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The Golden Horseshoe Hub provides \$736,076 to community-led infrastructure projects as part of the Government of Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative

Oakville, June 1, 2021: The Golden Horseshoe Hub is excited to announce the allocation of funding for programs to support higher quality of life for people. The Golden Horseshoe Hub is led by [Oakville Community Foundation](#) and is a consortium of eight community foundations including: [Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation](#), [Brant County Community Foundation](#), [Burlington Foundation](#), [Community Foundation of Halton North](#), [Hamilton Community Foundation](#), [Community Foundation of Mississauga](#) and [Niagara Community Foundation](#).

As Canadians continue to adapt to the realities of COVID-19, local governments and community partners across the country are adapting their spaces and services to keep residents safe and healthy, support economic recovery, create jobs, and build vibrant, resilient communities.

Today **The Golden Horseshoe Hub, Minister Anand and Damoff, Members of Parliament for Oakville and Oakville North-Burlington**, are announcing **\$736,076** in funding to support **24** projects in the **Peel, Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Brampton and Niagara regions** as part of the first round of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative. Through the \$31-million Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, the Government of Canada, alongside Community Foundations of Canada, is building safer spaces and ensuring a higher quality of life for people across the country, by helping communities adapt to the challenges presented by COVID-19.

The Golden Horseshoe Hub is supporting the following projects as part of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative:

- **\$22,500** was invested to fund the **Salvation Army Halton Hamilton Brant Housing and Support Services**, supporting Virtual Client Access;
- **\$45,922** was invested to fund **Sheridan College**, supporting Sheridan Bike Hub Expansion;
- **\$47,213** was invested to fund **Ontario Schools Cricket Association**, supporting Healthy Children Peel Schools;
- **\$80,000** was invested to fund the **Afro Caribbean Business Network Foundation Canada**, supporting Ubuntu: Building Emotional Well Being Through Connections via Virtual Reality;
- **\$30,000** was invested to fund **Reach Out Centre for Kids (ROCK)**, supporting Improving digital technology to break down barriers for clients;
- **\$17,450** was invested in the **Burlington Downtown Business Association**, supporting Immediate animation of local hospitality efforts in public spaces;
- **\$11,230** was invested in the **Art Gallery of Burlington**, supporting Fibre Arts Garden;
- **\$11,500** was invested in the **Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area**, supporting Virtual Georgetown Farmers Market;
- **\$25,292** was invested in the **Trees for Halton Hills**, supporting Trees for Halton Hills Arboretum Project;

- **\$6,500** was invested in the **Child Development Resource Connection Peel**, supporting Website Enhancement to Maximize Community Experience;
- **\$50,605** was invested in the **ACER Association for Canadian Educational Resources**, supporting Working Together for Safer, Greener Spaces in our Mississauga Communities;
- **\$9,467** was invested in **Clarkson Village BIA**, supporting Community Picnic Tables in Clarkson Village;
- **\$56,767** was invested in **The Riverwood Conservancy**, supporting the Healthy Riverwood; Facilitating Safe and Inclusive Nature Access in Mississauga project;
- **\$35,000** was invested in **Mississauga Services to Seniors**, supporting iPad Lending Library for Seniors;
- **\$50,000** was invested in the **Hamilton Public Library**, supporting Connecting the City: Outdoor Public WiFi at Libraries project;
- **\$30,000** was invested in **Barton Village BIA**, supporting Open Streets on Barton program;
- **\$50,000** was invested in **Environment Hamilton**, supporting Friendly Streets for BIPOC Communities.
- **\$28,923** was invested in the **St. Catharines Public Library**, supporting Mobile Library Branch: Creating Connections in the Age of COVID19;
- **\$24,158** was invested in **Heartland Forest Nature Experience**, supporting the Disability & Culturally Inclusive – Safe, Education and Enjoyable Nature Programs;
- **\$13,000** was invested in the **Royal Canadian Legion Br 230 Ridgeway**, supporting the Adapt backyard spaces to be COVID compliant for future events;
- **\$10,000** was invested in the **Niagara Historical Society/Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum**, supporting The Community Courtyard project;
- **\$20,187** was invested in the **Lincoln Public Library**, supporting Safe and Vibrant Program Spaces for Lincoln;
- **\$11,826** was invested in the **Gallery Players of Niagara**, supporting Virtually Live – Bringing our community concerts home.
- **\$48,536** was invested in the **Oakville Public Library**, supporting OPL StoryWalks;

