



SMALL GRANT ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAM (SGAP)

Application Deadline: May 9, 2025

Please read the Guidelines carefully before starting the grant application. Applicants should contact consultant Tomasín Playford at tplayford@saskculture.ca before submitting an application to check if their project idea is eligible and to see if this grant program is the best fit.

If you face any barriers (language, technology, accessibility challenges, etc.) in navigating the criteria, application questions, and the application process, please reach out to the Consultant for details about the [Accessibility Fund](#).

This grant has a maximum grant request amount of \$2,000 and is intended for small-scale initiatives (overall budgets of less than \$5,000), as defined on the last page of the Guidelines.

Purpose

The Small Grant Accessibility Program (SGAP) aims to provide support to grassroots, unique and innovative cultural initiatives that respond to emergent needs or changes in the cultural sector, and create access for first-time and under-served applicants. SGAP is intended for small-scale initiatives (overall budgets of less than \$5,000), as defined on the last page of the Guidelines.

The SGAP objectives are to:

- support new or underserved organizations that have never been awarded a SaskCulture grant.
- support grassroots, unique and innovative cultural initiatives.
- respond to emergent needs, time-sensitive opportunities or changes in the cultural sector.
- encourage youth-led cultural initiatives and leadership opportunities for young cultural leaders.
- support and strengthen communities through cultural activities in Saskatchewan, at the individual, group, and community level; and
- support the development and capacity of cultural organizations through professional development.

Priorities

Priority will be given to initiatives that:

- provide significant opportunities to meet the objectives of the SGAP.
- deliver relevant cultural activities based on cultural impact, accessibility, and service to communities.
- are grassroots initiatives.
- are from SaskCulture applicants who have not been awarded funding before.
- have an ethnocultural focus as defined on the last page the Guidelines.
- promote accessibility & social inclusion.
- do not fit the criteria and timeline for other SaskCulture grant programs.
- take place in the province's northern and/or rural or otherwise underserved communities.

- are supported by clear initiative plans and budget detail; and
- are focused on Truth and Reconciliation, Anti-Racism or Anti-Oppression professional development for organizations.

If you are unsure whether your initiative fits the purpose of this grant, please contact SaskCulture using the information below.

Applicant Eligibility ---

Eligible Applicants:

- **Incorporated Non-Profit** organizations in Saskatchewan. All incorporated non-profit organizations:
 - Must have a primarily cultural mandate in Arts, Heritage, Multiculturalism or Cultural Industries as defined by [SaskCulture's Cultural Policy](#), or otherwise demonstrate significant engagement in cultural activity. If the organization does not have a primarily cultural mandate, the project must be cultural in nature and must engage a wide audience (cannot be internal to the organization).
 - Must be in good standing with Information Services Corporation (ISC) and SaskCulture.
- **Unincorporated Non-Profit** organizations in Saskatchewan. All unincorporated non-profit organizations:
 - Must have a primarily cultural mandate in Arts, Heritage, Multiculturalism or Cultural Industries as defined by [SaskCulture's Cultural Policy](#), or otherwise demonstrate significant engagement in cultural activity.
 - Should have a Canadian bank account in the organization's name: if approved, the grant payment will be paid to this account (a void cheque will be required for confirmation and setting up Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). If the organization does not have their own bank account, they will need to open an account or partner with a sponsoring organization as described below.
 - Must provide a liability waiver signed by at least two Board/Committee/Decision Makers; and
 - Alternately, an unincorporated organization can partner with a sponsoring incorporated non-profit, First Nation, Tribal Council, Municipality or Métis local who is eligible. Please contact the consultant for more details.
- **First Nation, Tribal Council, Municipality or Métis Local.** The applicant:
 - Must be in good standing with the Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program; and,
 - Must have no outstanding grant follow-ups due to SaskCulture.
- **Libraries located in remote and rural locations** (populations under 6,000) are eligible to apply for cultural projects only.

Ineligible Applicants are:

- Non-profit professional organizations and associations.
- Organizations that have received any SaskCulture or significant Lottery funding in the last year.
- Libraries located in the larger urban municipalities in Saskatchewan.

- Districts for Sport, Culture and Recreation.
- Organizations that exclusively promote definable religious or political viewpoints.
- Businesses.
- Schools; and
- Individuals.

If your organization does not meet the eligibility requirements, contact SaskCulture to discuss what alternate grant programs might be available to you. Or, use SaskCulture's "Find a Grant" tool to connect with other options - <https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/find-a-grant>.

Initiative Eligibility

- Initiatives must directly address the objectives and priorities of this funding program.
- All funds are to be used for the benefit of cultural development in Saskatchewan and for residents in Saskatchewan.
- Applicants can access only one SGAP grant at a time and successful applications are limited to one per 12-month period.
 - If the applicant has an outstanding/overdue SaskCulture grant, a second proposal will not be considered.
- Applicants may not apply to multiple SaskCulture funding programs to support the same activity for the same time frame.
- Projects that align with the Artist in Schools or Artist in Communities grant criteria should apply to those grant programs instead of SGAP. Criteria for those funding programs can be found on the SK Arts website <https://sk-arts.ca/>.
- Eligible initiatives must start a minimum of four (4) weeks after the application deadline and must end within one (1) year of the initiative start date.

