

Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Project (MIF-P)

Project Eligibility

SaskCulture's Multicultural Initiatives Fund (MIF) aims to advance multiculturalism in Saskatchewan by supporting projects encouraging people in Saskatchewan to share, learn, appreciate, respect and accept cultural diversity.

Purpose

The Multicultural Initiatives Fund (MIF) aims to advance the course of culture in Saskatchewan by providing funds to organizations in areas not typically funded by conventional support systems.

The MIF-Project grant provides funding to community-based organizations supporting ethno-cultural, multicultural, First Nations and Métis initiatives, projects and activities.

Organizations should consider if their project falls within one or more of the following streams before applying:

- **Cultural Retention** supports organizations passing on cultural practices and traditions within a particular cultural community.
- **Celebration of Diversity** includes education and festivals that showcase differences and similarities, most often through performance, cuisine and other arts. It includes an awareness that groups that include many perspectives, especially from different cultural world views, lead to greater creativity and innovation.
- **Anti-Racism** work looks at issues of power and privilege and how they impact individual and systemic discrimination; it usually includes active dialogue to build equity and justice in our institutions and communities.
- **Intercultural Connections** entails different cultural and indigenous groups coming together over time to build bridges i.e. exchanges, cooperative work, creating safe spaces, dialogue, creative projects, etc.
- **Integration** supports welcoming and inclusive communities that create a sense of home and belonging. We recognize the creativity and innovation that arise from bringing different cultural perspectives together and cultivating the unique contributions of all.

Priority will be given to:

- Cross-cultural or intercultural educational projects;
- Multicultural festivals and events;
- First Nations and Métis educational activities or programs that have a focus on implementing or working towards implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action or reconciliation efforts;
- Organizations and projects not already funded by other Lottery-supported grant programs;
- Projects that have not received a MIF Project grant in the previous year;
- Applications involving significant Indigenous and/or youth involvement, and
- Applicants from the province's smaller communities.

All funds are to be used for the benefit of cultural development in Saskatchewan and for residents of Saskatchewan.

Projects must meet at least one objective listed under the purpose of the MIF program to be considered for funding. Organizations and/or projects must address a community-identified need and demonstrate community involvement.

Applicants may submit one application per grant deadline. Multiple applications will not be considered. Applicants can access only one MIF Project grant at a time.

Ineligible Projects

Projects that do not satisfy, or directly address, the purpose of the MIF Program will not be considered for funding.

If the applicant already has an outstanding/overdue MIF Program, a second proposal will not be considered until the current one is reconciled.

If the applicant's current MIF- Program 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 eight (8) weeks after the deadline will not be considered.