

Burlington Foundation Larger Grant Awards 2016-17

Organization	Title	Initiative	Grant Amt
Art Gallery of Burlington	AGB's Garden of Chimes - in celebration of Canada 150th Anniversary	<p>The Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB) is a champion of visual arts and fine crafts in the Burlington area.</p> <p>This grant supports the AGB community-wide exhibition in its outdoor Dan Lawrie Family Courtyard - a space that is annually reserved for professional artists' installations. The goal of this project is to bring together our community to participate in an inclusive exhibition of sight and sound by creating a 'Garden of Chimes' to honour Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. Community members will be invited to participate in 18 free Sunday workshops beginning in May to create musical chimes that will be exhibited in the outdoor Courtyard culminating in October on Culture Days weekend. The chimes will be created using various materials including clay, wood, bamboo, glass and metal. Chimes will be grouped into 150 pieces allowing as many people to participate as possible. Workshops will be led by the AGB's artists/educators and assisted by volunteers. A reception for the 'Garden of Chimes' exhibition will take place on July 1st, 2017, Canada's 150th birthday, and all members of our community will be invited to a barbecue. The AGB's 'Garden of Chimes' project will mark the first time the gallery will hold a community-wide exhibition and offers a unique opportunity for children and families to participate. Partial funding represents a decrease in the amount to support existing human resources for this program.</p>	\$ 6,500
ArtHouse for Children and Youth	Mending Fences	<p>ArtHouse levels the artistic playing field by providing accessible and innovative cost-free extracurricular arts programs in Burlington, Oakville and Milton led by professional instructors for children aged 7-12.</p> <p>This grant will support Mending Fences; a collaborative arts project inviting vulnerable youth to participate in the colourful transformation of fences and walls within the Region of Halton in celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary. Mending Fences will allow ArtHouse and its partners to hear the voices of youth through the arts, to show them that we care about them and their anxieties by providing a safe place for them to express themselves, to unleash their creativity, to develop friendships, spending time with others who are living similar life experiences. Thanks to over 18 collaborative partners, Mending Fences will have 40 designated sites throughout Burlington and Oakville with over 650 participants. During 2017, each of these sites will be enhanced with the vitality and energy of the arts and be seen as vibrant "Creative Spaces", places to foster social interaction. Mending Fences will strengthen our communities; culturally with public art, and reinforce a message to all generations that by investing in the well-being of our young people "today", they will have the opportunity to become tomorrow's leaders. These public spaces will stimulate active dialogue and foster social interaction that will lead to a sense of even greater community cohesion.</p>	\$ 10,000
Burlington Baptist Church	Burlington Baptist Church Intergenerational Project: Celebration of Canada	<p>Burlington Baptist Church (BBC) is a community of faith that celebrates diversity. Their vision is "to be an increasingly inclusive, welcoming and nurturing community of faith." BBC provides a spiritual home for all ages and actively promotes social justice.</p> <p>This grant will support the collaborative effort by 10 organizations, including McMaster University, Acclaim Health, faith communities and elementary schools, to develop and implement an intergenerational program for socially-isolated older adults that focuses on Canada's 150th Birthday Celebrations. The enhanced program will integrate three generations of Canadians including: older adults (socially isolated older adults; adult volunteers); children and youth (grades 6-8 students; youth in recreational programs); young adults (nursing students) as they educate and celebrate Canada, its history and its future.</p> <p>By integrating children, youth and young adults into the "Circle of Friends - a peer support program for socially-isolated adults from diverse backgrounds - they will jointly celebrate Canada's history and 150th through social engagement, joint education and special events. The project will promote improved mental health as well as increase overall life satisfaction, and decrease feelings of social isolation among older adults; increase child and youth's overall positive perceptions of older adults'; and build awareness of Canada's history and contributions of Canadians.</p> <p>Note: This is a non-faith based program initiative.</p>	\$ 12,462

