

Our Year in Review

Fiscal 2023



**Peter Gilgan
Foundation**

Our Mission

To improve the lives of children and families by empowering initiatives that help the world transition to a more healthy, prosperous, and sustainable future.



We empower **children, youth and families** to reach their full potential

We enable projects that combat **climate change**



We support **international development** that uplifts women and girls



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- Green Iglu;*
- World Vision.*

Executive Director's Message



**Stephanie Trussler,
Peter Gilgan Foundation
Executive Director**

Consultation and collaboration were at the forefront of our minds this year. It's increasingly apparent how important it is to listen and learn from our partners, as well as to share learnings with our peers.

Over 2022/23, we've engaged in funder affinity groups, shared due diligence, and participated in several conferences. Through our new Indigenous Youth program and GTA Community Grants program, we honour the expertise of those impacted and seek to follow their lead.

In our climate change work, grant making and impact investing collaboratives have helped guide our decision making. Greater consultation with the family operating company, Mattamy Homes, is energizing the work on both sides. Mattamy is the source of funding for the Peter Gilgan Foundation, and it's important to the Gilgan Family that both entities remain authentic in our words and actions: we support the fight against climate change through the Foundation and sustainable building via Mattamy Homes. We've fortified dialogues with Mattamy to empower our parallel – yet separate – contributions to green building and sustainable living.

There are huge issues in this world and no one entity can resolve them alone. It's abundantly clear that the pooling of resources; financial, social, and intellectual are required. To solve these wicked problems requires teamwork and a common goal. That is why we're adopting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework.

The 17 SDGs synthesize the world's biggest challenges and call for all countries to come together to ensure peace and prosperity for all people and the planet. It's inspiring to think of countries around the world using the same framework, working to address the same issues. It is the ultimate collaborative effort.

It has been a tremendous year of growth at the Peter Gilgan Foundation, with the expansion of funding themes, staff, internal expertise, and learning, as we seek to shift more funds to our Children, Youth and Families, Climate Change, and International Development programs. We are so proud of what has been accomplished this past year and cannot wait to see what this next year brings.

Sustainable Development Goals: Measuring our Impact



Climate Change



Showing:

- SDG for Climate Change
- Bruce Trail

This graph shows how our Climate Change funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Photo courtesy of the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

Climate Change

The Peter Gilgan Foundation believes combating the climate emergency is both an absolute necessity and an enormous opportunity for economic growth, understanding that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are the primary driver of climate change and that vulnerable communities are most impacted by its effects.











As a signatory to the [Canadian Philanthropy Commitment on Climate Change](#), the Peter Gilgan Foundation strives to use the full spectrum of tools available to mobilize critical climate efforts, both internally by enhancing our own operations, and externally by supporting our partnership network.

Over 2022/2023, we've embedded a climate lens across all our activities, identifying intersections and boosting synergies throughout our grant program through continued research and internal capacity-building to better support the communities we serve. Our support for climate action deploys an array of complementary approaches, from philanthropic giving to impact investment and partner outreach.

Our 2022/2023 Climate Change grants enabled GHG reductions and empowered community resilience, supporting 11 SDGs across 4 funding priorities:

nature-based solutions green building and living
low-emission and renewable technologies community resilience

The projects funded this year will...

 <p>Reduce 42k tons CO2e/y Prevent 8.2m tons CO2e from deforestation</p>	 <p>Conserve 4,849 acres of land</p>	 <p>Install 252 kW of renewable power</p>	 <p>Enable 841 green building retrofits</p>	 <p>Develop 3 new climate tools</p>
 <p>Provide 570 individuals with green skills</p>	 <p>Facilitate 349 stakeholder convenings</p>	 <p>Support 460 cleantech ventures</p>	 <p>Establish 2 new organizations / coalitions</p>	 <p>Publish 34 climate reports</p>

Introducing a few of our new Partners

Bruce Trail Conservancy

Alignment: Nature-Based Solutions

For close to 60 years, Bruce Trail Conservancy has been protecting and restoring a natural corridor along the Niagara Escarpment UNESCO World Biosphere, internationally recognized for its valuable yet at-risk biodiverse and carbon-rich ecosystems. With a 1,300km network of marked footpaths, the Bruce Trail responsibly connects people with nature near Ontario's most densely populated urban landscapes. The Peter Gilgan Foundation was pleased to commit \$500,000 to help establish two new nature reserves along the Bruce Trail over the next two years, protecting 270 acres of land for climate change mitigation.

[Visit Bruce Trail Conservancy](#)

Pembina Institute

Alignment: Green Building & Living and Low-Emission & Renewable Technologies

The Pembina Institute is a leading source of expertise advancing the clean energy transition through research, collaborations, and innovative solutions that support communities, the economy, and a safe climate. We awarded a \$200,000 grant for Pembina's capacity-building work to address systemic barriers in scaling electric vehicle charging infrastructure across multi-unit residential buildings in Alberta. The funds are being used in a pilot demonstration project, the development of charging guides, and stakeholder convenings to maximize the emissions-reduction potential of low-carbon mobility and green buildings in the province.