Eligible Expenses

The SGAP grant can cover direct costs for the development and delivery of the initiative. When submitting a proposal, please ensure that only eligible expenses are included.

The **maximum request amount is \$2,000** towards eligible expenses. **The overall budget must not exceed \$5,000.**

In-kind contributions are not eligible expenses. Contact SaskCulture if there is any uncertainty on what is eligible and ineligible.

Eligible expenses for the SGAP grant include:

- Wages, honorarium and contract agreements for cultural resource people who are offering their skills and expertise for the term of the initiative. This does not replace wages for the core job responsibilities of existing staff.
- Travel expenses for initiative participants or cultural resource people offering their skills and expertise. This includes gas, rental of vehicles, bus transit and airfare.
- Cost of materials and supplies related to the initiative.
- Technology that is required for a cultural activity to take place.

- Professional development courses for cultural workers, volunteers and leaders.
- Facility costs would only be considered eligible in situations where additional space is required for the initiative to move ahead. The existing space/facility of an applicant organization is not eligible and would be considered as an in-kind contribution - i.e. rent, utilities and office overhead; and
- A recommended maximum of 10% of the total grant request can be utilized for advertising and promotion costs for the initiative. A strong rationale would need to be provided to exceed this amount.

All expenses must fall within the indicated start and end date of the grant. Expenses incurred before or after the grant period will not be eligible.

Ineligible Expenses

The following items are ineligible for SGAP funds:

- Capital expenses such as construction, renovations or repairs or purchase of major equipment such as computers, phones, cameras, power tools, etc.
- Performative or passive entertainment that does not include an exchange of cultural knowledge or awareness.
- Cash prizes, gifts, medals, trophies, charitable donations, or the purchase of alcohol.
- Sponsorships, fundraisers, or award ceremonies.
- Activity that exclusively promotes definable religious or political viewpoints.
- Contributions of volunteer hours.
- Food or food-related costs are generally ineligible. However, up to 20% of the grant may be used for nutrition if these costs can be directly attributed to the cultural activity.
- Allowances, wages or personal expenses for program registrants and participants.
- Out-of-province travel expenses for initiative participants to attend competitions, festivals, award ceremonies, etc.
- Contracts with out-of-province cultural workers (unless there is no one in Saskatchewan providing that service).
- Salaries and expenses of existing staff of the applicant organization – except when they are hired to perform the duties of a cultural worker.
- Office and administration fees including utilities, rent and/or rental of an applicant organization facilities; and,
- In-kind contributions (donations for food, goods, services, equipment, waiving rental fees, etc.) do not replace eligible expenses.

Application Process

Applications are due on May 9, 2025. Late applications will not be considered for funding.

- Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to consult with SaskCulture prior to submitting an application for pre-application advice.
- SaskCulture will review applications to confirm eligibility requirements have been met. **If a submission is ineligible, the applicant will be notified.**

- Applications will be reviewed by a panel of SaskCulture staff, who will focus on the set criteria outlined in the ‘Application Assessment’ section below, to ensure a quick turnaround.
- Applicants can expect to be informed of funding results four (4) weeks after the application deadline. Funding decisions are final and will not be revisited or appealed.
- Successful applicants receive 100% of their total grant allocation upon grant approval and must submit a complete follow-up report within thirty (30) days of the end of the initiative.

Application Assessment

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Has the application met the eligibility criteria?
- Is this a first-time or underserved applicant?
- Has the applicant received a SaskCulture grant in the past?
- Is the initiative taking place in the province’s northern and/or rural or otherwise underserved communities?
- Is the initiative time-sensitive or does not fit the criteria of existing SaskCulture grant programs?
- To what extent does the initiative address the objectives and priorities of SGAP?
- Is the application clear, and concise and provides enough details?
- Is the budget clear, realistic, and does it balance? Is the overall budget less than \$5,000, and does it demonstrate responsible use of resources?

The quality of writing and attention to detail will benefit an applicant’s chances of success. However, we understand not everyone who is applying for funding is a professional grant writer or that English may not be the primary language of the person applying. If an applicant is struggling with the application, please remember, SaskCulture staff are here to assist you.

If Successful

Please review the [“If your application is successful”](#) menu item on the SaskCulture website’s SGAP grant page for details about what to expect as an approved grant recipient.

Definitions

Ethno-Cultural focus	Relating to a person’s ethnicity (i.e. the group of people they come from) and culture.
First-time recipient	An applicant that has never been awarded a grant by SaskCulture.
Initiative	A program, project, training opportunity or course, etc.
Small-scale	An initiative where the total costs do not exceed the maximum grant request or if they do, the other sources of funding are confirmed. Initiative budget must not exceed \$5,000.
Time-sensitive	The initiative is important and must be done right now as it will make a significant impact on the organization or community, and the application cannot wait for the deadline of another grant program.