

2017 Small Project Success Stories

Nineteen community lead Small Projects Matching Grant were initiated by community members of City of Mississauga. These events were organized and implemented by community members in partnership with the City of Mississauga. In 2017 these groups receive a total of \$50,000 in funding and other support resources. This program has endorsed Mississauga residents be involved and creating a stronger sense of community. Small Project Matching Grant program is able to support Mississauga community members to develop relationships and see what can be accomplished by working together.

The 2017 community projects selected:

- Canadian Association of Multicultural People- Seniors Fun Fair
- Churchill Meadows- Kite Festival
- Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga- The Mississauga Garden Festival
- Cranberry Cove Ratepayers Association- Canada 150 celebration, Street party
- Derry Village Seniors- Set-up tents and chairs in park to allow for shelter and recreational activities to take place
- Dixie Bloor: Cooksville - Street Party
- Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre- Canada 150 event with Citizenship/Reaffirmation Ceremony.
- Erin Mills Youth Centre and Ridgeway Community Courts Steering Committee-
- Erindale Village Association- Canada 150 events
- Lyndwood Community Association- Canada 150 event
- Mississauga Arts Council –Event that highlight Canadian culture
- Mississauga Chinese organization- culture event
- Mississauga Cricket League - Women Cricket Festival
- Riverwood Conservancy- neighbourhood to celebration
- Ontario Cricket Association
- Sahara Seniors- Canada 150 project
- Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers Association- Canada 150 event
- Town of Port Credit Association- Canada day 16 km cyclists parade

Canadian Association of Multicultural People- SPMG story

Name of Project: Seniors Fun Fair

Amount funded: \$2,500

Location: Meadowvale Community Centre and Library

The Canadian Association of Multicultural People by Heartland Seniors Circle in partnership with Momlinks Canada hosted the Seniors' Canada150 Fun Fair! This first of its kind event was organized by our seniors in commemoration of Canada 150 to celebrate their knowledgeable, experience and resourcefulness. Heartland Seniors Circle wanted to celebrate seniors in a unique way. By having fun activities, games, door prizes and open mic seniors shared their wisdom, gratitude, challenges, jokes, stories and songs. By collaborated with our community partners to bring neighbors together and to have seniors celebrate their peers.

Pictures that were submitted



Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website

<https://www.facebook.com/events/489888374681655/>

Churchill Meadows - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Kite Festival

Amount funded: \$2,500

Location: Churchill Meadows

Even though it was the first event of its kind it, it drew people from all over the city and from neighbouring cities. Kite Festival helped build pride for the neighborhood and people took ownership of the festival and showcased it to other communities across. Kite Festival engaged residents, increased participation of the community, volunteering, empowered youth, brought local agencies, groups and business together. This event strengthened the neighborhood and best of all provided the residents a fun filled day closer to home.



Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website:

<http://mymeadows.ca/kitefest-2017>

Cloverleaf Garden Club of Mississauga - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: The Mississauga Garden Festival

Amount funded: \$2,500

Location: Bradley Museum

This was the first year of Mississauga Garden Festival. This event had a speaker series, inauguration & cake cutting as well as vendors, exhibitors, and kids' activities. Mississauga Garden Festival was hosted by a collaborative effort of the founding partners, Cloverleaf and Applewood Garden Clubs. This event brought people together for a shared experience, encouraged conversations among strangers, and fostered the feeling of community among individuals with common interests.

Pictures that were submitted



Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website:

<https://www.mississaugagardenfestival.ca/>

Cranberry Cove Ratepayers Association - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada 150 Street Party Celebration

Amount funded: \$200

Location: Street Closure

The street party brought together a large number of families and friends living in Cranberry Cove. This neighbourhood came together to celebrate Canada's 150th and new street signs in the community. By having children's games, a social hour and a free barbecue people had the opportunity to meet new people and build relationships. In addition, new street signs will identify Cranberry Cove as a proud distinct neighbourhood within Port Credit and the City.

Pictures that were submitted





Derry Village Seniors- Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada 150 Street Party Celebration

Amount funded: \$2,500

By engaging all seniors to be active and participate in all cultural programs. To serve the Neebin Park Seniors in a way that they are healthy and active and take care of themselves and the next generation.

