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News Release

Rural-based charities a little richer with the help of Canadian farmers and the Bayer Fund's Canada's Farmers Grow Communities Program

Calgary, AB. – Dec. 15, 2021 – Sixty-six (66) charities and not-for profit groups across Canada have each received a \$2,500 community grant to improve the lives of people in their communities thanks to nominations from Canadian farmers.

In mid-November, the Canada's Farmers Grow Communities (CFGC) program (www.canadasfarmers.ca), supported by the Bayer Fund, completed its random draw and awarded the winning charities and not-for-profits with a total of \$165,000 in funding to support their work and community projects.

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 for financial support in rural communities across our country, whether it's to rebuild community infrastructure or deliver important programming for youth, adults and seniors," said Trish Jordan, senior business partner, government and industry affairs with Bayer's Crop Science division. "It's great to see farmers engage in the program and recommend charities and not-for-profits in their community who are really doing the important work that makes life better for rural residents."

First introduced in 2012, the 2021 CFGC program received almost 700 farmer applications and charity suggestions.

The program received many suggestions from farmers about how local groups in their communities could benefit from the grants, with recreation; community improvement projects; agricultural societies; fire and health organizations; and rural daycares garnering the most support.

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 or follow on Twitter @CanadasFarmers.

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

Canada's Farmers Grow Communities - 2021 Winners

ALBERTA/BC TERRITORIES

<p>Altario Agriculture Education Natasha Pospisil, Kirriemuir</p>	<p>Bawlf & District Lions Club Kathleen Tennant, Bawlf</p>
<p>Brooks & District Child Development Society Tanya Jaques, Buffalo</p>	<p>Cherry Canyon Agricultural Society Chad Johnson, Cherry Point</p>
<p>East Central Rustlers 4-H Brian Harris, Bashaw</p>	<p>Edgerton Splash Park Project Elaine Withnell, Edgerton</p>
<p>Fort Saskatchewan Ukrainian Dance Association Leona Mychajlunow, Parkland County</p>	<p>Friends of Morrin School Marty Gridley, Morrin</p>
<p>Heritage Ag Society Yvonne Kuchta, Spruce Grove</p>	<p>Imagination Library – Flagstaff County Stuart McMahon, Galahad</p>
<p>Kathryn School Meghan Lintick, Rocky View County</p>	<p>Killam & District Health Care Foundation Norma Jean Bieleny, Killam</p>
<p>Lesser Slave Watershed Council Susan Nielsen, Enilda</p>	<p>Manning Auxillary Hospital Marie Forsyth, Manning</p>
<p>Mannville Agricultural Society Ryan McLaughlin, Mannville</p>	<p>Milk River Community School Enhancement Society Bob Wills, Coutts</p>
<p>Saskatoon Lake Community Centre Deb Polasek, Grande Prairie</p>	<p>The 40 Mile Park Foundation Brent Reimer, Bow Island</p>

SASKATCHEWAN TERRITORIES

<p>Bellevue Personal Care Home Donald Gaudet, Bellevue</p>	<p>Big River Golf Club Clifton Amundson, Debden</p>
<p>Bill Brecht Park Upgrade Ltd Tyler Knaus, Humboldt</p>	<p>Bresaylor Heritage Museum Mia Fairley, Baldwinton</p>

Centre 48 Arts and Education Inc. Andrea Kotylak, Kendal	Conquest Rink Wendy Manson, Outlook
Cosmopolitan Learning Centre Joe & Myrna Frank, Fort Qu'Appelle	Drake Park Revitalization Project Trevor Blair, Drake
Eastend Swimming Pool Devin Taylor, Eastend	Gasper Family Foundation Brett Sinclair, Rosetown
Glaslyn & District Recreation Board Bethany Cadrain, Glaslyn	Kaminski Arena Gene Paridaen, Langenburg
Kelliher Parkland Library Mark Petras, Kelliher	Liberty Memorial Hall Quinn Wolff, Liberty
Little Legacy Learning Centre Helena Olson, Plenty	Melfort Agricultural Society Sharon Heavin, Melfort
Mortlach School Celine Hicks, Parkbeg	Old Coronach Street Festival Courtney Setrum, Coronach
Osler Fire Department Gary Boldt, Osler	Preeceville Bike & Skate Playground Cory Paul, Preeceville
Randy Clark Legacy Fund Brenda Stringer, Wolseley	Three Lakes Childcare Centre William Baumann, St. Benedict
Tisdale Wildlife Federation Sandra Gronvold, Tisdale	

MANITOBA TERRITORIES

Acres for Hamiota Blair Charlton, Kenton	Heros Alliance Tracy Neurenburg, Lac du Bonnet
Holland Childcare Centre Andrew Devloo, Bruxelles	Niverville Health Community Foundation Rick Friesen, Niverville
Oak River Playground Penny Froese, Oak River	Oakville Tiny Tots Nursery School Andrea Miller, Oakville

<p>Russell's Lots-a-Tots Inc. Greg & Cathy Setter, Russell</p>	<p>Sperling Community Centre Jason Dunn, Carman</p>
<p>Valley Life Recreation Stewart Boyd, Minnedosa</p>	

ONTARIO/QUEBEC TERRITORIES

<p>Camp Bimini Golda Wilson, St Mary's</p>	<p>Crochet Club of London Betty Siddall, Lucan</p>
<p>CYO Camp Marydale Michael Chechalk, St. Anns</p>	<p>Growing for our Community Garden Kelli-An DeCook, Muirkirk</p>
<p>London Health Sciences Foundation Jay Curtis, St. Thomas</p>	<p>Moore Agricultural Society Jessica Riedal, Wallaceburg</p>
<p>St. Joseph's Kingsbridge Community Jennifer Miltenburg, Lucknow</p>	<p>The Delta Mill Society Pamela Cairncross, Elgin</p>
<p>The Heart of Hastings Hospice Alan Coxwell, Stirling</p>	<p>Toronto Black Farmers & Growers Collective Jaqueline Dwyer, Toronto</p>
<p>Hemmingford Volunteer Fire Department Joshua Kyle, Hemmingford</p>	<p>COOP de Solidarité et Santé de la Famille Jason Ness, Howick</p>
<p>Ormstown Elementary School Gerry Nieuwenhof, Dundee</p>	<p>Starlight Children's Foundation Canada Jacques Brazeau, St. Redempteur</p>

MARITIMES TERRITORIES

<p>Heatherdale Community Club Inc. Wade Loane, Kilmuir, PEI</p>	<p>Kings County 4-H Council Marc Pyle, Aylesford, NS</p>
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