[Visit Pembina Institute](#)

Green Iglu

Alignment: Community Resilience

With Green Iglu's capacity-building support, Mezi Community School will build community resilience in Whatì, a remote, mainly Indigenous community in the Northwest Territories facing systemic barriers to food security including poverty, isolation, and climate change. Our \$100,000 grant will help equip Mezi Community School with two new fully operational greenhouses, staff training, and comprehensive educational programming on healthy eating and sustainable agriculture. The greenhouses will become a climate-resilient hub enabling access to sustainable food, education, health, and jobs for the school and the broader community.

[Visit Green Iglu](#)



At the Bruce Trail Conservancy, our mission is to preserve a ribbon of wilderness, for everyone, forever - because of partners like the Peter Gilgan Foundation, this goal is in reach.

- Bruce Trail Conservancy

Projects like the MURB EV Retrofit Guidebooks for Alberta make it easier for all Calgarians, regardless of where they live, to shift toward zero-emissions vehicles. This is an important priority in the Calgary Climate Strategy - Pathways to 2050 and we look forward to more of this type of investment in Calgary.

- The City of Calgary

Climate change and food security in the North is a real issue that many students and community members face each day. But Whatì is a place where people work together to find solutions. This community-led project will create a legacy whose impact cannot be overstated.

- Mezi Community School Principal

Children, Youth & Families



This graph shows how our Children, Youth & Families funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2022/23 fiscal year. This graph does not include Indigenous Youth grants, which are presented separately on page 12.

Photo courtesy of Stella's Place.

Stella's Place
SDGs for Children, Youth & Families
- Stella's Place

The Children, Youth & Families funding priority seeks to equip children, youth and families with skills, resources, and opportunities to reach their full potential. Emergent themes from our strategic refresh completed in 2022 have proven to resonate with organizations across Canada dedicated to supporting:

Children and Youth Mental Health Education and Economic Opportunities Food Security and Systems Indigenous-led solutions for Indigenous youth

Our 2022/23 Children, Youth & Families grants have supported outcomes such as barrier reduction to clinical therapeutic services, success and perseverance in school and work, and stabilizing food supports and sustainable food distribution. Beyond outcomes, our partners have been invaluable teachers in the ways these themes intersect with each other, emerging best practices in service delivery and outreach, and broadening our understanding of impact measurement.



GTA Community Grants Program

This year we launched the GTA Community Grants Program, created to support community-led, grassroots organizations deliver projects in food security as well as education and economic opportunity-building. Openness to the unique ways grassroots organizations are defining and solving issues facing their communities was imperative to program design.

“We know that solutions to society’s problems can come from anywhere, and often the best solutions to problems facing a community will come from the community itself. We want to support the grassroots problem solvers.”

*Stephanie Trussler, Peter Gilgan Foundation
Executive Director*

The GTA Community Grants Program was open to any organization in the Greater Toronto Area that is rooted in and serving its community. We embraced the CRA’s recent guidance on support for Non-Qualified Donees and launched a grant program that aimed to be inclusive and accessible to high-impact organizations that have historically faced barriers when trying to access charitable funding.

Photo courtesy of MABELLEarts.

Introducing a few of our new Partners

Stella's Place

Alignment: Children and Youth Mental Health

Stella's Place offers free integrated peer support, clinical skill development and wrap-around services in a non-residential, community setting for youth between 16-29. The Peter Gilgan Foundation granted Stella's Place \$50,000 to support the delivery of group and one-on-one counselling using two core therapeutic modalities: Dialectic Behavioural Therapy (DBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), as part of an integrated and holistic mental health program, while also providing participants' caregivers and loved ones with strategies to better support them.

[Visit Stella's Place](#)

Blue Door Shelter

Alignment: Education and Economic Opportunities

Initially launched in York Region in 2020, Blue Door's social enterprise Construct has seen instant success because it strategically addresses the need for skilled labour in the construction sector and the need among youth living in poverty and/or at risk of homelessness for education and work-related learning to secure well-paying, stable careers. The Peter Gilgan Foundation granted Blue Door \$55,000 to support the launch of Construct's first Training Centre for Hands-On Learning, which will expand its capacity to educate and support vulnerable youth in escaping homelessness and poverty.

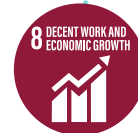
[Visit Blue Door Shelter](#)

The Stop Community Food Centre

Alignment: Food Security and Systems

For the past 40 years, the Stop has been a pillar for dignified food access and community building in the Davenport-West neighbourhood and beyond. With three distinct programming sites throughout the community, the Stop offers a variety of programs that use food as a tool for health, skill building and social connectedness. The Peter Gilgan Foundation granted \$25,000 to the Healthy Beginnings Program, a weekly peri and post-natal nutrition and support program for women experiencing poverty. The program offers information, education, and support through connecting participants to nurses, dietitians, settlement workers, a counsellor/therapist, and family support workers; it also provides a healthy lunch, food hamper, food vouchers, and free childcare.

