



Saskatoon Poverty  
Reduction Partnership

# SPRP 12 Bold Ideas to Eliminate Poverty

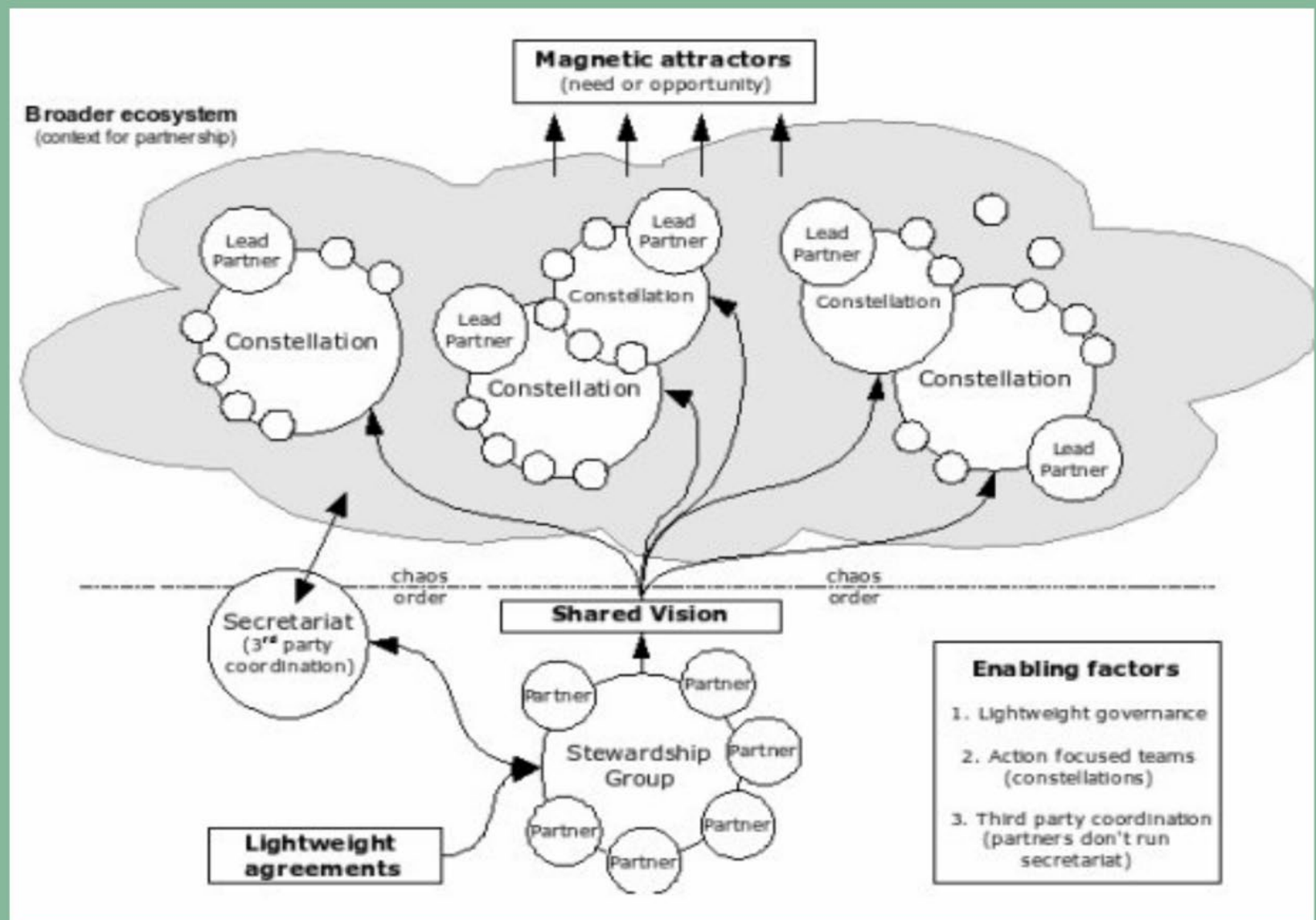
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## Collaboration is our superpower.

*A closer look at how the SPRP works as a large intersectoral multisectoral collective impact collaborative.*

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# Governance Structure: The Constellation Model



Listening to the Stars: The Constellation Model of Collaborative Social Change  
(Social Space, 2008)

Collective Impact Model is a framework to tackle deeply entrenched and complex social problems

## The 5 Conditions of Collective Impact

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### Common Agenda

- Common understanding of the problem
- Shared vision for change

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### Shared Measurement

- Collecting data and measuring results
- Focus on performance management
- Shared accountability

3

### Mutually Reinforcing Activities

- Differentiated approaches
- Coordination through joint plan of action

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### Continuous Communication

- Consistent and open communication
- Focus on building trust

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### Backbone Support

- Separate organization(s) with staff
- Resources and skills to **convene** and **coordinate** participating organizations

# What are the ingredients that make this work?

Collaboration refers to the **engagement of people** in order to **create relationships** conducive for **solving complex issues** with **plausible solutions** for which **they take responsibility** – and **catalyze** their contributions and **assets** into **collective action**.

