

## Oakville Community Foundation grants \$587k through Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

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**Oakville, Ont., Aug. 17, 2023** - Today, the Oakville Community Foundation is pleased to announce **\$587,000** in funding to support **10 organizations** in the Oakville community through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million by the Government of Canada to help Community Service Organizations, charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies located in Canada adapt, modernize and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services that they provide through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

All funded projects were part of the Investing in Systems and Processes Project Focus Area and received more than 90% of their funding requests as outlined below :

- **\$72,824** was invested to fund **Bandology** in order to upgrade policies, processes and procedures for programs that work with youth and children;
- **\$82,880.00** was invested to fund **DAR Foundation** in order to secure a strategic planning professional to assess current organizational structure and develop a long-term roadmap;
- **\$73,175.00** was invested to fund **Halton Environmental Network** in order to upgrade their work management system to organize, track and manage projects;
- **\$10,000.000** was invested to fund **Oakville Art Society** in order to update their logo and rebuild and redesign their website for marketing purposes;
- **\$40,000.00** was invested to fund **Oakville Festivals of Film and Art** in order to build a new B2B integrated sponsorship platform to drive sponsorship growth and engagement;
- **\$52,169.00** was invested to fund **Oakville Galleries** in order to develop and implement a new, modern, accessible website as part of their digital transformation;
- **\$98,136.00** was invested to fund **Oakville Public Library - Halton Information Providers** in order to hire an Indigenous Elder in Residence to provide teachings and cultural knowledge to staff, volunteers and the board as well as provide cultural teachers and guidance toward Truth and Reconciliation in Oakville;
- **\$37,867.00** was invested to fund **St. Luke's Anglican Church** in order to undergo a digital transformation and modernization to ensure their processes are flexible and agile to quickly prepare for current and new conditions;
- **\$25,200.00** was invested to fund **Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation** in order to allow for more efficient and effective program delivery and fundraising through improved digital tools;
- **\$94,749.00** was invested to fund **YMCA of Oakville** in order to strengthen cultural connectedness and build resilience by implementing and modernizing two dedicated spaces for training and meetings.

Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing communities' needs. Since the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools.

"We're thrilled to support these local organizations that continue to serve and support our community despite the struggles in recent years," said Frances Pace, Director of Fundholder and Community Engagement at The Foundation. "With improved accessibility, sustainability and modernization, these organizations will be able to recover and adapt to the changing needs of our community."

"Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Oakville, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable organizations that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Oakville."

– Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

The Government of Canada is delivering the Community Services Recovery Fund through three National Funders: Community Foundations of Canada, Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada.

For more information, visit the [Community Services Recovery Fund website](#) or The Foundation's [website](#).

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### **Oakville Community Foundation**

The Oakville Community Foundation is a local charitable solutions provider, delivering the tools to realize your charitable passions. The Foundation acts as a philanthropic medium, investing donations to generate new money for our community. We conduct local research to provide our diverse donors with knowledge and solutions to make an impact in the local community, both today and in the future. Thanks to the visionaries in our community who started The Foundation more than 25 years ago, The Foundation has granted more than \$61 million to support charities locally and beyond.

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