Burlington Foundation Larger Grant Awards 2016-17

Organization	Title	Initiative	Grant Amt
Burlington Public Library	Honouring the Truth	<p>Burlington Public Library (BPL) is a large urban Canadian library system with seven locations citywide. The Library belongs to everyone in the community and is free to join if you live, work, or go to school in Halton Region.</p> <p>This grant supports Honouring the Truth (HTT), a three-pronged BPL initiative drawing from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. BPL will honour the stories of First Nations peoples through quarterly arts-based public workshops (for youth and adults), three library staff training experiences (for adult and student employees), and with public plaques placed at all seven branch locations of BPL (endorsed by local Elders) that honour the land. HTT hopes to prioritize reconciliation and inclusion in a sustained community effort to build deeper understanding, increased belonging, and a more welcoming, aware, and healthy Burlington. BPL is in the process of implementing a qualitative tool to measure this impact along with story-gathering. BPL, whose core values include accountability and diversity, is well-positioned to do this. They hope to involve Indigenous community members, youth and adult staff, and the Burlington community to highlight reconciliation as a collective, ongoing process. The project's goals impact Indigenous peoples living in Burlington, working to address and celebrate Indigenous historical legacy and ceremony, as well as non-Indigenous community members, thereby building stronger community connections across differences and improving community mental health.</p>	\$ 5,000
Calvary Baptist Church Burlington	North BurLINKton: Taste & See Canada	<p>Calvary Baptist Church Burlington and North BurLINKton create inclusive and friendly neighbourhoods that help people connect and increase their sense of belonging.</p> <p>This grant will support a collaborative effort between Calvary Baptist Church and North BurLINKton around a series of four events reaching a marginalized population in Burlington who are otherwise unlikely to be a part of the Canada 150 celebrations. The events will create an opportunity to taste food from a variety of cultures in a community meal setting, see cultural dance groups, hear music from diverse people groups, and participate in the creation of a community art piece that celebrates Canada 150. Canada 150 is a unique opportunity to create dialogue and new understanding about the changing face of our neighbours in Burlington and Canada. By using a community meal setting, they are able to address food security in marginalized people in Burlington. This project will engage local youth as leaders on the steering committee to plan and implement the events.</p> <p>Note: This is a non-faith based program initiative.</p>	\$ 5,480
CameronHelps (2006) Inc.	Burlington Team Unbreakable	<p>CameronHelps reduces the stigma of youth mental illness, builds awareness of the issues, and promotes the positive aspects of physical health on mental health. They work with students and parents, social workers, school boards, hospitals, universities and many other health and community partners. They are part of the Halton Catholic District School Board Mental Health and Addiction Strategy.</p> <p>This grant will support Team Unbreakable, a recreation running 10-week program in support of youth mental health. It is physical health for mental health. The program teaches youth how to run a 5km, as a group, as well as gives them the tools and resources to cope with and overcome challenges they may face throughout their life. Although the program is free, some youth are unable to participate because they do not have access to the appropriate running gear. This grant will provide youth with the proper footwear and clothing to participate in the program as well as to participate in the goal event, which is a 5km Community Run. All runs require a registration fee, and this grant allows all youth who participate in Team Unbreakable to be able to attend. They will celebrate their achievements and feel the support and encouragement from the community that a run event provides. During the goal event, and for the entire project, CameronHelps will be adding a "Happy 150th Birthday Canada" banner to the Team Unbreakable logo. The grant, along with the goal event, will allow youth to participate and celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday. This portion of funding will cover the equipment and the registration fees, it will not cover the cost of the program shirts requested, which we will encourage CameronHelps to have them donated, if possible.</p>	\$ 6,575

