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### New Local Food Fund to Award \$10,000 in Grants

June 15, 2010 (Nova Scotia) - Local Food NS is pleased to announce that its first grant program is now accepting applications. The fund will provide grants to community-based organizations with the aim to strengthen the local food system in Nova Scotia.

“We envision a future for Nova Scotia where rich top soil, clean air and water, resilient farm and fishing communities and a secure, healthy, local food supply is available for all citizens. It is crucial to engage and inspire all Nova Scotians to celebrate this inheritance for future generations,” explains Dr. Ralph Martin, Chair of Local Food NS and a Professor at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

The announcement of the 2010 granting program marks a significant milestone. The new fund is the only charitable funding source in the province with a mandate dedicated to healthy local food issues.

This year, \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) will be awarded to successful applicants. Interested groups are invited to visit <http://www.spiritnovascotia.ca> and download an application form. The application deadline is July 31st, 2010. Grants will be awarded in September.

**Local Food NS** formed as a catalyst team within Spirit Nova Scotia, is a grassroots organization focused on purposeful society building. This team of dedicated volunteers has partnered with the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia to create and administer this fund.

**Spirit Nova Scotia (SNS)** is a grassroots movement focused on purposeful society building. SNS’ goal is to assure that the society we enjoy 30 years into the future will embrace the same “Spirit” as the one we cherish today. For more information, please visit: <http://www.spiritnovascotia.ca>

The **Community Foundation of Nova Scotia** is a public charitable foundation created by and for the people of Nova Scotia. It works with private donors, communities, and charitable organizations to stimulate charitable giving, establish permanent endowment funds, and support initiatives which make an ongoing difference in communities across Nova Scotia. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cfns.ca>

Local Food Nova Scotia is part of the Spirit Nova Scotia movement. Its goal is to help develop and sustain a healthy, local food supply for all Nova Scotians.

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