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Backgrounder

Knowledge Infrastructure Program

The Knowledge Infrastructure Program is a two-year \$2-billion economic stimulus measure to support infrastructure enhancement at post-secondary institutions across Canada.

The Program provides funding to support deferred maintenance, repair and expansion projects at universities and colleges, and responds directly to the need indicated by post-secondary institutions to improve existing campus infrastructure across the country. A major portion of this infrastructure is near the end of its projected life cycle and, in many cases, does not adequately meet the needs of today's research and teaching activities.

The Program has two components. The *university component* gives preference to projects that can improve the quality of research and development at the institution. The *college component* supports projects at other post-secondary institutions, such as colleges, publicly funded polytechnic schools and institutes of technology, which will strengthen their ability to deliver advanced knowledge and skills training.

Projects are assessed according to their ability to quickly and effectively generate economic activity and support job creation. Project readiness and economic impact are, therefore, key criteria used in project selection. Projects are also assessed on their ability to enhance research capacity, support the attraction of new students and provide a better educational experience for the highly skilled workers of tomorrow.

The Program will not only generate economic benefits and support job creation, but will also have an important positive net impact on the environment by reducing energy use, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving waste management at universities and colleges across Canada.

**Knowledge Infrastructure Program Investments in
Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Institutions**

Through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, the federal government is investing \$56.2 million to fund 21 projects at post-secondary institutions throughout Saskatchewan. The Province of Saskatchewan is providing an additional \$55.9 million for these projects, and \$4.9 million in additional funding is being provided by other partners.

For information about a specific project, please contact the relevant institution.

Institution	Project Description	Federal Contribution (\$)	Provincial Contribution (\$)	Other Contribution (\$)
Briercrest College and Seminary	Re-roofing of Main Educational Administrative Building	51 000	0	51 000
Carlton Trail Regional College	Humboldt Education Centre	2 025 000	2 025 000	0
Carlton Trail Regional College	Welding Shop Renovations/Upgrades (Humboldt)	110 000	80 000	30 000
Cumberland College	New Nipawin Facility	3 363 000	4 127 000	0
Great Plains College	Swift Current Campus and Power Lab	6 825 000	6 825 000	0
Lakeland College	Daycare Teaching Lab	700 000	0	700 000
North West Regional College	Meadow Lake Campus Welding Lab Project	643 000	400 000	243 000
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	Saskatoon Campus Technical and Building Upgrade	1 071 500	1 071 500	0
Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST)	Wascana Plumbing Skills Training Project	250 000	250 000	0

SIAST	Wascana Parkway Expansion for Nursing Project	2 125 000	2 500 000	0
SIAST and Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Services	SIAST Woodland Electrical Expansion Project	1 175 000	1 175 000	0
SIAST and Saskatchewan Ministry of Government Services	SIAST–Saskatoon Health Technologies Project (Kelsey Campus)	6 177 000	6 723 000	0
Southeast Regional College	Saskatchewan Energy Training Institute (Estevan Campus)	7 092 500	7 092 500	0
St. Peter's College	Revitalization Initiative (Michael Hall)	6 036 000	3 000 000	3 036 000
University of Regina	Academic Building Renewal (Phases 1, 2 and 3) — Luther College	555 000	0	555 000
University of Regina	Research and Innovation Centre — 5th Floor Completion	3 000 000	3 000 000	0
University of Regina	Revitalization of Teaching/Community Space — Education Auditorium	1 100 000	1 100 000	0
University of Regina	Modernization and Code Upgrades for Lab Building Phase 1 — Mechanical and Electrical Rooms	3 068 000	3 500 000	0
University of Regina	Enhancement of Data Security and Research Computing with a Second Data Centre — Phase 1	950 000	950 000	0
University of Saskatchewan	Western College of Veterinary Medicine Renovation	4 165 000	4 900 000	0
University of Saskatchewan	Research Rooftop Renewal	6 375 000	6 375 000	1 125 000

Administrative Fee	433 000	0	0
TOTAL	57 290 000	55 094 000	5 740 000