

2019-20 Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund Distributions - Backgrounder

Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police

Item/Program: A research program studying Occupational Stress Injury (OSI) or PTSD

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Summary: This research is being done with the University of Regina in partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers and other first responders. The study is designed to identify in real time, events which may trigger an Occupational Stress injury (OSI) or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and intervene. This funding will go towards the purchase of wearable shirts and fitbits for the police that will broadcast the vitals in real time to the research hub.

Having healthier first responders through early identification and intervention of potential OSI events will have a positive impact on all communities in Saskatchewan.

Regina Police Service

Item/Program: Portable self-contained ventilation hood, a digital scale, label printer, a money counter and a stainless steel table

Funding Amount: \$17,624

Summary: With this equipment, the handling and transportation of evidence by members of the Regina Drug Unit and Street Gang Unit would be streamlined and safer for officers.

Item/Program: Covert Mobile Surveillance Platform

Funding Amount: \$25,149

Summary: The Covert Mobile Surveillance Platform and equipment is used to capture and collect evidence of criminal activity. This equipment will help disrupt criminal activity in the community and support public safety investigations.

Item/Program: Five Digital Vehicular Repeater Systems

Funding Amount: \$99,199

Summary: The Digital Vehicular Repeater Systems improves portable radio coverage for police. This helps ensure effective and efficient communication for police officers attending to situations and in buildings with compromised radio coverage.

Saskatoon Police Service

Item/Program: A Cross-Cultural Development Program

Funding Amount: \$23,260

Summary: The funding will be used to help the Community Safety Knowledge Alliance research and develop a sustainable cross-cultural development program for the Saskatoon Police Service. The training will increase cultural competency for police officers, which improves community understanding.

Item/Program: Clandestine Drug Lab Equipment

Funding Amount: \$37,800

Summary: The equipment is personal protective equipment such as breathing apparatus and hazmat suits. This equipment is required to respond to and investigate an incident where a clandestine drug laboratory is found.

Item/Program: Mobile Breath Testing Van

Funding Amount: \$50,000

Summary: The Mobile Breath Testing Van is a customized vehicle which is designed to allow for breath and drug testing away from the police station, at the site of a sobriety checkpoint. The vehicle is equipped with a testing area, a work area for officers and a seating area for arrested persons. A Mobile Breath Testing Unit will directly impact police ability to quickly and efficiently process impaired drivers at the scene of a checkpoint, thus freeing up resources to conduct more checks and detect more impaired drivers.

Moose Jaw Police Service

Item/Program: Planning Together Project PRIDE Partnership

Funding Amount: \$24,130

Summary: The Moose Jaw Police Service, in partnership with The Planning Together Project, and Moose Jaw Pride are planning to develop a strategic plan for the creation of a safer community for gender and sexually diverse people in all aspects of policing in Moose Jaw. The initiative will involve the creation of a Pride Advisory Council to guide the work; strategic planning of the Moose Jaw Police Service; and the current inclusion of gender and sexual diversity planning in general knowledge, practices and policies.

Parkland Victims Services Inc.

Item/Program: A project aimed at reducing domestic violence

Funding Amount: \$4,800

Summary: The objective of this project is to educate those in the aesthetics profession (i.e. hair dressers, nail technicians, massage therapists, etc.) in identifying the signs of Domestic/Family abuse and provide them the tools on how they can support a victim. This group is being targeted because of their one-on-one contact with clients.

Sexual Assault Services Saskatchewan

Item/Program: The creation of the Divisional Sexual Assault Investigation Committees (SAIRC)

Funding Amount: \$12,535

Summary: SAIRC teams are being developed in every province. The goal of the program is to establish a victim-centered and trauma-informed approach to the RCMP's response to complaints of sexual assault.

Review committees will comprise sexual assault advocates from across the province who will come together quarterly to review sexual assault files that are not cleared by charge. The committee will ensure that the investigations are thorough, impartial and properly classified, while also identifying systematic gaps or barriers.

Deschambault Lake Youth Centre

Item/Program: Youth Centre Equipment

Funding Amount: \$12,000

Summary: The new youth centre in Deschambault Lake is one of the only amenities available for youth in the isolated northern Saskatchewan reserve. The funds will help the second phase of the initiative, which is to better equip the facility with recreational equipment and programming supplies needed to draw youth in to a safe environment.