Dixie Bloor- Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Cooksville - Street Party

Amount funded: \$2,500

Location: Cooksville

Cooksville Community Street Party is unique and is the first initiative to bring all community members together. The event will be held on a city street, in one of the oldest neighbourhoods and will be a great opportunity to engage individuals, families, community members, police, firefighters, paramedics, city departments including recreation/art/parks/heritage etc., politicians and non-profit service providers. The goal is to make this a Mississauga signature event and we hope to mark it as one of the annual events on the City's calendar.

Pictures that were submitted



Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada 150 event with Citizenship/Reaffirmation Ceremony

Amount funded: \$2,500

A Citizenship/Re-affirmation Ceremony took place as a special event to celebrate Ontario 150th Anniversary for all the community to enjoy . Having a citizenship and re-affirmation ceremony for the residents in the area of Dixie and Bloor will provide an opportunity to get a greater sense of belonging and engagement. We have held a summer festival for years but the focus of this event is to provide a safe, fun filled and activity filled 150 year celebration where residents in the area of Dixie and Bloor can gather, meet neighbours and develop a greater sense of community.

Pictures that were submitted



Erin Mills Youth Centre and Ridgeway Community Courts Steering Committee Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Ridgeway's got talent

Amount funded: \$ 2,500

Location: ridgeway community courts

Celebration of Canadian spirit, talent and diversity, the Ridgeway Community Courts (RCC) Showcase provides residents the opportunity to demonstrate their musical, dance and athletic prowess in a series of events throughout the day including a talent show and 3-on-3 co-ed basketball and soccer tournament. The day will feature stations for little children, parent-child recreational opportunities, and a BBQ for participants that will promote the whole neighbourhood celebrating what unites them. This event supported new and established residents to meet each other and for residents of diverse cultural backgrounds to connect with each other in a fun and family-friendly event.

Pictures that were submitted



Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website: <http://emyc.ca/event/ridgeways-got-talent/>

Erindale Village Association - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada 150 Event

Amount funded: \$ 2,500

Location: Erindale Community Hall

Erindale Village hosted a local neighbourhood Canada 150 themed event. A neighbourhood party resulted in relationships becoming more real. Erindale Village celebrated our country's momentous birthday with all things Canadian. Canadian-themed food offering Canadian favourites like Beavertails, poutine, corn-on-the-cob, nanaimo bars and butter tarts, all free of charge, along with traditional BBQ fare & treats. A street hockey tournament was also arranged, a favourite with young and old alike, for all levels of participants, in order to showcase one of Canada's favourite outdoor summer activities. This encouraged both fitness and team building among neighbours in a fun and competitive spirit.

Pictures that were submitted



Lyndwood Community Association - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada 150 Event - Mississauga 150 Playlis

Amount funded: \$2,500

Location: Lyndwood Park

Our vision for the event was to have as many community members come together and participate in sport and recreational activities, and celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. This community picnic and afternoon of recreational activities that highlight Canadian culture and the outdoors. This day included organized games such as ball hockey, basketball and baseball, among other sports; Story-telling of Canadian stories; food and musical entertainment. This event was able to inspire and bring participation into the community. Lyndwood Community Association Canada 150 event was able to bring our community together to celebrate the great country that we live in and to encourage our neighborhood to be physically and socially active no matter what age. This event was a success and welcoming newcomers to our community and give them a sense that they belonging.

“Neighbors were chatting, the BBQ/Picnic area was always full of people laughing and enjoying their time together; families were enjoying racing from station to station to complete the 150 challenge. It was amazing” - event participant

Pictures that were submitted



Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/LyndwoodCommunityassociation>

Mississauga Chinese Organization- Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Culture Event

Amount funded: \$2,500

Mississauga Chinese Organization sponsored Indonesian Canadian Seniors Citizen Centre of Ontario to host a BBQ for Canada 150. This event was for the seniors and their families in neighborhood, to enjoy the food, fun games and performances. This event gave the opportunity to encourage, seniors, residents to play an important role in their communities by volunteering, participating and leading community activities. The fun event had encouraged people to work together and make further plan to connect

Pictures that were submitted



Mississauga Arts Council - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canadian Culture Event


Amount funded: \$2,500

Date & Location of event/activities: Mississauga Valley Community Centre

Mississauga Arts Council sponsored Island Flavour to provide educational artistic workshops to give people a deeper and meaningful appreciation of Caribbean culture. This event enriched the community through dance, music, and food. By exposing residents of Mississauga and neighboring communities to the talents of Caribbean artists this project broke down barriers, eliminate stereotypes and shared the rich culture of the Caribbean. This event ignited excitement in the community and showcases the Caribbean community.

