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***EDT announces \$2.5 million for 2023 Community Investment***

**OHSWEKEN, ON – July 20, 2022**

The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) is thrilled to announce a \$2.5 million community investment has been released for the 2023 calendar year.

This is the largest distribution since 2019 and will be the third exceeding \$2 million since the launch of the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) in 2015. Regardless of hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, SNGRDC was able to adapt and continue providing surplus profits to the EDT.

Applications will be available on the EDT website on July 29, 2022. “After a very challenging time for individuals and communities alike, the EDT is looking forward to reinvesting in projects that will meet our community’s current and future needs, while paving the way for collective accomplishment. We encourage all eligible applicants to put forth their applications and ask that you share this call for applications community wide,” said Alaina VanEvery, Chair of the EDT.

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“To ensure all applications have the greatest chance of success, we encourage all applicants to take advantage of our pre-screening process,” said VanEvery.

The Pre-screening process is free of charge and allows applicants to submit their applications early (until August 26, 2022 at 4pm) for initial screening by an EDT representative. The applicant will be contacted with a detailed list of missing or incomplete information. Applicants then have until the hard deadline of September 9, 2022 at 4pm to submit missing documents.

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 November 9, 2022, approved funds must be utilized between January 1, 2023 and December 1, 2023. To learn more about the pre-screening process or the application package, applicants can contact Roxanne Wilkieson, Corporate Affairs Manager at 519-753-1950 ext. 6450 or [trust@sndevcorp.ca](mailto:trust@sndevcorp.ca).

For more information or to view past recipients, visit: [www.sixnationsedt.ca](http://www.sixnationsedt.ca).

The EDT has been investing in the collective betterment of the Six Nations Community since September 2016. EDT funds are made available through annual distributions of surplus profits by the SNGRDC. To date, the EDT has invested over \$14.6 million in the community of Six Nations. SNGRDC generates profits through

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three revenue streams which include 1) Nation Enterprise, on reserve business assets; 2) Economic Interests, which are off-reserve investments; and 3) Joint Partnerships, such as A6N a utilities-based construction company.

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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 Alaina VanEvery (Chair), Andrew Joseph, Myka Burning, Hilary Visheau and Reva Bomberry. For more information visit [www.sixnationsedt.ca](http://www.sixnationsedt.ca)

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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 20 renewable energy projects and numerous economic development opportunities, in and around the Six Nations territory. SNGRDC's current green energy portfolio can produce over 1400 MW of renewable energy through its direct or indirect involvement in seven solar, 13 wind project(s). SNGRDC is located on the Six Nations Reserve and employs an average of 140 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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