

## \$500,000 to support 20 community projects!

**Ontario, July 24, 2023** – Once again this year, Desjardins Ontario Credit Union launched a call for applications to support meaningful community projects. Desjardins Ontario is thrilled to donate \$500,000 from its Community Development Fund (CDF<sup>1</sup>) to support 20 organizations across the province. The winning projects will receive up to \$50,000 in funding. Through the CDF, organizations in Ontario get the opportunity to implement projects that will have a positive impact on the community.

"We're deeply grateful to Desjardins Ontario Credit Union for this generous donation. The funds will help our Foundation for people with mobility issues install new adjustable healthcare planters. This program will allow our seniors to enjoy the mental and physical benefits that come from gardening," explains Michel Gauthier, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Forget for a Moment Foundation.

Visit the credit union's Facebook page, Desjardins (Caisse Ontario Credit Union), to learn more about the winning projects. You can also vote for your favourite project and give it a chance to receive an extra \$5,000. The winning project will be announced on August 12, 2023, via [facebook.com/CaisseOntarioCreditUnion](https://facebook.com/CaisseOntarioCreditUnion).

<u>Eastern Ontario</u>	<u>Ottawa</u>
<b>Replacement of curling equipment</b> Alexandria Curling Club	<b>Coeur sur la Main – Back-to-school celebration</b> Famille Éclore
<b>Upgrades to the outdoor space</b> Résidence Lajoie	<b>Adjustable healthcare planters</b> Forget for a Moment Foundation
<b>Stronger Together</b> St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre (SJCCC)	<b>Paddling for everyone</b> Petrie Island Canoe Club
<b>Inspiring young people with stories of environmental change</b> St. Lawrence River Institute of Environmental Sciences	<b>Thriving at any age</b> Résilience Active des Familles Immigrantes en Ontario (RAFIO)
	<b>Youth wheelchair basketball program</b> Wheelchair Basketball Canada

<sup>1</sup> The fund is part of a collective dividend that's voted on by members of the credit union at the annual general meeting.

<u>Sudbury and Northern Ontario</u>	<u>GTA and Southwestern Ontario</u>
<p><b>Reopening of Camp Jeunesse en marche</b> Camp Jeunesse en marche in Temiskaming Shores</p>	<p><b>Support the Building Black Youth Foundation's efforts to help kids stay in school and succeed</b> Building Black Youth Foundation</p>
<p><b>Greener Spaces program</b> Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)</p>	<p><b>Pioneer trail</b> Club de l'Âge d'Or de Lafontaine</p>
<p><b>Greater Sudbury youth basketball program</b> Greater Sudbury Basketball Association</p>	<p><b>Training for the digital era</b> Conseil des Organismes Francophones de la Région de Durham (COFRD)</p>
<p><b>Kivi Park well</b> Kivi Park</p>	
<p><b>Improving accessibility for older people and youth who have been socially marginalized</b> Sudbury Canoe Club</p>	<p><b>Educating people about healthcare services offered in French and encouraging them to ask for these services</b> Erie St Clair/South West French Language Health Planning Entity</p>
<p><b>Culture at Whitewater Lake Park</b> Café Héritage Productions</p>	<p><b>Bookmobile</b> Lincoln Pelham Public Library (LPPL)</p>

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With over \$10 billion in assets, [Desjardins Ontario Credit Union](#) contributes to the economic and social development of communities and supports the financial empowerment of its 137,000 members by offering comprehensive banking services with the full range of [Desjardins Group](#) products and services. [Desjardins Ontario Credit Union](#) is one of the largest financial institutions in Ontario. Because of its cooperative nature and financial strength, it shares a portion of its surplus earnings with its members. Last year, the Credit Union gave over \$13 million in dividends to individuals and communities, contributing to hundreds of projects. [Desjardins Group](#) is the largest cooperative financial group in Canada and North America and has been recognized as a top corporate citizen and one of the strongest financial institutions in the world.

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