

Hamilton Community Foundation
Department of Canadian Heritage Youth-Led Community Action Projects
May 2006

	Organization / Project Name	Description	Amount Granted
1.	Ontario Workers Arts & Heritage Centre - <i>Lifting As We Climb</i>	Designed in part to dispel negative stereotypes that serve as barriers to the economic and social mobility of Black and Aboriginal youth, the "Lift and Climb" workshop will use Hip Hop, an alternative art form, as a catalyst to initiate social engagement and dialogue between racialized youth and the broader community at a workshop as part of the forum "Community Arts Matters" being held at WAHC in June. This workshop will use the arts and more specifically music to foster positive self-expression and reconnect youth to their cultural roots. Volunteers will be engaged to support the planning and development of the workshop and the facilitation of the day itself.	\$500.00
2.	Hamilton Public Library - <i>Youth Powered</i>	The Youth Powered Project is designed to promote respect, diversity and self-expression. The project is built to give teens the opportunity to develop skills and to develop their assets. The project consists of two main parts: 1. A magazine of stories, essays and art by Hamilton teens to be published by the Youth Advisory Group of Hamilton Public Library (YAG) with the support of the HPL and to be distributed free to teens across the city. 2. A series of events to be held at the HPL to expose teens to ideas about writing, art, creativity and the diversity of our community.	\$500.00
3.	Delta Secondary School - <i>Mega Hoops</i>	Mega Hoops is a Basketball Ontario Program that targets the 8 - 13 age group. Student volunteers and student athletes will be involved in offering an hour of instruction and an hour of game play. The goals are 1) promote the importance of physical activity, 2) encourage learning and fun, 3) teach the value of sport. We will also be creating leaders amongst our student volunteers.	\$1,000.00
4.	YWCA Hamilton - <i>Snack Attack</i>	To provide a safe, neutral, comfortable and enjoyable child-friendly environment. Through providing a nutritious snack our goals are: 1) to enhance social opportunities between the children and their visiting parent/relative, 2) to increase over all well being of parents and children in poverty by providing snack within at least two food groups, 3) to provide volunteers a tangible way to make a difference to the children and parent participants.	\$500.00

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5.	Niwasa Head Start Preschool - <i>NYA:WEH Youth Drum Circle</i>	Aboriginal youth will have the opportunity to network and build healthy relationships with their peers and volunteer mentors while participating in the teachings and instruction of Aboriginal drumming. This program will take place after-school every other week in the NYA:WEH room and adjoining school space where youth have already established a connection, and the principal and teachers are willing to supervise as volunteers. Students from any school will be encouraged to attend. Drumming will include the "Large Drum" which will be built with the youth and then owned by this circle as well as hand drums also made by the participants. This drum circle (after initial instruction approx. 3 months) will also volunteer for community events to share the cultural history and encourage Aboriginal youth to be actively engaged throughout the community.	\$1,000.00
6.	YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington - <i>Lounge Remodeling</i>	The objective of the project is to create an inviting space for youth. This lounge will be used for Leader Corps, a Friday night youth program to promote volunteerism and leadership. It is the hope to use this lounge for other youth events like birthday parties, study groups and coffee houses. By renovating the lounge we hope to attract more members to Leader Corps. This program would help the community by being a place for kids from all over the city, regardless of their family income. It gives kids a safe and fun place to go on Friday nights where they can be out of the house, off the streets and off the couch.	\$500.00
7.	Waterdown High School - <i>Youth Aiding Youth – (YAY)</i>	YAY is a peer mentoring program where youth support youth through various social, emotional, and academic issues. Senior students meet with Junior students for a minimum of one hour a week to help the Juniors with the transition into high school. The Senior students volunteer their time to become trained as peer mentors. After the information sessions, Senior students then meet with Juniors once a week as a whole group and once a week in one-on-one meetings. YAY is a group to bridge the gap between Senior and Junior students. Staff advisors are in place to help guide and supervise the activities.	\$1,000.00

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8.	Cathedral High School - Breakfast Program	By providing a nutritious breakfast every morning, we hope to provide adequate nutrition to all students. We hope this will ensure an improved academic success for all involved. The 6 volunteers will alternate with 3 students each week preparing breakfasts and cleaning up each morning. The program runs from 7:30 to 8:00 am. We hope that students receive adequate nutrition to ensure academic success. We also hope that students will realize the importance of nutrition in their lives. We plan on promoting this program with flyers and video announcements, emphasizing the importance of a healthy breakfast every day.	\$500.00
9.	S.T.A.R. of Hamilton-Wentworth - A Place to Play	Five committed youth volunteers will repair and redesign the basketball court that is located within their community at 2 Oriole Crescent. There are over 300 at-risk children and youth living in this low-income housing community and the only designated area for them to play in the survey is the basketball court. The children believe that the basketball court is a great place to play with their friends and enjoy physical activity. Due to vandalism and lack of maintenance, the basketball court is unsafe and unusable at this time.	\$1,000.00
10.	Waterdown High School - Flamborough Youth Program	The Interact club, with the help of the Rotary Club of Waterdown and the Flamborough YMCA, held community meetings and have determined a concern for youth in Flamborough. Some of the factors that support this concern; there has been an increase in break and enter; there are few activities for youth; we do not have a community centre; and no public transportation to access activities. The Interact Club (senior high school students) would like to partner with other organizations in Flamborough to develop a youth drop-in program for youth ages 13 - 15. The Interact group, will be volunteering along with the partner organizations, YMCA, Rotary Club of Waterdown and Flamborough Information & Community Services to develop and carry out programs and activities for the youth. It will be held twice a month for 2 1/2 hours and will include active games, small quiet games, movies, listening to music. This will be a stepping stone to determine if our community can support a year round youth centre.	\$1,000.00

