

## **Government Support Measures for Saskatchewan Businesses Introduced in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

### **\$32 Million - Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment Program**

The Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment program provided financial assistance of up to \$5,000 to small and medium sized enterprises in Saskatchewan that were ordered to temporarily close or significantly curtail operations due to a public health order to help control transmission of COVID-19. Payments could be used for any purpose, including paying fixed costs or expenditures related to re-opening the business following the pandemic.

### **\$35 Million - Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program**

The Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program provided eligible hospitality and event/attraction operators with a one-time, non-repayable emergency payment. Of the \$35 million, \$5 million was used to support marketing and increasing the demand for Saskatchewan tourism experiences.

For the accommodation sector and large event facilities, payments ranged from \$10,000 to \$50,000, depending on sales revenue. For attraction, tour or event operators with ongoing fixed costs, payments ranged from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

### **\$1 Million - Expansion of Buy Local Program**

A grant of \$1 million was provided to support a province-wide marketing campaign to encourage Saskatchewan residents to support local businesses and their employees. The funding was provided to the Regina and District Chamber of Commerce to work in partnership with other regional chambers to expand its successful "Together We Stand" campaign across the province.

### **Protecting Small Business Tenants from Eviction**

A temporary moratorium was issued to protect small business tenants from commercial eviction during the COVID-19 emergency. The moratorium on evictions applied to landlords that were eligible to apply for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program but chose not to.