

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 to help communities increase cultural and recreational capacity.
- 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.
- In this first year of the program, four significant projects were allocated funding in 2006-07 -- Lloydminster Common Wealth Centre (\$4.9 million), Swift Current Centennial Civic Centre (\$3.1 million), Wanuskewin Heritage Park (\$2.5 million), and Yorkton Gallagher Centre (\$4.1 million). An additional \$2 million was allocated to the Northern Sport, Culture and Recreation Board.
- Further information is available at www.cyr.gov.sk.ca.

Melfort and Region Cultural Centre

This project is for a large cultural centre that will include a large multipurpose room with seating for 500, and meeting rooms, an art gallery, craft rooms and change rooms. The start date is estimated to be September 2008.