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## News Release

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### **Bayer Fund helps Canadian farmers strengthen rural communities through its Canada's Farmers Grow Communities Program**

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**Calgary, AB. – Oct. 29, 2019** – There's no shortage of dedicated charities and not-for-profits in rural communities across the country and every one of them makes a vital contribution to the lives of farmers and other rural residents.

The Canada's Farmers Grow Communities (CFGC) program, supported by the Bayer Fund, selected 66 winning charities and not-for-profits to share \$165,000 in funding to strengthen their communities in a random draw held October 4, 2019. Each winning charity will receive a \$2,500 grant to apply to a project or program that will enhance the lives of rural residents.

The Bayer Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.

"There is so much need in rural Canada to replace aging infrastructure and provide valuable programs and services that are important to farmers, their families and other rural residents," said Trish Jordan, public & industry affairs director with Bayer's Crop Science division. "This program is just one way we can give back and help these groups improve the quality of life in their communities."

First introduced in 2012, this year's CFGC program received almost 1,000 applications and charity suggestions, similar in scope to 2018. Participation rates have risen considerably over the past two years which points to both interest among farmers in giving back to their communities, and the significant need among charitable and community groups.

The program received many suggestions from farmers on how local groups in their communities could benefit from the grants. Farmers recommended schools, libraries, historical societies, health and recreational facilities, rural daycares, seniors' clubs, 4-H groups, food banks and more. Some examples:

- **High Prairie Health Care Auxiliary in High Prairie, AB.** - *“We are most grateful to the Benoit family for their support in nominating us and being such advocates for improved hospital services in our community. It is only through such kindness and programs such as this that we can continue to work towards meeting the health care needs of this region.”*
- **Leoville Library in Leoville, SK.** – *“Our small library is a great place to explore, create, meet a fantastic librarian and become a great reader! We are so thankful for this grant which will support equipment purchases and other programs. We plan a seasonal display about agriculture and the funds will be very well used!”*
- **Caledonia Agricultural Society in Caledonia, ON.** – *“We have embarked on a multi-million-dollar renovation of our exhibition facility to include space for a new agri-education room and a teaching kitchen where we plan to emphasize farm-to-table. It will be a hot spot year-round for our small community.”*
- **Above & Beyond Animal and Community Wellness Centre in Kingston, NS.** – *“This funding will be used to support educational and promotional campaigns to increase awareness of the many beneficial and therapeutic effects of the “human animal bond.”*

Farmers living and working in the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northeastern B.C. had from mid-January to the end of September to submit their entries by visiting the Canada’s Farmers website and completing an online application form.

To read more community stories or gather additional information about Canada’s Farmers Grow Communities visit [www.canadasfarmers.ca](http://www.canadasfarmers.ca) or follow on Twitter @CanadasFarmers.

## **About Bayer**

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### **About Bayer Crop Science Canada**

In Canada, Bayer Crop Science offers growers a wide choice of tailored solutions with an integrated product portfolio of crop protection products, seed treatment technologies, plant biotechnology and digital farming solutions. As a top employer in Canada, the Crop Science division employs over 450 people, spanning 22 research, breeding, production and office sites across the country. For more information, go to [www.bayer.ca](http://www.bayer.ca).

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*Note: A complete listing of all 66 winning entrants, their farmer nominator and their community, is detailed below this news release.*

## Canada's Farmers Grow Communities - 2019 Winners

### ALBERTA/BC WINNERS

<b>Blindman Valley Agricultural Society</b> Jennifer Johnson, Bentley	<b>Blueberry District Rural Crime Watch Association</b> Leona Mychajlunow, Parkland County
<b>Elnora and District Museum</b> Shelly & Kerry Chesire, Elnora	<b>Falun Rural Crime Watch</b> Vance Henke, Wetaskiwin
<b>Friends Of Lamont Elementary School</b> Tara Cossey, Tofield	<b>Grade Three Reading Academy Society</b> Joanne Bardak, Bezanson
<b>High Prairie Health Care Auxiliary</b> Robert Benoit, High Prairie	<b>Lesser Slave Watershed Council</b> Brianne Brault, High Prairie
<b>Lloydminster Exhibition Association</b> Katlin Ducherer, Maidstone	<b>Lougheed And District Public Library</b> Derek Burden, Lougheed
<b>Newell District 4-H Horse Committee</b> Kristen Niznik, Brooks	<b>Okotoks Food Bank Association</b> Penny Marshall, High River
<b>Rocky Organization for Animal Rescue</b> Ashley Perepelkin, Condor	<b>Rolling Hills Agricultural Society</b> Tracy Hemsing, Rolling Hills
<b>Spruce Grove and District Agricultural Society</b> Darren Frank, Parkland County	<b>Vegreville Preschool Association</b> Teresa Jackson, Minburn
<b>Picture Butte Walk On The Wildside Society</b> Brian Witdouck, Iron Springs	<b>Northern Environmental Action Team (NEAT) Co-Hort</b> Bess Legault, Fort St John

