

# Headwaters Communities in Action

Making Life Better Together

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# Our Vision

"Engaged citizens shaping a vibrant, sustainable and resilient community together."









Create collaborations between citizens and agencies

Headwaters
Communities
in Action

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Monitor and report on Community Well-being

Identify and communicate shared priorities and opportunities

Provide an environment to move ideas into action

## How do we do this?

As a community backbone charitable organization, we:



### **CONVENE**

- CWB report 2012, 2016, CSWBP 2021
- Community conversations and citizen engagement
- Partnerships and collaborations



### **FACILITATE**

- Shared platform, legal home, HR, admin and tech support, organizational mentors
- Grant Connect membership for fundfinding and Zoom subscription for remote engagement
- Community connections linking people and groups with enabling agencies, services and organizations

### SHARE INFORMATION

- Communicate via websites, newsletters, social media, network groups and local media
- Community Well-being lens as well as supported project activities
- Custom, targeted reporting & communications for partners and funders
- Engage with and learn from community of practice networks

# What role can HCIA play?



# Current Supported Projects



### Volunteer Dufferin

Matching volunteers with a broad range of opportunities through a robust web-based platform, regular communications and member outreach.



### **DC MOVES**

Supporting a network of human service agencies through three priority pillars: community wellbeing, equity (DCEC) and resource sharing



# Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance

for food. for farming. for our future.





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# Headwaters Communities In Action

Providing backbone support for groups that are taking action in service to community well-being and making life better...together.



# Partnership Options



Charity



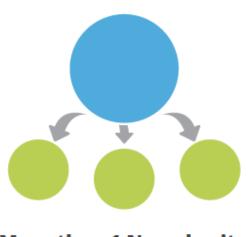
**Incorporated Non-Charity** 

Charity



Individual or Group of Citizens

Charity



More than 1 Non-charity

# Benefits of non-charity/charity partnerships

- Ensures high level of accountability to funders
- Allows funders to contribute to innovative, local solutions
- Expands access to funding for grassroots initiatives
- Reduces administrative burden for groups
- Connects grassroots initiatives to existing community assets
- Helps the charity deliver on its charitable mandate
- Encourages sense of purpose and direction for citizens
- Allows more progress on community priorities than agencies can accomplish alone
- Allows eligible projects to issue tax receipts for donations



### The Fine Print

Charities cannot simply lend their charitable number for applications and "flow-through" funds or be seen as merely a conduit for funds.

A charity can issue tax receipts as long as it can show documentation proving the charity has direction and control of the non-charity's activities, and that they comply with the charitable mandate of the charity.

HCIA cannot be the charity partner on grants from Dufferin County because HCIA administers the assessment of Community Grant applications and is funded by the County.

Charities cannot engage in political activities or advocacy that exceeds 10% of the charity's activities.

The terms and conditions of a partnership must be documented and signed.

Activities of those we may partner with must align with our articles of incorporation and our charitable mandate:

"Headwaters Communities in Action has been registered as a charity because it advances education by conducting research related, but not limited to environmental, social and health indicators, for the purpose of enhancing the well-being of the Headwaters region."

The non-charity's project cannot be marketed as belonging solely to the non-charity.

The charity retains responsibility and ownership of the parts of the project funded with charitable funds

The charity cannot be referred to as merely a "fiscal agent" as this will raise the idea that the charity is not exercising the proper direction and control.

The charity generally retains a portion of the funds raised by and for the non-charity's activities to cover administrative expenses and costs related to the level of support the charity provides. This may be anywhere from 10% to 20% as a flat rate, and/or costs as incurred billed back to the project.



# Dufferin County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan

Your plan is our plan



4-year plan 2021- 2024

### **Priority Area Summary**

**Mental Health and Well-Being** 

**Housing and Homelessness** 

**Substance Use and Addiction** 

Discrimination, Marginalization and Racism

Community Safety and Violence\*

Prevention

\* Gender-based Violence and Family and Domestic Violence Prevention

# **Community Well-Being Pillars**





# Thank you

Questions?



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