Burlington Foundation Larger Grant Awards 2016-17

Organization	Title	Initiative	Grant Amt
Food4Kids Hamilton Halton	Growing Healthy Kids	<p>Food4Kids provides packages of healthy food for elementary school students from at-risk, low-income or disadvantaged homes with little or no food during weekend periods.</p> <p>This grant will support a collaborative initiative between Food4Kids, Foodland Ontario, Feeding Halton and Food for Life. The summer program is the first of its kind in Halton, the first of its kind in Canada, ensuring children have access to healthy food throughout the summer during an eight-week program. The program addresses child hunger in our community by providing a supply of healthy local food to 100 children living in low-income homes with limited or no access to food. It eliminates barriers to accessing food through direct distribution to the child's home to ensure food is received by those most in need. It celebrates Canada's 150th birthday by providing Ontario grown foods in partnership with Foodland Ontario (resources), Feeding Halton (direct farm) and Food for Life (food donations). It inspires growing food by providing the children with seedlings in the first week with instructions to nurture through till harvest and inspires families to continue to create fresh local meals through the eight-week recipe booklet created. By providing local in season foods, recipes and fun facts about Canada they will engage a spirit of fun in the kitchen. Easy to make recipes will ensure the families eat healthy and learn about foods that are grown in Canada. Decreasing the grant amount by \$2,000 will not limit the success of this initiative.</p>	\$ 13,000
Halton Learning Foundation	The Eliminating Barriers Program (EB Program)	<p>Halton Learning Foundation (HLF)'s mission is for every student in the Halton District School Board to have an equal opportunity to learn. HLF works towards this by eliminating financial barriers to education for students and families living in poverty.</p> <p>Every student deserves to feel included in school, yet isolation and lack of self-esteem are rooted in poverty. HLF helps. Principals identify students who require basic personal items, clothing/shoes, or wish to participate in extracurricular activities and the Eliminating Barriers program supports these students. Many schools are holding events to mark Canada's 150th, whether in school or field trips with influential speakers. At least three schools are headed to Ottawa in June to celebrate Canada's 150th. This grant will support students who do not have the financial resources to participate in the Canada's 150th events, and newcomers to Canada who are at greater risk. By promoting the values of inclusion and support with families, educators and students, our young people will have the chance to develop into confident, well-educated and healthy individuals who are better prepared for their futures and to contribute to their communities. The \$6,000 grant will directly support their program exclusively for activities related to Canada 150 events.</p>	\$ 6,000
Shifra Homes Inc.	Residential & Seeds of Hope Programs	<p>Shifra Homes' provides a safe haven, and an empowering environment that promotes dignity and a sense of hope for young homeless pregnant women. They aim to provide support and resources, and to protect and nurture new life.</p> <p>The purpose of the Residential Program is to provide a shelter for young, homeless, pregnant women between the ages of 16 and 27. While assisting the young women and their babies, they address the basic human needs of providing a secure home, food, security, education, health and nutrition, transportation, counselling, parenting and life skills, mental health supports, and more. Shifra brings in service providers from other agencies to work with the women rather than duplicating resources. They also receive a tremendous amount of support from volunteers to help engage their clients with activities in the community. The Seeds of Hope Program acts as a secondary expansion of the Residential Program, so that Shifra can continue to support previous residents with the transition of reintegrating back into the community and living independently. They have been able to support their residents with rent, food, moving and medication costs, and continued access to donations, volunteers and support as long as the women are working towards a specific goal, such as completing education, receiving treatment and support for their mental health needs or looking for work. Shifra has had a 100% success rate with making sure these women and children never return to homelessness. Each baby born in 2017 will be celebrated as a baby born in Canada's 150th year. As Shifra received a \$20,000 larger grant from Burlington Foundation in 2015-16, we know this is an important program. The partial funding will be tied to the programming for Canada 150.</p>	\$ 8,000

