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Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust Approves \$90,000 in Grassroots Funding

*Surplus profits from Six Nations of the Grand River
Development Corporation to support six local volunteer
groups and projects*

Ohswegen, ON, July 28, 2025 – The Six Nations of the Grand River Economic Development Trust (EDT) has approved \$90,000 in community investment to support the work of six local volunteer organizations and initiatives on Six Nations throughout 2025. 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 July 2, 2025.

- The **I.L. Thomas Home & School Association** will receive \$15,000 for improvements to their walking/running track
- The **Dylan Isaacs Memorial Basketball Tournament Committee** will receive \$15,000 for their Youth Skills Camp
- The **Grand River Powwow Committee** will receive \$15,000 for the 2025 Grand River Champion of Champions Powwow
- **Skaronhyase'ko:wa Tsyohterakentko:wa Tsi Yontaweya'tahkwa – The Everlasting Tree School** will receive \$15,000 for their *Tyonnhehkwen Onkwaya'takehnhátshera* Program (Nutrition Program)
- **Six Nations Minor Lacrosse** will receive \$15,000 for their 'Celebrating the Creator's Game' project
- **Oliver M. Smith Elementary School** will receive \$15,000 to revitalize their baseball diamond

"The Trust is proud to support these community-led projects. Each initiative strengthens our community through enrichment of our culture, youth, wellness, and education," said Rachel Martin, Chair of the Economic Development Trust Committee.

“Nya:weh to all the volunteers in our community working to make a difference.”

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](#).

The EDT will be issuing a final call for grassroots applications on August 25, 2025. 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 25 energy projects and numerous economic development opportunities in and around the Six Nations territory. SNGRDC’s current energy portfolio boasts over 2.4 GW of capacity through its direct or indirect involvement in five battery storage, six 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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