the importance of accessibility and inclusion in different sectors and communities.
Deadline	Last deadline was March 25, 2022 – Awaiting new deadline.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/accessible-grants-accessability-week.html

Funding Opportunity	Accessible Canada Contributions funding – Phase 1 – Partnerships projects
Amount	Up to \$675,000 over 2 years
Description	Projects that increase capacity and enhance leadership within the disability stakeholder community for taking action to remove existing barriers to accessibility and inclusion and prevent future barriers from emerging; aims to promote partnerships within the disability community as well as the collaboration and partnerships between the disability community and other sectors; goal is to support the participation and engagement of persons with disabilities in the implementation of the <i>Accessible Canada Act</i> (ACA) and its regulations.
Deadline	Last deadline was March 25, 2022 – Awaiting new deadline.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/accessible-contributions-partnerships.html

Funding Opportunity	Adaptive Sport Equipment Grant (Sask Sport)
Amount	Applications can request up to 100% of the total cost of the equipment
Description	The purpose of the Adaptive Sport Equipment Grant is to assist in removing this barrier by providing financial assistance for the purchase of adapted sport equipment for a person with a disability to participate in organized sport programs.
Deadline	Clubs: March 22, September 22 (annually) Provincial Sport Organizations: October 1 and April 1 (annually)
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.sasksport.ca/funding-recognition/funding-for-sport-groups/adaptive-sport-grants/

Funding Opportunity	Adaptive Sport Club Development Grants (Sask Sport)
Amount	\$5,000 per initiative for starting a new introductory or community program, or the expansion of an existing program. Maximum funding support available per initiative and/or club is not to exceed a maximum of \$10,000 over three years.
Description	The purpose of the Adaptive Sport Club Development Grant is to provide financial assistance to support “new” developmental programs in communities or the expansion (enhancement) of existing sport programs for persons with a disability.
Deadline	Clubs: March 22, September 22 annually. Provincial Sport Organizations: October 1 and April 1 annually.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.sasksport.ca/funding-recognition/funding-for-sport-groups/adaptive-sport-grants/

Funding Opportunity	Community Sport for All Initiative (Sport Canada, Government of Canada)
Descriptions, Amounts, & Deadlines	Stream 1 – For Provincial/Territorial Aboriginal Sport Bodies as well as the Aboriginal Sport Circle (Deadline: February 26, 2024 – Amount: up to \$250,000 +) Stream 2 – Open to Indigenous governments, communities, and other not-for-profit Indigenous organizations (Deadline: March 11, 2024 – Amount: up to \$249,999) Stream 3 - Open to Indigenous governments, communities, and other not-for-profit Indigenous organizations that specifically support sport & recreation projects serving Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples (Deadline: March 25, 2024 – Amount: up to \$249,999)
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support.html

Funding Opportunity	Annual Funding (Sask Sport)
Amount	Funding levels subject to net proceeds from lottery funds
Description	Sask Sport administers core funding to the Provincial Sport Organizations in its membership to assist with administration, organizational development and athlete/participant development.
Deadline	May 15, August 15, October 15, February 15 annually
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.sasksport.ca/funding-recognition/funding-for-sport-groups/annual-funding/

Funding Opportunity	Enabling Accessibility Funds - Early Learning and Child Care small projects component (Government of Canada)
Amount	Up to \$70,000
Description	The Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) small projects component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) aims to improve accessibility and safety in regulated and/or licensed ELCC centres.
Deadline	Last deadline was February 14, 2022. Awaiting new deadline.

More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-early-learning-child-care.html#h2-4
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Funding Opportunity	Access Community Children’s Fund (Access Communications)
Amount	Not indicated.
Description	The Access Communications Children’s fund focuses solely on projects that are directed to children at risk or in need, and will consider requests for funding that include the focus areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and wellness of children and youth • Education and literacy • Social inclusion
Deadline	Applications can be submitted throughout the year.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.myaccess.ca/childrens-fund/apply-for-funding

Funding Opportunity	New Horizons for Seniors (Government of Canada)
Amount	Up to \$25,000
Description	Projects for regular grants must meet one program objective including “supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors.” If a project meets one of the National Priorities, it will receive extra points in the assessment process. This includes persons with disabilities under “Priority 3: Celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion.”
Deadline	Last deadlines were between August 1-September 28, 2023. Awaiting new deadlines.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html?utm_campaign=NewHorizonsforSeniorsProgram&utm_medium=VanityURL&utm_term=en&utm_content=canada-ca_nhsp2020_CFP

Tier 2 – Other (Broadly Scoped)

Funding Opportunity	Sponsorships & Donations (Affinity Credit Union)
Amount	Not listed.
Description	To ensure our community investment funding has the greatest impact possible, the focus of donations and sponsorships on supporting programs, initiatives and events that improve lives, strengthen our communities and genuinely make a difference through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social and financial inclusion • environmental sustainability • local economic development • community assets

