

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.)

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 9, 2025
More Information	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	February 18, 2025
More Information	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	The Community Sport for All Initiative component seeks to remove barriers and increase sport participation rates for under-represented groups. Its key objective is to support community sport initiatives for under-represented groups, in particular, Black,

	Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQI+, low-income people, persons with a disability, newcomers, and seniors to increase participation and retention in sport.
Deadline	December 23, 2024
More Information	https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support/community-sport-initiative.html

Funding Opportunity	Accessible Canada Grants funding – National AccessAbility Week
Amount	Up to \$100,000 or \$200,000 (with special requirements) for a project that is up to 2 years
Description	Projects across Canada that raise awareness of the importance of accessibility and inclusion in different sectors and communities.
Deadline	May 29, 2024 to July 17, 2024 at 3 p.m. Awaiting 2025 Deadlines
More Information	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/accessible-grants-accessability-week.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 2022 Provincial Sport Organizations: October 1 and April 1
More Information	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 2022 Provincial Sport Organizations: October 1 and April 1
More Information	https://www.sasksport.ca/funding-recognition/funding-for-sport-groups/adaptive-sport-grants/

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 on-going
More Information	https://www.sasksport.ca/funding-recognition/funding-for-sport-groups/annual-funding/

Funding Opportunity	Enabling Accessibility Funds – Small Projects
Amount	Up to \$125,000 for a project that is up to 2 years in duration
Description	This funding opportunity aims to make communities and workplaces across Canada more accessible for persons with disabilities. It will fund projects that create more opportunities for persons with disabilities to take part in community activities, programs and services, and access employment.
Deadline	May 28, 2024, to July 26, 2024, at 3:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) (Awaiting 2025 deadlines)
More Information	https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-small-projects.html

Funding Opportunity	Green and Inclusive Buildings (Government of Canada)
Amount	<p>Small retrofit projects are those that range in size from \$100,000 to \$249,999 in total eligible costs.</p> <p>Medium retrofit projects are those that range in size from \$250,000 to \$2,999,999 in total eligible costs.</p> <p>Scheduled competitive intake for large retrofits and new buildings across Canada.</p> <p>Large retrofit projects are those that range in size from \$3,000,000 to \$25,000,000* in total eligible costs.</p> <p>New build projects are those that range in size from \$3,000,000 to \$25,000,000* in total eligible costs.</p>
Description	The Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) Program is a national merit-based Program with the objective of improving the availability and condition of community buildings in Canadian communities experiencing higher needs and who are currently underserved. At the same time, the Program helps to stimulate the economy while creating good job opportunities and aligning to the goals of Canada's strengthened climate plan.
Deadline	Continuous Intake for Small Projects; Large projects have scheduled intake in July.
More Information	https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/gicb-bcvi/index-eng.html

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	https://www.myaccess.ca/childrens-fund/apply-for-funding

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	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	https://sscf.ca/federation-of-the-blind-trust-fund/

Funding Opportunity	Truth and Reconciliation Fund (South Saskatchewan Community Foundation)
Amount	Grants up to \$25,000. The typical grant range is from \$2,000 to \$20,000.
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	January 15, 2024 and June 7, 2024 (similar deadlines for 2025)
More Information	https://sscf.ca/truth-and-reconciliation-fund-grant/

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	The deadline is typically in September of each year, which funding decisions in February of the following year.
More Information	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	n/a
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	n/a
More Information	https://www.affinitycu.ca/meet-affinity/in-the-community/sponsorships/sponsorship-and-donations

Funding Opportunity	Community Grant Program (Community Initiatives Fund)
Amount	Annual: \$25,000 (local); \$50,000 (provincial) Summer: \$5000
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 Summer: February
More Information	http://www.cifsask.org/grants

