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**Reminders**



## Nominations for the 16th Annual Saskatchewan Municipal Awards Are Now Open

**Nomination Deadline: before 4:00 p.m. on November 25, 2022.**

**For a project to be eligible for an award, it must be focused on a municipally-led initiative.** All Saskatchewan municipal projects initiated in the last 15 years are eligible for an award. If a project was initiated longer than 15 years ago, it must be demonstrated that the practice is, and continues to be, a main priority for council.

A **selection committee** of non-biased, distinguished individuals within the municipal sector will evaluate all nominations based on the following criteria:

- Innovation
- Effectiveness
- Transferability
- Significance of community impact
- Urgency

- Retention or training of future community leaders and/or volunteers
- Good governance
- Effective management
- Consistent public engagement

#### Project Eligibility

#### Project Categories

### Why submit a nomination?

#### Support other municipalities:

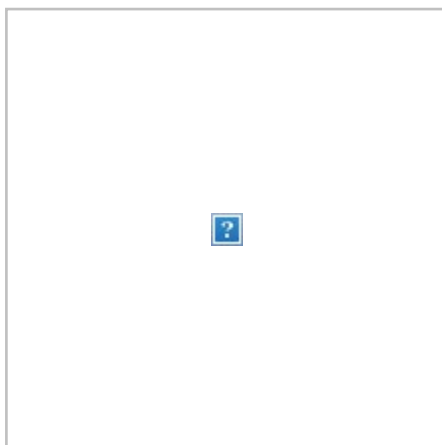
- Information included in your nomination form will be added to the Saskatchewan Municipal Awards **Best Practices Library** or the **Municipal Capacity Development Library** for other municipalities to use as a template for their projects.
- Exposure for new and innovative projects and practices addressing issues relevant to Saskatchewan municipalities.
- Strengthening resources and information sharing for Saskatchewan municipalities.

#### Winning municipalities receive:

- A professional video highlighting their community and showcasing their municipal project;
- An award commemorating their municipal accomplishment; and
- Exposure and recognition in front of hundreds of their municipal peers at the annual SARM and SUMA conventions.

[Learn More](#)

[Nomination Form](#)



### Facilitating Independence: Support to Age Well at Home

More than 90% of seniors live independently in their own communities and would prefer to age in place. Supportive services, such as home maintenance, yard care, home-based health services, transportation, meal preparation and friendly visiting services allow seniors to remain independent at

home as needs change.

The Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) is working with the Ministry of Health to learn more about innovative, sustainable models of support that would

enable older adults to remain in their homes. To do this, approximately \$200,000 in total will be available to municipalities and senior-serving groups for project funding of up to \$20,000 each. Projects must take place in 2023. **Individuals are not eligible to apply for the grants.**

Grant applications will be accepted until **November 25, 2022.**

For additional information including the application process, eligibility criteria, and timelines, please visit the SSM Website at: [www.skseniorsmechanism.ca](http://www.skseniorsmechanism.ca).

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## Community Fund Applications Now Open for 2023

### About the Community Fund

The Community Fund for Mental Health education is proudly presented by Farm Credit Canada and supported by every Do More Ag partner and many local businesses!

The Fund was created to provide agriculture communities across Canada with access to mental health education and literacy at no cost. It is important that agriculture communities across Canada begin learning the tools to begin supporting ourselves and one another through not only a mental health crisis but also to mental wellbeing.

### Community Workshops

**Talk Ask Listen** - Do More Ag is proud to provide a half day interactive workshop solely dedicated to those who are involved in agriculture. Knowing that knowledge is power and farming is unique, our goal for this workshop is threefold. One, that you walk away with greater awareness and understanding of mental health. Two, you can access this training in the cab of your tractor or at the office. And three, help you and those around you break down barriers and dispel the stigma through three actions - talking, asking and listening. The "Talk, Ask, Listen" workshop was created by farmers for farmers.

**Mental Health First Aid** - Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), is a 2-day, 12 hour course, developed by the Mental Health Commission of Canada and facilitated by a Certified Instructor, is the help provided to a person developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The MHFA Canada program aims to improve mental health literacy and provide the skills and knowledge to help people better manage potential or developing mental health problems in themselves, a family member, a friend or a colleague.

**In The Know** - An evidence-based mental health literacy program for farmers and the agricultural community. In The Know is designed

specifically for farmers, their families and those who are involved in and/or support the agriculture sector. Through this four-hour workshop, participants will cover the topics of stress, depression, anxiety, substance use and how to start a conversation around mental well-being. The workshops are hosted by a trained facilitator who has a deep understanding of farming in Canada, using 'real-life' examples from agriculture.

Registration is open from **November 3 - December 10, 2022**.

For more information on our programs and workshops, visit the Community Fund's ***Programs Page***.

Apply Now

## Feedback



## University of Saskatchewan Looking for Your Help Selecting Province's Future Medical Students

**Volunteer to be an Assessor at our virtual Multiple Mini Interview on *January 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>* AND/OR Interviewer at our Panel Interviews on *March 25<sup>th</sup>***

### **Who are they looking for:**

- Health professionals and members from the community that will offer a

balanced, fair and diverse perspective to help inform our selection decisions.

