

2025 Fall Community Grants and Capital Grants

| 2025 COMMUNITY GRANTS | | | |
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| Organization | Project | Granted | Brief Description |
| Artcures Inc. | Canvas and Connection: A Community Art Installation Rooted in Peace and | \$4,991.00 | The Art Wrap Project invites the community to co-create canvas into art ribbons, transforming Owen Sound's downtown with colour in 2026. |
| Beaver Valley Destination Stewardship | Stewardship Circles Engage Neighbourhood Energy (SCENE) | \$4,950.00 | Our SCENE project will expand opportunity in community conversations by including Indigenous-led two-eyed seeing concepts in our Stewardship Circles to enhance ecological perspectives on local issues. |
| Bluewater Ballistix Volleyball Club | Bluewater Ballistix Volleyball Club (BBVC) First Aid and Training/Kits | \$5,000.00 | The Bluewater Ballistix Volleyball Club (BBVC) will engage in First Aid training and the provision of quality First Aid kits to every team representative team as they travel to compete. |
| Bluewater Education Foundation | Rankin River Canoe Rally | \$5,000.00 | The Bluewater Education Foundation is launching a canoe rally, down the Rankin River from Sky Lake to our dock at Boat Lake while learning about the ecosystems and historic landmarks along the way. |
| Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre | The Fabric of Our Being - Public Art Project | \$5,000.00 | Fabric of Our Being Public Art Project brings together 60 participants to take part in the creation of a quilt in honour of the International Decade for People of African Descent. |
| Bruce Peninsula Hospice Inc. | Building on Compassionate Communities on the Bruce Peninsula | \$5,000.00 | Building on Compassionate Communities Project will provide for events and a report of ideas toward helping to support compassionate community initiatives and caring connections on the Bruce Peninsula. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | Workplace Training and Community Education: Enhancing psychological health and safety in Grey | \$5,000.00 | Psychological Health & Safety Workplace Training offered by CMHA Grey Bruce enhances mental health awareness and psychological safety in the workplace across Grey Bruce. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | Critical Incident Response Team Enhancement - Debriefing & Mutual Support Training | \$1,250.00 | The Critical Incident Response Team Enhancement project improves the mental health supports and services available to staff and residents following a critical incident. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | 'Parents Like Us' Grey Bruce Adaptation: Support for caregivers of youth affected by substance use | \$5,000.00 | The 'Parents Like Us' Grey Bruce Adaptation project enhances support and improves accessibility to services for caregivers and parents of youth affected by substance use in Grey Bruce. |
| Canadian Mental Health Association | Suicide Prevention Campaign – Building a Suicide-Safer Grey Bruce | \$5,000.00 | CMHA Grey Bruce, along with other community organizations, will deliver a suicide prevention campaign that raises awareness, promotes training, and connects people to resources across Grey and Bruce. |
| Community Outreach Program Wiarton | Community Outreach Program Wiarton (Lunch Feeding Program) | \$5,000.00 | Community Outreach Program seeks to meet the ever increasing need of local residents facing food insecurity and homelessness, providing a safe location to access other health and wellness resources. |
| Friends of the Dundalk Library | Expanding Literacy Initiatives at the Library | \$5,000.00 | Expanding support for home literacy with tools for all reading levels to help families foster daily reading habits and bridge access gaps. |
| GMAN C.A.R.E.S. Incorporated | Early Intervention for Youth with Eating Disorders: Piloting FREEDcan in Grey Bruce | \$5,000.00 | To bring early-stage, evidence-based eating disorder services to Grey Bruce youth, improving access, care pathways, and culturally inclusive support. |
| Grey Roots Museum & Archives | Climate Action Comes Alive | \$5,000.00 | Climate Action Comes Alive will create a community gathering to celebrate local climate leaders through song and inspire visitors to connect, take action, and build hope for the future. |
| Grey Sauble Conservation Authority | Building Connection Through Conservation: Turtle Nest Protectors Workshop Series | \$3,375.00 | Community woodworking workshops to build turtle nest protectors - fostering conservation awareness, community connection, and mental wellness through hands-on learning and shared experience. |
| Maam Wiim Win Native Homes | Maam Wiim Win Homes: Cultivating Connection and Culture | \$3,380.00 | This project builds a shared garden at Maam Wiim Homes' triplex, supporting resident wellness, food security, and cultural practices. |

