

New information from Gordie Howe International Bridge project team

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Good afternoon,

Here are a few things we wanted you to know about:

### **Now Accepting Community Benefits Funding Proposals**

The Community Benefits Plan includes the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy, a \$20 million investment in the local communities of Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit. Approximately \$5.1 million (\$2.6 million in Canada and \$2.5 million in the US) is currently available and the project team intends to assign a portion of this funding this year to support the expansion of existing projects and add new initiatives.

In spring 2023, a community survey helped identify community programming priorities for the host communities. The following community investment areas were prioritized for each community through the consultation:

#### **Sandwich/west Windsor**

1. Community safety
2. Business development
3. Green initiatives
4. Local history and culture
5. Tourism

#### **Delray/Southwest Detroit**

1. Community safety
2. Business development
3. Food security
4. Green initiatives
5. Wellness

Through this call for programming proposals the project team intends to invest up to \$750,000 in each community. Organizations interested in submitting a proposal are strongly encouraged to attend an information session to learn more and discuss the programming proposal with a project team member.

- Windsor in-person information session on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sandwich Community Office at 3201 Sandwich Street, Windsor, ON. Presentations by the project team will occur at 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.
- Detroit in-person information session on Thursday, July 27, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Southwest Detroit Community Office at 7744 West Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI. Presentations by the project team will occur at 2:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.
- Virtual information session will be held via Microsoft Teams at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2023.

Interested organizations can learn more and download the 2023 Community Benefits Programming Proposal document at [GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](http://GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com). Please register for the virtual information session. Registration is not required for in-person sessions. All investments relating to Community Benefits are noted in Canadian funds.

**Proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.**



## 2023 COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAMMING PROPOSALS FACT SHEET

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project is a once-in-a-generation undertaking. Not only will the project deliver much-needed transportation improvements for international travellers, it is also providing jobs and opportunities for growth to the Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan region and includes features that make this project truly distinctive. A key project element is the inclusion of a Community Benefits Plan.

On the Gordie Howe International Bridge, community benefits are identified opportunities that can advance economic, social or environmental conditions for the local communities. In developing the Community Benefits Plan, it was key that the initiatives selected for implementation would provide positive outcomes for the Windsor-Detroit region and specifically focus on enhancing the Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit communities, which are the neighbourhoods closest to the project area.

### 2023 COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES

The Community Benefits Plan includes the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy, a **\$20 million (CDN)** investment in the local communities of Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit (the host communities, shown on the maps on page two). All \$20 million of this funding will be invested in the host communities before the end of the design-build period (2024). Approximately **\$5.1 million** (\$2.6 million in Canada and \$2.5 million in the US) is currently available and the project team intends to assign a portion of this funding this year to support the expansion of existing projects and add new initiatives to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy, including high-value programming initiatives identified through an open Call for Programming Proposals process.

In spring 2023, a community survey helped identify community programming priorities for the host communities.

The following **community investment areas** were prioritized for each community through the consultation:

Sandwich/west Windsor	Delray/Southwest Detroit
1. Community safety	1. Community safety
2. Business development	2. Business development
3. Green initiatives	3. Food security
4. Local history and culture	4. Green initiatives
5. Tourism	5. Wellness

Through this call for programming proposals the project team intends to invest up to **\$750,000 (CDN)** in each community. The project team reserves the right not to allocate available funding to proposals received through this process.

Recipients of the funding are anticipated to be announced in early 2024.

### ELIGIBILITY

The project team is inviting programming proposals from registered not-for-profit, public-sector or charitable organization(s) serving Sandwich/west Windsor or Delray/Southwest Detroit. Projects delivered by individuals and for-profit organizations will not be accepted. Faith-based organizations may be considered if the proposed program is secular in nature and will provide demonstrated benefits to the greater community.

## 2023 Community Organization Investment Recipients Announced

Last week, the Gordie Howe International Bridge project team announced fourteen recipients of the \$200,000 2023 Community Organization Investment initiative that is part of the project Community Benefits Plan. Seven Windsor and seven Detroit initiatives received funding:

### ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE

- **Organization:** Journey Home Hospice Windsor, Saint Elizabeth Foundation

## **NOISE REDUCTION AT THE HELPING HANDS FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

- **Organization:** Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## **GREEN SPACE RECLAMATION**

- **Organization:** Les Amis Duff-Bâby

## **BRIDGING THE GAP: THE SANDWICH DEMENTIA SERIES**

- **Organization:** Alzheimer Society of Windsor and Essex County

## **SPAYING AND NEUTERING COMMUNITY CATS IN SANDWICH**

- **Organization:** Windsor/Essex County Humane Society

## **WOMEN CAN SUMMIT**

- **Organization:** Border City Athletics Club

## **RAINBOW PAINTINGS ON PAVEMENT**

- **Organization:** John McGivney Children's Centre

## **CHASS MERCADO SUMMER PROGRAM**

- **Organization:** Community Health and Social Services (CHASS)

## **THE SOUTHWEST DETROIT PORTRAIT STUDIO**

- **Organization:** Capturing Belief

## **FOOD FOR UNHOMED INDIVIDUALS**

- **Organization:** Trinity St. Mark's Pantry and Gardens

## **CINCO DE MAYO PARADE AND FIESTA**

- **Organization:** Mexican Patriotic Committee of Metro Detroit

## **GRANTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS IN SOUTHWEST DETROIT**

- **Organization:** Hispanic Police Officers' Association of Michigan-Detroit Chapter

## **DELRAY-SOUTHWEST ENGAGEMENT AND FAMILY DAYS**

- **Organization:** Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition

## **SUMMER PROGRAM KICKOFF AND WINTER CARNIVAL**

- **Organization:** Clark Park Coalition

Through the Community Organization Investment initiative, \$200,000 in funding will be available in 2024. The 2024 call for applications is expected to open in late fall of 2023 and funding will be released to successful applicants the following July. All investments relating to Community Benefits are noted in Canadian funds.

This initiative is one of over 35 that is being delivered as part of the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy of the Gordie Howe International Bridge Community Benefits Plan. This strategy, along with the Workforce Development and Participation Strategy, provides lasting and meaningful opportunities and outcomes for the communities of Sandwich and Delray. For additional information, please [click here](#).



### **New Canadian Bridge Site Gallery**

New galleries of project components are being released over the coming weeks. Up first is the Canadian Bridge site. Check out the new gallery [here](#).



### **Community Office Hours**

WDBA's Sandwich and Southwest Detroit Community Offices are open to walk-in traffic on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Project staff are available to provide the latest project information, design and construction updates and answer questions or concerns.

#### **Southwest Detroit office hours:**

- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 10:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- After-business appointments may be available upon request

#### **Sandwich office hours:**

- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- After-business appointments may be available upon request

# COMMUNITY OFFICES OPEN



**Sandwich Community Office**  
3201 Sandwich St.  
Windsor


**Southwest Detroit Community Office**  
7744 W Vernor Hwy.  
Detroit

**Walk-in hours:**  
Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



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