[Visit The Stop](#)



I strongly believe that this program has been the first step to changing my life for the better. I can now understand my emotions and accept them in the moment and feel them without feeling guilty. I feel that this group provided me with skills that will continue to benefit me everyday for the rest of my life. By the end of the group, I could see a major difference in who I was before the group and who I am now. I'm very happy with this group and plan on using Stella's place again for future groups.

- Stella's Place Dialectical Behaviour Skills Participant

When I came to Canada, I was facing homelessness, unemployment and battling depression. I was uncertain about my future and the direction I wanted to take, but my life changed when I joined the Construct program. Through the program, I gained valuable skills, knowledge, and certifications, including Working at Heights, which played a crucial role in helping me build a career in the construction trades. It also gave me a sense of purpose and now, I wake up every day with pride knowing that I am making meaningful progress in my life. With the support and guidance from the Construct team, I was able to join the Masonry union and secure a stable, full-time job in the field.

-Blue Door Shelter Construct Participant

The past year has made me feel way too much in demand and not finding much room or energy left to do things I enjoy. What has taken a big burden off my shoulders is the Healthy Beginnings program's massive resources from groceries and diapers to information for support and career opportunities, reducing the additional stress of finding them yourself while juggling the changes of the 'new normal'.

- Tasha, Healthy Beginnings Graduate

Indigenous Youth



This graph shows how our Indigenous Youth funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Photo courtesy of Red Deer Native Friendship Society.

As we reflect on our inaugural year of intentionally and respectfully partnering with Indigenous-led organizations dedicated to the holistic needs of Indigenous youth, we are grateful for each new and deepening relationship we have the honour of learning from. The excellence in leadership and creativity in programming represented through all ten of this year's grant recipients is humbling and inspiring. Looking forward, our hope is to continue shifting toward an increasingly flexible and inclusive program – one based on the building of mutual trust between funder and partner organization – in order to serve and uplift First Nation, Métis and Inuit young people.

New Partnerships from Coast to Coast

VIDEA

VIDEA is based on the unceded territories of the ləkʷəŋən people (Victoria, BC), but their weekly Indigenous Wellness Wednesday gatherings connect participants from all over the country. This virtual safe space of community and support provides a much-needed opportunity for young people to explore and define their wellness needs and goals.

[Visit VIDEA](#)

Red Deer Native Friendship Society

The Red Deer Native Friendship Society in Alberta has planned a summer season full of culturally-informed learning adventures for its diverse community of youth participants. The goal is to enjoy a break from the city and connect in nature, with opportunities to embrace Indigenous knowledge and ceremony along the way.


[Visit RDNFS](#)

Women of First Light

In the Wabanaki homelands on the eastern coast, a Young Indigenous Women's Council has formed with the support of mentors and Elders from the community. Their focus will be towards ancestral and cultural revitalization, with women in leadership roles, through a series of land-based healing and capacity building workshops.


[Visit Women of First Light](#)


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 **3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

There haven't been welcoming spaces like this and still aren't to this day. Our ancestors weren't allowed to be in spaces like this. We deserve this and more.


- Taleetha Tait, Manager of Wellness Programs, VIDEA


 **3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

 **4 QUALITY EDUCATION**

It's truly a blessing to have the opportunity to connect with and help our youth blossom into the young men and women who will be future leaders in our community. Giving them a sense of confidence and leadership, gently encouraging them to be the people that they were born to be, is in itself one of the greatest rewards I could ever receive.

- Thomas Martell, Youth Mentor and Program Lead, RDNFS

 **3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

 **5 GENDER EQUALITY**

Our vision is rooted in our collective, life-long commitment to develop and teach our traditional life-way skills, cultural knowledge and spirituality in a manner that feeds and helps heal the spirit, nurtures self-appreciation, and promotes overall wellness among our youth.

- Miigam'ahan Miig, Board Co-Chair, Women of First Light, Wapna'kikewi'skwaq

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Photo courtesy of Emily Gilgan.

Our Journey to Reconciliation

In addition to dedicating annual grant funds to reducing barriers and uplifting opportunities for Indigenous youth, the Peter Gilgan Foundation is also committed to improving our organizational practices to better support these valued grantee partnerships. Our first step on this journey was to engage in a year-long fellowship lead by [The Circle on Philanthropy](#) called 'Partners in Reciprocity'. Our learning team is representative of all levels of Foundation leadership, including staff, management, board, and family members. It's been hugely valuable to learn alongside a cohort of sector peers about improving our ways of being in relationship with Indigenous communities from the many knowledgeable experts leading this program. As an organization, and as individuals, we hold ourselves accountable to embedding and embodying all the wisdom we've gained through this wonderful opportunity to be better and do better.

“ The Circle shared traditional teachings from animals like the whale, who reminds us all that when we are brave enough to venture beyond the surface, our world and our understanding expand immensely. This fibre art piece was created during moments of invited creative space within the program, as a reflection upon the compelling beauty and power of going deep.

