



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
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Grants Program 2008

Over the past few months, the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia has been busy rolling out its 2008 Grants Program. To date, we've traveled to 6 communities across Nova Scotia including Sydney, Yarmouth, Clare, Pugwash, Amherst and Halifax. Additional presentations will be made across the province prior to the Grants Program's closing deadline of June 15th.

If you would like us to visit your town to talk about our Grants Program, please contact us today.

2008 Grants Program at a Glance

Community Grants Program

Five grants of \$2,000 will be awarded to charitable organizations across the

province for community initiatives which address root causes, fill a gap or meet a need in your community, develop local leadership, promote collaboration and sharing and/or demonstrate approaches which may be considered uniquely "Nova Scotian."

FHA Legacy Grants

Five grants of \$1,000 each are available to arts and heritage organizations across the province who wish to improve their capacity in one or more of the following areas: organizational governance/management, financial management, organizational effectiveness, marketing, planning, and community outreach or membership/ audience development.

For more information, or for an application, please visit www.cfns.ca

Environmental Endowment Incentive

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is pleased to offer a \$12,500 environmental endowment incentive matching grant to an environmental charity that either has an endowment fund already, or would like to establish one in the near future. This program is funded by the Community Foundations of Canada and J.W. McConnell Family Foundation Community Foundations and the Environment program.

Benefits

Permanent endowment funds can increase the sustainability of charitable organizations over the long term by providing a reliable source of annual revenue.

How It Works

- Your board determines how much to invest long-term.
- Your organization works with our staff to complete a Fund Agreement.
- We set up a special fund in the name of your organization.
- Donors can add to the fund at any time and benefit from tax savings.
- Your organization receives regular statements on the fund.
- Annual earnings are directed to your organization and spent according to the wishes of your board.

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Did you know?

Community foundations are the fastest growing charitable movement in the world!

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:





BALLE NOVA SCOTIA
Business Alliance for
Local Living Economies

A Living Economy ensures that economic power resides locally, sustaining healthy community life and natural life as well as long-term economic viability.

Other Nova Scotians who are involved with BALLE-NS:

Norbert Kungl, Selwood Greens Organic Farm, Bramber

Lara Ryan, Business Consultant, Halifax

Curtis Cartmill, C-Vision, Amherst

Mark Richard, Second Source Power, Windsor

Kyle Shaw, The Coast, Halifax

Simeon Roberts, Business Consultant, Coldbrook

Lil MacPherson, Wooden Monkey Restaurant, Halifax

Scott Travers, Minas Basin Pulp and Power, Hantsport

Paul-Emile Leblanc, Caisse populaire de Clare, Clare

Promoting Local Living Economies in NS

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is thrilled to be a founding member of the soon-to-be BALLE Nova Scotia, the third network of its kind to be formed in Canada. Other founding members include: Scott Travers (President & COO, Minas Basin Pulp and Power), Lil MacPherson (Owner/Operator, Wooden Monkey Restaurant), Simeon Roberts (Business Consultant) and Marla MacLeod (Ecology Action Centre).

Members of local BALLE networks have a direct stake in the future of their communities and bioregions and include local business owners, non-profit leaders, government representatives, and engaged citizens.

Members of Local BALLE Networks work

Living Economy principles:

Living economy **communities** produce and exchange locally as many products needed by their citizens as they reasonably can.

Living economy **businesses** are primarily independent and locally owned, and value the needs and interests of all stakeholders while building long-term profitability.

They strive to:

- Source products from businesses with similar values, with a preference for local procurement
- Provide employees a healthy workplace with meaningful living-wage jobs
- Offer customers personal service

together to:

- Support the growth & development of community-based businesses
- Encourage local purchasing by consumers and businesses
- Create opportunities for business leaders to network and share best practices
- Advocate public policies that strengthen independent local businesses and farms, promote economic equity, and protect the environment

For more information on how you can become a member, and on the upcoming BALLE conference in Boston, please visit the "Special Projects" section of our website at www.cfns.ca

and useful safe, quality products

- Work with suppliers to establish a fair exchange
- Cooperate with other businesses in ways that balance their self-interest with their obligation to the community and future generations
- Use their business practices to support an inclusive and healthy community, and to protect our natural environment
- Yield a "living return" to owners and investors

Living economy **citizens** appreciate the benefits of buying from these community-centred businesses.

Spotlight on Community Leaders

Paul-Emile Leblanc is the CEO of Caisse populaire de Clare which has four branches, 34 employees and manages \$72M in assets. Since its merger and creation in 1997, the Caisse Populaire de Clare has been actively engaged in economic and social development in the Clare area. It commits over \$50,000 to local community development each year. Yet, Paul-Emile's commitment to his community doesn't stop there. Paul-Emile jumped at the opportunity to be part of our BALLE-NS activities and will be part of the private sector contingent that will travel to the BALLE conference in Boston this June.

Indeed Paul-Emile's commitment to community is apparent in all that he does: he has been a Board Member of the Chambre de commerce de Clare since 1995. He sits on a task force for the Municipalité de Clare with the Municipality of Argyle and is exploring ways that the two municipalities can work together and share resources. Paul-Emile also works extensively with youth groups including the Clare Lions Hockey Team, ACE Sainte-Anne and many student activities at Université Sainte Anne. He has been involved with Les Jeux de l'Acadie for many years and is presently on a committee working to bid for the 2011 Grande Finale.

Anyone Can Build a Legacy

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is available to anyone who would like to give something back to the community and create a legacy to support the causes they care about. Donations are pooled into an ever-growing, permanent endowment fund and only the earnings generated through its investment are distributed as grants. Donors can be confident that a gift to the Community Foundation, no matter how small or in what form, is a gift that will continue to give for many years to come.

Benefits of donating to the Community Foundation:

Permanence. Your gift becomes part of a permanent endowment fund that will give to the community forever.

Simplicity. A single gift can address a wide range of interests and charities.

Flexibility. Your gift can be structured to achieve your charitable and financial planning goals.

Relevance. The Foundation works with local organizations to identify current needs in the community to ensure grants are always relevant.

Fiscal Responsibility. The funds are professionally managed to ensure good return at minimal cost.

Accountability. Community leaders serve on the volunteer Board of Directors, which oversees the activities of the Foundation.

Tax Advantages. Your gift results in tax savings for you or your estate.

Recognition. You can be recognized as a donor or remain anonymous. It's up to you.

Did you know?

You can establish a fund to **honour a loved one** forever with as little as \$2,500!

Field of interest funds and **Designated funds** can be established with as little as \$25,000 pledged over two years!

How To Give

The Community Foundation offers a full range of **gift-giving options**. We can accept gifts of cash, appreciated securities and real estate as well as bequests and life insurance.

Establishing a fund is simple and often provides significant tax benefits. Of course, a donor may always make a contribution to the Community Foundation without establishing a fund. Please contact us for more information or visit our website at www.cfns.ca



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