Funding Opportunity	FCC AgriSpirit Fund
Amount	None listed.
Description	Do you have a capital project that will enrich lives in your rural community? The FCC AgriSpirit Fund supports projects in communities of less than 150,000 people by charities, non-profit groups, and First Nations, Inuit or Métis governments/communities.
Deadline	Applications open in Spring 2025.
More Information	https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/community/apply-funding/agrispirit-fund

Funding Opportunity	FCC Community Funding
Amount	Up to \$10,000
Description	FCC Community Funding is one way we help enhance communities where our employees and customers work and live.
Deadline	Applications are accepted year round.
More Information	https://www.fcc-fac.ca/en/community/apply-funding/agrispirit-fund

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 run through Feb. 1 - Mar. 3, 2025 (5 p.m. CST)
More Information	https://www.co-op.crs/articles/detail/community-spaces-funding

Funding Opportunity	Roots Indigenous Youth Empowerment Funding
Amount	\$2,500 - \$5000
Description	The Youth Empowerment Stream will provide small grants from \$2,500 – \$5000 to youth-led projects happening in urban, rural, and remote communities across Canada. The focus of this stream is to fund new and emerging micro-projects that focus on increasing the resilience, engagement, and wellness of youth.
Deadline	Spring of 2024
More Information	https://www.artreach.org/post/learn-more-about-indigenous-youth-roots-grants

Funding Opportunity	Community Development Funding (Affinity Credit Union)
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Amount	Not listed
Description	We're committed to building a better world by investing our resources in bettering our communities, strengthening our economy and improving quality of life for individuals and families. We focus on distributing funding to local programs and initiatives that make a meaningful difference.
Deadline	Applications accepted year-round.
More Information	https://www.affinitycu.ca/meet-affinity/in-the-community/sponsorships/community-development-funding

Other Grant Directories

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

For Municipalities

Enabling Accessibility Fund (Government of Canada)

- Amount: \$350,000 to \$1,000,000
- Deadline: Is open usually from June – end of July
- Link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-mid-size.html>
 - This program will fund projects that make communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities.

Green and Inclusive Buildings (Government of Canada)

- Amount: small projects (\$100,000 to \$3 million); large projects (large projects = \$3 million to \$25 million)
- Deadline: Continuous Intake (small projects); stay tuned for next intake (large projects)
- Link: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/gicb-bcvi/index-eng.html>
 - 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.

New Horizons for Seniors (Government of Canada)

- Amount: up to \$25,000
- Deadline: September 21, 2022 and November 1, 2022
- Link: 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
 - 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.”

Canada Community-Building Fund (Province of Saskatchewan)

- Amount: Allocations to municipalities are on a per capita basis
- Deadline: n/a
- Link: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/funding-finances-and-asset-management/funding/canada-community-building-fund/about-the-canada-community-building-fund#canada-community-building-fund>
 - formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund

Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities Funding (Government of Saskatchewan)

- Amount: Performance-based program
- Deadline: February 28
- Link: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/funding-finances-and-asset-management/funding/funding-transit-for-people-with-disabilities#program-background>

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative (Community Foundations of Canada)

- Amount: up to \$100,000 (large projects = \$100,000 to \$250,000)
- Deadline: currently closed
- Link: https://communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/canada-healthy-communities-initiative/?mc_cid=7e75fa966c&mc_eid=91e726b2bd
 - The Healthy Communities Initiative will provide funding to a broad range of organizations, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities and nonprofits, for projects, programming and services that help communities:
 - create safe and vibrant public spaces,
 - improve mobility options, and
 - provide innovative digital solutions.

Social Development Partnerships Program (Government of Canada) – Social Inclusion of Vulnerable Children and Youth

- Currently closed
- Amount: up to \$3,000,000
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/social-inclusion-vulnerable-children-youth.html#h2.4>

Social Development Partnerships Program (Government of Canada) – Financial Empowerment of Low-Income People

- Currently closed
- Amount: up to \$3,000,000
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/financial-empowerment-low-income-people.html>