



Keeping you informed

President's Update



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New Infrastructure Grant: Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

We all know infrastructure dollars are few and far between, so SUMA wants to highlight this new program, announced earlier this week. I encourage all of Saskatchewan's urban governments to consider what projects in your communities might qualify for this program.

However, the timelines on this program are tight. Applications in Western Canada will be accepted from **Tuesday, May 19** until **Wednesday, June 17** at:

- 1:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time;
- 2:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time; and
- 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (most of the province is currently observing this time).

Here is the information we received on this program:

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is part of Canada 150 Celebrates, the Government of Canada's celebration of our country's 150th anniversary. Through investments in community infrastructure, the Government of Canada will invest in projects that celebrate our shared heritage, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for Canadians.

Under the theme ***Giving back to Canada: shaping the future, leaving a lasting legacy and giving a gift to Canada***, the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program will invest **\$150 million over two years** to support projects that rehabilitate existing community facilities across Canada. These projects will ensure a lasting legacy as a result of Canada 150 and strengthen

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communities from coast to coast to coast.

Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD), on behalf of the Government of Canada, will deliver the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in Western Canada. WD will invest in projects that **rehabilitate or improve cultural and community infrastructure**, which will help communities realize long-term growth and vibrancy in the years to come.

More details on this program are available on [the WD website](#). Once again, I encourage you to consider how your community might benefit from this new program.