– Emily Gilgan,
Peter Gilgan Foundation Board
Member and Partners in
Reciprocity Fellow ”

International Development



This graph shows how our International Development funding aligned with the sustainable development goals in the 2022/23 fiscal year.

Photo courtesy of World Vision.

Our international development partners support women and girls to access equitable and sustainable healthcare, education, and economic opportunities. This year's cohort of grants reflect projects that each deliver outcomes across multiple Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on supporting women smallholder farmers, and improving access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. Two examples are shared here.

World Vision Canada

Alignment: Maternal and Child Health – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

WASH in Zambia aims to deliver more than 40,000 new or rehabilitated water points in communities, schools, and healthcare facilities in rural villages, refugee camps, and informal settlements across Zambia. This grant will contribute to WASH solutions that last, incorporating technologies such as solar-powered water supply systems, and vital training for community WASH committees and school-based WASH clubs.

[Visit World Vision Canada](#)



Photos courtesy of World Vision Canada.



Jessica, 19, draws water from the school's nearby hand-pump. World Vision drilled a borehole in her community, shortening the amount of time she spent collecting water daily and improving her health through clean, safe drinking water.

“ I thank World Vision for all the support they have been giving me because they have made my life easier than I had ever imagined, and I pray that they continue helping children like me in different communities. ”

– Mary



Community Forests International

Alignment: Education and Economic Opportunities for Women and Girls – Women Smallholder Farmers

The Zanzibar Women's Leadership in Adaptation Project (ZanzADAPT) improves gender equality and climate adaptation capacity in vulnerable coastal communities in Zanzibar, Tanzania. This grant will support activities that generate social, ecological, and financial resilience, such as preserving natural coastal mangrove forests and growing women-focused climate-adaptive agroforestry projects for food, income, and ecosystem services.

Visit [Community Forests International](#)



Pictured here, Bimajo Juma is one such agroforest farmer. With support, Bimajo has transformed a small plot of land near her home from a monoculture yam farm into a diverse "Spice Forest", full of vanilla, cardamom, cloves, and more. Says Bimajo:

“ I control the money I earn... I can feed my family [and] pay my children's school fees. Spice [farming] is where I have freedom in my life. Women can succeed, if they are supported. ”

Today, Bimajo is mentoring other young women in her community.



Photos courtesy of Community Forests International.

Financials



\$19M

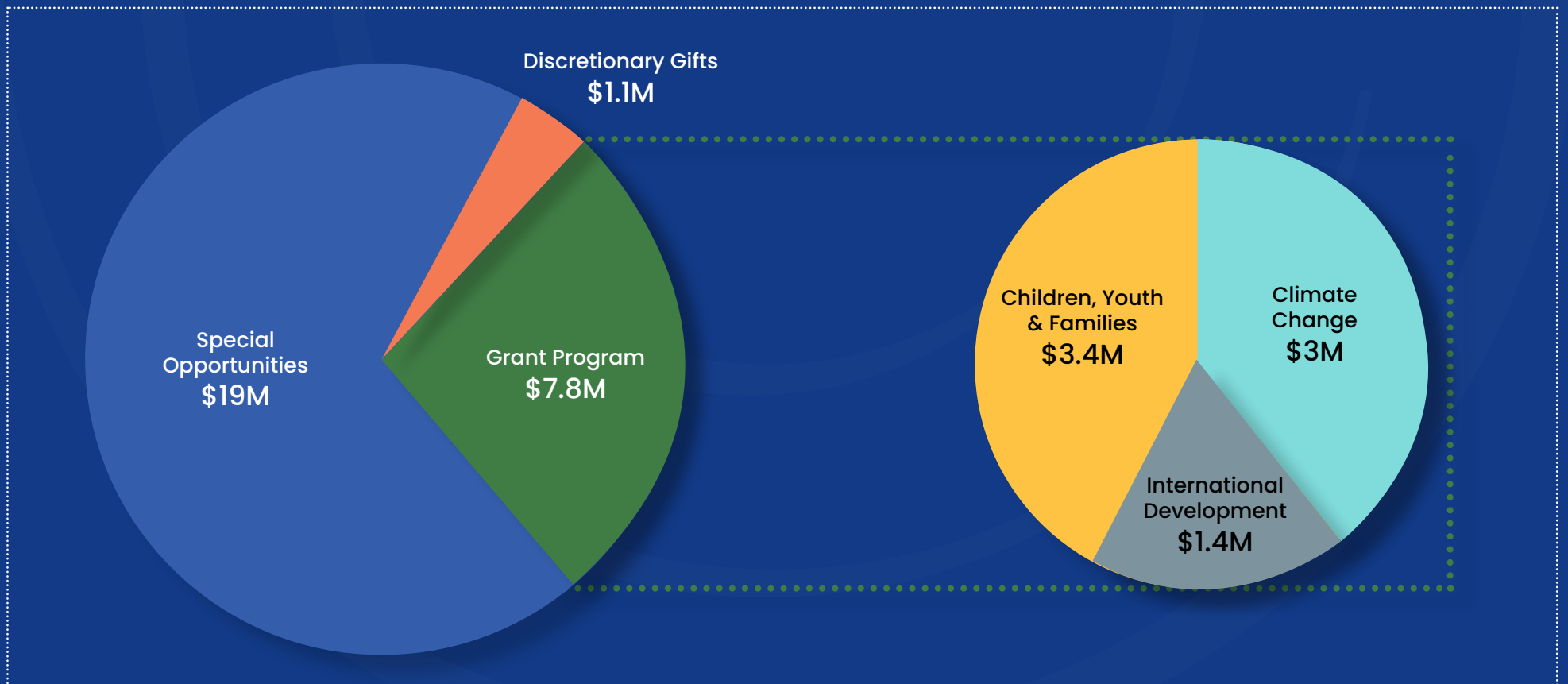
was distributed to long-term and strategic partners supporting Special Opportunities

