

2009-10 SaskSmart Innovations Fund Community Literacy Plan Recipients

The following community partnerships will receive funding from the SaskSmart Innovations Fund. These partnerships submitted a community literacy plan based on a local literacy needs assessment.

Communities Served	Lead Agency	Description	Partners	Amount
Refugee and immigrant communities of Regina and area	Regina & District Food Bank Inc. Contact: Murray Giesbrecht 306-791-6533 ext. 232	The project will provide training that includes workplace literacy and computer training. It will help refugees and other new Canadians to build the skills necessary to function in our society. There will be GED preparation programs and other initiatives to help ease the transition to Canadian life. Family literacy programs will be based on everyday living skills, such as nutrition, informed consumerism and money management.	Adult Centre for Employment Readiness and Training, Community Services, Regina Home Economics Living Project	\$69,978
First Nations, Métis and immigrant communities within the boundaries of the North East Regional Intersectoral Committee	Cumberland Regional College Contact: Leslee Serack 306-862-9833	This proposal aims to raise family literacy levels and early childhood literacy levels in English, as well as in the Cree and Saulteaux languages. This project will also provide programs for ESL/EAL learners and promote the use of library materials in English and first languages. The partners will work with employers and employees to improve workplace literacy. The end result will be a sustainable, community-driven literacy system for young children and parents through communities working together.	Community Immigration Committees (Nipawin, Tisdale and Hudson Bay), Nipawin Chamber of Commerce, Tisdale Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Bay Chamber of Commerce, Melfort Chamber of Commerce, North East Community Literacy Network	\$55,000

<p>Black Lake and surrounding areas</p>	<p>Black Lake First Nation Education</p> <p>Contact: Eileen MacDonald 306-284-2032</p>	<p>This project will help participants prepare for the workforce through programs to improve English language skills and basic computer literacy. It will also include family literacy programs that empower parents to teach their children, while providing parenting information. Programs on Dene language, culture, traditions and spirituality will be available. Special arrangements have been made to remove barriers to program participation by providing child care and transportation for participants.</p>	<p>Black Lake First Nation Community Literacy Association, Northlands College, Father Porte Memorial Dene School</p>	<p>\$70,000</p>
<p>Kipling and surrounding towns, including Windthorst, Peebles, Corning, Kennedy, Langbank and Wawota, and Rural Municipalities #123, 124, 125, 94, and 95</p>	<p>Moose Mountain Literacy Group.</p> <p>Contact: Sheila Robertson 306-736-8343</p>	<p>This project is intended to improve workplace readiness, children's literacy and senior citizens' participation in activities requiring literacy and computer skills. It will provide workplace literacy skills development for disabled adults, EAL learners and those with lower literacy levels. Computer training sessions will be available for those mentioned above, as well as seniors. It will also include family literacy programming, with an emphasis on EAL learners. Assistance will be provided for several non-English speakers to obtain Class 7 drivers' licenses. Several workshop facilitators will be trained to continue these programs in future years, and a volunteer public library work program for disabled adults will be established.</p>	<p>Kipling Public Library Branch, Moose Mountain Central Regional Development Co-operative, Kipling School, Kennedy-Langbank Elementary School, Wawota Parkland School, Sun Country Health Region, Southeast Regional College, PIC (Pig Improvement Company), Kipling Chamber of Commerce, Seed Hawk, Kipling Industries</p>	<p>\$30,650</p>

<p>Ocean Man First Nation and the City of Estevan</p>	<p>Estevan Area Literacy Group Inc.</p> <p>Contact: Kathryn Robertson 306-636-1626</p>	<p>The Estevan proposal will provide aboriginal literacy programs and library services at Ocean Man First Nation. Other goals include providing programs to improve literacy skills among youth, immigrant workers and their families, and to improve recruitment and retention of employees for local businesses. Cover letter and resume workshops and programs to help EAL learners obtain a learner's driving license will help prepare participants for the workforce. Another important part of this project is raising awareness of literacy issues. The development and execution of the programs outlined in the proposal will lead to improved communication and cooperation among agencies providing literacy programs in that region.</p>	<p>Rotary Club of Estevan, TD Canada Trust, Southeast Cornerstone School Division, Southeast Community Settlement Committee</p>	<p>\$30,028</p>
<p>Saskatoon youth and their families and community-based organizations such as Radius and the Saskatoon Tribal Council</p>	<p>Saskatoon Industry Education Council Inc.</p> <p>Contact: Janet Uchacz-Hart 306-683-7774</p>	<p>This project is intended to help people at various literacy levels access the services of the Saskatoon Industry-Education Council. Adapted versions of programs and resource materials will support all literacy levels, people with special needs, First Nations, Métis and Inuit people and New Canadians. Video vignettes of industry occupations will be produced to accommodate those with low literacy skills. Partnerships with other organizations that offer literacy programming will be established to help prepare participants for the workforce.</p>	<p>Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Saskatoon Public Schools, Saskatoon Construction Association, Prairie Spirit School Division, READ Saskatoon, Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt Electric Ltd., Hitachi Canada, Saskatoon Health Region</p>	<p>\$69,745</p>

