



# The Weekly Policy Bulletin

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## Feedback

### National Invasive Species Municipal Expenditures Survey

The introduction and spread of invasive species threatens the environment, the economy, and society, including human health. However, the true cost of invasive species to Canadian municipalities remains unknown. For this reason, the Invasive Species Centre and Environment and Climate Change Canada, with the support of the federal-provincial-territorial Invasive Alien Species National Committee, are conducting a review of known economic costs of invasive species to municipal and local governments across Canada.

Building on the success of the Ontario-wide survey conducted in 2019, a questionnaire has been developed to assess the direct costs of invasive species detection, prevention, and management by Canadian municipalities. Examples include hiring contractors to cut down dead ash trees impacted by emerald ash borer, conducting research to prevent the spread of invasive goldfish, hiring summer students to attend outreach events, promoting boat wash stations, and more!

To successfully gather information and accurately represent municipal expenditures, contribution from every community is necessary. Responses to this survey should be specific to the most recent fiscal year, to the best of your ability. You can respond on behalf of your department or your municipality as a whole.

This survey should be submitted by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [info@invasivespeciescentre.ca](mailto:info@invasivespeciescentre.ca).

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## Resources

Traffic Safety Fund (TSF) Grant

The Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant program enables projects to reduce traffic collisions, injuries and fatalities in communities across Saskatchewan. Approved projects are eligible to receive up to \$100,000 per location in funding for infrastructure projects or on equipment and community outreach programs to help improve traffic safety.

Some examples of priority areas of focus include:

- Impaired driving (alcohol, drugs)
- Distracted driving (cellphone, fatigue)
- Occupant protection (seatbelts, car seats)
- Speed management (excluding camera equipment for photo speed enforcement programs)
- Vulnerable road users (pedestrians, motorcyclists, cyclists)
- Intersection safety (crosswalks, lights, signage)

### Who can apply

Applicants representing Indigenous lands or territories and urban or rural municipalities are encouraged to apply with their traffic safety initiatives.

### How to apply

Calls for new applications are open twice a year:

- January through March
- July through September

Request guidelines and additional information from the PSE Program Administrator by emailing [PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca](mailto:PSEProgram@sgi.sk.ca) or calling 1-844-855-2744, extension 6042.

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## Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) Announcement & Information Session

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) is now open for applications.

**Applications for this one-time special intake will be accepted in Saskatchewan as of Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

**The assessment of applications will begin on July 23, 2021, 11:59 PDT. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit by this date.**

The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions have greatly affected the vitality of local communities. To ensure communities have access to resources and support for economic recovery, the Government of Canada launched the **Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF)** to help organizations such as local governments, Indigenous communities and groups, not-for-profits, and other community-based groups, improve key community gathering spaces to help bring Canadians back

together once public measures have eased.

Announced in **Budget 2021**, Canada's **Regional Development Agencies** are delivering the \$500 million national initiative. **Western Economic Diversification Canada** is responsible for managing over \$150 million to help communities transform local infrastructure and gathering spaces in the West.

Applicants in Western Canada may be eligible to receive non-repayable contributions of up to \$750,000 to help revitalize main streets or downtown cores, improve or reinvent outdoor spaces, create environmental benefits and green impacts, and increase accessibility to public spaces.

More details on the CCRF program, including types of eligible projects, deadlines, and the online application portal, are on WD's **webpage**. WD will also be hosting an information session on **Thursday, July 15 at 1:00 p.m.** (Saskatchewan/MDT) to further explain the program and how to apply. Please register in advance at:

[Register Now](#)

If you have questions about the CCRF program or this webinar, please call us at 1-888-338-9378 or email [wd.sk-sk.deo@canada.ca](mailto:wd.sk-sk.deo@canada.ca).

*This presentation will be in English with French resource available*

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## Early Learning Intensive Support (ELIS) Program

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing more than \$3 million to the Early Learning Intensive Support (ELIS) Program for the 2021-22 school year through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

Saskatchewan's ELIS Program has enhanced the learning and development of more than 500 Prekindergarten-aged children since it was piloted in 2018. Serving children who require intensive supports, the program started in Regina and Saskatoon, and was expanded in 2019 and 2020 to include the communities of Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Yorkton and North Battleford.

This program supports the **Saskatchewan Disability Strategy** by expanding early learning programming to assist young children experiencing disability. It focuses on the strengths, needs and interests of individual students and supports their requirements, while eliminating learning barriers. to receive a good start on their learning and development.

Twenty-three Saskatchewan school divisions are offering the program in 2021-22. Interested families are encouraged to submit an application to their **local school division** for consideration.

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