

GREEN STRATEGY NEW INITIATIVES FUNDING 2007/08

<i>Initiative</i>	<i>Program Description</i>	<i>Budget 2007/08</i>
<p>Green Initiatives Fund:</p> <p>Three separate streams are included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable communities and education 2. Green technology commercialization 3. Green energy and energy conservation 	<p>Support for Sustainable Communities and Education (\$965,000): Funding to support individuals, non-government organizations, communities, and Aboriginal organizations for climate change adaptation, demonstration projects, education in the areas of water conservation and source water protection, green agriculture practices, sustainable development awareness and ecosystem conservation initiatives.</p> <p>Green Technology Commercialization (\$1,135,000): Funding to promote the development and overcome barriers to commercialization of new and existing green technology in small and medium sized enterprises.</p> <p>Green Energy and Energy Conservation : Providing assistance to individuals, communities, business, including agricultural producers, in the production of alternative energy and energy conservation that conserves our non-renewable resources and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Specific initiatives under this stream include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Energy Audit Program (\$400,000) to assist farmers and ranchers in a review of how they use energy in their operations and look for ways to reduce costs, improve energy efficiency, and reduce impacts on the environment. • Energy Efficiency for Business, Communities, Agriculture and Non-Profit Organizations (\$1,100,000) includes financial incentives to assist with undertaking energy conservation initiatives and installing renewable energy systems. • Energy Efficiency Program for New Housing (\$1,000,000) will provide new homeowners with a grant to assist with the purchase of a new home built to the EnerGuide 80 standard, which includes ENERGY STAR® and R2000 homes. Additional incentives will be provided to home owners who install drain water heat recovery devices or solar water thermal heating systems in new energy efficient homes. • Residential Energy Efficient Retrofit Support - EnerGuide (\$300,000) to SaskEnergy to deliver an additional rebate to homeowners who install a domestic solar water thermal heating system. This rebate will be delivered through the 	<p>\$965,000</p> <p>\$1,135,000</p> <p>\$2,800,000</p> <p>Total \$4,900,000</p>

	existing EnerGuide program and will meet EnerGuide program specifications and will provide additional incentives necessary to advance this technology in Saskatchewan.	
Household Hazardous Waste Days	Household Hazardous Waste funding will give Saskatchewan residents the opportunity to properly dispose of household chemicals for which they no longer have a use. This funding will allow for the development and implementation of a pilot program that will ensure household, automotive, lawn and garden chemicals are disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The program will protect the environment by ensuring wastes, like household hazardous materials, are managed properly.	\$220,000
Provincial Air Quality Monitoring: Mobile Air Monitoring Lab	Saskatchewan's new mobile air monitoring laboratory will begin its travels to collect air quality data in the province. The lab is able to travel anywhere in the province with appropriate roads, to respond to poor air quality reports and address emergency situations where air quality is of concern. The priority this year will be to deploy the lab in northwest Saskatchewan where there are concerns arising from oil sands development in Alberta.	\$200,000
Green Strategy Public Education on Sustainability	Education and engagement of residents in action for sustainable development will include a comprehensive approach to sharing information on sustainable practices and initiatives. This information will support informed choices about the best action to improve the environment	\$580,000
Minister's Council on Sustainability and Climate Change	The Minister of Environment will appoint a council comprised of leaders from across the province representing diverse interests to provide advice to the government on the transition to a sustainable future and specifically climate change initiatives	\$200,000
Prairie Adaptation Research Centre (PARC)	PARC is a partnership of the governments of Canada, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to pursue climate change impacts and adaptation research in the Prairie Provinces. PARC's objective is to generate practical options to adapt to current and future climate change. Funding to PARC will support ongoing research on impacts and adaptation and the provision of adaptation strategies and recommendations to government. Climate change adaptation information now available to the public and other sectors through a variety of mechanisms including the web, will continue to be enhanced.	\$500,000

Climate Change Education Challenge	<p>Saskatchewan K-12 students and schools will be challenged to participate in actions to address climate change impacts and improve our environment for a selection of energy efficiency prizes. There are three components to the program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be given an ‘Energy Star’ rated compact fluorescent light bulb packaged along with information including climate change facts and energy conservation tips. • Students will be encouraged to make positive environmental changes, and share information with others including extending the challenge to others to do the same. • Schools will also be encouraged to enter a challenge to engage in a project to contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. 	\$500,000
Energy Efficiency in Saskatchewan’s Provincial Parks	<p>Saskatchewan’s provincial parks provide an opportunity to showcase green energy and energy efficiency options. Showing leadership by incorporating innovative green technology into our parks facilities, the province is able to both reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and let the public learn more about green solutions and how to apply them in their own lives.</p>	\$400,000
		<i>Total \$7,500K</i>