

Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership 2026

Application Guidelines

Funding for this program is provided by the City of Saskatoon – Assistance to Community Groups Grant and the United Way of Saskatoon and Area – Community Initiatives Fund.

You do not need to specify which of these grants you are applying for. Your application will be reviewed by representatives of both grant programs.

For projects taking place April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

Application deadline: NOON, February 15, 2026

Objective

The objective of the *Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership* is to improve quality of life for individuals, families and communities in Saskatoon and area.

The goals of this grant program are:

- To support human service groups in activities that are of general benefit to Saskatoon citizens and enhances their quality of life. The focus is on providing supports and services to vulnerable populations, particularly residents experiencing inequitable barriers that impact their quality of life and well-being.
- The major overall criteria by which applicants shall be judged is the degree to which the proposed program meets a demonstrated community need that is supported by the City and/or is aligned with United Way's Community Investment strategy.

About the Program

The *Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership* is a partnership with The City of Saskatoon and the United Way of Saskatoon and Area. The City of Saskatoon administers the grant for local community-based organizations in Saskatoon, in collaboration with the United Way of Saskatoon and Area.

For more information or to discuss your application contact:

Grant Program

306-975-3383

grants@saskatoon.ca

The City of Saskatoon promotes fair and equitable practices in employment and the provision of services to all citizens of Saskatoon.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible for support, an organization must:

- Be registered as a non-profit organization under The Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan or under The Co-operative Act of Saskatchewan or registered as a charitable organization with the Canada Revenue Agency.
 - The United Way of Saskatoon and Area will only fund charitable organizations.
- Serve the needs of Saskatoon residents and should therefore have membership that resides within the geographical boundaries of the City. A national or provincial parent body of a local branch may qualify for funding provided the application relates to a program specifically targeted to Saskatoon residents.
- Have an independent active governing body composed of volunteers. This Board shall be held responsible for the effectiveness of services provided and financial accountability for assistance received.

City of Saskatoon Priorities

Proposed projects must fall within the stated mission or mandate of the organization and the application should address:

1. Community Need
 - Meet demonstrated areas of current and urgent "need"
 - Demonstrate client group involvement.
2. Impact
 - Benefit a significant number of individuals in the community
 - Provide direct services, either pro-active or remedial, to enhance the quality of life for vulnerable Saskatoon residents especially as they relate to the family.
 - Demonstrate, by the nature of their activities, the maintenance of a stable community.
3. Effectiveness
 - The community group's past performance in achieving program objectives shall be considered.
 - Work in a cooperative and collaborative fashion
 - Project/program plan is achievable and will support clear results, have real life outcomes and be preventative in nature
 - Community groups with a large degree of community volunteer involvement shall be given priority over those with little or none.
4. Management Capabilities
 - The community group must demonstrate that it is capable of efficient and effective administration of the assistance provided.
 - A procedure should be established by the recipient to evaluate the effectiveness of the project in order that the results may be reported to the City

United Way Priorities

Change starts with one person, one group, one business, one community. Because it takes a whole community coming together to change social conditions, United Way of Saskatoon and Area builds partnerships that mobilize communities, agencies, funders and other sectors to achieve shared goals.

We strive to bring about genuine change by focusing our work on three areas:

1. From poverty to possibility
 - United Way is investing in programs and services that address the root causes of poverty, build the capacity and assets required to move individuals and families from poverty into sustainable, healthy lives.
2. Strong communities
 - Inclusion and engagement help offset social isolation and strengthen the ability to integrate successfully into the community and workplace. When individuals and families can access the supports and services that build skills and confidence, they are better equipped to overcome life challenges.
3. All that kids can be
 - Children and Youth need a good start in life to become healthy adults. They need access to early literacy and developmental programs, positive school experiences during the middle years and the support to graduate from high school. They benefit from recreational activities, mentorship, and opportunities to discover and develop their talents.

United Way has developed a new investment strategy, shaped by a series of Community Consultations held in early 2025. This strategy reflects the voices and insights gathered from the community and will guide future funding decisions. As part of the application process, we will be prioritizing key themes including Prevention, Indigenous Representation and Advocacy, Diverse and Marginalized Communities, and Educational approaches within the programs and services being proposed.

Funding

- The value of all assistance provided by the City of Saskatoon to an organization shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of eligible programs and activities.

Insurance

- Organizations must demonstrate they carry general liability insurance.

Who Can't Apply?

- Community groups that exist primarily for political or sectarian purposes
- Projects that provide funding to other groups; or
- Groups seeking financial assistance that was previously provided by senior levels of government.

Ineligible Projects

- This program will not fund sport, culture or recreation initiatives, economic development or capital expenditures;
- Assistance will not be provided to fund deficits or program shortfalls;
- Assistance shall not be provided for programs which are considered to be a duplication of services already provided.

Assessment Process

Applications will be evaluated by the Social Services Subcommittee. Recommendations of the assessment committee are final.

Applications will be scored based on how they meet program criteria and priorities (listed above) including:

- Meeting demonstrated areas of current and urgent need
- Providing a direct service and benefiting a significant number of individuals in the community
- Demonstrating realistic and clearly planned goals and how the program will be evaluated
- Managing the program effectively and being capable of effective administration, including a budget that is reasonable and cost-effective
- Work in a cooperative and collaborative fashion in the delivery of human services

Notification

Applicants will be informed, in writing, of the results of their application by June 1, 2026. Successful applicants may receive a letter from either or both of the City of Saskatoon or United Way.

Cash Disbursements

Complete grant payments shall be made by July 1 each year, unless otherwise specified by City Council.

Acknowledgement

Grant recipients are required to acknowledge support from the City of Saskatoon and/or United Way of Saskatoon and Area. Logos may only be used for the year in which the funding is provided.

City of Saskatoon Funding Recognition guidelines can be found here:

www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/community-development/funding_recognition_guidelines.pdf

United Way Funding Recognition guidelines can be found here:

<https://unitedwaysaskatoon.ca/investing-in-our-community/>

Processing

The City of Saskatoon will only accept and process applications that are submitted online prior to the grant deadline. If you require assistance with the online application, please contact the Grants Clerk at 306-975-3378 or grants@saskatoon.ca. The City of Saskatoon reserves the right to request additional information.

Reporting and Procedures

Successful applicants are required to complete a *Reporting Form*, through the City of Saskatoon's online grant portal, no later than **July 15, 2027**. The report is a detailed account of how the assistance was used as well as an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program undertaken.

Application Process

Apply online: https://cityofsaskatoon.smapply.io/prog/assistance_to_community_groups_grant_-_social_services/

The application will ask for general information about your organization (contact information, insurance policy number, name of insurance company, non-profit number, charitable number if applicable, GST number, etc.) as well as the following:

- ☐ Information About Your Project/Program/Service/Initiative, including:
 - project description, partners,
 - target population, demographics
 - number of expected participants
 - involvement of the target population
 - intended outcomes, focus, delivery method, awareness/promotion
- ☐ Planned evaluation methods
 - description of what the project intends to achieve and how results are to be found out
- ☐ Budget Information
 - budget form with income and expenses
 - listing of other sources of income
- ☐ Most recent audited financial statement
- ☐ Year to date financials
- ☐ List of current board of directors

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