



BUILDING *Communities* – North

Program Information

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NORTHERN SPORT, CULTURE, AND RECREATION DISTRICT

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The **BUILDING Communities – North** program is a grant program to provide funds for building, renovating or repairing sport, culture and recreation facilities and areas in Northern Saskatchewan. This program is part of the provincial BUILDING Communities Program. \$2 million has been set aside for the **BUILDING Communities – North** program. Northern Groups can still apply for the provincial program or they can apply for the **BUILDING Communities – North** grant.

Who Can Apply?

Local governments and non-profit organizations in Northern Saskatchewan can apply for the grants. This includes municipal and First Nations governments.

Non-profit organizations must offer sport, culture and recreation facilities and programs to Northern Saskatchewan before they are eligible to apply. They must engage the community and submit written support for their project from their local government with the application form.

All applicants need to demonstrate that they can plan, organize and manage the project before they will get funding. They must also include a plan for programming, operating and maintaining the facility once it is built. This information has to be included in your application.

Groups must look at ways to work with other groups that are building or renovating and operating facilities in the area before they apply for the grant. This will help ensure that facilities and programs are not being duplicated or displaced. For example, if a good hall is already in your community that meets your communities' needs, you will not receive funding for a new community hall, but may receive support for renovations to the well used hall.

What Types of Projects Can the Grants be Used for?

The projects must be sustainable. This means that they should be open for use for years to come in the area. Projects must promote healthy living and wellness to all people in the community. They also must meet the community's sport, culture and recreational needs.

The money can be used to help improve facilities in your community. This includes getting more people involved in an activity and removing barriers that keep people from participating in sport, culture and recreation programs and activities

The following are some examples of projects the money can be used for:

- Outdoor skating rinks
- Playgrounds
- Parks
- Youth centres
- Trails and sport fields, and
- Community halls.

What Types of Projects Can the Grants Not be Used for?

Projects will not get funding if they will not have a positive impact on many people in the community.

Communities cannot use the money to cover the costs of another cost-sharing grant they have received. For example, if a community agrees to pay a portion of a project if a grant covers the other portion, that community cannot use this grant to cover their portion of the project.

This grant cannot cover the costs of equipment. For the purposes of this grant program playground equipment and apparatus are eligible costs.

Operational and maintenance costs cannot be paid for through this grant.

Grants cannot be used to build or repair roads, sewer or water lines or other infrastructure works.

How Much Are the Grants Worth?

Grants up to \$150,000 are available. This money can be used for one or more projects. The cost for the entire project may be covered through the grant up to \$150,000. The money will be given in two payments after approved projects enter into a formal funding agreement.

Costs paid by applicants after January 1, 2007 for approved projects may be paid for by the grant.

All groups must report on their project's finances openly and accurately to receive funding.

How Do I Apply?

For more information, to receive a copy of the application form, or for help with applying for the grant contact your local NSCRD Coordinator:

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For general information on the program, contact Rus Duncombe, **BUILDING Communities - North** Program Manager, at (306) 763-6390 or NSCRD General Manager, Michelle Hewison, at (306) 425-3127 ext.1.

The deadline for applications is September 15, 2007 and April 30, 2008. *(For the September deadline the NSCRD will prioritize only projects that deal with critical issues for winter programs and facilities to review.)*

All fully completed applications must be mailed to: Northern Sport, Culture, and Recreation District
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