\$7.8M

was awarded to partners addressing our Children, Youth & Families, Climate Change, and International Development priorities

\$1.1M

was awarded to discretionary gifts



Investing for Impact

The Peter Gilgan Foundation believes that all of a charity's assets should work towards its mission, and that certainly none should be working contrary to its mission.

The Foundation does not have an endowment, we receive annual flow-through funding from partner operating business Mattamy Homes. However, we do have two small and growing investment portfolios shown below.

Impact Portfolio

It aims to maximize positive impact on our mission and mandate in ways that are unachievable by charitable donations.

The current focus of the Impact Portfolio is to mobilize investments for a net-zero future.

To date, our Impact Portfolio has supported all 17 sustainable development goals, with particular emphasis on:



Contingency Portfolio

In spring of 2023, the Board enthusiastically approved a new mid-term goal: 100% of the Foundation's investments will contribute positive social or environmental impact.

The Contingency Portfolio will grow over time to cover one year of operating expenses and grant commitments.

It aims to meet liquidity and volatility targets, while achieving maximum positive impact on our mission and mandate.



Grants Awarded



Children, Youth & Families

Access Community Capital Fund

\$40,000 for the Women's Business Accelerator
SDGs: 5, 8, 10

Alberta Immigrant Women & Children Centre

\$50,000 to provide newcomer mothers with access to the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters program
SDGs: 3, 5

Atlantic Wellness Community Center

\$25,000 to support free and timely mental health therapy and coordinated support services for youth
SDGs: 3

Blue Door Support Services

\$55,000 to support the launch of Construct's first Training Centre for Hands-On Learning
SDGs: 8, 9

Business in the Streets

\$60,000 to support entrepreneurship programs serving economically disadvantaged youth
SDGs: 1, 8

Children's Aid Foundation of Canada

\$50,000 to help young people who have experienced childhood trauma advance their life goals
SDGs: 10

Community Matters Toronto

\$6,000 to empower newcomers to offer their skills and cultural practices to their community
SDGs: 2, 10, 11

Community Music Schools of Toronto

\$75,000 to help students from Regent Park succeed in education
SDGs: 4, 10

Covenant House Toronto

\$80,000 to help homeless and trafficked young people access education and improve their health and wellbeing
SDGs: 5

Dixon Hall

\$40,000 to support children and youth programming in Toronto's Regent Park
SDGs: 5, 10

FoodShare Toronto

\$50,000 to provide food justice and hands-on food programming for children, youth, parents, and caregivers
SDGs: 2, 3, 10

Fred Victor Centre

\$50,000 to increase food security and empower low-income children, youth, and families living in Toronto's Downtown East
SDGs: 2, 3

Growing Neighbourhoods Foundation (operating as Building Roots)

\$25,000 to support a teaching garden and delivery of urban farming workshops in Toronto's Moss Park and Downtown East
SDGs: 2, 3, 10

Immigrant Women Services Ottawa

\$10,000 to support counselling services for mothers and children who have experienced violence in the home or through war
SDGs: 5, 10

Indspire

\$50,000 to provide access to postsecondary education for Indigenous students
SDGs: 4, 10

Jane Finch Community Ministry

\$25,000 to support the Neighbourhood Action Youth Employment Committee's Passport to Employment Program
SDGs: 8, 10

Jessie's - The June Callwood Centre for Young Women

\$50,000 to support pregnant teens and teen moms to complete high school
SDGs: 4, 5, 10

Leftovers Foundation

\$25,000 to decrease food waste and increase food access in Alberta and Manitoba
SDGs: 2, 11

MABELLEarts

\$75,000 for the Fueling Community Change project
SDGs: 1, 2

MakeWay Charitable Society - East Scarborough Storefront

\$50,000 for the Working with People in the Social Sector local training initiative
SDGs: 8, 10

MakeWay Charitable Society - EntrepreNorth

\$100,000 for the EntrepreNorth Ripples of Impact Business & Innovation Project
SDGs: 8, 10

