



# SYLVIA JONES, MPP

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **Ontario Supporting Safe, Innovative Events, Programs and Services Dufferin-Caledon**

*Funding will help people reconnect with their communities in new ways, support local economies*

Dufferin-Caledon: The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the province, launched the Resilient Communities Fund to invest in community-based initiatives for the non-profit sector that were impacted because of COVID-19. OTF has selected the first of two rounds of applicants to receive grants through the Resilient Communities Fund.

Sylvia Jones, MPP announced today that the following Dufferin-Caledon organizations are receiving OTF grants, to help rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19:

**Caledon Community Services                    \$94,600**

To hire a board and a marketing consultant, as well as purchasing hardware and software technology to ensure that the strategic approaches are intentionally focused to develop, strengthen and sustain the organization, so it can continue to meet the needs of our community.

**Headwaters Arts                    \$138, 900**

Installation of a three-season roof to an outdoor annex for performances and exhibitions, and expanding online opportunities for audience engagement, and purchasing PPE.

**Fiddlehead Care Farm                    \$64,600**

By creating safe spaces, flexible program delivery and increased access to nature-based support for children and youth.

**Headwaters Communities in Action    \$76,700**

By providing contactless food delivery, virtual and outdoor education, and fundraising alternatives that will benefit our communities.

“I am very pleased to see organizations in Dufferin-Caledon receive funding through the OTF Resilient Communities Fund,” said Jones. “Many families and individuals rely on non profit organizations – for services, support, and as a way to meet each other at events and programming. In the face of the pandemic we have all had to adjust and change how we stay connected to each other and this funding will go a long way to reconnecting us all safely.”

“Support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will go a long way in supporting our organization to create much-needed business plans and acquire the fund development tools that enable pandemic recovery so that we emerge much stronger in the years ahead. We are grateful for this investment in the Caledon community,” said Monty Laskin, CEO of Caledon Community Services.

For more than thirty-five years, OTF has been providing grants to community organizations across the province. The foundations funding supports non-profit organizations focusing on arts and culture, sports and recreation, the environment and human and social services. Jones encourages all non-profit organizations in Dufferin-Caledon to consider applying for a grant. Visit the website [www.trilliumfoundation.org](http://www.trilliumfoundation.org) and read the guidelines to see if your organization is eligible.

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