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***Over \$1.7 Million Approved for Community Investment by the EDT***

**SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER, ON – December 8, 2017** – The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) is excited to announce the 2018 Community Investment recipients. This year, the EDT reviewed 17 applications with a total request of just over \$8 million. From these applications, 3 Grassroots and 6 General applicants were approved for a total community investment of \$1,729,381.53.

The EDT is made possible through annual distributions of surplus profits by the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC). Since the creation of the EDT, just over \$6.7 million has been invested into the Six Nations Community for the collective benefit of its members; with \$3.5 million invested in 2016, \$1.4 million in 2017 and \$1.7 million approved for investment in 2018.

“The Economic Development Trust is an application based community investments fund,” said Rachel Martin, Chair of the EDT. “Trustees review applications based on their merit, community impact and ability to address goals outlined in the Community Plan.”



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Approved 2018 recipients include: SONICS-CKRZ, Six Nations Public Works, Kawenni:io Private School, Ganohkwasra, Six Nations Minor Lacrosse, Six Nations Police, Grand River Pow Wow, Two Row on the Grand, and Six Nations Minor Ball. The majority of 2018 Community Investment funds (\$1,200,000) will go towards the extension of the waterline to the Oneida Business Park, extending the line two concessions from Onondaga Rd to just before Hwy 6 on Fourth Line. This will provide 142 homes with the opportunity to connect to the watermain and includes the installation of 40 new fire hydrants.

For a complete list of approved recipients visit [www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/](http://www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/).

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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/](http://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



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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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## 2018 Successful Applicants List

The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) slated just over \$1.7M to be invested in the community in 2018. These funds were made possible by the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation's (SNGRDC) net-free cash flow for all periods prior to March 31, 2017. A total of 9 projects have been approved for 2018 Community Investment by the EDT, in the areas outlined in the Comprehensive Community Plan, Community Needs and Priorities, the and the EDT Distribution Guidelines.

	Recipient	Project	Amount Approved
1	Six Nations Public Works	<i>Watermain Extension to Oneida Business Park. The extension will provide 142 homes with the opportunity to connect to the watermain and get off contaminated well systems.</i>	\$ 1,200,000.00
3	SONICS - CKRZ	<i>To replace extremely outdated, and beyond capacity audio/monitoring management system. This new but relevant equipment and comprehensive audio management system has the potential to sustain and monitor the activities of the station and monitor the equipment at the water tower outside the station. This will keep CKRZ within regulatory reporting standards.</i>	\$ 264,694.49
2	Kawenni:io Private School **	<i>Development and construction of a driveway and laneway for the new school.</i>	\$ 118,129.35
4	Ganohkwasra	<i>Garage for vehicles and storage for maintenance tools and equipment. Garage will provide multiple safety gaps at Ganohkwasra: added protection for vehicles, temporary emergency storage for shelter residents, works station for maintenance staff and additional lighting and safety cameras for Gayenawahsra residents.</i>	\$ 100,662.69
5	Six Nations Minor Lacrosse	<i>Seeking funding to offset the cost of Gaylord Powless Arena and cover the costs of all tournaments. To invest in our athletes as well as to reinvest into our community facilities.</i>	\$ 8,000.00

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6	Six Nations Police	<i>Website development for education/awareness &amp; tip line. Resources will focus on substance abuse with a focus on drugs and community safety focusing on community support.</i>	\$ 4,995.00
9	Grand River Pow Wow Committee	<i>To provide meals for the dancers, singers and volunteers. Projected 500 meals per day will be needed in 2018.</i>	\$ 13,800.00
8	Two Row on the Grand	<i>First Nations and allies dedicated to paddle along the Grand from Paris to Port Maitland. Together native and non native peoples will work together to commemorate the original intent of the 1613 Two Row Treaty. The group will participate in community building, events and cultural teachings as they paddle and camp along the Grand.</i>	\$ 11,100.00
7	Six Nations Minor Ball	<i>To receive funds for diamond time/rental, tournament fees.</i>	\$ 8,000.00
<b>TOTAL 2018 INVESTMENT</b>			<b>\$ 1,729,381.53</b>

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