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Non-profit groups get grants

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NORTHUMBERLAND - Seven Northumberland County community organizations recently scored a piece of the 2007/08 Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) funding pie.

Last week, Ontario's Minister of Culture Caroline Di Cocco announced over \$1.7 million in OTF community grants for 40 not-for-profit organizations in the Pine Ridge, Durham, Haliburton, and Kawartha areas. The grants help these organizations make lasting contributions to their communities through better programs and services, stated Ms. Di Cocco in a press release.

"For 25 years, the Ontario Trillium Foundation has strengthened communities by supporting the remarkable work of Ontario's volunteer organizations," said the Minister. "OTF funding has enabled hundreds of new and other groups to grow stronger and has helped ensure that the diverse interests and needs of local residents are served in their communities."

Northumberland-area OTF grant recipients include:

- Art Gallery of Northumberland - \$10,400 to purchase computer equipment and software
- Campbellford-Seymour Agricultural Society - \$49,000 to replace lighting and fencing at the Campbellford-Seymour Fairgrounds
- Colborne Art Gallery/Township of Cramahe - \$39,300 for restoration and improvements to the Colborne Art Gallery
- Municipality of Brighton - \$42,300 to renovate two ball diamonds
- Friends of Castleton Town Hall/Township of Cramahe - \$13,700 for restoration work at the historic Castleton Town Hall
- Northumberland Players - \$36,000 to install central air conditioning in the Cobourg's Firehall Theatre
- Northumberland United Way - \$7,400 for computer and office equipment upgrades

The Ontario Trillium Foundation, a Ministry of Culture agency, receives \$100 million annually from Ontario's charity casino initiative. The Foundation allocates grants to eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations in the arts and culture, environment, human and social services and sports and recreation sectors.