**Relationships** move at the **Speed of Trust**.

Creating **Social Change** moves at the **Speed of Relationships**.

Break these rules and the work moves backwards exponentially faster than you can imagine.

# Enter COVID – and a new sense of urgency

- What we KNEW was that many of the pressures associated with COVID are exasperated by the pre-COVID conditions for many who are made vulnerable by poverty.
- So we asked the 175+ community partners if they wanted us to host a conversation about COVID
- AND – they did. But also, they had existing relationships, trusted the convening leadership and saw the common vision.



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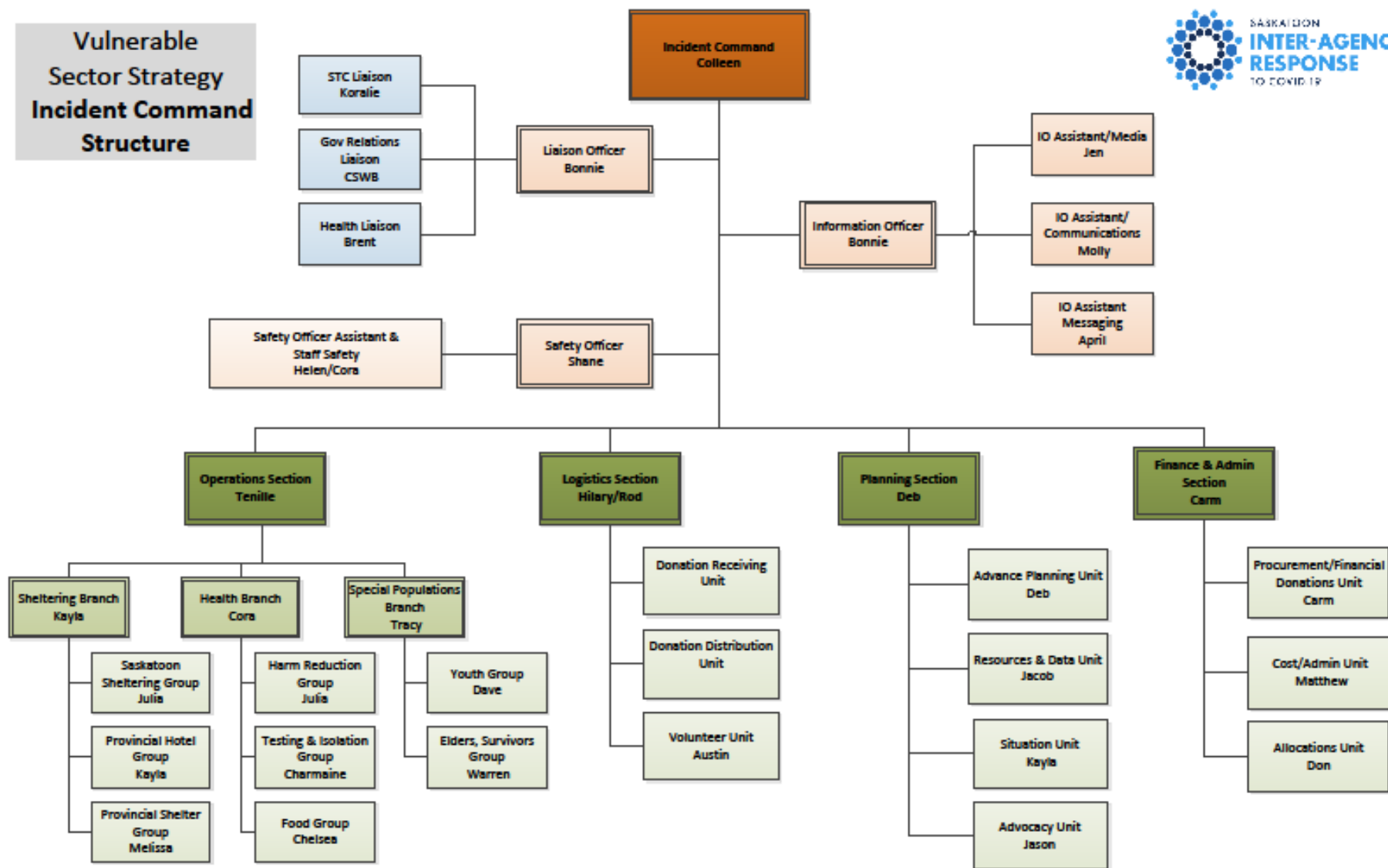
Safe Community  
Action Alliance



SASKATOON  
**INTER-AGENCY  
RESPONSE**  
TO COVID-19

<https://saskatooninteragencyresponse.ca/>

**Vulnerable  
Sector Strategy  
Incident Command  
Structure**



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## What does it look like?