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11.	Church of St. Peter Parish Hall - <i>Pete's Place</i>	Pete's Place has been planned as an after-school venue, in east central Hamilton, where inner city youth who have been displaced from their family home environments and are attending secondary school, can come to seek homework assistance, emotional encouragement, and lifestyle support from volunteer teens, and mentors. A group of 8 local teenagers age 14 to 18 have planned to support this project as volunteers. The group has committed to a fund raising goal of \$1,000 to purchase food, personal care products and basic clothing necessities to offer support to fellow students who are at risk of academic failure due to homelessness or other poverty issues.	\$1,000.00
12.	AY Alternatives for Youth of Canada - <i>Trading School Spaces</i>	The purpose of this project is to build strong student relationships in schools between two different areas of the city. The Youth Advisory Team is going to take the lead on the project, and will work with a group of approximately 10 student volunteers from each of the two selected schools (Delta Secondary/Sir Allan MacNab). The main benefit to this project however, are the assets that are being strengthened by allowing youth to take control of this initiative which will foster confidence and continued community involvement. Through a collaborative effort of students, teachers and community partners, we will work to enhance and creatively decorate an area in these two schools. Also by having youth develop relationships in the community it will create an awareness of the positive efforts of local youth.	\$500.00
13.	Youth CAN - <i>Hamilton Youth Vote!</i>	The project is modelled after the Canada-wide "Student Vote" program which "aims to develop a habit of civic participation among young Canadians". We will be creating curriculum that teachers can use to educate their students about local issues, municipal election procedures, and nominated candidates. We will then hold a vote in the schools and tabulate the results of the election. The results will be communicated to the media following the actual election. Voter turnout among youth (age 18 - 25) is significantly lower than other age brackets. Furthermore, overall voter turnout in municipal elections is very low (approx. 35%). Our main goal is to encourage young people to become involved in the electoral process.	\$1,000.00

14.	Shabab Islamic Centre - <i>Canadian Islamic Culture Expedition - CICE</i>	<p>The CICE allows curious people to learn and appreciate different cultures in our world today, namely those of Muslim backgrounds. The exhibition will present a number of cultural traditions and practices from various countries featuring food, clothes, artwork, poetry, photographs, informative materials and different demonstrations. All of this will give the audience a greater picture of the different values, customs and beliefs of each country. Tents will be used to differentiate one culture from another. The diversity demonstrated by the cultural displays will assist the Hamilton community in understanding and appreciating the diversity that is present in its community.</p>	\$1,000.00
15.	Delta Secondary School - <i>Peer Mentorship</i>	<p>To develop a peer mentorship program at Delta Secondary School to help welcome grade 9's to Delta in the fall of 2006. Students currently in grade 9 through 12 will be trained over a four-month timeframe in their roles as mentors (May to August 2006). The training program focuses on the development of leadership and planning skills. In September incoming grade 9 students will be divided into groups of 20 students with 4 to 6 mentors assigned to each group. Each group will work throughout the school year on a variety of tasks which will include social activities. This program will help the new grade 9's through the trials and tribulations of the first year of high school.</p>	\$1,000.00
16.	Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School - <i>Fair Trade Sales and Partnerships</i>	<p>To run a Fair Trade Kiosk at and out of Bishop Tonnos Secondary . Primary sales will be fair trade coffee by the cup, but there will also be sales of tea, chocolate and sugar and coffee. The project will focus on training youth to run a business but other benefits are: fundraising, venue, out-reach to at least two inner city high schools involving marginalized youth; raise awareness about trade issues, support global partnerships.</p>	\$500.00
17.	McMaster Children's Hospital - <i>Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)</i>	<p>The YAC of CDRP (Children's Developmental Rehabilitation Programme) is a group of approximately 10-15 teens with physical disabilities that get together monthly to plan and run events for youth who are clients at CDRP and their close friends (able-bodied or not). YAC feels that the events are important because they give teens a chance to talk to other teens who know what it is like to have a disability and gain support from them. For people who have severe physical disabilities, recreational and leisure opportunities in the community are often very limited.</p>	\$1,500.00

**National Selection Committee / YAC grants made in early 2007
with funds left from the 2006 Canadian Heritage Pilot Project**

Subject to conditions listed; all monies must be spent by March 31.

Amount	Project	Description	Conditions
\$1000.	East Hamilton Boys and Girls Club Computer Whiz Kids Jason Darrell	Kids teaching kids basic computer skills to allow them to be more successful on school projects	Money must be spent on flyers, paper, toner, and refreshments by March 31
\$1,500.	East Hamilton Boys and Girls Club How to Score Sweet Grades and Choice Jobs Chantelle Kenner	Youth tutors help kids with homework, resume writing, job searches, and other employment skills. May take place in an empty storefront with help from Kiwanis.	No conditions
\$1,000.	East Hamilton Boys and Girls Club Hip Hip 2 Da Future Abdel Abakar	Youth-led dance class where kids learn the basics of hip hop and step exercise	Money must be spent on bus tickets, flyers, signage, and refreshments by March 31

