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***\$42,000 in Grassroots Funding Approved
by Six Nations of the Grand River
Economic Development Trust***

*Funds generated by Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation
to help support four community-based initiatives.*

Ohsweken, ON, March 12, 2026 – The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) has approved \$42,000 in community investment to support the work of four local volunteer organizations and initiatives on Six Nations throughout 2026. The following applicants were approved for funding at a meeting of the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC)'s Economic Development Trust Committee on March 4, 2026:

- **Two Row on the Grand** will receive \$15,000 for their 2026 Annual Paddle
- **Miss Indigenous Canada** will receive \$12,000 for their Leadership Development and Ambassador Program
- The **Haudenosaunee Lacrosse Academy** will receive \$7,500 for their Summer and School Holiday Skills Camps
- **Oliver M. Smith Elementary School** will receive \$7,500 for their Grade 8 Graduation Trip

“Supporting grassroots initiatives is one of the most meaningful ways we can give back, and we’re proud that SNGRDC’s success allows us to continue investing in the people, programs, and organizations that make the Six Nations community stronger,” said Rachel Martin, Chair of SNGRDC’s Board of Directors.

The EDT is funded by the surplus profits of SNGRDC’s business operations, including investments in renewable energy infrastructure. Applicants must demonstrate a financial need and showcase how their project aligns with the [Six Nations Community Plan](#).

Another call for grassroots and general applications will be issued in April 2026. To stay updated on future calls for applications, please follow the EDT’s [Facebook page](#). To

learn more about the EDT and to view past funding recipients, please visit www.sixnationsedt.ca.

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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”. Following the launch of SNGRDC’s remodeled governance structure in March 2023, the mandate of the EDT has become a function of the SNGRDC Board of Directors, which will continue to provide funding for community investment. For more information, please visit 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 28 energy projects and numerous economic development opportunities in and around the Six Nations territory. SNGRDC’s current energy portfolio boasts 2.5 GW of capacity through its direct or indirect involvement in five battery storage, seven solar, and 14 wind project(s). SNGRDC is located on the Six Nations Reserve and employs an average of 100 employees through Nation Enterprise or the administration of Economic Interests projects. For more information, please visit www.sndevcorp.ca.

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