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| Municipality of Kincardine | Carving a New Path | \$5,000.00 | The Carving a New Path project will transform ash trees along the Kincardine trails into a public art project that celebrates Indigenous culture and supports the journey to reconciliation. |
| M'Wikwedong Native Cultural Resource Centre | Bundles of Care | \$5,000.00 | The Bundles of Care Project supports Urban Indigenous folx upon their release from custody by providing essential and culturally meaningful items that promote successful reintegration. |
| Ontario Nature | Educating and Encouraging Connection with Nature in Grey and Bruce | \$1,525.00 | Ontario Nature will place wildlife cameras across it's Nature Reserves, sharing photos to encourage community members to pursue their own sightings, or join expert-led hikes. (partial funding: Camera & accessories) |
| Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving | Grey Bruce Students for Safe Roads – Mobilizing youth to end impaired driving | \$3,000.00 | Students for Safe Roads Grey Bruce helps students and teachers form OSAID groups in schools focused on reducing impaired driving, building safer communities, and developing student leadership skills. |
| Opt2Refuture | The Crazy Canadian Electric Bus Tour | \$5,000.00 | The Crazy Canadian Electric Bus Tour is an immersive digital experience to engage and inspire Grey Bruce youth to take action towards a positive future for individuals, communities and our environment. |
| Owen Sound and District Junior Optimists | Wheel & Ride 2026 | \$5,000.00 | Wheel & Ride is an award winning fun family festival that promotes road safety and inclusion in the Owen Sound area while celebrating our community connections. |
| Owen Sound North Grey Public Library | The Poet Laureate's Community Revue | \$5,000.00 | The Poet Laureate's Community Revue will be a free, two-day exhibit culminating in a multi-disciplinary matinee performance featuring the current poet laureate and up to 25 local collaborators. |
| PRANCE (Pegasus Riding Association Nurturing Challenged Equestrians) | The Gentle Horse Program - An Equine-Assisted Wellness Group for Seniors | \$2,950.00 | The Gentle Horse Program will provide senior citizens & those living with dementia an opportunity to visit the farm and connect with horses and trained volunteers in a specialized interactive program. |
| REACH Centre Grey Bruce | Boundaries and Bridges | \$3,199.00 | A six week social skills program for neurodivergent adults to build meaningful, safe, and flexible social connections in person and online. |
| Scientists in School | Expanding Science and Environmental Learning Opportunities for Children in Grey and Bruce Counties | \$5,000.00 | Our project will collaboratively enhance children's science and environmental literacy in Grey and Bruce Counties, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of STEM and ecological issues. |
| Sheatre Educational Alternative Theatre (Huron) | Remembering Gladys Ryan | \$5,000.00 | Sheatre will create a community theatre arts project that gives voice to stories of partner violence in later life, in order to spark awareness, dialogue, and change across Grey Bruce Owen Sound. |
| South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council | Literacy Connect: Empowering South Grey Bruce's Future | \$4,115.00 | Literacy Connect will deliver strategic tech upgrades that boost awareness, streamline administration, and enrich community and volunteer engagement. |
| Southampton Arts | Creative Connections: Exhibits and Artisan Markets | \$2,168.00 | Creative Connections invites the community to explore local talent through curated art exhibits, an artisan market, and seasonal events, building connections and celebrating creativity. (partial funding: grid walls, postcard stands, consultant, admin) |
| The Hanley Institute | Kitchen Kids: Cook it up | \$3,000.00 | The project will introduce youth to hands on cooking program that teaches practical kitchen skills, nutrition, and confidence through fun, age appropriate culinary experiences. |
| The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation | Microplastic Collection and Education Program | \$4,240.00 | LHCC will install LittaTraps in Bruce and/or Grey Counties and deliver education to reduce microplastics, protecting Lake Huron's ecosystems, wildlife, and shoreline communities. |
| The Meeting Place Tobermory | Exploring the Folk School Community model for the Northern Bruce | \$5,000.00 | Exploring the Folk School Community Model for the Northern Bruce project will pilot several folk school designed education exchanges among community residents and assess impact on social connection. |
| The Salvation Army Wiarton Community | Youth & Adult Furthering Education (Trades Start) | \$4,700.00 | Trades Start equips local youth and adults with hands-on training, mentorship, and capacity-building workshops in skilled trades to improve employment readiness in Grey and Bruce Counties. |

