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News Release

Bayer supports 66 rural-based Canadian charities with \$165,000

Calgary, AB. – Nov. 17, 2022 – Sixty-six (66) charities and not-for profit groups across Canada will each receive 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 Bayer Crop Science Canada, 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.

Jocelyn Bender, a 29-year employee of the Swan Valley School division, was grateful to hear their project to build a counselling library was selected after Faith Martin, a farmer from Benito, Manitoba put forward their nomination. "We are so thankful to Faith for the nomination," said Bender. "Faith and I are from the same agriculture community, and she is an active parent in the school community. She is aware of the several challenges that children in our division face, which include mental health challenges. I am very excited to create a Counselling Library for our Student Services Department and provide support to students and families."

"This is such a rewarding program when you see all the worthy projects and community organizations seeking support," said Trish Jordan, senior business partner, government and industry affairs with Bayer's Crop Science division. "It was clear this year that many community groups are recovering from two-years of Covid-related non-activity and farmers were very active in putting forth applications for consideration."

First introduced in 2012, the 2022 CFGC program received over 700 farmer applications and charity suggestions, similar in volume to previous years.

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 September 30th 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 on Twitter [@CanadasFarmers](https://twitter.com/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 - 2022 Winners

ALBERTA/B.C. TERRITORIES

<p>A.G. Ross Arena Allen Smyl, Mallaig</p>	<p>Bellis 4-H Beef Club Kelly Montgomery, Smoky Lake</p>
<p>Bezanson Agricultural Society Bryan Fenton, Bezanson</p>	<p>Calmar Elementary School PTA Russell Kushinski, Calmar</p>
<p>Claresholm Animal Rescue Society Faye Knudson, Claresholm</p>	<p>DeBolt and District Pioneer Museum Society Marvin Moore, DeBolt</p>
<p>Falher and Area Beautification and Leisure Activities Society Brandon Lefebvre, Girouxville</p>	<p>Farming Smarter Association Ryan Mercer, Lethbridge County</p>
<p>Innisfree School Financial Society Carmen Kassian, Innisfree</p>	<p>KAC Lions Club Natasha Pospisil, Kirriemuir</p>
<p>Kneehill Adult Learning Society Sara Weigum, Three Hills</p>	<p>Langdon Library Society Corrie Carrobough, Langdon</p>
<p>Sharebear Playschool Society Kelsey Wilson, Big Valley</p>	<p>Snake Valley Drop-In Centre Ian Godkin, Milo</p>
<p>Soaring Eagle Support Society Samantha Churchill, Whitecourt</p>	<p>Société Des Amis De L'école Héritage Denise Maisonneuve, Guy</p>
<p>Society of the Friends of Daysland School Council Laura Zwack, Daysland</p>	<p>Vegreville Preschool Association Jef & Taylor Ziegler, Vegreville</p>

SASKATCHEWAN TERRITORIES

<p>Aberdeen Composite School Brad Kinar, Aberdeen</p>	<p>Birch Hills & District Recreation Board Stewart Adams, Birch Hills</p>
<p>Canadian Mental Health Association Moose Jaw Branch Ryan Hennenfent, Caronport</p>	<p>Canora Composite School Tracey & Rob Bletskey, Canora</p>
<p>Expressway Family Centre Carole Stewart, Oxbow</p>	<p>Great Sandhills Historical Society Inc. Christine Armstrong, Sceptre</p>

<p>The Hanley Agricultural Society Ashley Thall, Hanley</p>	<p>Hepburn Before and After School Inc. Brendan Klassen, Hepburn</p>
<p>La Pouponniere Co-operative Daycare Nicolas Ferre, Zenon Park</p>	<p>Lemberg Volunteer Fire Dept Dennis Clarke, Lemberg</p>
<p>Macklin Soccer Association Kelly Kidd, Macklin</p>	<p>'Major Play Pals Playschool Sharon Stang, Luceland</p>
<p>Muenster Green Space Project Lee Bergermann, Muenster</p>	<p>Palliser Regional Park Trevor Guillaume, Moose Jaw</p>
<p>Raymore Community Daycare Scott Felton, Raymore</p>	<p>Rivier Elementary School Kristin Turgeon, Spiritwood</p>
<p>Sonningdale Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. Shelley Andrews, Asquith</p>	<p>Southey Communiplex Lisa Grudnizki, Southey</p>
<p>Springside Family Resource Centre Nicole Fredrickson, Theodore</p>	<p>St. Vital School Community Council David Blais, Delmas</p>
<p>Tantallon Memorial Recreational Co-op Stefan Arnason, Tantallon</p>	<p>Watson Soccer Jeffrey Mathieson, Watson</p>
<p>Weyburn Agricultural Society Jeff Clay, Weyburn</p>	

MANITOBA TERRITORIES

<p>Arnaud Community Improvement Committee Jennifer Delaquis, Arnaud</p>	<p>Boyne Regional Library Tim Koster, Carman</p>
<p>Cypress River Multi-purpose Community Centre Riley Parsonage, Baldur</p>	<p>Expanding Community Cancer Care Greg Setter, Russell</p>
<p>Manitoba Farmer Wellness Program Sandi Knight, Macdonald</p>	<p>Souris Glenwood Parks and Recreation Lauren Somersall, Souris</p>

<p>Southwest Seniors Housing Inc. George Heide, Boissevain</p>	<p>Swan Valley School Division Counselling Library Faith Martin, Benito</p>
<p>Wee World Daycare Inc. Katlyn Richaud, Portage la Prairie</p>	

ONTARIO/QUEBEC TERRITORIES

<p>GROW Community Food Literacy Centre Esther Lucier, Niagara-on-the-Lake</p>	<p>Kawartha Antique Power Betty Archer, Little Britian</p>
<p>Lennox and Addington 4-H Dairy Club Madeline Fretts, Bath</p>	<p>Meals On Wheels, Chatham-Kent Gary Noorenberghe, Thamesville</p>
<p>Optimist Club Of Mornington Markus & Pia Daetwyler, Atwood</p>	<p>Ottawa Valley Seed Growers Association Michael Doelman, Douglas</p>
<p>Perth 4-H Association Carolyn van der Heiden, Listowel</p>	<p>St. Patricks Kinkora Playground Project Johanna Nienhuis, Sebringville</p>
<p>Tavistock Assistance Program Paul Brenneman, Tavistock</p>	<p>Three Oaks Cabin Diane Bergsma, Florence</p>
<p>Hemmingford Volunteer Fire Department Joshua Kyle, Hemmingford</p>	<p>Huntingdon Legion Brigette Madlener Nieuwenhof Dundee</p>
<p>Shawville 4-H Club Kayla McCann, Shawville</p>	<p>Starlight Children's Foundation Canada Jacques Brazeau, Très St. Rédempteur</p>

MARITIMES TERRITORIES

<p>Kings County 4-H Council Marc Pyle, Aylesford, NS</p>	<p>KidSport Nova Scotia Geneve Newcomb, Port Williams, NS</p>
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