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# **YOUTH & ENVIRONMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM NIAGARA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Niagara Community Foundation today announced its first two granting programs for 2006 to which local charities can apply.

There is \$10,000 available to support environmental groups across Niagara. Projects to protect or restore shorelines as well as those improving the waters of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and related tributaries are eligible for support.

Groups working with youth will have access to \$32,000 in grants. The foundation is requesting project proposals from charities working to develop the skills, relationships and abilities of young people.

The deadline for both programs is noon on Monday, January 27, 2006. Both application forms are available on the foundation's website at [www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org](http://www.niagaracommunityfoundation.org) or by calling the foundation office at 905-684-8688. Organizations must speak to a representative of the Foundation prior to completing an application form.

The Niagara Community Foundation builds and manages income earning endowment funds to support charitable activities. With this gift, the Foundation has received more than \$3.6 million in permanently held endowment funds. Since the foundation's launch in 2000, almost \$800,000 in grants has been awarded to groups across Niagara.

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