



Community Initiatives Fund (CIF)

We are very fortunate to have received funding support from CIF through their Community Grant Program for two projects this year. The Community Initiatives Fund contributes to the quality of life of Saskatchewan's residents by providing grants for projects supporting healthy growth and development of children and youth, individual and community wellbeing, and nonprofit and community leadership.

We received \$24,816.00 for our Breaking Barriers: Reducing Barriers Marginalized Communities Face Accessing Sexual Assault Services Project.

While all individuals are at risk of being sexually victimized, groups in our society who are disadvantaged because of discrimination, stigmatization and marginalization are at increased risk. At SSAIC we wanted to undertake work which would assist us in developing an action plan to ensure that we were addressing barriers that may exist for individuals from Indigenous, LGBTQ2S and Newcomer communities that may be preventing them from accessing our services, and ensure that we are delivering programs and services that meet their needs. We were able to use funding from this project to undertake a literature review, research work being done by other sexual assault centres across Canada, and meet with service providers working with and for Indigenous, LGBTQ2S and Newcomer communities to learn from their expertise.

We have now completed this project and have developed a report containing information and a set of recommendations we will begin to work on in order to improve our services to these communities. We would like to thank our fellow community based organizations for giving us your time and educating us about the needs of our clients as well as CIF for funding the work that allows us to move forward in this important work.

We have also received funding \$21,636.00 for our project entitled Preventing Childhood Sexual Abuse, "I'm the Boss of Me" Program. The funding provided allows SSAIC in cooperation with the Saskatoon Public School Division and the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division to deliver a school-based sexual abuse prevention program to Grade 4 students in Saskatoon schools. The program provides sexual abuse prevention education using a method appropriate to their age so they can understand what sexual victimization is, their right to control access to their bodies, and know who and how to tell an adult if this is happening to them so help can be provided. The program runs in the schools from January through March 2020.