# **Programs and Special Initiatives**

SEDA assists its members by sharing resources, exchanging knowledge, and creating meaningful connections across the nonprofit, private, and public sectors. We provide support in a number of different ways, including provision of the following programs.

# **First Impressions**

The First Impressions Community Exchange Program is a simple and cost effective initiative which contributes to building a vision and strategic plan for a municipality or region. The intent of the program is to provide two participating communities with unbiased and constructive feedback based on a structured visitation process.

## **Economic Resilience and Recovery**

Our three part Saskatchewan Preparedness and Disaster Recovery Toolkit connects disaster management functions with economic principles to identify key issues and suggested action planning. Wherever possible, resources and contacts specific to Saskatchewan have been included.

# **Business Retention and Expansion**

Efforts to retain and grow existing business in our communities is an integral component of local and regional economic development strategies. Using SEDA's BUSINESS COUNTS program, a focus on retaining and expanding your local and regional business base can be an ongoing process that "simply runs in the background" of your other development efforts.

# **Community Safety and Well-being Planning**

Community Safety and Well-being(CSWB) planning is a proactive process of developing strategies and action plans to ensure the safety and overall well-being of individuals within a community. It includes initiatives to address the determinants of health including education, housing, and access to food security. CSWB planning is provided to communities on a cost recovery basis.

# ThriveSask

The ThriveSask Program is designed for urban communities with a population less than 5,000. It harnesses the social, economic, physical, and cultural assets that set a place apart, and works towards tangible outcomes that benefit the entire community or region. This program is provided to communities on a cost recovery basis.

# Sask Clusters Network

SEDA is the prominent advocate for industry cluster development in Saskatchewan. Engaging industry along with their regional ecosystem is a proven strategy to foster economic growth and innovation. Find out more at <u>www.saskclusters.ca</u>.

### **Connected Saskatchewan**

Increasingly viewed as the 'fourth utility," alongside water, heat and electricity, broadband is the most important differentiating infrastructure for communities and regions today. SEDA is leading the Connected Saskatchewan program to support the digital readiness of local governments, First Nations, and industry. Access the toolkits at <u>www.connectedsask.ca</u>.

### Saskatchewan Social Economy Hub

SEDA is managing partner of the Saskatchewan Social Economy Hub, providing a unified focus to support the growth of social impact organizations in the province. Learn more at <u>www.sehub.ca</u>











