2020 ThriveSask Program

Community Expression of Interest

**2018 PILOT PROGRAM**

The ThriveSask Pilot Program was convened and facilitated by the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) in 2018. Our aim is to build on momentum established by the Saskatchewan Main Street Program, and provide support for communities and downtown improvement organizations to build resilient and vibrant economies. Acknowledging that ‘living heritage’ is the foundation on which development in any form is based; economic, individual, collective, our key partner in program delivery was Heritage Saskatchewan.

**2020 PROGRAM DELIVERY**

The Community Activation Component of the pilot has been very successful and we wish to offer this aspect of the program to Saskatchewan communities in 2020, **based on a partial cost recovery model.** We invite expressions of interest (see attached form) from eligible rural communities seeking to mobilize and plan for their future.

**PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

Community Activation Session

* The one-day community session will be co-facilitated by Heritage Saskatchewan and SEDA. The session is designed to capture the essence of the community – past, present and most importantly - where it aims to be in the future. A Resource Team of Program Partners (subject to availability) will participate.
* Establishing a set of go forward priorities and associated action plans is an essential component of the fast moving one-day process. Action plans will be set with deliverables of 30, 60 and 90 days. These 30 day timelines are a key success factor to the Strategic Doing® approach. The community group will move into ‘doing’ and build on the process every 30 days. If additional priority setting and action plans are requiring during this initial 90-day implementation period, they will be developed during the 30/30 follow-up meetings.
* An assessment of the community (First Impressions) will be conducted by the visiting resource team and integrated into the Activation Session Report.

Implementation Support

Following the activation session, SEDA and program partners will support the local leadership group in achieving outcomes within the scope of the priorities/action plans established. This support will be provided virtually and will include partnership brokering, research, troubleshooting and other such supports as deemed reasonable. Assistance in coordinating funding opportunities, services and analysis provided by other agencies to ensure the community leverages all available resources will be provided. We will support the community in approaching specific in kind and/or financial contributions to support demand that may arise for technical assistance, training and capital expenditures.

*“Thank you for your efforts in steering our minds to reach a better economic place! The program you led us through made us look inwards examining our resources, our approach to solving economic issues and broadening our perspectives. As a result, our Town Council is much better prepared for our long term goal which is by 2020 to grow our population by 10 families.”*

 *Mayor George Prudat, Town of St. Walburg. ThriveSask Participant*

Program Application and Eligibility

*Community Name:*

*Contact Person:*

*Tel:*

*Email:*

Description of Need:

*Please tell us why your community desires to engage in revitalization and how it will benefit from the ThriveSask process. Include information on the level of interest and commitment of local stakeholders.*

Please acknowledge your eligibility by checking off the following:

* Maintain SEDA membership for the duration of program participation.
* Purchase the four digital ThriveSask Field Guides ($125 plus gst for series of four).
* Provide a venue and hospitality for the day long visioning and action planning workshop. A working luncheon must be hosted on site due to the full agenda.
* The community must have a current regional resource/asset inventory in place and ready to share in advance of the planning session (SEDA can provide direction in compiling one).
* Ensure a local leadership group is engaged in the program for planning and action plan implementation.
* A local program lead must be identified.
* Commit to leadership groups follow-up meetings every 30 days.
* A FeeNote1 of $5000 plus gst will be paid to support partial cost recovery of program delivery.

***Note 1: We encourage communities accepted for the 2020 ThriveSask intake to apply for the [Community & Cultural Engagement Planning Grant (deadline of February 18](https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/community-cultural-engagement-and-planning-grant)[th](https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/community-cultural-engagement-and-planning-grant)[, 2020)](https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/community-cultural-engagement-and-planning-grant)* [to support the program fees.](https://www.saskculture.ca/programs/funding-programs/grants/community-cultural-engagement-and-planning-grant)**