SASKATCHEWAN WINNERS

<b>Bethany Assisted Living</b> Jeffrey Hyland, Scott	<b>Birchview (Birch Hills) Ladies Auxiliary</b> Marie Anne Herzog, Mayview
<b>Central Butte Companion Gardeners</b> Bobbie Torrie, St. Brieux	<b>Dilke Memorial Hall</b> Kevin Bast, Dilke
<b>Estevan Arts Council</b> Troy Adams, Estevan	<b>Eston Legion</b> Darren Oliphant, Eston
<b>Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery Inc.</b> Ashley Kristiansen, Shellbrook	<b>Kindersley And District Arts Council</b> Barry Whatley, Kindersley
<b>Leoville Library</b> Jennifer Soucy, Leoville	<b>Manor School Playground Renewal</b> Tory Poirier, Manor
<b>Maple Creek Swimming Pool</b> Loralee Herter, Golden Prairie	<b>Outlook &amp; District Heritage Museum</b> Dale Eliason, Outlook
<b>Playfair Day Care Inc.</b> Jeff McMullen, Moosomin	<b>Rose Valley &amp; District Care Bus Lines Inc.</b> Sharon Nelson, Rose Valley
<b>Rosetown &amp; District Food Bank</b> Elenore Sparks, Rosetown	<b>Shepherds Villa Inc.</b> Judith Andres, Hepburn
<b>Sunnyside Cemetery Inc.</b> Marshall Young, Bredenbury	<b>Twin Rivers Music Festival</b> Reg and Patricia Schultz, Dalmeny
<b>Watrous Elementary School</b> Mike Wingrove, Allan	<b>Willow Bunch Swimming Pool Renovation</b> Jaxon Desautels, Willow Bunch
<b>Wynyard C.a.r.r.e.s. Inc.</b> Neil Marshall, Quill Lake	<b>Yorkton Film Festival</b> Eugene Holowatuik, Yorkton
<b>Tri-City Horticultural Society</b> Danielle Armstrong, Nipawin	

### MANITOBA WINNERS

<b>Boyne Regional Library</b> Warren McCutcheon, Carman	<b>Glenboro Gaiety Theatre</b> Rick Hamilton, Glenboro
<b>Onanole Fire Department</b> Larry Spitula, Onanole	<b>Riverton Curling Club</b> Linda Loewen, Riverton
<b>Roblin Golf &amp; Country Club 1978 Ltd.</b> Joanne Buick, Roblin	<b>Roland Golf Club</b> Gene Graham, Roland
<b>Sinclair Community Hall</b> Kevin Martin, Sinclair	<b>St Francois Xavier Community School</b> Andrew Peters, Cartier
<b>Sunflower Early Learning Centre Inc.</b> Clinton Cocks, Minitonas	

### ONTARIO/QUEBEC WINNERS

<b>Brighton Children's Centre</b> Craig & Sarah Wilson, Brighton	<b>Caledonia Agricultural Society</b> Allan Hedley, Canfield
<b>Dresden Skating Club</b> Kelly Armstrong, Dresden	<b>Dungannon Agricultural Society</b> Kayla Lowry, Goderich
<b>Feed Ontario</b> Lyle & Mary Anne Hendrikx, Strathroy	<b>Jarvis Firefighters Association</b> Matt Beischlag, Jarvis
<b>Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation</b> Melanie Smith, Renfrew	<b>Rocklyn 4H Clubs</b> Christine Wyville, Markdale
<b>Tanner Steffler Foundation</b> Mike Van Aaken, Varna	<b>West Lorne Optimist Club</b> Hilary Fleming, Rodney
<b>Muskrat Watershed Council</b> Rene Coulas, Cobden	<b>Frontenac 4H Dairy Clubs</b> Logan Orser, Sydenham
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Howick Scouts</b> Cecile Antink, Howick	<b>Howick Volunteer Fire Dept</b> Jason Ness, Howick

### MARITIMES WINNERS

<b>Above &amp; Beyond Animal Rehabilitation Centre</b> Lisa Simpson, Kingston, NS	<b>Ronald MacDonald House Charities, Atlantic</b> Geneve Newcombe, Port Williams, NS
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