

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.

Big River Community Centre

The Big River Community Centre is a 1,636 square metre facility designed to serve the cultural and recreational needs of the people of Big River and the surrounding area. The facility opened in May 2005. Attached to the community recreation complex, the Community Centre features a hall with a stage, a second smaller hall, kitchen/bar, regional library, manager's office, washrooms, fitness room, municipal chambers, boardroom and storage.

Construction began in 2002 and the facility was opened in May 2005. The Building Communities Program investment will go towards completion of remaining work, including flooring, kitchen upgrades, accordion separator wall, stage lighting and sound equipment, signage, landscaping and security. Major partners include the Town of Big River, the RM of Big River, RM of Canwood, the Village of Debden, Big River Elks and the Big River & District Improvement Association. The Building Communities Program is investing \$284,925. Total estimated project cost is \$2.1 million.