Burlington Foundation Larger Grant Awards 2016-17

Organization	Title	Initiative	Grant Amt
St. Christopher's Anglican Church	Open Doors 150 Community Engagement Project	<p>Open Doors @ St. Christopher's is a co-location modeled community hub. They have 15 programs in 3 departments; Community Food, Community Resource and Child Youth and Parenting. They are scaling up in 2017 to run 5 days a week with the help of the Trillium Foundation.</p> <p>This grant will support a community engagement project to build a strong and resilient community with a special focus on mental health by engaging community and having them develop special events/projects that help combat mental health issues in their community and also celebrate 150 years of Canada. Open Doors will gather together people from our community using the tenants of community development. They will help to facilitate the process but our community will come up with specialized projects that will help to build our community. In addition to the community engagement projects designed by the community this project will be anchored by 2 other community based projects. Pop Up Art Studio 150 - a drop in Art Studio that will also have a focus on Canada's 150. They will create an Art Gallery that celebrates who we are, at the same time they will be using art as a tool for good mental health. They will have a special Community based Art Show event as a final event showing off 150 works of art for Canada's 150th. The second project is 150 walks - weekly mental health walks that take place in our community and that are led by professionals (Community nurse, mental health counsellors). We know Open Doors has strong support, including support from Trillium Foundation and the project will be successful with a slightly smaller budget.</p> <p>Note: This is a non-faith based program initiative.</p>	\$ 13,000
Summit Housing and Outreach Programs	Don't Mind Us	<p>Summit Housing and Outreach Programs, a non-profit charitable organization for over 30 years, provides supportive housing and outreach case management services throughout Halton for people diagnosed with serious mental illness.</p> <p>This grant supports the Don't Mind Us program. The program addresses mental health and wellness by reducing isolation, increasing social and recreational activity and connections to the Burlington community by enhancing a volunteer program that includes peer-led supports with a client centered approach. It involves a volunteer strategy to address the transportation gap for their clients, by providing a volunteer driving program with two agency owned vans. The main focus is increasing supports for clients to participate in community social and recreational programming by providing peer to peer support, where peers may escort clients to social or recreational programs that are beneficial for well being; and increasing participation by hosting and implementing a roster of outings and activities in organized groups provided by volunteers (Eg wellness walking, art therapy, music makers, writing groups). They will host a community wellness activity open to general public to mark Canada's 150th by organizing an outdoor yoga activity to promote community connection and wellness exercise/meditation, along with celebrating Canada. This will add larger numbers of participants, promote connection to nature and wellness, while celebrating Canada's 150th uniquely through "Don't Mind Us". This \$8,500 grant will cover the cost of program supplies, not administration or program marketing.</p>	\$ 8,500
Symphony on the Bay (Greater Hamilton Symphony Association)	Canada Day 2017: A Symphonic Celebration of Canada and its Music.	<p>Symphony on the Bay (SOTB) is one of the leading community orchestras in our region consisting of 60 community players, a core of eight professional players, a professional Music Director and a governing board.</p> <p>This grant supports the SOTB's role in the City of Burlington's Canada Day 2017-Canada 150 Celebration. The SOTB music director, Claudio Vena, will write arrangements of traditional Canadian folk songs and popular songs for symphony orchestra and guest soloists. Maestro Vena will navigate our rich musical history from pre-Confederation Voyageur songs such as V'la l'bon vent to contemporary Canadian Classics from the song books of artists like Neil Young and Gordon Lightfoot. For this project they have also been granted access to a private historical library of music which includes the rarely performed "Burlington Polka" and other Confederation period military brass band pieces. This project will allow Burlington to celebrate the rich history of local and national artists and create a lasting book of symphonic arrangements that can be performed by amateur and professional organizations. The successful completion of this project also has significant impact on the Canadian music scene because symphonic arrangements are costly to produce and Canadian artistic works are underrepresented in the existing book of orchestral arrangements.</p>	\$ 12,500
Tetra Society of North America	Burlington Chapter Development	<p>Tetra is dedicated to assisting people with disabilities achieve an independent and fulfilling life, one assistive device at a time.</p> <p>This grant will engage more Burlington residents to join Tetra's quest for community involvement to provide a much needed service to those Burlington residents who cannot afford to hire an engineer to solve their independence issue. Tetra will be reaching further into the Burlington communities through presentations, forums and fairs to educate the residents of the service that Tetra provides with no charge for labour. The goal is to engage more skilled volunteers from Burlington to create assistive devices for Burlington's disabled children, teens, adults and seniors, in order to solve an independence issue for them. As a result of a modified device, such as a modified desk or eating utensils, clients are healthier, happier and more active. They are more apt to re-integrate into their local Burlington community, reducing their isolation. Clients may go to school or back to work and many times, the stress on the family, care giver, social services, medical system are reduced. This project will celebrate Tetra's 30th anniversary as well as Canada's 150th.</p>	\$ 4,800

Burlington Foundation Larger Grant Awards 2016-17

Organization	Title	Initiative	Grant Amt
Tottering Biped Theatre	Canadian WW1/Journey project	<p>Tottering Biped Theatre (TBT) promotes conscious evolution through Theatre, emphasizing themes of social justice.</p> <p>This grant will mount an original WW1 Canadian experience inspired theatre piece. Their goal is to inspire our community with the awareness of our involvement in this increasingly forgotten war. By telling a story - one that focusses on the spiritual aftermath of the event - they hope to stir sincere connections to the myriad of experiences known through the war. Theatre builds communities intrinsically; by gathering live people we experience the onstage events in sympathy with others. They are also encouraging a deeper look at history as this marks the 100 year anniversary of WW1 and Canada's coming of age. By considering the sacrifices and victories that Canada experienced, we gain a deep perspective into the full scope of Canadian history. TBT is a resident company of the Burlington Performing Arts Centre and will work cooperatively towards this event. The partial funding represents a slight decrease in the number of human resource hours for the project.</p>	\$ 8,000