In person services at the HUB



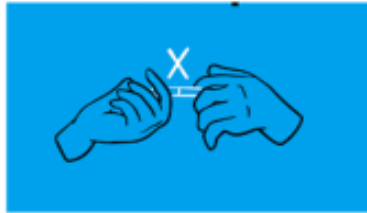
Temporary hotel shelter



Permanent housing solutions



Core neighbourhood testing



Harm reduction



Access to good food



### CONNECTING BACK TO SERVICES

- INCOME ASSISTANCE
- EMERGENCY HOUSING
- MENTAL HEALTH
- ADDICTIONS
- PROBATION
- COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORT WORKERS
- ELDER SUPPORT AVAILABLE ON MONDAY & FRIDAY
- ADVOCACY SERVICES

### ESSENTIAL SERVICE HUB

**OPEN:**  
MONDAY -FRIDAY  
9 AM- 4 PM

**WHERE:**  
White Buffalo Youth Lodge  
602 20th St West  
Saskatoon, SK

**WALK-IN SERVICE ONLY**

**ACCESS TO**

- PHONES
- FAXING
- COMPUTERS
- PRINTING
- HOUSING PACKAGES

**PHONE NUMBER**  
(306) 653-7676  
(306) 381-3251

## How did this happen?



### Funding portal

Partnership with the Saskatoon Community Foundation and United Way.

Agency based resource sharing, staff secondments and collective leveraging



### Supply Chain

Research team, procurement, warehousing, distribution (delivery/pick up)

We also received many donations – that were sorted, classified and allocated to community



### Communication

Team leads – regular check ins, 401 forms, data collection, reporting, allocation decisions, research and planning for the next thing.



LIST OF WARM-UP LOCATIONS As Part of Saskatoon's Cold Weather Strategy	
<b>SALVATION ARMY (FOYER)</b> 339 Avenue C South (306) 244-6280	HOURS: EVERYDAY, 24 HOURS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: HAND SANITIZING, MASKS *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>EGADZ (YOUTH ONLY)</b> 4851 1st Avenue North (306) 931-6699 *STREET OUTREACH (7 DAYS A WEEK) 2pm-10pm (306) 221-3719	HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 3:30PM - 9PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: PHYSICAL DISTANCING *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>PRAIRIE HARM REDUCTION</b> 1516 20th Street West (306) 242-5005	HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 10:30AM - 4PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>FRIENDSHIP INN</b> *MEAL SERVICE ONLY 619 20th Street West (306) 242-5122	HOURS: 8AM - 3PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, PHYSICAL DISTANCING HAND SANITIZING *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP CENTRE</b> 1008 20th Street West (306) 382-2855	HOURS: MONDAY 8:00AM - 3PM TUESDAY - THURSDAY 8:00AM - 3PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, SANITIZING, SOCIAL DISTANCING *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>OUTSaskatoon</b> 213 Avenue C South (306) 665-1224	HOURS: MONDAY - WEDNESDAY 9AM - 5PM THURSDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, SANITIZING, SCREENING, SOCIAL DISTANCING *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>STATION 20 WEST</b> 1120 20th Street West (306) 343-9378	HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, SANITIZING *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARY</b> 100 219 Avenue K South (306) 975-7508	HOURS: MONDAY - SATURDAY 10AM - 6PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, SANITIZING, SOCIAL DISTANCING HR MAX *LIMITED CAPACITY
<b>CUMFI</b> *MEAL SERVICE ONLY 315 Avenue M South (306) 975-9999	HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 5PM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: MASKS, SANITIZING, SOCIAL DISTANCING *LIMITED CAPACITY



**\*EFFECTIVE AS OF:  
NOVEMBER 6, 2020**

## Also some Advocacy & Media



### Adequate and appropriate shelter for all

Need for self isolation spaces, discharge to homelessness, funding for shelters, access to housing stock, intensive case management, harm reduction, mental health and substance use supports



### 24/7 supports (and Cold Weather Strategy)

Winter + COVID was hard for many – it shone a light on how limited the capacity is in Saskatoon to support folks on the street when it is cold.



### Vaccine Roll Out

Inclusion of the service agencies as health workers, homeless population in Phase 1, mobile testing/vaccine options for hard to reach residents



# Inter-Agency Response Funding

Recognizing the immediate need for resources in our community, local funders stepped up to the plate and provided the necessary funds to start and sustain SIRC from March 2020 to March 2022.

**Without this funding, organizations in Saskatoon serving the vulnerable population would have faced additional barriers, including safety.**

Funders provided over **\$1 million** dollars to SIRC

The **Saskatoon Community Foundation, United Way of Saskatoon & Area, Affinity Credit Union, and CMA Foundation (via the City of Saskatoon)** provided funding and financial logistics to SIRC.



We **leveraged our social capital** with **existing relationships** to talk differently about funding models. Community led the priorities, community decisions informed funding models and the funders came through with incredible resources.

**We trusted each other and understood the common goal.**

Of the total money spent by SIRC, **41%** of it (\$338,230) went towards **supplying PPE and other critical supplies** (e.g., bleach). An additional **36%** of all funding was spent on **food items and the IC & community contract.**

# Pivot away from COVID



The SPRP partners gathered to re-energize the work around the 12 Bold Ideas to Eliminate Poverty – 165 registered for a full day meeting.

**We trust each other, understand the common goal and see our individual place in the collective action. We are better together.**





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