



OVER \$900,000 DOLLARS IN OTF GRANTS TO ALGOMA, COCHRANE, MANITOULIN AND SUDBURY AREAS

Sault Ste. Marie – August 6, 2003 - The Ontario Trillium Foundation announced today that communities in Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury areas will benefit from grants totalling \$919,400. Several of these grants support initiatives that create economic opportunities through eco-tourism and cultural and recreational initiatives. Local residents will benefit from increased volunteerism and participation in a wide variety of leisure, health and educational projects.

Art Gallery of Algoma will be awarded \$60,000 over three years to continue providing an arts education program that benefits children and youth in the community. Moonbeam Economic Development Corporation will receive \$25,000 over one year to help develop a 30-km multi-use loop trail.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture, receives annually \$100 million of government funding generated through Ontario's charity casino initiative.

“Many of these grants support projects that increase participation in community life and generate revenue for local business,” said David H. Tsubouchi, Minister of Culture. “These initiatives are crucial as they will bring about a better appreciation of heritage throughout the province and celebrate Ontario’s natural, regional and ethnocultural diversity.”

“The latest OTF grants increase the range of activities offered in our community,” said Grant Review Team Chair J. Douglas Lawson. “Involvement in recreational, environmental and cultural programs supports people of all ages to live healthier and more stimulating lives, and to contribute actively to their communities.”

Grant Examples

- Art Gallery of Algoma

Art Gallery of Algoma will be awarded \$60,000 over three years to continue providing an arts education program that benefits children and youth in the community. Celebrating Ontario's regional and ethnic diversity, the program reaches out to over 4,000 young visitors each year. OTF funding will create an exciting new educational unit on aboriginal art, music and dance. The gallery houses almost 20 art exhibits each year. It showcases the work of local and regional artists, and provides arts education programs in the community through workshops, lectures, films and classes.

- Moonbeam Economic Development Corporation

Moonbeam Economic Development Corporation will receive \$25,000 over one year to help develop a 30-km multi-use loop trail. It will link Moonbeam to the Remi Lake cottage area, René Brunelle Provincial Park and the Twin Lakes camping area. The trail will host community events, attract tourists and encourage outdoor activities for residents and visitors alike. In the summer months, the local population triples with campers, cottagers and tourists.

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Attached:

A complete list of grants announced today for the Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury areas. For more information, contact:

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

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Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury

Algoma Festival Choir

\$25,000 over two years to enable this growing Sault Ste. Marie choir to purchase sheet music and risers and to travel to Elliot Lake to perform in a concert.

Algoma Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Centre (Breton House)

\$23,600 over one year to make renovations to this Sault Ste. Marie centre which is used to help women recovering from addictions learn how to live without alcohol and drugs.

Allard Street Community Garden Collective, c/o Sault Ste. Marie Horticultural Society

\$20,000 over one year to establish a community garden that will provide access to garden plots for people who live in apartments to grow their own produce and enjoy the social, recreational and therapeutic benefits of gardening.

Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District

\$62,000 over two years to deliver an in-home recreation therapy program to improve the quality of life for people affected by Alzheimer disease and related disorders.

Art Gallery of Algoma

\$60,000 over three years to enable the Sault Ste. Marie gallery to continue to deliver an arts education program that benefits children and youth in the community.

Azilda Lions Club

\$75,000 over one year to make the Lions Old Town Hall Community Centre accessible and more energy-efficient. Many groups that use this facility for social and recreational functions will benefit.

Big Sisters Association of Sault Ste. Marie

\$12,500 over one year to provide services and support to young girls from disadvantaged homes in the Sault Ste. Marie area.

Big Sisters of Sudbury and District

\$105,000 over three years to provide services and support to young girls from disadvantaged homes in the Sudbury area.

Caruso Club of Sudbury and District

\$75,000 over one year to rebuild the bridge from the parking lot to the upper hall, making the entrance to this popular facility accessible and safe for seniors, people with disabilities and other members of the community.

KidSport Timmins c/o Sport Alliance of Ontario

\$65,000 over two years to assist with the start-up and administration of an organization that enables children from low-income families to participate in their chosen sport.

Kiwanis Music Festival of Sudbury

\$46,000 over six months to purchase a new grand piano and to service five other grand pianos in the community for use in performances at the festival and other community concerts.

Manitoulin Field Renewal Project c/o Rotary Club of Gore Bay

\$25,000 over one year to serve the needs of soccer players on Manitoulin Island by renovating the island's only soccer field and ensuring that it meets provincial standards.

Manitoulin Island Country Club

\$25,000 over five months to purchase a new fairway mower to improve the quality of this not-for-profit community golf course in Gore Bay, an important recreational facility for residents and tourists on Manitoulin Island.

Matheson & District Agricultural Society

\$61,800 over six months for renovations to make the agricultural society's hall more functional and accessible. The venue is used for numerous social and recreational activities by the residents of Matheson and surrounding communities.

Moonbeam Economic Development Corporation

\$25,000 over one year to help develop a 30-km nature, biking and walking trail that will link Moonbeam to the Remi Lake Cottage area, Rene Brunelle Ontario Park and the Twin Lakes Camping area. The initiative will attract tourists to the area encourage outdoor recreation and fitness activities for residents.

Northern Sliders Sledge Hockey Association

\$25,000 over two years to expand a sledge hockey program in Sudbury to people with disabilities over the age of 16 years.

Rainbow Country Recreation and Development Association

\$56,000 over one year to renovate the community centre to make the entrance and building accessible. This facility is used for numerous social and recreational activities by residents of Whitefish Falls, Willisville and Red Deer Village.

Remi Ski Club

\$25,000 over one year for the purchase of a snow groomer, to keep skiing safe and enjoyable and to build a terrain park, which will offer a wider range of skiing and snowboarding activities to the Kapuskasing community and to tourists.

Sault Ste. Marie Family YMCA

\$75,000 over one year to retrofit the pool and install an overhead sling at the pool to improve accessibility for individuals with special needs.

Social Planning Council of the Sudbury Region

\$9,500 over one year to establish a network for staff of social service agencies in the City of Greater Sudbury that will provide access to information and training through monthly workshops.

Timmins District Scouts

\$23,000 over one year to conduct a recruitment campaign aimed at increasing the number of scout leaders and scouts participating in programs offered in the district of Timmins, and the towns of Black-River Matheson, Chapleau and Cochrane.