



Métis Cultural Development Fund (MCDF)

Project Objectives, Priorities and Eligibility

The Métis Cultural Development Fund supports community-based cultural activities and initiatives that preserve, strengthen and transmit Métis culture and traditions.

The MCDF program objectives are to:

- Support and strengthen Métis culture and communities through arts and heritage activity in Saskatchewan;
- Mentor and build cultural leadership skills in Métis Communities;
- Increase employment opportunities for Saskatchewan-based Métis arts and heritage resource peoples;
- Support engagement in Métis cultural activity at the individual, group, and community level;
- Support the development of Métis identity through research, documentation and/or sharing;
- Benefit children through skills development, mentorship, and having fun; and
- Encourage gathering, sharing, learning, celebrating and developing Métis culture in Métis communities aimed at building long-term cultural awareness and pride.

COVID-19 and Eligible Projects

Due to the uncertainty around the impact COVID-19 will have on public activities in the coming months, SaskCulture is limiting the scope of its funding programs for the 2020 fall round of applications.

SaskCulture will not be accepting any project proposals for events that involve in-person public gatherings of more than **30 people**. Actual approval and funding of projects involving public gatherings are subject to the [Government of Saskatchewan](#) COVID-19 Re-open plan phases in effect at the planned date of the event.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider online or virtual activities or small group activities. All applicants must address how they will meet public health safety guidelines to minimize the risk of COVID-19. Visit [SaskCulture's COVID-19 Resources](#) pages for more information.

Priority will be given to project that:

- provide significant opportunities to meet the purpose of the MCDF grant;
- deliver relevant cultural activities based on cultural impact, accessibility and service to communities;
- have significant youth involvement and/or contribute significantly to participation in intergenerational cultural activity;
- demonstrate strong partnerships and community support;
- take place in the province's northern and/or rural or otherwise underserved communities; and
- are supported by clear project plans and budget detail.

If you are unsure whether your project fits the purpose of this grant, please contact the consultant, or see a list of successful applicants and project descriptions at the bottom of this [webpage](#), under 'Past Recipients'.



Project Eligibility

- Projects must directly address the purpose and priorities of this funding program.
- All funds are to be used for the benefit of Métis cultural development in Saskatchewan and for residents in Saskatchewan.
- Applicants can access only one MCDF grant at a time.
 - If the applicant already has an outstanding/overdue SaskCulture grant, a second proposal will not be considered until the current one is reconciled.
 - If the applicant's current MCDF grant is wrapping up during the time of application for another deadline, contact SaskCulture for options.
- Applicants may not apply to multiple SaskCulture funding programs to support the same activity for the same time frame.
- Eligible projects must start no sooner than eight (8) weeks after the application deadline, and must end within twelve (12) months of the project start date. Projects that commence sooner than 8 weeks after the deadline will not be considered.