NPower Canada

\$150,000 to provide routes to employment in the tech sector for Canada's youth
SDGs: 1, 8

PACT Urban Peace Program

\$10,000 for the Grow-to-Learn Environmental and Culinary Workshops
SDGs: 2, 3

Parents of Black Children

\$50,000 for the Healthy Student, Engaged Learner Project

SDGs: 3, 10

Raising the Roof

\$100,000 to provide construction career pathways and supportive affordable housing

SDGs: 1, 8, 9

Renascent

\$62,000 to provide comprehensive, person-centred and evidence-based treatment for transitional-aged youth

SDGs: 3

Right to Play International

\$100,000 to bring play-based programming to Indigenous youth in three Saskatchewan communities

SDGs: 3

Sarnia-Lambton "Rebound"

\$25,000 to support educational, social, emotional, and health services for transitional at-risk youth

SDGs: 1, 3, 10

Second Harvest Canada

\$150,000 to reduce food waste and increase food access in the Greater Toronto Area

SDGs: 2, 13

Seneca College of Applied Arts & Science

\$50,000 to support young people to overcome barriers to postsecondary education

SDGs: 2, 4, 8

Shad Canada

\$100,000 to provide transformational entrepreneurship and innovation programs for youth facing systemic barriers

SDGs: 8

Stella's Place Assessment and Treatment Centre

\$50,000 to provide clinical programs for young adults with mental health needs

SDGs: 3

StepStones for Youth

\$75,000 for the Youth Support Services Program

SDGs: 3, 10

Teach For Canada - Gakinaamaage

\$250,000 to build strong and sustainable educational communities in remote First Nations

SDGs: 4, 8, 10

The Neighbourhood Group - Black Women in Motion

\$50,000 for the Black Youth Employment and Assistance Program

SDGs: 3, 8, 10

The Stop Community Food Centre

\$25,000 for the Healthy Beginnings Program

SDGs: 2, 3, 5, 10

The Yonge Street Mission

\$65,920 to provide education supports for children in care or at-risk of entering care

SDGs: 1, 4

Toronto District School Board - STEP to Construction

\$100,000 to introduce Toronto high school students to careers in construction

SDGs: 1, 8

Trails Youth Initiatives

\$20,000 to support Four Seasons, Four Years, For Life

SDGs: 3, 4, 10

United College, University of Waterloo

\$40,000 to provide access to Indigenous-led entrepreneurship education for students in the Greater Toronto Area

SDGs: 8, 10

United Way of Greater Toronto - Toronto Enterprise Fund

\$75,000 for the Youth Enterprise Fund

SDGs: 8, 10

Up With Women

\$100,000 to help families exit poverty through employment and entrepreneurship coaching

SDGs: 5, 8, 10

Windmill Microlending

\$100,000 to provide wraparound supports for newcomer mothers accessing Windmill's Loan Fund

SDGs: 5, 8

YMCA of Greater Toronto

\$65,000 for the Black Achievers Mentorship Program

SDGs: 8, 10

YMCA of Northern Alberta

\$50,000 to support at-risk young people to stay in school

SDGs: 3, 10

Youth Without Shelter

\$50,000 to support homeless and at-risk young people to stay in school

SDGs: 3, 10

YWCA Metro Vancouver

\$7,500 to support youth transitioning out of the foster care system

SDGs: 5, 8

GTA Community Grants

Canadian South Asian Growth and Support Services

\$14,000 to train youth and parents living in community housing to be healthy eating and wellness ambassadors
SDGs: 2

Community Matters Toronto

\$12,000 to implement community-based approaches to food access in St. James Town
SDGs: 2, 3

Green Thumbs Growing Kids

\$15,000 to support school-community gardens located in three elementary schools in Toronto's Downtown East
SDGs: 2, 3

Flemingdon Park Ministry

\$15,000 to support women in the community to grow food crops at their urban farm
SDGs: 2

Laadilyan, Celebrating and Empowering Daughters

\$15,000 to deliver a career mentorship program for young South Asian women
SDGs: 8

Loyan Foundation

\$12,000 to support food security workshops for Toronto Community Housing residents
SDGs: 2

MakeWay Charitable Society - Summerlunch+

\$15,000 to support the cocreation of cooking and food literacy programming with youth from Thorncliffe Park
SDGs: 2, 10

Mama's Healing Garden

\$15,000 to support the Summerlea Community Garden
SDGs: 2

Rise in STEM

\$15,000 to support the Rising STEM Scholars program
SDGs: 1, 8

St. Philip's Evangelical Lutheran Church

\$9,750 to support the Neighbourhood Table
SDGs: 2, 3

Thorncliffe Park Autism Support Network

\$15,000 to support youth with autism in Thorncliffe Park to develop leadership skills and social connections
SDGs: 3, 8, 10

Toronto Black Farmers and Growers Collective

\$15,000 to provide fresh produce to food-insecure households and provide employment to community members
SDGs: 2, 10

