



Multicultural Initiatives Fund Annual

Application deadline: January 31

All new organizations interested in applying to MIF-Annual must consult with SaskCulture prior to submitting an application form

As of 2020, the Multicultural Initiatives Fund - Annual operates on a two-year grant application cycle.

COVID-19 – Updated as of December 1, 2021

All approvals of funding may be conditional on the applicant's ability to adhere to Saskatchewan's public health orders. All applicants must address how they will meet public health safety guidelines to minimize the risk of COVID-19.

Applicants are encouraged to organize activities and events with clearly articulated cancellation policies and agreements on payments. Written or verbal notice of postponements or cancellations of funded events and activities must be submitted to SaskCulture.

Priorities

The Multicultural Initiatives Fund (MIF) prioritizes cross-cultural understanding and supports work that aligns with the principles of Truth and Reconciliation in Saskatchewan. MIF supports organizations that encourage people to share, learn, appreciate and respect cultural diversity.

The MIF Annual grant program provides funding to community-based organizations to support: ethno-cultural, multicultural, First Nations and Métis organizations, reaching Indigenous people, youth, northern and/or rural communities, and newcomers.

The MIF Annual grant program prioritizes:

- **Anti-Racism** work that 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 organizations and communities.
- **Intercultural Connections and Truth and Reconciliation** entails different cultural and indigenous groups coming together over time to build bridges through activities like exchanges, cooperative work, creating safe spaces, community dialogues, creative projects, etc. This includes projects that have a focus on implementing or working towards implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action or reconciliation efforts.
- **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.

- **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.
- **Cultural Retention** supports organizations passing on cultural practices and traditions within a particular Indigenous or ethno-cultural community.

If you are unsure if your organization and programming meets the priorities of this grant, please contact the Consultant, or see a list of successful applicants using this [link](#).

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Applicant Eligibility

Priority will be given to:

- Provincial-in-scope, multicultural, Indigenous and ethno-cultural organizations that provide ongoing services and programming which contributes to the advancement of multiculturalism in Saskatchewan.

Eligible Applicants are:

- **Registered Non-Profit** organizations in Saskatchewan. These organizations must:
 - have a primarily multicultural, Indigenous or ethno-cultural mandate as defined by [SaskCulture's Cultural Policy](#); and
 - be in existence as a registered non-profit for at least one full fiscal year. If your organization has been incorporated for less than a year, please contact the SaskCulture Consultant to discuss options; and
 - be in good standing with Information Services Corporation (ISC); and
 - have no outstanding grant follow-ups due to SaskCulture.

Organizations that receive substantial funding through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, including funding from an Eligible Cultural Organization, are ineligible to apply to MIF Annual.

Eligible Activities

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

The organization's annual activities must align with one priority of the MIF Annual program to be considered for funding.

Applicants may only submit one application per grant deadline. Applicants may only apply to MIF-Annual or MIF-Project; multiple applications will not be considered. Applicants may not apply to multiple SaskCulture funding programs to support the same activity for the same time frame.

Funding Levels and Eligible Expenses

The MIF – Annual program now operates on a two-year cycle, allocating two years of funding to successful applicants.

Applicants may apply for up to 50% of the organization's annual budget (based on a review of total eligible expenses and other income), to a maximum of \$20,000.

Ineligible Expenses

The following items are ineligible for MIF Annual funds:

- Capital expenditures, construction, renovations or repairs;
- Cash prizes, gifts, or the purchase of alcohol;
- Food that is not a central focus of a cultural activity. Food costs are ONLY eligible if the cultural activity that is being offered is specifically focused on the cultural significance and mentorship aspects associated with traditional food preparation, instruction, gathering and so on;
- Activity that exclusively promotes definable religious or political viewpoints;
- In-kind contributions (donations of goods and services) do not replace eligible expenses;
- Contributions of volunteer hours; and
- Allowances, wages or personal expenses for program registrants and participants.

Budget Notes

The budget should include all revenue and expenses related to your organization, including grant requests to other funding programs or agencies.

Expenses claimed must be to support eligible activity proposed in the application.

All organizational income and expenses should be included in the budget form and the budget should balance (revenue = expenses). Please use the budget template provided.

In-Kind Contributions: The value of donations of goods and services are not eligible and should not be included in the budget. Contributions and non-monetary support can be described in the proposal as evidence of community support and partnerships.

Application Process

Applications are due January 31, 2022. SaskCulture has an online application process and all applications and reports must be submitted online. **Late applications will not be considered for funding.** Only signed and complete applications will be considered.

SaskCulture will review applications to confirm basic eligibility requirements have been met. Eligible applications are adjudicated by a volunteer peer adjudication panel, and applicants are normally informed of results within eight (8) weeks of the application deadline.

Funding decisions are final and will not be revisited or appealed.

Successful applicants will receive 100% of the total Year 1 grant allocation upon grant approval. Year 2 grant allocation will be released upon submission of a completed and satisfactory Follow-Up Report (FUR), which is due 90 days after the organization's fiscal year end.

Application Assessment

The funding adjudicators will assess applications based on the following criteria:

- Extent to which the organization and its activities aligns with one of the MIF A priorities;
- Quality and merit of proposed plans for each of the two years;
- Evidence of the ability of organization to deliver quality programs and services;
- Extent of participation and access for target populations (First Nations, Métis, youth, rural and northern communities, newcomers, and people of African, Asian and Latin American heritage);
- Extent of resourcefulness, collaboration and partnerships;
- Extent of support and involvement from the community;
- Potential for ongoing impact and legacy;
- Realistic and responsible use of resources (funds, volunteers, etc.).

Note: Returning or otherwise annual projects funded by SaskCulture will have their most recent project Follow-up Report provided to assessors as part of the assessment process.

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

Funding Obligations

MIF-Annual Funding granted is to be used in an organization's upcoming fiscal year.

Funds may only be used for the eligible activities outlined in your application. Significant changes to the use of funds must be approved by SaskCulture. Funds may not be transferred to other activities or organizations and unused funds must be returned to SaskCulture.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a FUR, including an Audited Financial Statement, within 90 days of the organization's fiscal year-end. This report must detail the activities throughout the organization's fiscal year and indicate how it met the goals of the MIF-Annual program. Include a financial report to show that the entire list of eligible expenses has been incurred, not just the amount granted through MIF-Annual.

If the applicant is approved for funding, the FUR form will be available online and should be referred to throughout the fiscal year as statistical information will need to be gathered. The applicant may want to use the budget tool regularly as a budget management tool.

Failure to meet the above funding obligations to the satisfaction of SaskCulture will be grounds to request a return of the grant allocation already issued and/or restrict access to future funding.

Recipients are asked to recognize SaskCulture's funding program to help build awareness of the programs and Sask Lotteries as the funder. Audited Financial Statements should clearly indicate that the grant was from: **Sask Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport Culture and Recreation**



YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME received financial assistance from Sask Lotteries, thanks to a SaskCulture program.

Logos and promotional materials are available to successful applicants.

Failure to meet the above funding obligations to the satisfaction of SaskCulture will be grounds to withhold the final payment and will restrict access to future funding.

Acceptance of Risk

When submitting an application, applicants will be asked to acknowledge that they are aware of and agree to follow Public Health Orders, identified by the Government of Saskatchewan, that are relevant to and in place at the time of the event or activity and that SaskCulture will not be liable for any of the activities of the applicant in relation to this funding. Please visit the [SaskCulture](#) or [Saskatchewan.ca](#) websites directly for more details regarding COVID-19 and risk management.

