

2023 ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

ORGANIZATION NAME	PROJECT NAME	GRANTS	PROJECT SUMMARY
City of Niagara Falls	Mother Earth Day event	\$4,500	Mother Earth Day events.
Corporation of the Town of Pelham	North Pelham Park Tree Plant and Seminar Series	\$15,000	Enhance the natural tree canopy in a community park with the North Pelham Earth Week project to create a native species tree canopy in the rural park.
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	Wet Meadow Restoration, Exploration and Education	\$29,425	Project serves the Niagara community by restoring wet meadow habitat, providing nature exploration opportunities and educating through programming and exhibits.
I Can Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association of Niagara Inc. - I CAN-T.E.R.	Beaver Creek Restoration Project - Phase 2	\$20,000	Beaver Creek Restoration Project will focus on environmental protection, enhancement and restoration by removing creek blockages, restoring creek embankments, controlling invasive species, and regenerate wildlife habitats.
Links for Greener Learning	Links for Greener Learning - Annual Earth Day Celebration	\$5,000	8th Annual Earth Week Event will welcome schools back in-person to the St. Catharines Farmer's Market where they will have the opportunity to connect directly with organizations that are working to decrease human impact in environmentally sensitive areas.
Ontario Nature	Controlling Invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid at Harold Mitchell Nature Reserve	\$10,000	Harold Mitchell Nature Reserve is possibly the last mature hemlock forest on the shores of Lake Erie in the Niagara Region. Currently, these mature hemlock stands are threatened by the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, an aphid-like invasive insect. Through this project, Ontario Nature will reduce infestation rate of invasive hemlock woolly adelgid at the Harold Mitchell Nature Reserve, thereby maintaining the mature hemlock forest habitat that is vital for wildlife survival.
The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines (Friends of Malcolmson Eco-Park)	Waterfowl Pond Restoration	\$2,000	Plant native trees and shrubs to deter people from water edge and mitigate shore erosion.
The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines (Walkers Creek)	Walkers Creek & Cherie Road Park Invasive Species Removal Project	\$6,325	The Walkers Creek & Cherie Road Park Invasive Species Removal Project would involve the removal of garlic mustard, and a planting to control the regrowth of the garlic mustard to reduce the potential for spread and the risk of environmental impacts.
Trout Unlimited Canada Niagara Chapter	Healthy Twelve Mile Creek Biodiversity: Invasive Species Replace and Replant	\$41,500	Goal of this project is to stem the spread of invasive species throughout the Upper Twelve Mile Watershed. With 85% of the watershed privately-owned, our project aims to mobilize property owners to be aware, educated and motivated to identify and remove invasive species from their property and replant with native trees, shrubs and grasses. As well the project will create awareness among pond owners for the need to prevent the release of Goldfish or Koi into the watershed.
	TOTAL	\$133,750	

2023 SUMMER CAMP GRANTS

ORGANIZATION NAME	RECOMMEND	#KIDS
Autism Society Ontario - Niagara Region Chapter	\$1,500	30
Carousel Players	\$1,050	4
Cave Springs Camp	\$1,000	4
Community Living Welland	\$2,000	6
Community Living - Fort Erie	\$2,000	1
Community Living Port Colborne - Wainfleet	\$1,800	4
Faith Welland Outreach	\$1,500	50
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	\$1,000	22
Kristen French	\$1,500	15
Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region	\$1,320	6
Niagara Pumphouse Visual Arts Centre	\$1,000	4
Red Roof Retreat	\$1,500	15
Town of Lincoln	\$1,280	8
Town of Pelham	\$1,330	7
Young Carers Initiative - Powerhouse Project	\$2,000	60
TOTAL	\$21,780	236