Trust 15 Youth Community Support Organization

\$15,000 to implement the Science, Proficient, Advancement, Research, Knowledge (S.P.A.R.K) program
SDGs: 8, 10

Ubuntu Community Collective

\$15,000 to provide dignified access to quality food for Black mothers and employment opportunities for Black youth
SDGs: 2, 10

Women & Children Precious Shelter

\$10,000 to improve pathways to independence and quality of life for women staying at the shelter
SDGs: 3, 8

Youth Rising Above

\$15,000 to support DiscoverU, an employment and skills development program delivered in partnership with the ROM
SDGs: 8

Indigenous Youth

4Rs Youth Movement

\$25,000 to support the National Learning Community healing and leadership program
SDGs: 3, 4, 10

Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family & Community Services Society

\$25,000 to re-engage and connect Elders with youth living in supportive housing
SDGs: 3, 10, 16

Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre

\$25,000 for organizational capacity building with an IT focus
SDGs: 3, 10, 16

Outside Looking In

\$25,000 for the OLI Dance program
SDGs: 3, 4

Red Deer Native Friendship Society

\$20,000 to provide urban Indigenous youth with land-based learning and cultural access
SDGs: 3, 4

SchoolBOX North

\$20,000 to install a school library at the Migisi Sahgaigan school in Treaty 3 Territory
SDGs: 4

Shinah House Foundation - Noh Koh Waa

\$25,000 to facilitate and run culturally informed training programs for caregivers and community members
SDGs: 3, 4, 10, 16

Urban Society for Aboriginal Youth

\$50,000 for organizational capacity building with a finance focus
SDGs: 3, 4

VIDEA

\$25,000 for the Indigenous Wellness Wednesdays online gathering and program
SDGs: 3

Women of First Light - Wapna'kikewi'skwaq

\$25,000 to support the self-determined work of their Young Indigenous Women's Council
SDGs: 3, 5



Climate Change

Athena Institute

\$20,000 to support the Embodied Carbon Pathfinder Tool and its application in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area
SDGs: 13, 9

Bruce Trail Conservancy

\$300,000 to create two new nature reserves, preserving ecologically valuable land along the Niagara Escarpment
SDGs: 13, 15

Cheakamus Foundation

\$75,000 to support Indigenous youth in BC to pursue in-demand careers in the high-performance green building sector
SDGs: 13, 8, 7, 10

Clean Economy Fund

\$5,000 to contribute to a comprehensive, multisectoral landscape analysis on the intersection of housing growth and GHGs
SDGs: 13, 11

Clean Economy Fund - FNMPC

\$87,000 to support the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) in developing Canada's Indigenous Electrification Strategy
SDGs: 13, 7, 17, 10

Clean Prosperity Foundation - Carbon Removal Canada

\$185,000 to accelerate the Canadian carbon removal sector
SDGs: 13, 9, 17

Conservation Halton

\$75,000 to restore a forest habitat at Crawford Lake and establish one of Ontario's first climate-adapted seed banks
SDGs: 13, 15

David Suzuki Foundation

\$150,000 to support the development and implementation of climate action in cities across Canada
SDGs: 13, 11, 17, 10

Earth Rangers

\$30,000 to support "Project 2050: Community Climate Goals", empowering children to become climate leaders
SDGs: 13, 4

Ecotrust Canada

\$150,000 to support rural and Indigenous communities to transition from fossil fuels to heat pumps powered by clean energy
SDGs: 13, 7, 8, 10

Environmental Youth Alliance

\$10,000 to empower youth facing systemic disadvantages to develop natural infrastructure in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside
SDGs: 13, 15, 11, 8

Evergreen

\$100,000 to develop and launch the Climate Ready Schools Digital Learning Hub
SDGs: 13, 15, 11

Greater Trail Community Skills Centre

\$50,000 to support the Skills Centre Eco-Renovation Project increasing local green skills and trades development
SDGs: 13, 9, 8

Green Iglu

\$100,000 to support Mezi Community School in establishing an Indigenous-led climate-resilient agricultural hub
SDGs: 13, 2, 10

Habitat Acquisition Trust

\$50,000 to support the Sc'ianew Indigenous Protected Area project
SDGs: 13, 15, 10

Indigenous Clean Energy

\$100,000 to build internal organizational capacities at Indigenous Clean Energy
SDGs: 13, 7, 8, 10

Iron&Earth

\$100,000 to support 90 fossil fuel and Indigenous workers to transition into the solar energy industry
SDGs: 13, 7, 8, 10

MaRS Discovery District

\$150,000 to support the Carbon Management Net Zero Mission and create a stronger demand signal for carbon innovations in Canada
SDGs: 13, 15, 17, 10

Nature United

\$250,000 to protect, restore and improve management of forest, agricultural and other lands
SDGs: 13, 15, 17, 10

Pembina Institute

\$200,000 to build capacity for electric vehicle charging in multi-unit residential buildings
SDGs: 13, 11

Salal Foundation with Climate Network Lanark

\$20,000 to launch a pilot "Climate Concierge Service" in Lanark County, Ontario
SDGs: 13, 7

