

Building Communities Program Backgrounder

- Saskatchewan's quality of life is supported by the vibrancy and diversity of the province's cultural, social and recreational activities.
- The Building Communities Program is investing \$100 million over three years to help communities increase cultural and recreational capacity.
- Submissions for support are eligible for up to 25 per cent of total allowable costs which will be based on a combination of eligible per capita contributions and total projected costs.
- The Program has two streams: Stream A – submissions where the total project is more than \$10 million; Stream B – submissions where the total project cost is between \$1 million and \$10 million.
- Submissions over \$10 million are eligible for \$50 per capita plus 15 per cent of total project costs.
- Submissions of between \$1 million and \$10 million will be eligible for \$75 per capita.
- Further information is available at www.cyr.gov.sk.ca.

Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company

The Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company is the only Aboriginal-owned and operated professional theatre in Canada. Its mandate is to create, develop, produce and present innovative cultural and artistic experiences that develop and promote the richness and diversity of Aboriginal artists and cultures.

The Building Communities Program investment will go towards the renovation of the Black Box Theatre. The renovations will upgrade the theatre's health and safety systems, increase accessibility, expand seating capacity from 100 to 200 and equip the facility with professional lighting and technical systems. Major contributing partners for the renovation include the Canadian Heritage Cultural Spaces Program, the First Nations and Métis Economic Development Program, First Sask Credit Union and various corporate donors. The Building Communities Program contribution is \$834,136. Total estimated project cost is approximately \$3.6 million.