Saskatoon Collaborative Funders Partnership 2027

Application Guidelines

Funding for this program is provided by:
City of Saskatoon – Assistance to Community Groups Grant (Cash Grant Social), and
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, 2027 – March 31, 2028
Application deadline: 11:59 pm, February 15, 2027

Objectives

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

Vision: By working together, we are able to improve quality of life for individuals, families and communities in Saskatoon and area. The partners believe that together they are stronger and more effective than they would be if they worked individually. Together they can have more impact on quality of life in Saskatoon than any single organization alone can have.

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, especially in relation to the family. 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 306.975.3383 or 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
    - Work with a community development focus to meet demonstrated areas of current and urgent need
    - Show 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
    - 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 in the delivery of human services
    - 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

The focus of United Way of Saskatoon and Area Community Initiatives Fund is intended to support non-profit organizations in Saskatoon & Area to develop and execute programs and services aligned with United Way's new Community 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.

Our 3 focus areas are:

1. From poverty to possibility
    - Initiatives that tackle the root causes of poverty and help individuals and families build the resources needed for long-term stability and well-being.

2. Strong communities
    - Inclusion and engagement reduce social isolation and empower individuals and families with the skills and confidence needed to navigate challenges and thrive in their communities and workplaces.

3. All that kids can be
    - Children and Youth thrive when they have a strong start in life through access to early learning, supportive school experiences, mentorship, and opportunities to explore their interests and talents.

For additional information about the United Way of Saskatoon and Area Community Initiatives Fund, review the application guide or contact Gary Beaudin at 306.380.6114 or gbeaudin@unitedwaysaskatoon.ca.

You can also visit United Way's website at www.unitedwaysaskatoon.ca.

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.
- To determine amounts typically awarded, see the Grant Awards at www.saskatoon.ca/grants

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; and,
- 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, 2027. Successful applicants will receive a letter from the City of Saskatoon.

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 306.975.3383 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 *Follow-up Reporting- Applicants*, through the City of Saskatoon's online grant portal, no later than **July 15, 2028.** 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 at the link below:

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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