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### ***EDT announces \$1.7 million for 2018 Community Investment***

**OHSWEKEN, ON – August 10, 2017** – The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) has been investing in the collective betterment of the Six Nations Community since September 2016. With over \$5 million invested to date, the EDT is excited to announce just over \$1.7 million will be available for community investment in the 2018 calendar year. The EDT is fueled by an annual distribution of surplus profits generated by the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) from three revenue streams 1) Nation Enterprise, which are on reserve business assets; 2) Economic Interests, which include 14 renewable energy projects; and 3) Joint Partnerships, such as A6N a utilities based construction company.

Applications for the 2018 calendar year will be available on the SNGRDC website starting August 28. In an effort to reduce the number of late or incomplete applications, the EDT has introduced a new process for 2018, which will allow applicants to submit their completed applications via email by October 4 at 4pm for initial screening by an EDT representative. An email will then be sent to each applicant by October 6 with a detailed list of what is missing or incomplete. Applicants will then have until the hard deadline of October 13 at 4PM to gather their missing documents for submission.



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“The ultimate intent of the Economic Development Trust is to fund projects that will collectively benefit our community for years to come,” said Rachel Martin, Chair of the EDT. Over the past two years the EDT has funded projects such as the replacement or enhancement of existing equipment, architectural plans and mechanical drawings for infrastructure development, and new equipment purchases for essential services.

This year, the EDT has requested applicants to submit one project application per organization, as a means to clearly determine the organization’s funding priority.

Applications are reviewed in accordance with the Six Nations Community Plan, the Statement of Community Needs and Priorities and the Economic Development Trust Distribution guidelines. A shortlist of applicants will be announced by November 9 with a final list of successful recipients released by December 8, 2017. All approved funds must be utilized between January 1, 2018 and December 1, 2018. For more information, please visit: [www.sndevcorp.ca/guidelines-applications/](http://www.sndevcorp.ca/guidelines-applications/).

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### **About the Economic Development Trust**

The Economic Development Trust (EDT) is the mechanism in which surplus profits generated by Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) are invested into the Six Nations Community for the collective benefit of its members. This model of distribution was a direct result of the 2011 community engagement study “We Gather Our Voices”. The EDT will continue to invest in the Six Nations Community in future years through yearly distributions made possible by SNGRDC. Economic Development Trustees include Rachel Martin (Chair), Jill Hill, Julie A. Hill, and Cathy General. For more information visit [www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/](http://www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/).

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**About Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation:**

Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) manages the Six Nations' economic interests in 14 renewable energy projects and numerous economic development opportunities, on and around the Six Nations territory. SNGRDC's current green energy portfolio is capable of producing nearly 900 MW of renewable energy through its direct or indirect involvement in seven solar, six wind and one hydroelectric project(s). SNGRDC is located on the Six Nations Reserve and directly employs over 100 employees through Nation Enterprise or the administration of Economic Interests projects.

For more information please visit [www.sndevcorp.ca](http://www.sndevcorp.ca)

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