



**CIF Pleased to Launch Round Three**

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**(Kahnawake – 25, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2020)** The Community Initiatives Fund is pleased to announce that Round 3 has now officially been launched, with two new gardening initiatives recently deemed essential by the Kahnawake COVID-19 Task Force.

Kahnawake's Collective Impact (KCI) Food Sovereignty initiative has been approved to receive \$130,967 to implement their project, which involves the establishment of multiple three-sisters family gardens at the homes of Kahnawake residents. Helmed by Trisha Delormier, of KCI, the initiative is largely driven by community member Randy Cross and the food sovereignty action team, who will soon launch a registration system for community members to apply to host a garden. The initiative also includes the planting of one large community garden, which will be located along the OCR.

In addition, the First Nations Regional Adult Education Center will receive \$58,600 for their FNRAEC 2020 Gardening Initiative, which also includes the creation and adaptation of home vegetable gardens in the community. The Gardening Initiative team, led by Kanerahtio Hemlock, will create gardens, or till and modify existing gardens, for as many people as they can handle, while also planting and maintaining the present community garden on Highway 30.

Both initiatives are funded by the CIF, with a 50% financial contribution from Kahnawake Shakotiiá'takehnhas Community Services.

The CIF application deadline for Round 3 was January 24, 2020, and the review and selection process was already underway but forced to halt due to coronavirus restrictions. As a result, 9 other initiatives have been approved and will receive funding, but only when the Task Force lifts further restrictions.

We are also very pleased to announce these successful applicants for Round 3 of the CIF:

Organization	Initiative	CIF Funded Amount
Connecting Horizons	Building Capacity, Building Awareness	\$74,015.
Iakwawatsiratatie Language Nest	Planning Our Path into the Future	\$5,373.
Kahnawake Library	Genealogy Center	\$15,346.
Karihwanoron	Curriculum Coordinator	\$36,094.
KFB	Sweatlodge & Healing	\$11,300.
KORLCC	Enhancing Language & Culture Through TV	\$57,675.
KSDPP	Indigenous Youth Mentorship	\$9,300.
Onake Paddling Club	Paddles Up Canoe/Kayak Development	\$57,971.
Transcendental Meditation Kahnawake	Skén:nen í:ken	\$46,388.

More details on these initiatives will be provided at a later date.

**About the CIF of Kahnawà:ke**

The Community Initiatives Fund of Kahnawà:ke was created in 2018, to fund projects that improve the socio-economic condition within the Territory through the development of positive and sustainable initiatives. It is administered jointly by both the MCK and Tewaohnni'saktha.

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