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South Saskatchewan Ready Awards First Round of Funding

Willow Bunch, SK — South Saskatchewan Ready (SSR) is pleased to announce the first round of funding under its Municipal Coal Transition Program, a strategic initiative designed to support long-term economic resilience and diversification across the region.

The Municipal Coal Transition Program was developed in partnership with the Government of Saskatchewan to support communities as they work to diversify and strengthen their local economies. The funding is intended to advance regional economic development, improve business conditions for long-term growth, support job creation and tax base expansion and enhance overall economic resilience across the region.

“South Saskatchewan Ready remains fully committed to ensuring the long-term resilience of our region. Through ongoing efforts to attract new investment, support our existing businesses and diversify our economy, we’re laying the foundation for broad-based, sustainable growth,” said Kyron Manske, Chair of South Saskatchewan Ready. “Our focus is on supporting economic growth and diversification throughout the region and bringing new investment and opportunity to our communities.”

A total of \$544,796.06 was allocated through Intake 1 to support projects across the region. Eleven recipients received funding, including:

- 68 Coffee House - \$13,652.16
- Balance Your Health - \$29,267.52
- CWE Farms - \$150,000.00
- East Poplar Aggregate - \$48,925.13
- Gagne Grain Cleaning - \$32,800.00
- Goose Creek Industries - \$76,400.00
- Hart Electric - \$14,375.00
- Hick's Welding - \$100,000.00
- Prairie Crafters Market - \$2,016.25
- Prefontaine and Associates - \$63,056.21
- Prestige Leather - \$14,303.79

The second intake for funding applications is currently open and will close on September 30, 2025. A third intake is also planned, with a deadline of January 30, 2026. Applicants are encouraged to contact SSR before submitting an application to confirm their project's eligibility and to ensure alignment with the program’s current guidelines.

South Saskatchewan Ready is comprised of nine municipalities in south central Saskatchewan including the Towns of Bengough, Coronach, Rockglen and Willow Bunch, and the Rural Municipalities of Bengough, Happy Valley, Hart Butte, Poplar Valley and Willow Bunch.

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