Social Innovation Canada

\$117,415 to support climate entrepreneurs in the Accelerate from Anywhere and Earth Tech programs
SDGs: 13, 8, 9

Student Energy

\$100,000 to support youth across Canada to deliver solar photovoltaic clean energy solutions in their communities
SDGs: 13, 8, 7, 9

Thousand Islands Watershed Land Trust

\$45,000 to enable the protection of 200 acres of critical watershed habitat in eastern Ontario
SDGs: 13, 15

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

\$100,000 to support community mobilization for climate action in the Greater Toronto Area
SDGs: 13, 11, 15, 7, 12, 17

Transition Accelerator

\$150,000 to support the Building Decarbonization Alliance
SDGs: 13, 7, 11, 17

University of Toronto

\$100,000 to advance thermal management of core electrification technologies enabling better battery storage in the North
SDGs: 13, 7, 9, 10

WWF

\$200,000 to support complex and climate-adaptive ecosystem restoration of fire-impacted forests in BC
SDGs: 13, 15, 10



International Development

Canadian Feed the Children

\$112,200 to support the Ethiopia Livelihood and Gender Equality Initiative
SDGs: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan

\$31,250 to support Technology for Education for Afghan Girls
SDGs: 4, 5, 10

Centre for Affordable Water & Technology

\$101,618 for the WASH in Schools Program in East Africa
SDGs: 4, 5, 6

CODE

\$50,000 to support the Girls' Accelerated Learning Initiative
SDGs: 4, 5, 10

Community Forests International

\$50,000 to support the Zanzibar Women's Leadership in Adaptation Project
SDGs: 2, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14

Doctors Without Borders

\$50,000 to support the Magburaka Secondary Healthcare project
SDGs: 3, 5, 10

ForAfrika (formerly JAM Canada)

\$50,000 to support the Economic Empowerment of Women Smallholder Farmers in Mozambique project
SDGs: 2, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15

HealthBridge Foundation of Canada

\$70,000 for improving reproductive, maternal and child health and nutrition in Vietnam
SDGs: 3, 5, 10

Horizons of Friendship

\$50,000 for the Safe Haven Project in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
SDGs: 3, 5, 10, 16, 17

Jane Goodall Institute of Canada

\$50,000 for the Empowering Communities to Lead Climate Action in Uganda project
SDGs: 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15

Lifewater Canada

\$25,300 for the Kenya Water and Sanitation Project
SDGs: 3, 5, 6, 10

Majengo Canada

\$25,000 for the Basic Needs and Education Program in Mto Wa Mbu, Tanzania
SDGs: 2, 3, 4, 10

Operation Eyesight Universal

\$30,000 for Strengthening WASH and Improving Livelihoods in Rural Ethiopia
SDGs: 3, 6

Partners In Health Canada

\$200,000 for the Transforming Pediatric and Family Medicine in Haiti project
SDGs: 3, 4, 10, 17

Plan International Canada

\$200,000 for the Women's Innovation for Sustainable Enterprises program
SDGs: 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17

UNICEF Canada

\$100,000 for the Transforming Zimbabwean Adolescent Girls' Opportunities Through STEM and Skills Development project
SDGs: 4, 5, 10

University of Cape Town

\$100,000 for The African Paediatric Fellowship Programme
SDGs: 3, 4, 10, 17

War Child Canada

\$33,000 for the Fortifying Equality and Economic Diversification for Resilience program
SDGs: 2, 4, 5, 8

World Vision Canada

\$100,000 for the WASH Zambia program
SDGs: 3, 6, 10, 17

Grants Awarded

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

At the direction of Peter Gilgan, the Foundation supports critical health care and community institutions embarking on time-limited, large-scale, transformational efforts in the Greater Toronto Area.

St. Michael's Hospital

\$3,000,000 for the Peter Gilgan Patient Care Tower as part of a 10-year \$30,000,000 commitment

SickKids Hospital

\$10,000,000 for the Gilgan Family Patient Care Centre as part of a 10-year \$100,000,000 commitment

Toronto Metropolitan University

\$800,000 for the Mattamy Athletic Centre as part of a 10-year \$8,000,000 commitment

Trillium Health Partners

\$2,859,874 for the Seniors Care Program as part of Tour de Bleu 2022

Trillium Health Partners

\$2,500,000 for the Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital and the Gilgan Family Queensway Health Centre as part of a 10-year \$105,000,000 commitment

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Peter Gilgan Foundation Board members occasionally direct giving which may fall outside of our stated funding priorities and grant application process.

Baycrest Hospital

\$100,000

Chai Lifeline Canada

\$12,500

Children's Aid Foundation of Canada

\$28,000

Exuma Foundation of Canada

\$10,000

Good Shepherd Ministries

\$25,000

Hospice Muskoka - The Andy Potts Memorial Foundation

\$3,500

The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation

\$250,000

War Child Canada

\$150,000

World Bicycle Relief

\$280,000

YMCA of Oakville

\$25,000



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