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## **OTF Grant Equips Fergus Agricultural Society for Community Events**

**Fergus, ON** – In 2021, the Fergus Agricultural Society received a \$28,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s Resilient Communities Fund. This grant was completed earlier this year, and has enabled the volunteer organization to facilitate a stakeholder survey and purchase health and safety equipment for use at the Fergus Fall Fair and other community events.

“We are very grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for supporting the Fergus Fall Fair,” said Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott. “This year’s Fair promises to be the best one yet, as we safely welcome people back to our annual celebration of agriculture and our rural heritage.”

In addition to hiring a consultant to develop, deliver and analyze the results of a stakeholder engagement survey, the Fergus Agricultural Society has purchased two portable hand washing sinks, two portable hand sanitization stations, 20 picnic tables and a variety of posts and chains to direct pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

“The timing of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant has had a profound impact on our organization,” says Tayler Black, past president of the Fergus Agricultural Society. “We have received valuable insights and recommendations from over 1000 community members and were able to purchase necessary equipment to provide a safe environment for volunteers and attendees at future events.”

The Fergus Fall Fair is an annual showcase of local agriculture, food, talent and rural fun. While the last two in-person fairs were cancelled due to the pandemic, the 185<sup>th</sup> fair is planned for September 16-18, 2022 at the Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex. Visit [fergusfallfair.ca](https://fergusfallfair.ca) to learn more.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario’s non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit [otf.ca](https://otf.ca) to learn more.

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