



Innovation in Your Community

2023 First Quarter Newsletter

\$1.4 million
Member Rewards



Our largest
quarterly payout in history!

Being an Innovation member is pretty fantastic! As a member, you are automatically enrolled in our Member Rewards program and benefit from economic participation in our success – like our most recent record-breaking quarterly payout!

For the quarter ending in December 2022, we approved \$1.4 million in Member Rewards to our members, our highest quarterly distribution! This shows our commitment to:

- Providing excellent value
- Sharing our success with our members

Check your Member Rewards account to see how much of the payout you received. We deposited your share on February 17, 2023.

How can I earn more with Innovation? The more banking you do with us, the more rewards you'll earn! For example:

- A \$300,000 mortgage can earn you more than \$1,000 in Member Rewards in just one year.
- A \$60,000 vehicle loan can earn approximately \$350 during its first year.
- A \$50,000 GIC earns more than \$165 in Member Rewards after just 12 months.

How can I save more with Innovation? Enjoy direct savings with our No-Fee Bank Account, competitive borrowing solutions, and access to a ding-free ATM network with thousands of locations.

Questions? Reach out to one of our friendly Advisors.

Mobile Banking That Helps You Reach Your Goals

Download and enjoy simplified banking with Innovation's Mobile Banking App!

From the Mobile Banking App you can:

- Open additional accounts.
- Link your wealth accounts to see your savings, chequing, and wealth accounts all in one spot.
- Tell us what you think in real-time when prompted through our new mobile app rate and review feature.

Innovation's Mobile Banking App is available for iOS and Android devices.

Visit innovationcu.ca for more information and links to download the app today





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Community Grants

In 2020, we introduced the Community Grants Program. Since then, Innovation Credit Union has awarded 33 deserving member organizations over \$189,500 through this program.

Read on or visit innovationcu.ca to learn more about organizations and projects that received a community grant.

An Innovation Community Grant is helping Safe Places, a City of Swift Current program, provide tools and resources that support positive health outcomes, helping youth understand abuse, stress and anxiety, online safety, consent, healthy relationships, and more.

"Thank you Innovation, for investing in our youth." - City of Swift Current



With the support of an Innovation Community Grant, the residents of The Village of Val Marie will be able to repair their hall, providing the community with a place to gather now and in the future.

"This is where everything happens! Weddings, funerals, fundraisers, and dances! Thank you, Innovation!" - Cathy Legault

Innovation is proud to support Southwest Saskatchewan Pride with a Community Grant to open a Pride drop-in centre to provide education and information to members and allies, and allow youth and adults to be celebrated just as they are.

"We dreamed of a gathering space that felt inclusive, welcoming, and safe. A grant from Innovation helps make that possible."

- Dawn Caswell



An Innovation Community Grant is making it possible for Pierceland Seniors to replace the flooring in their centre.

"We are thrilled to be recipients of an Innovation Community Grant!"

- Pierceland Recreation Center

Get help funding your major project and make an impact in your community or organization!

Apply before June 1st for an Innovation Community Grant.

For more information, visit
innovationcu.ca/community/community-funding/grants.html.

Partnership Highlights

Innovation is the proud title sponsor of the **BGC Saskatoon Innovation Mini Clubs Grub Club** and **Big Brothers Big Sisters Battlefords Innovation Indigenous Arts Partnership Project**.

Innovation Grub Club provides children and youth in Mini Club programs with healthy snacks before and after school. BGC Mini Clubs also respond to the individual needs of the communities surrounding the school they are located in. This program needed funding to ensure food security for their participants.



Indigenous Arts Partnership Project (IAPP)

The Innovation CU Indigenous Arts Partnership Project (IAPP) of The Battlefords is a community youth program where Indigenous friends and neighbours can learn more about Indigenous art, culture, language, and history in small group activity settings. A team of supportive adult allies provide mentorship, guidance, and reflection. While local instructors, Knowledge Keepers, and Elders deliver teachings.

IAPPs objective is to provide:

- Opportunities to help keep First Nations culture alive within youth, a positive experience,
- Bond in learning culture and art that has been lost among family units, and
- An immersive experience to further Reconciliation efforts in the community at large.

Innovation's investment in the IAPP in 2022 allowed the program to expand its programming, buy more supplies, and offer new opportunities and support to youth in the community. It also made more individualized youth support possible.

In the summer of 2022, youth and adult allies from the IAPP created a dreamcatcher as a gift for Innovation's generosity. It serves as a symbol of wahkohtowin (community | kinship | connection) and thanks.



"The support from Innovation has also allowed us to individually support youth, including one youth who created their own regalia and began dancing for the first time. We have also been able to compensate our youth instructors for some programs, which is enabling the continuation of teachings with the younger generation and providing critical leadership development coaching and opportunities to young adults in our community." - Renee Sperling

Picnic in the Park is back!



Innovation Credit Union's Picnic in the Park is back after a three-year hiatus. This year marks the event's 42nd anniversary and will feature fun activities and games for all ages, food and refreshments at old-fashioned prices, a wide range of onstage entertainment, and more.

The event will take place on Sunday, June 4th at its traditional location, Riverside Park, in Swift Current from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

There is no cost for admission and entertainment is also free of charge.



Did You Know? Innovation is a Caring Company by Imagine Canada

Imagine Canada gives the Caring Company designation to companies that give back a minimum of 1% of their pre-tax profit to community initiatives where their employees work and live. **At Innovation, we aim to contribute between 2% to 4% of our pre-tax profits to support our communities.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST, LOYALTY AND BUSINESS

Our members guide our purpose and journey ahead.

We remain passionately committed to helping our members save with no fee bank accounts and competitive rates, earn more with Member Rewards and continue to give to our communities. This is our Responsible Banking commitment and we proudly offer it to all Canadians.

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