

## Happy Birthday Manitoba – let's keep building for the future!

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There's no better way to celebrate Manitoba's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2020 than to continue building this great province of ours.

The Selkirk and District Community Foundation (SDCF) is participating in the Build 150 program to ensure the Triple S area leaves a legacy of this milestone year.

Thanks to support from The Richardson Foundation, Manitoba 150 is making up to \$1.22 million available in matching grants to the province's 55 community foundations for building projects to celebrate the province's birthday.

"All of us at the SDCF are beyond thrilled to be able to play a small role in celebrating the 150th year of Manitoba's existence," said Chairman Aaron Martyniw.

"The Build 150 program will allow communities to play a role in this historic occasion and to keeping building on the successes of the past and leave a legacy that future generations can celebrate and enjoy."

Bev Clegg, Executive Director for the SDCF, says they will be accepting grant applications until Monday, March 2 and eligible projects should have a lasting presence in the community and an impact on a significant portion of the local community. The projects should also be as inclusive as possible.

March 2 is also the deadline for the spring intake of SDCF grant applications.

Some examples of projects that could be eligible for a Build 150 grant include amenities for a public space, such as park benches, bike racks or public art; equipment for a community space, like a community centre; or a project to revitalize something with historical significance, like a statue or a building.

Groups and organizations eligible to apply include registered charities, rural municipalities, cities and towns, for projects that benefit the entire community.

For more details go to [sdcf.ca](http://sdcf.ca); email [selkirkfoundation@shaw.ca](mailto:selkirkfoundation@shaw.ca); or phone 204-785-9755.

Selkirk & District Community Foundation is one of 50+ Community Foundations from across the province. SDCF *creates* different ways for people to give back to their community, *connects* donors with community wishes and dreams and *provides grants* that touch a lot of people. This means the Foundation works with thoughtful community minded donors, who believe in the power of endowment, that provides financial support to other charitable and non-profit community organizations. In its 24<sup>th</sup> year the Foundation has given in excess of \$2.4 million to more than 125 local charities and community organizations. This volunteer board and staff along with donors from all walks of life - work together so

the community is "Here for Good". For more details contact SDCF Executive Director Bev Clegg at 204.785.0547.