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Over \$2.5 Million Invested in 2019 by the Economic Development Trust

SIX NATIONS, ON – December 7, 2018– The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) is proud to announce the Community Investment Funds for 2019 have now been allocated. This year, the EDT received 20 applications with a total ask of over \$7.6 Million. From these applications, 15 were deemed complete by an EDT representative and sent to the Trustees for official review. Following individual and group scoring, as well as shortlist presentations, the Board of Trustees approved six general and four grassroots applications for Community Investment. Together these 10 organizations will receive \$2,559,865.73 to invest in the collective benefit of the Six Nations of the Grand River.

EDT funds are made available through annual distributions of surplus profits by the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC). These profits are a result of SNGRDC's operations both on and off reserve, including but not limited to, Six Nations Bingo, A6N Utilities, Six Nations Tourism, along with various investments in the renewable energy industry. All approved EDT applications must benefit the Six Nations collectively and align with the Trust Indenture, Community Plan, Community Needs & Priorities and the EDT Investment Guidelines. The following 10 projects have been approved for 2019 Community Investment:

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General Recipients

- ***Six Nations Community Food Bank*** will receive \$259,450.73 toward their construction funds to build a food bank facility on Cao Lane in the village complete with a storage facility, food service area, small garage and office space.
- ***Six Nations Fire & Emergency Services*** will receive \$455,000 to purchase new water tanker truck to services areas of the community not currently on the waterline.
- ***Six Nations Health Services*** will receive \$346,675 to renovate the White Pines Wellness Centre Kitchen & Gathering Space allowing for in-house programming on healthy eating and food security to be delivered to the community.
- ***Six Nations Language Commission*** will receive \$100,000 to assist with their on-going goal to create a critical mass of speakers for the three language programs they currently offer.
- ***Six Nations Parks & Recreation*** will receive \$600,000 to construct a new concession booth, washrooms and storage facility at the Six Nations Ball Diamonds.
- ***Six Nations Public Works*** will receive \$760,000 for the Phase 2 technical drawings to expand the waterline between the roads of Mohawk & Cayuga from Third Line to Sixth Line. These plans will include an additional 17 concessions (614 households) and will identify infrastructure needed to maintain waterline pressure south of Third Line in preparation for the Phase 3 expansion.

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Grassroot Recipients

- ***Friends of Stump Hall*** will receive \$10,000 to replace the fence surrounding the cemetery to help prevent vandalism and illegal dumping of garbage.
- ***Grand River Pow Wow Committee*** will receive \$3,840 to purchase fencing which can be installed along the river to ensure public safety during the Pow Wow.
- ***Six Nations Minor Hockey*** will receive \$15,000 to assist with mandatory equipment upgrades as per safety requirements and assist teams with ice time.
- ***Two Row on the Grand*** will receive \$9,900 to assist with cultural teachings and community participant fees for this 1613 Two Row Treaty commemoration.

Since the formation of the EDT in 2016, over \$6.8 Million has been invested to date. The 2019 allocation raises the grand total to just over \$9.4 Million. In addition to the allocated funds listed above, the Board of Trustees has decided to pilot a second call for 2019 Grassroot applicants. “An additional \$150,000 has been made available to organizations, who do not have regular employees, and work towards the collective betterment of the Six Nations,” said Rachel Martin, Chair of the EDT. “Grassroots organizations can apply for up to \$15,000 for projects taking place in the second half of 2019.” Additional dates and details about this second call for Grassroot applications will be released in the new year. A complete list of all current and past recipients is available at www.sndevcorp.ca/recipients/.



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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/edt/

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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, 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

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