Pictures that were submitted





Mississauga Cricket League – Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Women Cricket Festival

Amount funded: \$2,500

Woman's Cricket Festival promotes interest and participation in the sport of cricket on a sustainable basis in women of all ages by conducting women cricket festivals. This event was open to families and women of all ages to participate in outdoor activity full of fun and entertainment!

"This type of events will increase interest in women to play cricket in our neighborhood which will promote a healthy environment."

"We received more than expected participants and families came out in good number. We feel that there's a lot of interest in women side from all ages to play cricket at recreational and competitive level."

Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website: <https://www.facebook.com/mississaugacricketleague/>

Ontario Cricket Association- Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Neighbourhood to Celebration- Cricket in the Community

Amount funded: \$2,500

"Cricket in the Community" program is an initiative by the Ontario Cricket Development Organization aimed at creating a barrier free, fun and engaging cricketing experience for Mississauga residents. The program will be held in various geographical areas of the city (at cricket fields), it will bring together residents from the surrounding areas of various backgrounds. This program has improve neighbour relations and create social interaction in a fun and active space.

Pictures that were submitted



Riverwood Conservancy - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Neighbourhood to Celebration

Amount funded: \$2,290

Hancock Woodlands hosted an Open House and BBQ for the neighbourhood to celebrate the opening of Hancock Woodlands. The event will benefit the residents of the surrounding neighbourhood by: raising awareness of a new park and green space that is available for the community to enjoy; showcasing how local residents' input was realized in the park's design; empowering those who would like to volunteer to support it; emphasizing the importance of invasive plant removal and other stewardship activities; and introducing residents to the Community Garden.

"This was incredibly successful as we were able to host almost three times as many people as we had originally envisioned. The "buzz" during the event was very positive and we have heard anecdotal evidence that many people are continuing to use the property with their children or as a place of peace"

Pictures that were submitted



Sahara seniors - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada 150 project

Amount funded: 2130

The project celebrates the Canadian rich cultural diversity and heritage during Canada 150 Neighborhood Celebration. The project will help the senior members of Sahara Senior Services and other ethnic group members, who will be participating in the project to connect with the past, celebrate the achievements and build the future. Mississauga residents would have the opportunity to participate in the events of Canada 150 celebrations. Knowing more about Canada from all perspectives and being part of vibrant atmosphere with Quiz competition, spokesman talk, music and dance would help in learning to create events at Neighbourhood level

Pictures that were submitted



Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers' Association (SHORA)
Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Canada day 16 km cyclists parade

Amount funded: 2500

SHORA hosted celebrate CANADA 150 event with a day full of activities, celebrated around our central park and Thornlodge Park. Early in the day, we will paint (maple) leaves on the road at the intersection adjacent to the park. A afternoon open David Ramsey pool for a FREE SWIM. We will have attractions in the park including family activities and a concert with local musicians to close the day. This event brings neighbours together for celebration!
“Overall we saw this as a success as the funds enabled us to connect the community like never before.”

Town of Port Credit Ratepayers Association - Small Project Matching Grant Story

Name of Project: Port Credit Heritage Bike Ride

Amount funded: 1250

Location: Port Credit Arena

To celebrate Canada 150 by cycling around some of the historic sites in Port Credit, to promote safe cycling / alternative transportation in Port Credit and Mississauga and finally, to benefit our local food bank, All three goals were accomplished! We held a wonderful 16 km bike tour of Port Credit that included exclusive first-time-ever access to our previously gated Imperial Oil Lands. Over 135 cyclists of all ages participated in this free event and because they were all asked to bring a food item for donation, we collected and delivered more than 200 pounds of food to our local food bank. Each participant received a commemorative Canada 150 t-shirt as a thank you for getting involved.

Pictures that were submitted



Link to a Facebook page/ groups Website: <http://www.topca.net/>