

## **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 will contribute \$100 million over three years to help communities meet cultural and recreational infrastructure needs.
- Approximately \$20 million was allocated in 2006-2007; \$40 million will be allocated in 2007-2008, and the remaining \$40 million in 2008-2009.
- Submissions must be regionally significant and be supported through regional partnerships. They must demonstrate sustainability, accessibility and accountability.
- 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.
- The deadlines for funding requests in year two (2007-2008) was April 30, 2007. Year three (2008-2009) deadline for funding requests is April 30, 2008. An adjudication committee is rating submissions against a common set of criteria. Funding decisions will be made July 31 each year.

## **Building Communities Program Northern Agreement**

- \$2 million of Building Communities Program funds have been dedicated to northern sport, cultural and recreational infrastructure development. The program will be administered by the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation District Inc.
- Submissions for support in the North are eligible for up to 100 per cent of total allowable costs, up to a maximum of \$150,000 per project.
- Submissions must be locally or regionally significant. They must demonstrate sustainability, accessibility, accountability and community involvement.

- Further information is available at [www.cyr.sk.gov.ca](http://www.cyr.sk.gov.ca).