		<p>A new web portal that accommodates users at various levels of literacy will be launched. <i>Relevance Magazine</i> will be published with a literacy focus for 2009/2010 and it will be distributed to all Saskatchewan high schools, band schools, post-secondary institutions and community-based organizations.</p>		
<p>Sturgis, Oxbow, Ocean Man First Nation, Balcarres, Buchanan, Canora, Estevan Grenfell, Kamsack, Lestock, Melville, Moosomin, Punnichy, Radville, Stoughton, Weyburn, Yorkton</p>	<p>Parkland Regional Library</p> <p>Contact: Deirdre Crichton 306-783-7022 ext. 226</p>	<p>Adults with special needs and EAL learners will benefit from workplace skill training. Workplace skill training will include general computer use and database searching skills. Three new communities will benefit from family literacy programs developed in previous years. Parents and children in locations where programs are currently not available will be able to gain access to programs to improve their reading skills. Trainers and manuals will be prepared to continue with the various literacy programs offered.</p>	<p>Community Futures Ventures, Carlton Trail Regional College, YAIL Harbour Inc., Parkland College, SCHR Regional KidsFirst, Southeast Regional Library</p>	<p>\$25,000</p>

2009-10 SaskSmart Innovations Fund Expression of Interest Recipients

The following community partnerships will receive funding from the SaskSmart Innovations Fund. These partnerships will receive an Expression of Interest grant to support the development of a viable Community Literacy Plan in 2010-11.

Communities Served	Lead Agency	Description	Partners	Amount
Fort Qu'Appelle	Prairie Valley School Division No. 208	This grant will support a local literacy needs assessment in preparation for developing a Community Literacy Plan.	Bert Fox Community High School, File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, Valley Grocery	\$10,000
Saskatoon	Saskatoon Convalescent Home	This grant will support a local literacy needs assessment in preparation for developing a Community Literacy Plan.	Caswell Community School, Caswell Hill Community Association, AIDS Saskatoon Inc.	\$10,000
Gravelbourg	Collège Mathieu High School	This grant will support a local literacy needs assessment in preparation for developing a Community Literacy Plan.	Conseil des écoles francsaskoises, Institut français, Assemblée communautaire francsaskoise, Gard'amis Education Centre	\$10,000
Sandy Bay	Northern Lights School Division No. 113	This grant will support a local literacy needs assessment in preparation for developing a Community Literacy Plan.	Hector Thiboutot Community School, Mamawetan-Churchill Regional Health Authority, Family Wellness Centre, Pahkisimon Nuyéꞗáh Library System	\$10,000
Hazlet	Village of Hazlet	This grant will support a local literacy needs assessment in preparation for developing a Community Literacy Plan.	Hazlet Early Learning Center, Chinook Regional Library, Chinook School Division, Hazlet Economic Development Committee, Dynasty Oilfield Services	\$10,000

Whitecap Dakota First Nation	Whitecap Dakota Development Corporation	This grant will support a local literacy needs assessment in preparation for developing a Community Literacy Plan.	Dakota Dunes Development Corporation, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Whitecap Dakota Elementary School	\$10,000
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2009-10 SaskSmart Innovations Fund Support Funding

Communities Served	Lead Agency	Description	Partners	Amount
All listed above	Saskatchewan Literacy Network	The Saskatchewan Literacy Network, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, provides consultative services and direct support to organizations and communities throughout Saskatchewan awarded Community Literacy Plan and Expression of Interest funding.	N/A	\$68,400
All listed above	Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network	The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, provides consultative services and direct support to organizations and communities throughout Saskatchewan awarded Community Literacy Plan and Expression of Interest funding, with a focus on First Nations and Métis communities.	N/A	\$57,100