



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, retention 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 2021 spring round of applications:

- SaskCulture will not be accepting project proposals for any type of large indoor or outdoor gathering this year, in order to abide by gathering size limitations defined in Saskatchewan's most [current public health orders](#).
- All approvals of funding may be conditional on the applicant's ability to adhere to Saskatchewan's public health orders 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.
- In addition to the regular adjudication criteria, grants will be assessed on their ability to meet Saskatchewan's public health orders in place at the time of adjudication.
- Applicants are encouraged to organize events with clearly articulated cancellation policies and agreements on payments; and
- Written or verbal notice of postponements or cancellations of funded events and activities must be submitted to SaskCulture.



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 on the [MCDF 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.
- **START DATE:** Eligible start dates for this round must be between June 25, 2021 (eight (8) weeks after the grant deadline) and December 1, 2021. If you are wanting to apply for a project with a start date after December 1, 2021, please wait for the Fall 2021 MCDF deadline to apply.
- **END DATE:** All projects must be completed within one (1) year of the start date.