Burlington Foundation Seed Grant Recipients
2016-17

Organization	Title	Program overview	Grant Amount
Burlington Central High School	FIRST Robotics Program - Team 2386	The grant supports the FIRST Robotics Competition which teaches students problem solving skills, manufacturing skills along with science and technology. This is an international robotics program involving S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) which involves mentors from professional settings, assisting students in the design and fabrication of a robot in six weeks.	\$ 1,000.00
SHAKESPEARIENCE PERFORMING ARTS	THE SHAKESPEARIENCE IN CLASS EXPERIENCE	Shakespearience is a nineteen year old literacy program that empowers young people between the ages of 8 and 18 in Grades 3-12 with the possibilities of the English language. This is done by demystifying the texts of arguably its greatest practitioner by putting Shakespeare's plays up on their feet and approaching them with an actor's insights, tools and skills. The grant will allow the program to be offered free of charge to staff and students at Lester B Pearson's arts enriched SHSM theatre program.	\$ 500.00
Aldershot School (Gr. 7-12)	Mental Health Literacy Event	This grant will support Aldershot school's focus on mental health and well-being, promoting mental health awareness, prevention and access to resources for intervention in the school community. The grant extends support for day/evening event to promote positive mental health and mental health awareness and prevention to students and parents.	\$ 2,000.00
Community Living Burlington	Arts and Expression Program	The Arts and Expression program increases the quality of life for individuals who have a developmental disability and have been sheltered for most of their lives. This grant provides participation for 10 individuals. Through participation in this new Arts and Expression Program, people who have a developmental disability can use their talents and abilities to explore and express themselves and to connect and share. The program facilitates choice-making, self-expression, and created in an inclusive setting, it will foster community involvement and social skills.	\$ 2,000.00
The Bridge From Prison to Community (Hamilton)	Community outreach worker	This grant will support the Bridge in developing a viable strategy and test out approaches to intensifying outreach to the Burlington community in order to A) Inform diverse groups in contact with offenders, ex-offenders and their families—about The Bridge and their services; B) Educate groups about ex-offenders' urgent need for support in order to stabilize and improve their mental health, successfully reintegrate into the community C) Identify potential supporters in Hamilton and Burlington	\$ 2,000.00

Burlington Foundation Seed Grant Recipients
2016-17

Organization	Title	Program overview	Grant Amount
Muscular Dystrophy Canada	Equipment Program for Youth in Burlington	Grant to assist Burlington families with the purchase of essential medical & mobility equipment for children. Next to finding a cure, the highest priority for individuals with neuromuscular disorders is the need for equipment. This equipment is expensive and often families do not have health insurance to cover the costs.	\$ 2,000.00
Carpenter Hospice	Making Room	Support in furnishing Carpenter Hospice's Community Education Room. The grant will help purchase much-needed conference tables and chairs; more importantly, it will help us create a compassionate environment in which to support the Burlington community who relies on us during their hour of greatest need.	\$ 2,000.00
Support & Housing - Halton	Seed Grant	Grant will support supplies for the Life Skills and Social Activity Groups. These groups promote and increase community participation for youth aged 16 to 24, who are living with mental health challenges and/or addictions. In addition, it is hoped that youth will gain additional resources to ensure their independence within the community. The majority of these individuals live below the poverty line, experience social isolation and are often denied from having reasonable access to resources.	\$ 2,000.00
Holy Rosary School	Holy Rosary School Community Garden	The project will focus on working with students, parents and families to help them gain a better understanding of the benefits of eating locally grown food and increase their skills related to; knowledge of healthy eating/nutrition, build school and church parish relationships and enhance life skills including designing, constructing, growing and maintaining a garden. The crops produced by the garden will be used to increase food access for priority populations.	\$ 2,000.00
Literacy South Halton	Learning for Life	Literacy South Halton assists adults (19+) at the lowest levels of literacy with free, confidential one-to-one tutoring in literacy, math and life skills, including small group instruction. The grant will provide materials from The Voyager series that engages and empowers students. It provides a solid foundation of balanced instruction to ensure success and keeps students involved in every lesson. Literacy is a key determinant of overall health; lifelong learning is important for personal growth and economic prosperity.	\$ 1,100.00
Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation (HCCEF)	Student Guardian Program	The Student Guardian Program helps students and their families in need by removing barriers to education. The grant will support this project and allow HCCEF to increase the financial assistance that is available for HCDSB's Burlington students. Funds will be used to assist students and their families with economic need by: 1. Helping them in a Crisis, 2. Providing them with Food Security & Proper Clothing, 3. Ensuring Fair Access to School Activities.	\$ 1,400.00

Burlington Foundation Seed Grant Recipients
2016-17

Organization	Title	Program overview	Grant Amount
Acclaim Health	Kitchen Equipment for People with Dementia	<p>Grant supports a new microwave and dishwasher for the new Burlington Adult Day Program location. The ADP supports the mental health of people with dementia and Alzheimer disease by providing a safe and engaging space in which they can participate in activities and use their remaining abilities.</p> <p>One of the interactive activities clients regularly participate in is baking and helping in the kitchen during snack/meal times. Last year the ADP provided dementia care to 64 people and their families in Burlington.</p>	\$ 2,000.00