

**October 20, 2023**

**Canada Summer Jobs Funding**

The funding provided by government for Summer Jobs is crucial to our communities. We are a rural Saskatchewan community with a strong volunteer base. We have worked tirelessly to build, maintain, and promote our community facilities and programs. Without the support of the Summer Jobs Funding, it puts more and more economic strain on the affordability to operate these programs in the community. Having the Summer Jobs funding allows us to hire qualified students to work in these hard to fill jobs and helps with operating costs of the facilities when we have assistance with wages. We are seeing everything increase and it is becoming out of reach to keep our small-town facilities operational without government support. We ask that you please consider the effects that cuts of funding are doing to our rural communities and the programs we are trying to offer our community to continue to lead healthy, active, and social lifestyles for all ages.

Warm Regards,

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