



**SUMMER FUN**  
**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**FRAMEWORK IN ACTION CRITERIA**

**Purpose:** The Summer Fun Grant supports community-led summer programs that create fun, inclusive, and meaningful recreation opportunities for children and youth. This grant places a strong emphasis on youth leadership development, skill building, and hands-on learning through sport, culture, and recreation initiatives delivered during the summer months.

The program builds community capacity by encouraging youth to take on leadership roles, gain practical experience, and contribute positively to their communities, while aligning with the Framework for Recreation in Canada.

**Eligibility:** Municipal/First Nation Recreation Authorities (Community Recreation Board/Department/ Director) or non-profit volunteer community groups and schools. Community Group/organization must reside within the District boundaries.

**Training must:**

- Support youth leadership development
- Be directly connected to the delivery of a community-led summer program
- Build skills related to safe play, inclusion, engagement, and quality recreation experiences
- Strengthen community capacity to deliver sport, culture, and recreation programs

**Eligible training programs may include:**

- Play Leadership training
- HIGH FIVE® training and certification

**Grant Amounts:** \$200.00 – \$1,200.00

Communities may apply once per fiscal year. Approved applicants may receive up to \$1,000.00 toward the delivery of a Summer Fun program, with an additional allocation of up to \$200.00 available to support eligible training.

Funding is intended to support summer programming and associated training. All funded summer programs must be delivered between June 1 and August 30, and all eligible training must be completed prior to the start of summer programming.

Final reporting for all initiatives, including all related revenues and expenditures, is required within 30 days of the Summer Program completion date.

**Application due date: May 1, 2026**

**Recreation** is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative, and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing. Recreation may include sport, culture, or recreation experiences.

**[FRAMEWORK GOALS – Great Resource ... Click Link to check it out!](#)**

**1. ACTIVE LIVING - Foster active living through physical recreation**

- Participation throughout life
- Physical literacy
- Play
- Reduce sedentary behaviours

**2. INCLUSION AND ACCESS - Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation**

- Equitable participation for all, regardless of socioeconomic status, age, culture, race, Aboriginal status, gender, ability, sexual orientation, or geographic location

**3. CONNECTING PEOPLE AND NATURE - Help people connect to nature through recreation**

- Natural spaces and places
- Comprehensive system of parks
- Public awareness and education
- Minimize negative impacts

**4. SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS - Ensure the provision of supportive physical and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and build strong, caring communities**

- Provide essential spaces and places
- Use existing structures and spaces for multiple purposes
- Renew infrastructure
- Active transportation
- Partnerships in social environment
- Recreation education
- Assessment tools
- Align community initiatives

**5. RECREATION CAPACITY - Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field**

- Collaborative system
- Career development
- Advanced education
- Capacity development Community leadership
- Volunteers
- Knowledge development



**Grant Criteria:**

- Applications will be submitted on the “Application form” and will be received by the PCDSR on or post marked for the appropriate due date.
- The initiative/project will be based on and address the needs of the community
- The application form will provide a list of desired outcomes that will reflect sport, culture and/or recreation benefits. For example:

- Youth gain practical skills related to leadership, responsibility, and program participation.
- Participants build foundational skills that support future volunteer, employment, or leadership opportunities
- Youth feel prepared and confident to take on leadership or volunteer roles in future community programs.
- The application must have two different signatures. One signature of the initiative/project contact and another signature of the recreation authority (Recreation Director/Recreation Board). In the absence of a Recreation Authority, it can be signed by the Town Administrator/Chief. The Recreation Authority does not assume financial responsibility for the initiative; their signature ensures awareness of the initiative.
- Applications for repeat initiatives or performances will not be accepted.
- Applications for one-time events that do not provide learning opportunities, skill-development or promote continued community capacity building will not be accepted.
- Successful grant applicants will:
  - Include the PCDSCR, SPRA and Saskatchewan Lotteries logos on all promotional materials for the project. Copies of promotional material will be submitted with the follow-up report. [Funding Recognition - Sask Lotteries](#)
  - Email a poster to add to Prairie Central [website events](#).
  - Tag us in posts to your social media accounts.
    - Facebook: @prairiecentraldistrict
    - Instagram: @prairie\_central\_district
  - Advertise the initiative throughout the immediate area to encourage participation from surrounding communities.
  - Send 2-3 photos and/or participant comments of the event upon follow up. It is the responsibility of the recipient to ensure photo release forms have been signed.

**Failure to meet all the above requirements may result in funding being withheld**

Follow-up reports and support materials must be received by the PCDSCR office within 30 days of initiative/project completion. Once the follow-up reports have been submitted and approved, the funds will be released to the appropriate organization.

**Tips:**

- Please remember that when applying for a grant, it is not always guaranteed that you will be a successful recipient. It is important to review the grant criteria prior to applying.
- The budget should be balanced. Expenses = Revenues
- Save your receipts for all initiative/project expenses. **Copies of actual receipts** for expenses are required with the follow-up report.
- Provide thorough details on your initiative.
- If you are unsure about whether your initiative fits the criteria, be sure to contact the PCDSCR Community Consultants and discuss your ideas.

Ineligible Expenses	Exceptions
fundraisers, performances, repeat initiatives / projects, AV equipment, laptops, TV and stereos, etc	
capital -construction, renovation, retrofit and repairs to buildings/facilities	
regular maintenance and operation costs of facilities	operation costs that are directly related to the initiative/project supported by this grant to a maximum of 15% of total grant allocation. Power/Heat/Water- Bills
retroactive projects – <b>projects cannot start prior to application deadline</b>	
property taxes or insurance	
alcoholic beverages or tobacco	
food or food related costs (this includes catering supplies, coffee, coffee pots, etc.)	food related costs - volunteer recognition events to maximum of 20% of total grant allocation
membership fees	
cash donations, prizes, awards, trophies, honorariums (cash gifts), etc.	Elder honorariums to a maximum of \$150.00/day Awards – Volunteer Recognition Events Volunteers travel specific to the initiative/project– at a rate of \$.45/km
out-of-province activities and travel	
out-of-province equipment purchases	when equipment is not available in province
uniforms or personal items	
subsidization of wages for existing full-time employees	subsidization of staff – specific to the initiative / project.
School travel	

**Connect with the Prairie Central District Community Consultant if you have questions:**

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