

Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund Distribution Backgrounder

Backgrounder – April 3, 2025

The Government of Saskatchewan has approved over \$1.1 million in distributions from the Criminal Property Forfeiture Fund for 2024-25, reinforcing the province's commitment to crime prevention, victim support, and public safety initiatives.

Moose Jaw Police Service

- **Item/Program:** Facilitate renovations for a Child and Youth Advocacy Centre. This will provide a trauma-informed, child-friendly space in Moose Jaw to support the investigation and prosecution of offences against children.

Funding Amount: \$78,500

- **Item/Program:** Audio, video and recording equipment for the Child and Youth Advocacy Centre, used in interviewing children and youth abuse victims to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of offences against children.

Funding Amount: \$54,217

- **Item/Program:** Enhance the investigation and prosecution of internet child exploitation (ICE) offences.
 - This includes training two new ICE officers. Due to the unique nature of the ICE cases, evidence gathering can be highly technical and requires specific training.
 - Upgrade key video recording equipment in interview rooms.
 - Purchase portable Faraday bags to prevent the loss of evidence. When seized electronic devices are placed in Faraday bags, they are unable to receive a wireless signal that could alter or erase data on them, preventing offenders from remotely erasing evidence.

Funding Amount: \$90,627

Regina Police Service

- **Item/Program:** Photocell camera to assist in gathering evidence of serious offences.

Funding Amount: \$12,500

- **Item/Program:** Facilitate upgrades to the tactical training facility used by the Saskatchewan Police College, the RCMP and multiple municipal police agencies. The facility assists in helping police officers assess and exercise safe responses in protecting the public.

Funding Amount: \$63,412

Saskatoon Police Service

- **Item/Program:** Assistance in investigative search support in a complex major crime investigation.
 - This began as a search for a missing person but eventually evolved into a homicide investigation. Subsequently, the deceased victim was recovered in the summer of 2024, after having gone missing in December 2020.
 - The funds were requested to cover costs that exceed usual resources, including law enforcement partners from external agencies, safety and search equipment, and excavation services.

Funding Amount: \$117,851

File Hills First Nation Police Service

- **Item/Program:** Purchase of a portable light system (light and attached generator trailer) to assist with investigations and security at remote crime scenes.

Funding Amount: \$35,719

Prince Albert Police Service

- **Item/Program:** Purchase a wet processing bench which will allow ventilated chemical processing when exposing fingerprint evidence.
 - The Prince Albert Police Service's Forensic Identification Section has a small laboratory where they process exhibits. Chemical reagents are used to expose invisible fingerprints.
 - Currently, items are held over a small sink to attempt to capture overspray and are rinsed in the sink. This process does not provide ventilation. The wet processing bench will ensure that there is a dedicated workspace for chemical handling, enhancing safety and minimizing the risk of contamination.

Funding Amount: \$87,921.00

Search and Rescue Regina

- **Item/Program:** Purchase a command centre tent and trailer.
 - The command centre tent will assist in the activation of volunteers during all types of weather conditions. The equipment trailer will carry the tent as well as search and rescue equipment such as solar panels, lighting, heaters, GPS units, tables, etc. to required locations.

Funding Amount: \$23,490