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Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust

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Economic Development Trust Announces Shortlist of 2024 Applicants

For Immediate Release: February 13, 2024 – As previously announced in October 2023, the Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) application process is currently underway.

The EDT received twelve applications with a total ask of just over \$816,245 and has released the shortlisted applications, inclusive of four General applications and eight Grassroots applications.

The shortlisting process consists of applications that are deemed complete, are within the scope of the 2024 EDT guidelines, and warrant further evaluation by the EDT, a committee of the Board of Directors.

The allocation of funding is decided following the application review and scoring, as well as applicant presentations. Presentations are taking place on Saturday, February 24, 2024, in the SNGRDC boardroom (2498 Chiefswood Rd), which are open to the public. The presentation schedule is as follows:

9:00 – 9:15am	Two Row on the Grand
9:15 – 9:30am	Seneca Longhouse
9:30 – 9:45am	Onondaga Language Collective
9:45 – 10:00am	Aboriginal Senior Wish
10:00 – 10:30am	Break
10:30 – 10:45am	The Muskrat Podcast
10:45 – 11:00am	The Golden Spoon

11:00 – 11:15am	Six Nations Skydome Beaders
11:15 – 11:30am	Six Nations Agricultural Society
11:45 – 12:30pm	Lunch
12:45 – 1:00pm	Six Nations Polytechnic
1:00 – 1:15pm	Six Nations Language Commission
1:15 – 1:30pm	Kayanase
1:30 – 1:45pm	Six Nations Public Library

Successful recipients will be notified by Friday, March 1, 2024, and must utilize funding between April 1 and December 1, 2024.

"We look forward to evaluating the shortlisted applications and supporting projects that will have a positive impact on the Six Nations community," said Rachel Martin, Chair of the Economic Development Trust committee.

Since 2016, the EDT has invested over \$17 million into the Six Nations community. This funding is made possible through annual distributions of surplus profits by the SNGRDC. For more information on the EDT, including application guidelines and past recipients, please visit <u>www.sixnationsedt.ca</u>.

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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. Members of the Economic Development Trust Committee include Rachel Martin (Chair), Andrew Joseph, Justin Porter, and Myka Burning. For more information, please visit <u>www.sixnationsedt.ca</u>.

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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 is capable of producing over 1300 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 110 employees through Nation Enterprise or the administration of Economic Interests projects. For more information, please visit www.sndevcorp.ca

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