

Reciprocity Health Fund Grant Recipients 2026

Total Granted to 2026 Applicants: \$525,644

Total Granted in 2026 (includes 2024 & 2025 multi-year funding recipients): \$709,624

Aidaen's Place Youth Support Hub - \$64,400 over 3 years

Aidaen's Place Youth Support Hub will continue its “Keeping Youth Alive & Thriving” program. Serving youth aged 9–18, particularly those facing isolation, food insecurity, and mental health challenges, the program offers safe, inclusive supports with a strong focus on vulnerable and 2SLGBTQIA+ youth.

Brier Island Foundation - \$15,000 over 3 years

Brier Island Foundation will deliver a new community food workshop program. Serving residents of Brier Island, Long Island, and Digby Neck, the initiative promotes food literacy across all age groups while reducing access barriers for low-income participants and strengthening local collaboration.

Clare Share Fridge Communautaire Society - \$60,000 over 3 years

Clare Share Fridge Communautaire Society will expand its multifaceted food security initiative. The program includes food distribution, community fridges and pantries, and food education, benefiting individuals experiencing food insecurity while also fostering volunteer engagement, student participation, and stronger community connections.

Club Social des Iles - \$40,000

Club Social des Iles will advance its solar sustainability initiative. This project supports long-term operational resilience for a community hub serving seniors, Acadian populations, and newcomers in a rural area, while promoting environmental sustainability and community stability.

Grief Matters Incorporated - \$29,087

Grief Matters Incorporated will launch a new community-based grief literacy program across Shelburne, Yarmouth, and Digby. The initiative will provide grief education and gatherings for older adults experiencing isolation, helping to strengthen social connections, improve access to support, and build community understanding of grief.

Hope Air - \$8,500

Hope Air will support its ongoing medical travel program for residents of Shelburne, Yarmouth, and Digby counties. The funding will enable low-income patients to access medically necessary care far from home by covering travel arrangements. This initiative reduces geographic and financial barriers to healthcare across the tri-county region.

Inclusion Nova Scotia - \$46,862

Inclusion Nova Scotia will pilot a community-based program that builds peer support networks for families of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The initiative will reduce isolation, strengthen access to services, and support families navigating system changes across the tri-county region.

Parents Place Yarmouth Family Resource Centre - \$40,000

Parents Place Yarmouth will deliver a suite of programs addressing social determinants of health. These include prenatal education, a therapist-led support group for parents involved with child welfare, and a back-to-school support initiative, benefiting families and children across the tri-county region. We are recommending a grant of **\$20,000**.

Shelburne County Recovery and Resilience Fund - \$60,000 over 3 years

The Shelburne County Recovery and Resilience Fund will use funding to sustain its ongoing work supporting individuals experiencing mental health and addiction challenges. The initiative focuses on rural and underserved populations in Shelburne County and also supports families and caregivers, improving access to care and strengthening community resilience. Funding would be granted to non-profit rehabilitation organizations, non-profit transportation services, and other services to support individuals selected to receive support through this Fund.

Shelburne Loyalist Food Bank - \$86,437 over 3 years

Shelburne Loyalist Food Bank will use funding to offset increased non-food operating costs following a recent relocation. This support will help ensure the organization can continue providing food to a broad range of community members experiencing food insecurity, without diverting resources away from food purchases amid rising demand and inflation.

Shore Road Park & Playground Association - \$50,000

Shore Road Park & Playground Association will install an accessible swing set and inclusive playground surface. This project enhances recreational opportunities for children, youth, and families, including those with mobility needs, while also serving as a community and tourism asset.

Thriving Twogether Society - \$150,000 over 3 years

Thriving Twogether Society will continue its emergency safety and transportation program. This rapid-response initiative supports individuals and families facing interpersonal violence, human trafficking, housing instability, and other crises, offering transportation, shelter, and safety planning across the tri-county region.

Tideview Terrace - \$53,475

Tideview Terrace will develop “Seeds of Connection,” an intergenerational greenhouse program. This initiative connects seniors, children, and families through gardening, promoting mental well-being, reducing isolation, and encouraging learning about food and sustainability.

Wasoqopa’q First Nation - \$82,500 over 3 years

Wasoqopa’q First Nation will support its “Healing Through our Language and Culture” program. This ongoing initiative integrates cultural practices with holistic health supports, addressing mental wellness, chronic disease, youth risk, and reconciliation. It engages Elders, youth, families, and schools, emphasizing community-wide healing and inclusion.

Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association - \$44,459

Wesley Heritage Community Seniors Association will complete facility upgrades, including repairs, accessibility improvements, and new equipment. These enhancements will support seniors and the broader community by improving access to a shared space used for social events, recreation, and gatherings.



Westport Recreation Auxiliary - \$15,000

Westport Recreation Auxiliary will support development of a new multipurpose outdoor court. The project will increase access to recreation for children and youth on the island while also benefiting adults and seniors, encouraging physical activity and community engagement.

Westport Theatre Troupe - \$3,000

Westport Theatre Troupe will launch a new community theatre program that promotes social inclusion through the arts. The initiative brings together multiple local partners and engages residents in creative expression while addressing health and social connection in a rural island community.

Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options - \$40,000

The Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options will use grant funding to support the purchase of a reliable van. This investment will improve transportation access for individuals in its Independent Living Program, enabling greater participation in community life and access to services and opportunities.