

## NEWS RELEASE

### **New Community Fund for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> builds community, inspires understanding, and encourages participation for the sesquicentennial**

A collaboration for Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation is bringing people and places together to build community and activate a groundswell of local initiatives, activities and events.

The Community Fund for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> is an effort led by Community Foundations of Canada and the national network of community foundations with the support from the Government of Canada and leaders from coast to coast to coast.

The Fund will engage Canadians from all walks of life in a wide range of local projects that build community, inspire a deeper understanding of Canada, and encourage participation in a wide range of initiatives that mark Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. The Fund will be responsive to local priorities and will be accessible to all Canadians, including Indigenous peoples, youth, groups that reflect our cultural diversity, and official language minority groups.

The Brokenhead River Community Foundation is participating in this initiative. It is looking for interested groups or organizations to help build a vibrant, healthy community, to inspire a deeper understanding of it and encourage community initiatives, activities and events.

"This is a great opportunity for our community to participate in a national program that provides long lasting local benefit" says local foundation Chair Lawrie Goalen. "There is a total of \$10,000 in grant money available to local groups or organizations looking to participate in this so we encourage them to apply".

"Canada's 150th is an historic moment with the power to strengthen our communities and our connection to one another. Through the leadership of participating community foundations, the Community Fund for Canada's 150th will spark thousands of initiatives and activities that bring out the best that Canada has to offer," said Ian Bird, President of Community Foundations of Canada. "The Fund will encourage all Canadians to contribute to their communities in a way that fosters a greater sense of belonging, inclusion, and Reconciliation as we look to 2017 as a catalyst for community development in the years ahead."

"The 150th anniversary of Confederation is an opportunity for a whole generation of Canadians to come together and celebrate our accomplishments. This important step will allow us to strengthen the bonds between Canadians from all regions of the country and to build, together, a vision for our future," said the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage. "The Community Fund for Canada's 150th will let us create community projects that will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come."

For more information visit [www.brcfoundation.com](http://www.brcfoundation.com) or [www.communityfoundations.ca/CFC150](http://www.communityfoundations.ca/CFC150).



## WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible qualified donees operating within Canada may apply for small grants from the Community Fund for Canada's 150th.

Eligible qualified donees include:

- registered charities;
- registered Canadian amateur athletic associations;
- registered housing corporations residing in Canada constituted exclusively to provide low-cost housing for the aged;
- registered Canadian municipalities;
- registered municipal or public bodies performing a function of government in Canada.

If you are not a qualified donee, you are welcome to work with one to make an application to the Fund. In the case of such a collaboration, the qualified donee would submit an application on behalf of the collaborating partners.

Please note that the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, the Crown, and the United Nations are ineligible to receive support from the Fund.

## OBJECTIVES

### ▪ BUILD

vibrant and healthy communities with the broadest possible engagement of all Canadians, including indigenous peoples, groups that reflect our pluralism, official language minorities, and youth.

### ▪ INSPIRE

a deeper understanding about the people, places and events that shape our communities and our country.

### ▪ ENCOURAGE

participation in community initiatives, activities and events to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation.

These objectives will lead to a multitude of outcomes including increased **BELONGING, INCLUSION, RECONCILIATION**, and **CONNECTION**, within communities and throughout Canada.

## PREPARING AN APPLICATION

Visit our website to:

- Find your **local community foundation\*** and confirm their participation in the Fund

\*Communities without a community foundation are still eligible to apply. Visit our website for more details.

- Confirm your **eligibility**
- Learn more about the 3-part **application process**:
  - Online application form
  - Project budget
  - Matching contributions form

[WWW.COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONS.CA/CFC150](http://WWW.COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONS.CA/CFC150)

## GRANT AMOUNTS & MATCHING REQUIREMENT

The Community Fund for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> will support thousands of initiatives through **small grants** for community projects. Contact your community foundation to learn more about the maximum grant value available in your community.

Please note that regardless of the size of the grant requested, eligible projects are required to match the grant requested, through cash or in-kind contributions equal to the value of the grant.

For example, an applicant that requests a \$2,000 grant will be required to come to the table with an additional contribution of \$2,000, in cash or in-kind. In-kind contributions may include volunteer hours, donated space or equipment, professional services, or other contributions to the project, valued at a reasonable market rate.

## SHARE YOUR CANADA 150 PROJECT!

Maximize the impact of your Canada 150 initiative by joining the 150Alliance, an open network of groups, individuals and organizations working to make the most of Canada's sesquicentennial.

Register online at [www.150alliance.ca](http://www.150alliance.ca)



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