



Nova Scotia community foundations provide \$430,187 to community-led infrastructure projects as part of the Government of Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative

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HALIFAX, NS – The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia, and Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation, along with Jaime Battiste, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Member of Parliament for Sydney-Victoria, today announced \$430,187 for seven community-led projects as part of the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative.

Through the \$60-million 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 continued challenges presented by COVID-19. From community gardens and activity spaces to digital infrastructure, the funding is allowing organizations to adapt programs and services to keep residents safe and healthy, support economic recovery, create jobs, and build vibrant, resilient communities.

Nova Scotia organizations and projects receiving funding:

- Discovery Centre - Sprouting Science: Cultivating Food Security and Intergenerational Stem Learning - \$43,960
- Friends of the Pugwash Estuary - Meeting a Need for Trail and River Users - \$8,500
- L'Arche Cape Breton - L'Arche Cape Breton Accessible Nature Trails - \$25,000
- Membertou Heritage Park - Cultural Connects - \$67,700
- ReachABILITY Association - The Joy Spark Club - \$93,475
- YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth - YMCA Youth Leadership & Development Centre Upgrade - \$100,000
- YWCA Halifax - YWCA Dartmouth Childcare Centre - \$91,552

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 was designed to fund eligible projects between \$5,000 and \$250,000 under three main themes: creating safe and vibrant public spaces, improving mobility options and digital solutions.
- To date, 64 organizations in Atlantic Canada have received over \$2.8 million in funding, including 23 projects in Nova Scotia. To see the full list of projects, visit [Results of the Healthy Communities Initiative – Community Foundations of Canada](#).
- Working together and in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, the Atlantic Canadian funding was administered by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia, Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation, Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island, Fondation communautaire de la Péninsule Acadienne, Greater Saint John Community Foundation, Sussex Area Community Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Quotes

“Public spaces are a big part of what makes communities safe, vibrant and connected. With funding from the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, these projects are helping people, including those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, come together in supportive spaces, while bolstering the wellbeing and social fabric of our society.”

--Daniel Holland, CEO, Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

“The Canada Healthy Communities Initiative is supporting projects across the country that build more inclusive communities and ensure a higher quality of life for Canadians. Investments like the one announced today in Nova Scotia are vital to strengthening communities and ensuring they are resilient today and for years to come.”

--Jaime Battiste, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Member of Parliament for Sydney-Victoria

Associated links

[Community Foundation of Nova Scotia](#)

[Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia](#)

[Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation](#)

[Canada Healthy Communities Initiative: healthycommunitiesinitiative.ca](https://healthycommunitiesinitiative.ca)

[Infrastructure Canada: Canada Healthy Communities Initiative](#)

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The [Community Foundation of Nova Scotia \(CFNS\)](#) is a charitable giving facilitator. Our purpose is to inspire giving and steward funds to help build Nova Scotia communities of respect, belonging and possibility. We help donors make sustainable philanthropic impact on causes they care about at the grassroots level. We do this by endowing funds for donors, managing donation programs and convening conversations that make a positive difference in our communities.

Established in 2008, CFNS has more than \$18 million in philanthropic investment under management, including 120 funds and 22 scholarship and award funds. We're part of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), the national network for Canada's over 200 community foundations that reaches 90 percent of our country's communities.

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