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| The Women's Centre Grey & Bruce Inc. | At-Risk Youth Workshops & Training | \$4,869.00 | To provide new staff training to frontline youth crisis workers, addressing critical skill gaps and enhancing their ability to support at-risk youth. |
| Tom Thomson Art Gallery | Upcycle TOM 2026 | \$4,000.00 | Upcycle TOM 2026 is a student-led initiative where youth upcycle recycled materials into collaborative reinterpretations of Tom Thomson's art, promoting creativity, sustainability, and community. |
| United Way of Bruce Grey | Retiring on Low Income for Seniors in Grey Bruce Workshops | \$2,695.00 | Deliver 2-4 online workshops by John Stapleton for Seniors and Social Workers on "retiring on a low income" to increase financial skills for an estimated 100 seniors/social workers in Grey Bruce. |
| United Way of Bruce Grey | SOS - No Bridges to Burn | \$5,000.00 | A documentary capturing the voices, struggles, and resilience within Supportive Outreach Service (SOS), amplifying lived experience and sparking dialogue about homelessness, addiction, and dignity. |
| United Way of Bruce Grey | Healthy Communities Conference 2026 | \$3,000.00 | The 2026 Healthy Communities Conference will bring community leaders together from across Grey Bruce to learn, share, and build local solutions for health and well-being. |
| Welcoming Communities Grey Bruce | Everyone Belongs: Connections and Dialogue for Inclusive Communities | \$5,000.00 | The Everyone Belongs: Connections and Dialogue for Inclusive Communities Project will train facilitators, pilot workshops, engage diverse citizens & build belonging, inclusion & community action. |
| West Grey Youth Centre Inc. | The West Grey Youth Centre Program Expansion Project | \$5,000.00 | The West Grey Youth Centre Expansion Project will more than double opportunities to engage with youth, offering activities that foster creativity, fitness, teamwork, and essential social skills. |
| Total amount of Community grants | | \$171,407.00 | |

| 2025 Capital Grants | | | |
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| Bruce Peninsula Biosphere Association | Creating opportunities for community engagement in conserving a critical Bruce Peninsula watercourse | \$13,000.00 | This project provides space and opportunity for increased community involvement in restoration and conservation on the Bruce Peninsula. (partial funding: building repair, roof, electrical, unit doors, working with men shed) |
| Canadian Mental Health Association Grey Bruce Mental Health and Addiction Services | Riverview Housing Unit Renovation | \$17,500.00 | Renovation of 2 Riverview apartment units into 5 supportive housing units for individuals living with mental health and/or substance use challenges. (partial funding: renovation of 1 unit) |
| Egremont Optimist Club | Replacement of End of Life Tables | \$8,415.00 | The Egremont Optimist club aims to replace our end of life tables. |
| Garafraxa Non-Profit Homes Inc. | Opening Doors: The Garafraxa Accessibility Initiative | \$16,900.00 | Upgrading front and rear entrances with ramps, barrier-free doors, and safety features to ensure full accessibility at Garafraxa Homes. (partial support: front door and ramp) |
| Hanover Public Library | Hanover Public Library - computer refresh | \$10,000.00 | The computer refresh project will refurbish the computers by purchasing new up-to-date laptops and desktops to serve the community. |
| Owen Sound Branch 6 Legion Non-Profit Housing | Connected Paths: Accessibility for Aging Well | \$20,000.00 | Connected Paths: Accessibility for Aging Well improves safety for seniors by installing accessible walkways and a ramp at Kelso Legion Apartments. (partial funding: concrete work) |
| Owen Sound Hunger and Relief Effort | Emergency Preparedness - Keeping OSHaRE open | \$20,000.00 | The project ensures that the vital food programs of OSHaRE can continue during a power outage when our community needs us the most. (partial funding: support of generator) |
| Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation | Growing Together: Bayfield Landing Playground Enhancements | \$14,000.00 | Growing Together: Bayfield Landing playground gets shade, seating, trees, and accessible features for comfort, inclusion, and community connection. (partial funding: shade structures and trees) |

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| The Georgian Bay Centre for the Arts | Entranceway accessibility | \$10,975.00 | This project will add an automated wheelchair accessible door to the entrance of The Georgian Bay School for the Arts. (partial funding: front door change to push button) |
| Huron Shores Hospice | Furnishings for Comfort: Enhancing End-of-Life Care at HSH | \$4,200.00 | Funds will help HSH add a cuddle bed, furnishings and linens to our new third suite, giving families comfort, closeness, and cherished time together. (partial funding: linens for sleeper chair, over-bed table) |
| Safe 'N Sound Residence | Safe N Sound Residence | \$15,000.00 | To support the provision of furnishings in the newly acquired shelter building to be operated by SNS, providing shelter to those in housing precarity. (partial funding: beds purchase) |
| Total amount of Capital Grants | | \$149,990.00 | |