

## HIP – Host Incentive Program (Legacy)

SDA's mission statement includes the promotion of professional development through drama development programs. SDA achieves this by providing opportunities for our membership to learn, exchange, expand and diversify their work, their audience and their perspective. All our programs reflect the crucial elements of development, understanding, accessibility, and appreciation of the arts.

The Saskatchewan Drama Association provides our membership with opportunities to connect with each other thereby enabling them to learn about and exchange ideas and resources while investigating and disseminating best practices in drama and drama education.

The SDA Board of Directors has identified certain barriers that have limited its membership to fully participate in its programs. Many communities continue to be unable to host a regional festival as well as provide drama opportunities due to the lack of and appropriate facilities or equipment.

This is a distinctive opportunity for SDA's Board of Directors to respond by developing relevant and appropriate programs and thus broadening the number of participants in a drama program.

The HIP Grant (Host Incentive Program) is intended to help a community that is hosting a Regional Festival to gain access and/or upgrade current facilities and equipment. Thus it is providing capital funds that will be used towards the purchase of fixed assets such as lighting equipment, sound equipment, computer software, curtains, drama blocks, headphones, and so on. The Grant may also be used to rent the community facility, i.e., the Dekker Centre, the Kerry Vikar Centre, Wolseley Opera House, etc. Note: Other partnerships and/or funds may be needed to complete a project. The amount of the grant is determined by the Selection Committee. For SDA, the impact of the project for its beneficiaries (teachers/directors and their students) will be:

- Development and accessibility to drama programs in the community.
- Audience development, increased membership and involvement in SDA;
- An opportunity for SDA to continue to be recognized as a leader in the cultural community providing program relevance;
- Provide further opportunities for acting, production, and technical workshops, social events, meeting and performances;
- Permanent and ongoing recognition of Saskatchewan Drama Association in Saskatchewan communities.

Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a SDA Regional Festival Host (Adult member). In case of Co-Hosts, only one host should apply. Funds received may be split between two different purchases at the discretion of the Co-Hosts.
2. The applicant must be currently hosting a Regional Festival.
3. The applicant must be considered an eligible Host School/Community. Eligible Host Schools/Communities are those that have been participants in Regional Festival for at least two years and plan to continue to participate in Regional Festival for at least one more year after their current year as Host.
4. The applicant must submit a written proposal and proposed budget – See the Grant Requirements page for complete details.
5. Applications must be received in the Provincial Office, via email or mail, by February 28<sup>th</sup> of each program year.
6. Grants will be awarded in amounts are determined by the SDA Selection Committee in adherence of SDA's overall budget each year - (depending on Lottery Funding received by SDA). You may inquire current amounts by emailing the SDA office – [dramainfo@sasktel.net](mailto:dramainfo@sasktel.net).
7. Funds will be released when SDA has received the actual bill from the vendor for the purchase made or SDA receives a signed rental agreement. SDA will not accept a school invoice for any purchase.

The Following are not eligible for funding:

1. Student social event costs.
2. SDA membership fees or Director's charge.
3. Regional, Middle Years, and/or Provincial fees.
4. Travel expenses.

All HIP Grant purchases must acknowledge the Saskatchewan Drama Association and its funders (Saskatchewan Lotteries) on all promotional material. Logos will be sent to you for your use.