2023 SPRING MINI GRANTS

ORGANIZATION NAME	GRANTS	PROJECT SUMMARY
Garden City Productions	\$499	Purchase printer to streamline the process of producing necessary material for cast and crew to effectively complete their rehearsals in a stress free environment.
St. Catharines Public Library	\$750	Provide sensory kits with noise-cancelling headphones and tactile items for individuals with autism and neurodivergent challenges to reduce stress and anxiety when visiting the Library and attending programs.
Caribbean Workers Outreach Project	\$750	Support transportation costs for migrant workers from Lincoln and NOTL to attend annual Cricket Match event.
The Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library	\$750	Support Summer Kick-Off Community Event which is the launch of summer children's programming to attract families to the library and foster excitement within the community.
Lincoln Pelham Public Library	\$750	Host Muckpaloo Ipeelie, Inuk Cultural Consultant and CEO of Urban Inuit Identity Project, during Truth and Reconciliation month to provide the community with a greater awareness of Inuit Culture and history.
Niagara Railway Museum Inc	\$750	Support replacement of guard rail along the pit area to improve the safety of the deck and surroundings for visitors and volunteers.
Cave Springs Camp Inc.	\$750	Support the purchase of 2 bbqs to be used for meals that will benefit children, families and adults who use the facilities.
Red Roof Retreat	\$500	Purchase games that will allow clients to play together as well as provide a fun, meaningful activities onsite and in the community.
Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre	\$750	Revise and print 'You Are Not Alone' booklet to be distributed to medical care facilities such as hospitals in the region, doctors offices and other social service organizations.
Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold (Niagara Nutrition Partners)	\$750	Support creation of promotional video that will explain services and to be used as an introduction at speaking events.
Faith Tabernacle Pentecostal Assembly (Faith Welland Outreach)	\$750	Support purchase of new folding tables to be used at Community House(s).
Niagara Resource Service for Youth (RAFT)	\$750	Support launch of educational community campaign, Attachment Is The Answer, to showcase promise to end youth homelessness by forging stronger bonds with family, friends, school, and community.
The Brown Homestead	\$750	Support purchase of tables for use onsite as programming expands and for events.
TOTAL	\$9,249	

2023 DAVID S. HOWES FUND GRANTS

ORGANIZATION NAME	RECOMMEND	PROJECT SUMMARY
Attachment and Trauma Therapy Centre for Healing (ATTCH) Niagara	\$40,000	Expand trauma specific therapy and programs to Beamsville and Niagara Falls for people with complex mental health concerns who are otherwise unable to access such assistance.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Niagara	\$20,000	Support strategic improvements to Nearly New Thrift Store to increase profitability of social enterprise, increasing the ability to provide life-changing mentoring programs to young people facing adversity.
Boys and Girls Club of Niagara	\$35,000	Support replacement of 5 of 8 compressors associated with the HVAC unit servicing the Niagara Falls pool as these repairs are critical to the continued delivery of aquatic program services.
Brock University	\$25,000	Develop an Indigenous Vision for Housing in Niagara that outlines how to build safe, affordable and culturally appropriate homes in Niagara from the position of Indigenous sovereignty.
City of St. Catharines (Haig Neighbours)	\$15,000	Support transformation of the York Street Parkette and Haig Community Garden into a vibrant community hub where neighbours and visitors can gather, spend time, and build the social fabric.
Community Care St. Catharines and Thorold	\$28,000	Installation of a video surveillance system to support the safety and wellbeing of clients, volunteers and frontline staff at the 2 North Street building.
Community Crew	\$20,000	To address the current Food Cost Crisis, Community Crew seeks funding to continue providing a fully balanced, complete lunch at school to the food insecure children we are committed to supporting in 2023 in the Niagara Region.
Heartland Forest Nature Experience	\$20,000	Support accessibility upgrades include a new ramp, adjustable tables, storage solutions and designated parking spots to support the classroom portable, a critical space for inclusive programming.
Hotel Dieu Shaver Foundation	\$50,000	Support purchase of much-needed patient beds and specialty mattresses to meet the safety needs of patients, vital in preventing patient falls and pressure injuries for all inpatients.
Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara	\$15,000	Support redesign and renovation of welcome area, incorporating trauma-informed design concepts, to create a calm and supportive setting for our young clients when they visit the Centre.
Niagara SPCA and Humane Society	\$22,500	Support program to visit long term care centers and senior residents can interact with animals and an participate in education session on animals.
Pelham Cares Inc.	\$15,000	Support purchase a 360 cubic foot walk-in freezer, to provide additional frozen storage capacity to offset the increasing cost of food by receiving bulk items.
Silver Spire United Church	\$25,000	Support replacement of boiler that services facility with an efficient system, replace thermostats, remove asbestos, and update the facility's fire barrier to modernize the heating systems for the facility's many users.
The Brown Homestead	\$22,000	Conduct ground-penetrating radar scans, followed by an archaeological survey with appropriate Indigenous monitoring to support research and new educational programming efforts at The Brown Homestead and to support ongoing site development.
YWCA Niagara Region	\$35,000	Purchase truck and plow to divert the \$60,000 currently budgeted for snow plowing of organization facilities to a maintenance worker that will ensure properties are maintained and plowing is done properly and efficiently.
TOTAL	\$387,500	