



Museum Improvement Micro Grant for Community Museums

(Formerly known as the MAS Small Museum Grant)

Application Deadline: May 3rd 2024
Reporting Deadline: December 1st 2024



MAS is pleased to announce that the Government of Saskatchewan is once again providing funding support to the Saskatchewan museum sector by providing \$45,000.00 to be used to assist with technology upgrades, minor accessibility costs and support for the development and delivery of programming that contributes to the access, cultural impact, and service to their communities.

Grant Guidelines (updated)

The Museum Improvement Micro Grant for Community Museums will provide successful applicants with a grant of up to \$2,000.00. The applications will be adjudicated based on funds available and merit of the applicants' outline of how the funds will benefit the mandate and goals of the organization. **All projects will be considered for funding, prioritizing Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA)**, and how it supports the engagement of activities that contribute to community wellbeing.

All expenses must fall within the indicated start and end date of the grant. Expenses incurred before or after the grant period will not be eligible.

Project Start Date: June 1st 2024
Project End Date: November 15th 2024

Museums can use this funding to leverage other funding sources such as fundraising, foundations, business contributions, or government programs (for example, the Department of Canadian Heritage's Museums Assistance Program, the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund, and the Canadian Museum of History's Digital Museums Canada program).

To be eligible for a Museum Improvement Micro Grant, the museum needs to be a current MAS member in good standing, a registered nonprofit organization or registered charity located in Saskatchewan that is open to the public, and that meets the definition of "museum" as laid out in [Standards for Saskatchewan Museums](#).

Eligible Expenses

The Small Project Grant will cover up to \$2,000.00 in expenses for relevant projects based on cultural impact, accessibility, and service to communities such as:

- Fees that promote accessibility and social inclusion
 - Fees related to Ceremony
 - Honoraria for cultural groups and Indigenous Elders

- Professional development courses for cultural workers, volunteers, and leaders
 - support development and capacity through courses in Truth and Reconciliation, Anti-Racism professional development, Diversity training, and Disability awareness
- Consultation and presentation fees
 - CARFAC rates for honoraria and contract agreements for those who are offering their skills and expertise for the term of the project
- Contract Wages
 - including student wages, for projects such as digitization and inventory management (this does not replace wages for the core job responsibilities of existing staff)
- Cost of materials and supplies related to the project
- Small Capital expenses such as construction, renovations, or repairs (any applications for capital projects will be adjudicated separately)
- Travel expenses

Final Report

Successful grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by **December 1st 2024**, which will include a final project budget and a brief description of the positive impact the museums' activities and programs had on the respective communities; made possible through the microgrant program. If there are cultural groups identified in the project, there is a responsibility for a demonstration of agreement, understanding, and permission provided by the applicant.

Selection Criteria

Grants will be awarded to eligible museums on the following basis:

- Evidence of the ability of the applicant organization to carry out the project
- The project's budget is complete, and the expenses are reasonable
- The project proposal outlines the role of the project in improving the applicant's capacity to engage and serve its community

Funder Acknowledgement

Museums receiving the grants will acknowledge the support of the Government of Saskatchewan, MAS, as well as SaskCulture, The Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund, and Canadian Heritage in accordance with guidelines and policies. <https://saskmuseums.org/about/logos/>

Application

Applications and follow up reports will only be accepted online.

<https://form.jotform.com/saskmuseums/mas-project-grant-app-2024>

If you need assistance accessing or completing the online application, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

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