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### ***Economic Development Trust will invest \$1.5 million in 2017***

**OHSWEKEN, ON – February 22, 2017 –** The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) is excited to announce the 2017 call for applications. In 2017, the EDT will invest \$1.5 million into the Six Nations Community. Applications will be available starting March 6 with a deadline of April 20, 2017 by 4PM. Successful applicants will be notified on June 20, 2017 and will have until December 1, 2017 to fully expend the funds. An additional call for applications is planned for August 2017 for projects taking place in 2018. Funding agreements for this phase will not begin until January 1, 2018.

“This year’s dual call for applications is intended to align the EDT’s reporting period with our funding source, Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC). Looking forward to 2018, this change will equip the EDT with sufficient time to engage applicants and recipients well in advance so that we are able to create the greatest impact to the community” said Rachel Martin, Chair of the EDT. “This will also provide more time for recipients to expend the community investment funds.”

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The introduction of two application windows over the next 12 months will result in a smaller investment amount than 2016, as the fiscal surplus from SNGRDC will be split between the two application deadlines.

For the 2017 application, the EDT has set a strict stipulation that no late or incomplete applications will be accepted or reviewed. Therefore, all applicants are highly encouraged to book a face-to-face meeting with an EDT representative to review their submission in April. These sessions are designed to ensure that applicants have included all application requirements prior to submission. Applications and a detailed application schedule will be available on March 6 at: [www.sndevcorp.ca/guidelines-applications/](http://www.sndevcorp.ca/guidelines-applications/).

### **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 Shirley Squire. For more information visit [www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/](http://www.sndevcorp.ca/trust/).

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## **About Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation**

The Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation (SNGRDC) manages economic interests for the people of Six Nations. SNGRDC mandate is to pursue economic self-sufficiency without sacrificing the culture or integrity of the people of Six Nations. For more information visit [www.sndevcorp.ca](http://www.sndevcorp.ca).

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