

The funding is part of an investment of more than \$42 million through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund to help 559 non-profit organizations across the province to support staff and volunteers, re-imagine programming and renovate facilities as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott said the work of local non-profit organizations is crucial at any given point, but especially so during the current pandemic.

"Whether it's providing food bank services or entertainment, these non-profit organizations help keep our community spirit strong and improve the lives of residents," stated Scott.

The Resilient Communities Fund provides grants of up to \$150,000 to eligible non-profit organizations to cover a broad and flexible range of needs, such as mental and physical health and well-being supports for staff and/or volunteers, support to adapt or re-imagine program delivery and services to meet the needs of communities, employees and volunteers, incorporate new health and safety processes or purchase new technology and personal protective equipment (PPE), and complete renovations and facility updates to meet the changing needs of the community.

Groups receiving funding include:

- Abbey Retreat Centre in Haliburton County, dedicated to advancing integrated cancer care and other wellness themes; \$30,600
- 4th Line Theatre near Millbrook, committed to developing and presenting original Canadian works that explore regional themes, history and heritage; \$101,000
- Kawartha Settlers' Village in Bobcaygeon, which features more than 20 historic homes and buildings that share what life was like for pioneers in the Kawarthas; \$17,000
- United Way Kawartha Lakes, helping promote the independence and growth of local non-profit agencies and lead projects to address gaps; \$78,100

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