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# NEW THIS WEEK

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# Updated 2025 Community Centre Programs Registration Fee Subsidy Grant



The **Community Centre Programs Registration Fee Subsidy** has been **updated for 2025** to better support children under 17 in Winnipeg who face financial barriers to participating in your Centre's programs. This subsidy, granted to Centres, plays a crucial role in helping families access your services. We, therefore, encourage you to **remind families about this subsidy and assist them in submitting their applications.**

#### **What's New for 2025:**

1. Families can apply for up to \$400 (no income-based percentage required).
2. Two signatures required: registrar and Centre executive.
3. Low Income Cut-off levels.
4. Special circumstances considered for families above the low-income chart—include an explanation.

The spring intake deadline is **May 30, 2025**. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis and can be submitted anytime throughout the year. **Applications must be submitted by mail, in person, or fax.**

Click the link below to view the updated 2025 policy and learn more about the changes.

[Learn More](#)

# June III. Safe Sport Webinars Hosted by Sport Manitoba



Community Centres are encouraged to **join Sport Manitoba's free Safe Sport Webinars**, designed to promote safe and positive experiences in sport.

Sport Manitoba's Safe Sport Webinars are an excellent opportunity to enhance your Centre's commitment to safety and inclusivity. Hosted by Allison Forsyth and her team at Generation Safe, these free sessions are tailored for different audiences and are open to everyone.

- **When: February 5, February 19, March 5, 2025**
- **Where: Online**
- **Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Cost: Free**

We urge all Community Centres to share this opportunity with their staff and volunteers. Investing in safe sport and recreational training ensures a safer, more supportive environment for everyone involved. Let's work together to raise the bar in community programming.

[Register](#)

# Attend the 2025 Abuse Free Sport Research Symposium

**Abuse-Free Sport Research Symposium**  
Presented in collaboration with Anti-Racism in Sport

February 24-25, 2025 | Winnipeg, Manitoba

**EARLY BIRD FEE ENDS JANUARY 15 @ 11:30PM (EST)**

**Symposium de recherche Sport Sans Abus**  
Présenté en collaboration avec  
Campagne contre le racisme dans le sport

24-25 février 2025 | Winnipeg, Manitoba

**TARIF HÂTIF SE TERMINE LE 15 JANVIER À 23H30 (HNE)**

Logos: CRDSC-SDRCC, abuse-free SPORT sans abus, ANTI-RACISM IN SPORT, Government of Canada, Financé par le gouvernement du Canada, Canada

Join the **2025 Abuse Free Sport Research Symposium** on **February 24-25, 2025**, in Winnipeg, co-hosted by Anti-Racism in Sport and the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada. This event highlights cutting-edge research addressing critical issues in sport and offers valuable insights for your Community Centre team.

**Discounted tickets are available for students and non-profits.**

Learn more about the research projects and register by clicking the link below.

[Learn More](#)

# CCRGP Spring Intake Deferred to Fall

The Spring intake for the Community Centre Renovation Grant Program (CCRGP) **will not open on March 15, 2025**. Applications **will instead be accepted** during the Fall intake on **October 15, 2025**.

This adjustment allows time to implement process improvements, streamlining applications and reducing red tape. Start planning your projects now and contact Arthur at GCWCC for a site visit.

## From the Ground Up Grants - February 18th Deadline

Don't miss your chance to secure funding for **projects that enhance community well-being, drive economic development, or improve housing and safety**. Non-profits can receive **up to 80% of project costs**, providing significant support for your initiatives.

The application deadline is **Tuesday, February 18**. For more details and to find out where to submit your application, click the link below.

[Learn More](#)

## Apply for Green Team Program Grant

**Apply by February 18th** to secure **funding to hire youth for projects running from May to September**. This grant supports a range of initiatives, from summer programs and centre enhancements to new community-driven projects. It's a great opportunity to engage local youth while improving your centre.

For more details on eligibility and project guidelines, view the Green Team Program guidelines by clicking the link below.

[Learn More](#)

# Volunteer Spotlight: Karen Kummen Diak & Ray Bretecher

This week, we highlight our **2024 Above & Beyond** honourees, **Karen Kummen Diak** and **Ray Bretecher**.



Karen Kummen Diak has brought unmatched energy, creativity, and a genuine passion to the Valley Gardens Community Centre (VGCC)-inspiring everyone around her. The team at VGCC is deeply grateful for her hard work and dedication—not only as a past president but also as past publicity director and current secretary.

Karen is an exceptional mentor whose positive energy touches everyone she meets. VGCC thanks Karen for her invaluable contributions and commitment to the community.



Ray has been an invaluable part of Garden City Community Centre for over 25 years. His journey began as a coach, and since then, he has taken on numerous board roles, including Hardball Convenor, House and Grounds, and a two-year term as President.

He continues to be a daily presence at the centre, always volunteering his time wherever needed. Ray serves as a “historian,” working to create an archive that captures the centre’s rich history. His dedication to baseball has taken him to Provincials and Westerns as a coach and established him as a respected volunteer and representative with North Winnipeg Minor Baseball and Baseball Manitoba.

Garden City is incredibly grateful to Ray for his unwavering commitment and lasting impact on the community.

## Discover Social Prescribing

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Social prescribing is an innovative approach to health and well-being, connecting individuals to non-clinical supports and community resources to address social determinants of health. This concept empowers people, especially seniors, to access programs and services that promote well-being, combat loneliness, and build a sense of belonging—all vital elements of thriving communities.

Community Centres play a key role in social prescribing by offering programs that enrich lives and foster connections.

To learn more about how your Centre can get involved or implement social prescribing, reach out to the Manitoba Association of Senior Communities (MASC) for guidance and support.

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## Important Dates and Information

- **January 31st** - Heritage Grant Program First Intake Deadline
- **January 31st** - Jumpstart Community Development Grant Second Intake Deadline
- **February** - Heart Month
- **February 7th** - Athletic Field Permit Applications Deadline
- **February 14th** - Manitoba Accessibility Grant Deadline
- **February 17th** - Louis Riel Day
- **February 18th** - From the Ground Up Grant Deadline
- **February 18th** - Urban/Hometown Green Team Program Application Deadline
- **February 28th** - Canada Post Community Foundation Grant Deadline
- **February 28th** - Kaltire – Kal's Replay Fund
- **March 3rd** - Community Spaces Funding Deadline
- **April 12th** - GCWCC AGM
- **April 27th - May 4th** – National Volunteer Week
- **Who to Call** - this link will take you to the phone list of Community Centre contacts on the [GCWCC website](#).

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