

## BACKGROUNDER

### Saskatoon Urban Development Agreement

- The goals of the Agreement are to: identify and address common priorities; and build on existing policies, strategies, programs and delivery mechanisms to achieve common social and economic objectives in the City of Saskatoon.
- The Agreement was developed in consideration of the unique needs and opportunities illustrated in the City's strategic plan, as well as federal and provincial plans and priorities. Initiatives undertaken are intended to create economic activity that improves the prosperity and quality of life for Saskatoon residents.
- The Agreement also provides a framework for the three levels of government to prioritize opportunities. Wherever possible, existing programs are used to implement and deliver projects under the Agreement.
- Funding of \$10 million is available over a five-year period. \$5 million is from the Government of Canada, delivered by Western Economic Diversification Canada; \$2.5 million from the Province of Saskatchewan, delivered by Saskatchewan Government Relations; and \$2.5 million is from the City of Saskatoon.
- The funding under this Agreement helps fill gaps and is used to lever or support other funding sources in complementary programs that are addressing similar priorities.
- A management committee administers and manages the Agreement, and reviews project proposals. Representatives from the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan and the City of Saskatoon serve on the committee. Consultations take place with key stakeholders who vary depending on the nature of the proposal.
- Projects are non-commercial in nature. Eligible project recipients must be legal entities. Projects fall under one of three theme areas:
  - **Building A Better City:** Includes investments in activities that support a downtown that is a magnet for visitors and citizens of Saskatoon, a high standard of public infrastructure, and access to culture, arts and recreation for all Saskatoon citizens.
  - **Sustainable Neighbourhoods:** Includes investments in activities that help older Saskatoon neighbourhoods be safe, healthy, vibrant and inclusive places for all people to live and work, particularly for residents who face barriers or are disadvantaged.
  - **A Healthy And Innovative Environment:** Includes investments in activities that support innovative business activity, and that makes further connections between the community and private firms, research facilities and educational institutions in the areas of innovation, research and technology.