Deadline	Not listed.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.affinitycu.ca/meet-affinity/in-the-community/sponsorships/sponsorship-and-donations

Funding Opportunity	Affinity Credit Union Community Development Funding
Amount	Not listed
Description	Council funding that focuses on distributing funding to local programs and initiatives that make a meaningful difference.
Deadline	Applications accepted year round.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.affinitycu.ca/meet-affinity/in-the-community/sponsorships/district-council-funding/2022-south-district-funding-guidelines

Funding Opportunity	Community Grant Program (SGI) Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project
Amount	\$1000
Description	The program provides \$100,000 a year in total grants to help local organizations offset the cost of traffic safety and brain injury prevention programs.
Deadline	October 31 and February 28 of each year
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.sgi.sk.ca/community-grants-programs

Funding Opportunity	Federation of the Blind Trust Fund (South Saskatchewan Community Foundation)
Amount	\$700
Description	Established in 1975, this fund is dedicated to the unique needs of the blind in Saskatchewan. Delivered through partnership with CNIB Saskatchewan, eligible individuals can receive up to a maximum of \$700 (exceptions may be made on a case by case basis) from the fund for tuition, specialized training, or aid.
Deadline	n/a
More Information	Website Link follows: https://sscf.ca/federation-of-the-blind-trust-fund/

Funding Opportunity	Truth and Reconciliation Fund (South Saskatchewan Community Foundation)
Amount	Typical grant range is from \$2000 - \$20,000 (up to \$25,000)
Description	The Truth & Reconciliation Fund has been established to advance initiatives that support the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action. The fund is intended to address programs that will help advance the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action in the areas of Education, Culture and Language.
Deadline	2 intakes per year: January 15, 2024 & awaiting 2 nd 2024 Deadline

More Information	Website Link follows: https://sscf.ca/truth-and-reconciliation-fund-grant/
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Funding Opportunity	Green and Inclusive Buildings (Government of Canada)
Amount	Small Projects from \$100,000 to \$ 3 million; Large projects- \$ 3 million to \$25 million
Description	The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program aims to build more community buildings and improve existing ones – in particular in areas with populations experiencing higher needs – while also making the buildings more energy efficient, lower carbon, more resilient, and higher performing.
Deadline	Last intake was until February 28, 2023. Awaiting new intake dates.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/gicb-bcvi/index-eng.html

Funding Opportunity	Community Grant Program (Community Initiatives Fund)
Amount	Annual: up to \$30,000 (local) and \$50,000 (provincial) Summer: \$6000
Description	The Community Grant Program provides grants to support programs and projects that fall within one of these three funding themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy growth and development of children and youth • Individual and community wellbeing • Nonprofit and community leadership
Deadline	Annual: April 1 and October 1 @ 4:00PM Summer: February 1 @ 4:00PM
More Information	Website Link follows: http://www.cifsask.org/grants

Funding Opportunity	Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund
Amount	Capital Projects less than \$150,000
Description	Supports projects in communities of less than 150,000 people by charities, non-profit groups, and First Nations, Inuit or Métis governments/communities.
Deadline	Spring of 2024 (Awaiting specific deadlines)
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/community/apply-funding

Funding Opportunity	Farm Credit Canada Community Fund
Amount	Up to \$10,000
Description	For initiatives, projects, or capital purchases focusing on community enhancements.
Deadline	Applications accepted year-round.

More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/community/apply-funding
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Funding Opportunity	Community Spaces Funding (Federated Co-operatives Limited)
Amount	\$25,000 to \$150,000
Description	Funding established to improve community health and well-being by building places for Western Canadians to come together, build social connections and enable community development. Includes funding priority of providing enhanced recreation spaces in community.
Deadline	Applications accepted between February 1 – March 1 (5:00PM), 2024
More Information	Website Link follows: https://www.co-op.crs/articles/detail/community-spaces-funding

Funding Opportunity	Facilitating Independence (Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism & Government of Saskatchewan)
Amount	Up to \$25,000
Description	Focuses on supporting older adults to live as independently as they wish to, in their location of choice. The goal is to provide services and options that allow older adults to live a meaningful and freely chosen life, in their home and community.
Deadline	Awaiting 2024 Deadline.
More Information	Website Link follows: https://skseniorsmechanism.ca/facilitating-independence-micro-grants-seed-money/

Other Grant Directories

Regina Region Local Immigration Partnership	Website Link follows: https://rrlip.ca/pages/funding-guide-2018
Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association	Website Link follows: https://suma.org/resources/grants
SaskCulture	Website Link follows: https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/find-a-grant
Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Association	Website Link follows: https://www.spra.sk.ca/funding/grants-and-funding-guide/