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EDT announces \$2.5 million for 2019 Community Investment

OHSWEKEN, ON – July 16, 2018 – 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. The EDT receives an annual distribution of surplus profits from the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC), which has enabled the EDT to invest over \$6.7 million to date (\$3.5 million in 2016, \$1.4 million in 2017, and \$1.7 million in 2018). These profits are generated by SNGRDC through 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.

This year the EDT is excited to announce just over \$2.5 million is available for community investment in the 2019 calendar year. Applications will be available on the SNGRDC website as of July 31, 2018. “The EDT is an application-based trust, meaning, we can only distribute funds to applicants, if you know of a program or initiative of community importance, please encourage them to apply or attend our information session,” said Rachel Martin, Chair of the EDT.



“We also encourage all applicants to go through a pre-screening process by submitting their applications early for initial review.” The Pre-screening process allows applicants to submit early (until August 29 at 4pm) for initial screening by an EDT representative. An email will then be sent back detailing what is missing or incomplete. Applicants will then have until the hard deadline of September 14 at 4pm to gather any missing documents for submission.

All completed 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. Successful recipients will be announced on December 7, 2018; approved funds can be utilized between January 1, 2019 and December 1, 2019.

To learn more about the pre-screening process or to get more information about the application package, applicants are encouraged to attend an information session on August 8, 2018 from 5-7pm at the Six Nations Tourism Building.

For more information or to view past recipients, visit: www.sndevcorp.ca/edt

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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, Cathy General and Alaina VanEvery. For more information visit www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/

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, in 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 140 employees through Nation Enterprise or the administration of Economic Interests projects. For more information please visit www.sndevcorp.ca