



## 2020 Micro-Grant Program Recipients

### 1) Project Title: Charlottetown Disc Golf Course

Disc golf is an accessible sport that involves throwing discs, also known as Frisbees, with the goal of hitting a target (disc catcher) in as few throws as possible. This project involves building a free-to-play disc golf course in the green space by Charlottetown Rural High School (CRHS). This will remove barriers to participation in this sport as, currently, all disc golf courses on PEI require a car to access and a fee to play.

### 2) Project Title: Staying Connected with Family, Friends & Nature

The Stars for Life Foundation, which works to include young people with autism spectrum disorder in the community, is intending to build a gazebo on their property. This will expand the space where their clients can socialize and learn while maintaining social distancing. This is especially important since many of their clients are not able to wear masks due to sensitivities. One intended use is as a location to conduct classes, such as nature-based art activities. The gazebo will also provide opportunities for clients to stay more connected with nature.

### 3) Project Title: Healthy Harvest Program for Students

The Charlottetown Farmer's Market would like to expand their Healthy Harvest Program, which is in its sixth year, to include a subprogram specifically focusing on students. The program will provide participating students with \$25/week over 10 weeks in fall 2020, enabling them to purchase fresh locally grown produce (including meat & fish) at the Charlottetown Farmer's Market. This is in response to a survey done by the UPEI Student Union Life Department, which has identified at least 55 students that will require additional financial support, in part, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This project will also act to support local food producers. The Charlottetown Farmer's Market will also work with UPEI dietician students to develop easy to cook, healthy recipes and associated workshops for participants.

#### **4) Project Title: Calypso Secrets - An Oshun Dance Studios Showcase**

Oshun Dance, PEI's only Black-owned dance company, is partnering with The Island Fringe Festival, The Black Cultural Society of PEI and The River Clyde Pageant to present "Calypso Secrets". This full-length dance showcase will feature original choreography and live music choreographed by emerging artist, Reequal Smith. This will be a one-night only, admission-by-donation, 45 minute performance in The Bog, also known as Rochford Square. Performed by an ensemble of four dancers, a vocalist, a drummer and a DJ, "Calypso Secrets" will highlight the diverse talents of its ensemble, incorporating a twist of Caribbean culture and diversity. Choreography will fuse modern, jazz, African and funk styles, paired with live and recorded music including Afro-Caribbean, Latin, funk, reggae and jazz selections. It will be a performance that celebrates women and female empowerment and Caribbean culture. The show will also act to support emerging artists at a time when many in person shows have been canceled as a result of COVID-19. The event's location will help raise the profile of The Bog's history and connections to PEI's Black community.

#### **5) Project Title: Shade and Shelter for the People!**

The North of Euston neighbourhood group intends to build a shade structure at Orlebar Park. The park is a wonderful community gathering space but lacks shade, making it difficult for community members to gather at the park. Building this structure will enhance usability of the park and provide an outdoor location for socializing where social distancing is possible.

#### **6) Project Title: Roller Skate Gear Library**

The Charlottetown Junior Roller Derby - Roller Skate Lending Library project is designed to provide roller skating equipment to female skaters (aged 8-17), free of charge. The league plans to purchase roller skating equipment to create a 'Roller Skate Gear Library' where borrowers will have the opportunity to 'check out' a set of gear in their size during their weekly evening outdoor skate at Peakes Quay. Cost and access to equipment are major barriers for many participants, preventing interested youth from participating in the program. Goals include: empowering female youth, increasing the number of youth meeting their minimum daily physical activity requirements, to accommodate low-income participants, and to create an inclusive recreational activity.

#### **7) Project Title: Tales of Islandia**

Tales of Islandia is a Wild Child initiative that harnesses the power of imagination to build a role-playing-based program to promote mental health, healthy relationships, nature education, and active-living for at-risk and marginalized youth in Charlottetown. Tales of Islandia will run as a free after-school program. Marginalized and neurodiverse adult volunteers will be trained to support the youth and to build the

experience. This initiative has an anti-racist and 2SLGBTQ+ inclusive philosophy and will strive to create a truly inclusive community. Themes of belonging, coming together across difference, and understanding neurodiversity will be explored through the overarching stories of the program.

#### **8) Project Title: UPEISU Bike Co-Op Expansion**

The Bike Co-op, which began in 2019, is a service available to all UPEI students, which gives students access to a bicycle, a helmet, and a lock & key. This service aims to provide students with an environmentally friendly & active choice of transportation, for both on and off-campus use. Currently, they have ten bicycles, and over 50 students make use of this service. This microgrant will fund the purchase of additional bicycles for this program as well as the expansion of their existing bike racks.

#### **9) Project Title: Honouring the Trailblazers**

Pride PEI Inc. will commission artists to create portraits to celebrate members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community on PEI who have been trailblazers in encouraging positive social change, greater inclusion, representation, mentorship and the creation of safer spaces for members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. The goal of this project is to highlight the creative works of local 2SLGBTQIA+ artists as well as to recognize the contributions members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community have made in bringing about positive social change. This project will also add value to the history of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Charlottetown by adding physical assets to what has previously been only an oral history and shared stories within the community.