



Statement of Policy and Procedure			
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1 POLICY

- 1.01** To establish a consistent administrative process for the application and adjudication of the Community Grant Program.

2 PURPOSE

- 2.01** To provide direction on the application eligibility and guidelines for the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program.
- 2.02** To assist with the development and delivery of sport, culture and recreation programs by providing grant funding to eligible non-profit organizations within the City of Prince Albert.
- 2.03** To provide access to sport, culture and recreation programs and activities for all Prince Albert residents regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, economic status, physical or mental ability.

3 SCOPE

- 3.01** This Statement of Policy applies to all Community Grant Program applications received from local community organizations in which funding is provided by the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund and administered by the Community Services Department.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.01 Community Services Department

- a) Submit an annual application for Community Grant Program funds from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture, and Recreation.
- b) Coordinate the distribution and collection of the Community Grant Program application forms.
- c) Promote the application period to all community organizations.
- d) Review all applications to ensure submissions meet the guidelines and conditions of the program.
- e) Review all grant applications and make fair and equitable recommendations for the distribution of funds for the Community Grant Program to the Community Services Advisory Committee.
- f) Communicate to grant applicants regarding the status of their application following the adjudication process and final City Council approval.
- g) Prepare and assist with the execution of a Funding Agreement with all approved grant recipients.
- h) Prepare all necessary reporting documents for the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund Grant Coordinator.
- i) Make amendments to the list of approved projects if surplus funds become available due to under expenditures in the approved projects.

4.02 Community Services Advisory Committee

- a) Review the recommended distribution of funds submitted by the Community Services Department.
- b) Provide feedback on the recommendations from the Community Services Department and forward a final recommendation to City Council for endorsement.

4.03 City Council

- a) Final approval of the annual Community Grant Program applications.

5 DEFINITIONS

5.01 In this Policy:

- a) **COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM** - is a grant program that is administered by the City of Prince Albert on behalf of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation and provides funding to local non-profit organizations for projects that meet the grant criteria.
- b) **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT** – designated staff members in the City of Prince Albert Community Services Department.
- c) **RECREATION** – is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing.

6 REFERENCES and RELATED STATEMENTS of POLICY and PROCEDURE

6.01 Not applicable.

7 PROCEDURE

7.01 APPLICATIONS

- a) Application forms are available on the City of Prince Albert website and must be received by the Community Services Department by the end of the business day on the third Friday in January to be eligible for funding in that calendar year.
- b) Organizations will be authorized to proceed once confirmation of funds has been received from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.
- c) Approved grant funds will be released upon receipt of the completed follow up and copies of supporting documentation for eligible expenditures.
- d) Follow-up documentation shall include a list of actual expenditures for each project verified with receipts or an audited financial statement prepared by a registered Certified Accountant.
- e) All receipts must be dated within the appropriate grant spending period.

7.02 PROGRAM GOALS

- a) Applications for funding through the Community Grant Program should consider the goals of the Community Services Master Plan, Prince Albert Municipal Cultural Action Plan and the 2015 Framework for Recreation in Canada. These goals may include:
- i. contributing to individual and community well-being through program and activity delivery;
 - ii. addressing social issues through the provision of sport, culture and recreation activities;
 - iii. addressing programming gaps within the community;
 - iv. identifying how the activity could become self-sustaining in the future;
 - v. honouring the past and providing a balance in this narrative of both the positives and challenges that have occurred when sharing our story;
 - vi. utilizing park spaces as focal points of the community to provide centralized programs and activities;
 - vii. ensuring that all nations, communities, newcomers, and individuals are welcomed and celebrated in the community;
 - viii. ensuring a culturally vibrant community by supporting existing volunteers and promoting new partnerships;
 - ix. strengthening the artistic and cultural community and the significant role it plays in enhancing our community's cultural make-up;
 - x. encouraging local food production and availability of ethnic food;
 - xi. fostering active living through physical recreation;
 - xii. increasing inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation;
 - xiii. helping people connect to recreation through nature;

- xiv. ensuring the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and help to build strong caring communities; and
 - xv. ensuring the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.
- b) Projects will also be looked upon favourably if there is evidence of fostering and incorporating leadership development through program structures that allow young people:
- i. participation in formal leadership training opportunities;
 - ii. involvement in the planning and implementation of the activities;
 - iii. providing mentoring or volunteer opportunities in sport, culture, and recreation activities or special events;
 - iv. promoting or developing role models;
 - v. facilitating opportunities for meaningful civic engagement; and
 - vi. other leadership initiatives or activities.

7.03 PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- a) All of the following eligibility requirements must be met:
- i. only non-profit organizations are eligible to receive funding;
 - ii. expenditures must be directly related to the operation of sport, culture, or recreation programs, activities and events within the City of Prince Albert and the majority of the participants must reside within City limits;
 - iii. a minimum of 30% of the grant funding provided through the grant funding must be used for programs aimed at increasing participation for under-represented populations. Examples include indigenous peoples, seniors, women, youth at risk, economically disadvantaged, newcomers, persons with a disability, and single parent families;
 - iv. operation costs of facilities that are directly related to a program are eligible for 25% of the total grant for each program up to a maximum of \$500 per program;

- v. follow-ups verifying project expenditures must be submitted in a follow-up report prior to receiving funding;
- vi. projects are to be operated on a non-profit basis;
- vii. organizations receiving grants must publicly acknowledge Saskatchewan Lotteries within their activities;
- viii. an organization may be limited to only one grant during each fiscal year and the maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is \$12,000;
- ix. organizations are responsible to ensure appropriate liability and participant's insurance are in place for programs funded by the Community Grant program; and
- x. religious organizations may be eligible, providing there is a clear distinction between the religious/educational and recreation programs.

7.04 INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- a) The program is designed to provide funding for sport, culture, and recreation programs therefore the following expenditures are ineligible for grant funding:
 - i. construction, renovation, retrofits, and repairs to buildings/facilities (This includes fixing doors, shingling roofs, installing flooring, moving/hauling dirt, etc.);
 - ii. maintenance and operation costs of facilities that are not directly related to a program supported by this grant;
 - iii. property taxes & insurance;
 - iv. alcoholic beverages;
 - v. food or food related costs (This includes catering supplies, coffee pots, coffee, BBQ's, etc.);
 - vi. membership fees in other lottery funded organizations;
 - vii. prizes: cash, gifts, awards, honourariums, trophies, plaques, and badges;
 - viii. out of province activities and travel;

- ix. donations;
- x. subsidization of wages for full time employees; eligible employment expenditures are less than 35 hours per week for no more than 90 days (or 455 hours) in a grant period;
- xi. uniforms or personal items such as sweatbands and hats; and
- xii. retroactive funding will not be permitted.

7.05 APPLICATION PREFERENCES

- a) Favourable consideration is given to the following projects:
 - i. organizations that include a financial contribution towards the project from their own operating budget;
 - ii. requests for new or innovative programs that do not duplicate existing services and programs that develop, expand, and improve opportunities in recreation, culture, and sport; and
 - iii. programs that address social issues or address programming gaps within the community through the provision of sport, culture and recreation activities.