Quick facts

- The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative was created to help communities adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic and create safe ways for residents to access services and enjoy the outdoors. The Initiative is designed to fund eligible projects between \$5,000 and \$250,000 that fall under three main themes: creating safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options, and digital solutions.
- Community Foundations of Canada together with its partners, including the Canadian Urban Institute, is working with community foundations across the country to manage the funding process and serve the distinct needs of communities across Canada, including equity-seeking groups, interested in applying.
- A variety of community-led organizations are eligible to apply, including local governments, charities, Indigenous communities, and registered non-profit organizations.
- The first intake for projects was launched on February 9, 2021 and closed on March 9, 2021. Successful projects from the first intake have been and will continue to be announced in the coming weeks.

- The second intake will open on May 14, 2021, and close on June 25, 2021. Applicants wishing to apply for the second round can access further details on the Community Foundations of Canada website.

Quotes

“The projects we’re announcing today demonstrates the creativity and commitment of communities and community partners across Canada to respond to the unique needs of their residents and create a high quality of life for them as they continue to remain vigilant in this pandemic. Through these projects, and the many more that will be announced in the coming weeks, the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative will help Canadians and their families enjoy safer, more vibrant, and inclusive communities now and into the future. It’s through investments in infrastructure that we’re working to ensure outcomes with triple benefits – growing our economy, fighting climate change, and reducing social inequality and ensuring a better quality of life of all Canadians.”

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“COVID-19 has put a serious strain on cities and towns across our country, impacting the way our neighbourhoods look, work, and feel. In response, the Government of Canada has introduced the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, designed to bring joy back to our streets in a safe and innovative way. We’ve seen many innovative projects, like the ones announced today, roll in from across the country and we’re excited to see how they enhance the lives of Canadians from coast to coast to coast.”

Andy Fillmore, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and Member of Parliament for Halifax

“I am thrilled to see the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative come to life in so many communities across the Golden Horseshoe. These community partners have worked incredibly hard to find innovative ways to meet the needs of their residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding that we are announcing today will help these businesses and organizations revive our neighbourhoods in a way that keeps us safe, supports economic recovery, and ensures equitable access to public spaces. Thank you to the Golden Horseshoe Hub and the Oakville Community Foundation for their hard work on this project.” The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement

“Communities know best what kind of projects would have the greatest impact for their residents and local economies as they respond to the unique challenges presented by COVID-19. That’s why it’s great to see so many projects supported in these regions, providing improved access to public spaces, along with enhanced technology and services for residents. Through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative we are proud to support community-driven solutions that allow Canadians to safely participate in daily social and economic activities.” Pam Damoff, Member of Parliament for Oakville North-Burlington

“Public spaces are the glue to our communities: they enable a feeling of belonging and of social cohesion. They are a big part of what makes communities safe, vibrant and connected. As our communities each face increased isolation due to COVID-19, these projects from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative will help our communities to connect safely and will benefit the mental and physical well-being of all our residents.” Wendy, Rinella, CEO, Oakville Community Foundation

“The Healthy Communities Initiative is supporting organizations in the Peel, Brant, Halton, Hamilton, Brampton and Niagara regions to bring people together in our communities both in person and digitally, while respecting public health measures. These projects show us the creativity and resourcefulness of communities as they create temporary and longer-lasting solutions that enable people to connect and access public spaces safely.” - Andrea Dicks, President, Community Foundations of Canada

Associated links

Canada Healthy Communities Initiative – Application Portal: healthycommunitiesinitiative.ca

Infrastructure Canada: Canada Healthy Communities Initiative: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/chci-iccs/index-eng.html>

Canada’s Minister of Infrastructure and Communities announces direct help for bright ideas to make safer, pandemic-resilient communities: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2020/08/direct-help-for-bright-ideas-to-make-safer-pandemic-resilient-communities.html>

Canada’s Minister of Infrastructure and Communities announces open call for applications for the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2020/09/open-call-for-applications-for-the-canada-healthy-communities-initiative.html>

Minister McKenna and Community Foundations of Canada launch intake for COVID-19 resilient projects under the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/02/minister-mckenna-and-community-foundations-of-canada-launch-intake-for-covid-19-resilient-projects-under-the-canada-healthy-communities-initiative.html>

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