- Assessors who are comfortable with virtual technology as we will be hosting our multiple mini interviews synchronously using an online platform.
  - **Google Chrome: Version 77 or newer (our recommended browser)**, Firefox: Version 69 or newer , Microsoft Edge (on Chromium): Version 76 or newer, Opera: Version 62 or newer. Please note that Safari and Internet Explorer (IE) are not supported at this time.

#### **What they need from you:**

- One-full day (approximately eight hours) commitment for assessing and interviewing candidates for personal qualities important for the medical profession.
- Participation in a two-hour training session for the Multiple Mini Interview assessors.
- Participation in a two-hour training session for the Panel Interview interviewers. Interviewers will also be required to review the applicant statements prior to the panel interview day.
- Interviewers for the Panel Interview will be required to be present in-person at the USask campus in Saskatoon on the interview day.

#### **What you can expect from them:**

- Multiple Mini Interview assessor training including orientation to the interview platform and pre-interview system check.
- Pre-Multiple Mini Interview and interview day technical support.
- Panel Interview training for in-person interviewing.
- Travel expenses reimbursed (mileage/accommodation/per diem - as per USask Travel policies) for those interviewers that reside outside of the Saskatoon area.

If you would like to volunteer for the Multiple Mini Interview and/or Panel Interview, please complete the **online volunteer form 2023 Assessor and Interviewer Registration Form** by **December 1, 2022**.

They will contact you with further details regarding assessor and interviewer selection, scheduling, training and orientation sessions. If you have questions, please contact the College of Medicine Admissions Office at [med.admissions@usask.ca](mailto:med.admissions@usask.ca).

**College of Medicine Admissions Office**

[Register Here](#)

## Information

**SARM Occupational Health & Safety Snow Removal Exemption Renewal**

SARM is pleased to advise its members that the OH&S Exemption for SARM members regarding Snow Removal Operations has been successfully renewed.

The new exemption, including the required agreement, is linked below for your reference and use. As in the past, this only applies to residents contracted by an individual rural municipality to remove snow who meets the conditions of the exemption and who signs an agreement to comply with the conditions set out in the exemption. This new exemption is in effect until **November 30, 2025**.

[OH&S Snow Removal Exemption](#)



## Women in Agriculture: The Data and Beyond

Who does what in agriculture is not always easy to understand based on official statistics. In late November, Statistics Canada will release a report exploring what

the Census of Agriculture says about the role females play in agriculture and food, but the statistics only tell part of the story.

Join CAPI for a webinar where they look at the data and beyond to consider what those changing demographics mean and their policy implications. The webinar will include a presentation on Statistics Canada's upcoming report followed by a lively panel discussion.

**Date:** December 7th

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

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**Looking Ahead: Reflecting on 2022 and What Will Drive Ag Policy in 2023**



2022 saw agriculture and food dominate the headlines in ways not seen in recent history. The Russian invasion of Ukraine, food inflation, rising interest rates, supply chain disruptions and the federal fertilizer emission reduction target have all impacted agriculture and food policy in Canada.

While it was a year full of disruption, it is unclear what that disruption means for the future of agriculture and food policy. The webinar will explore what changed in 2022, what may change in 2023 and what won't.

**Date:** December 13th

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET

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## Resources

### Healthy Canadians and Communities Fund Implementation Phase Solicitation Launch

The HCCF supports healthy living among Canadians who face health inequalities and are at greater risk of developing the main chronic diseases of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer. It does this by funding interventions that address behavioural risk factors (i.e., physical inactivity, unhealthy eating, and tobacco use) for chronic disease and aims to create physical and social environments that are known to support better health among Canadians.

#### Funding details

The total funding amount you can request for your project under the implement phase must be between \$200,000 and \$3,000,000.

Your project must be between 2 and 4 years.

Refer to the applicant guide for the matched funding requirements of our program.

[Learn More / Register](#)

#### Deadline to apply

The deadline for submitting your completed advanced screening form is **December 21, 2022 at 3 pm EST**. You will be notified by email if your advanced screening form (first stage) is successful within 120 working days of the application deadline. Only successful applicants will be invited from the first stage to then submit a full proposal (second stage). The full proposal application form will then become available through the online portal.

**Affordable Housing Development - Expression**

## of Interest

Saskatchewan Housing Corporation (SHC) is seeking proposals for:

- the development of affordable rental housing; and
- the development or repair of emergency shelters specifically intended for victims of domestic violence.

Applicants should be organizations with expertise in managing rental housing projects and/or providing support services for hard-to-house households. Housing and service providers may partner with each other and submit a joint proposal.

Projects may be new construction, conversion, or acquisition and renovation.

Projects must target tenants with annual before-tax household incomes within the income limits established by SHC.

Please submit your proposal to [EOI.SHC@gov.sk.ca](mailto:EOI.SHC@gov.sk.ca) by **5 p.m. December 16, 2022**.

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