

Shelter Enhancement Program Funding Backgrounder

- The YWCA has received \$268,000 in Shelter Enhancement Program (SEP) funding for improvements at Isabel Johnson Shelter and Kikinaw Women's Residence. These improvements will both reduce maintenance and operational costs and enhance the living environment of women and children in crisis.
- In Meadow Lake, SEP is funding a complete replacement of Meadow Lake Tribal Council (MLTC) Program Services' Waskoosis Safe Shelter. Construction began this spring on a bigger, brighter, and more barrier-free Waskoosis, and is expected to be completed next year.
- In La Ronge and Air Ronge, SEP is working with La Ronge Native Women's Council on the expansion of Piwapan Women's Shelter, which is often at full capacity. An addition will provide wheelchair-accessible living space and office space to reduce operating costs. Renovations will reduce energy consumption. SEP will provide over \$1.2 million.
- SEP is also providing over \$600,000 to La Ronge Native Women's Council to create "second-stage" affordable rental housing, which will increase shelter capacity by speeding up turnover at Piwapan Women's Shelter.
- In Swift Current, an extensive renovation is underway to improve security, fire safety, wheelchair accessibility and energy efficiency. South West Crisis Services is receiving over \$230,000 in SEP funding.
- In Yorkton, SEP provided \$67,000 to waterproof the crawlspace and enhance security at Project Safe Haven, a four-space home operated by Yorkton Tribal Council. Work was also completed at the six-space Shelwin House this spring to install sprinklers for fire safety.
- In Moose Jaw, work is nearly complete on \$60,000 in renovations, including a revitalized kitchen with views of the children's play areas. Moose Jaw Transition House also received LED lighting, steel doors and hard-wired smoke alarms.
- Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women is improving site drainage, roofing and bathtubs with \$20,000 from SEP. The work will be complete this spring.
- Battlefords Interval House has installed upgraded flooring, lighting, decking and parking with over \$75,000 in assistance from SEP.