



COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

PRESS RELEASE

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COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CCF) ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$50,000 IN GRANTS FROM 3 SEPERATE FUNDS CREATING MORE THAN \$85,000 IN 10 LOCAL PROJECTS

Grants from the PEC Fund, the Community Justice Fund, and The Canada 150 Fund, a Celebration of Canada's 150th and of Youth in Our Community, will support Vital Signs priorities in Food Security, Transportation and Learning.

With these grants, the CCF continues its annual granting to PEC organizations. Since the inception, the CCF has made grants of \$300,000 and participated in an additional \$200,000 in grants back to the community.

The County Foundation Board of Directors approved these grants as recommended by an independent grants committee made up of CCF Board Members and volunteer community members from the CCF Grants Committee Pool.

PEC FUND – Total Allocation - \$10,096 (PEC Fund)

PEC Fund provides grants for organizations serving Prince Edward County. Grants from the PEC Fund are for PEC only projects and must address one of the three CCF Vital Signs priorities: Food Security, Transportation, and Learning. The PEC Fund is supported by CCF Visionary Patrons; CCF Board Members as well as other community minded donors.

Grants:

- 1) Prince Edward Arts Council / County Kids Read – \$2,000: To continue to provide, through their partner programs of agencies that work with high need groups, the much needed board books that are harder to acquire, but particularly important given the age and the beginning of good literacy habits. County Kids Reads works with more than a dozen partners including Food Banks; Reaching For Rainbows; Public Library; and others.
- 2) Picton Community Ramp Project – \$3,096: A youth led project, student Madelyn Bardell, and her classmates will work with local Picton businesses to provide accessible ramps into their stores in partnership with the Stop Gap Foundation. This program exists in other locations including Belleville, but in many larger centres too.
- 3) Young Imaginations – \$5,000: The creation of a Youth Choir in PEC that will undertake a specific learning project, Canada Story and Son Explorer and public concert.

CANADA 150 Fund: – Total Allocation - \$36,160 (\$18,080 from PEC Fund; \$18,080 from matching CFC 150 Funds)

The Canada 150 is a matching program offered by Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) which allows the CCF to double its grants to applicants for these grants. The grant is then matched against 50% from the applicant. The focus is Youth and any one of the priorities outlined in Vital Signs. The amount below is full grant. CCF contributes 50% of that amount.



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Grants:

- 1) Prince Edward Arts Council / County Kids Read – \$5,360: To fund a Youth focused Author Festival featuring Canadian authors at QE/Picton school. The Festival will include an autographed copy of the authors books for participants. The content will support the literacy activities that CKR has fostered with the QE school community at their site at St Mary Magdalene’s Church.
- 2) Wellington Storehouse / Food to Share – \$10,000: One of PEC’s most used services is the preparation of foods for distribution by the local food banks. This grant will allow the Food to Share program to expand their preparation activities to a year round rotation and to support their almost 170 volunteers with the resources needed to provide and improve food security for many community members.
- 3) Sophiasburg Central School – up to \$5,000: In partnership with Dark Spark the delivery of a program called Four Directions Indigenous Education which is a 10 day program on colonial history of Canada and Canada’s confederation from an Indigenous perspective. Once completed at Sophiasburg there will be a tour and presentations around Prince Edward County.
- 4) Friends of Sandbanks – \$5,800: Students from PECL, with oversight, will be planting 150 sugar maple trees to enhance a walking trail while learning about their importance to the community now, in the past and the future. And creating a new ‘stock’ of future maple syrup provision.
- 5) Picton Business Improvement Association – \$5,000: To support the local Business Improvement Association provide a free children's carnival as part of Picton's Canada Day Celebration - which is Canada 150; County 225; and Picton 180.
- 6) The ROC – \$5,000: This particular support is to provide snacks, but more importantly transportation services for youth users at the Youth Centre in Picton, or participating in programs and drop in activities offered by the ROC. The transportation component is where most of the grant is directed.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE FUND – Total Allocation - \$4,901.25 (CJ Fund)

Community Justice Fund was originally created by the now closed Prince Edward Corrections Advisory Board (PECAB). The Fund is now managed by the CCF with the primary focus being on youth and positive, diversionary programs designed to keep youth away from the justice system.

Grants:

- 1) Prince Edward Learning Centre – \$4,901.25: To underwrite the purchase of PEFAC Memberships/Passes for youth clients to use whereby there is a link between Health and Recreation in reducing teenage drug, alcohol and smoking abuse. This money will be leveraged to be able to purchase more memberships.

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