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### **Ontario Ministry Funds Community-Based Projects in Heritage Conservation, Arts and Culture**

Peterborough and the Kawarthas are about to get a boost for projects related to cultural/heritage tourism, arts education, heritage preservation and archaeology, cultural diversity and aboriginal engagement. Over the next two months, the **Trent Centre for Community-Based Education (TCCBE)** and the **Kawartha Heritage Conservancy (KHC)** are inviting local organizations to propose community-inspired projects in these priority areas. In turn, the TCCBE and KHC will try to match and support projects with Trent University students and faculty.

"It's a win-win situation," says TCCBE executive director Todd Barr. "Local groups and organizations get much needed information and services and University students and faculty meet their educational goals by making academic theories come alive."

Funded by the Ontario Ministry of Culture's Cultural Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF), this grant is an investment by the Government of Ontario to support organizations in building a strong and stable cultural sector by contributing to a prosperous creative economy and vibrant, liveable communities.

"The Kawarthas is a diverse and unique region, rich with heritage assets and interests. Many of these assets are being lost however through rapidly changing land use and the demographic shift. The timing now for these initiatives is very critical. These new partnerships and perspectives -through the funds provided by the Ministry of Culture- will provide a greater potential for initiatives already underway" says Mike Hendren, executive director of the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy. "We are excited about this enhanced capacity, our ongoing partnership with the TCCBE and are looking forward to working further with our diverse partners across the Kawartha Bioregional Area. More information on our organization is available at [www.kawarthaheritage.org](http://www.kawarthaheritage.org)."

Local groups and organizations in Peterborough and the Kawarthas are invited to contact the TCCBE soon with their project idea that relates to cultural/heritage tourism, arts education, heritage preservation and archaeology, cultural diversity and aboriginal engagement. "Our deadline for accepting project proposals is August 13<sup>th</sup> so we have time to try and find a match with university partners," says Barr. "We have funding to see these projects through to next spring."

**There is no cost to participate.** For more project information, please contact Christie Nash at 705-743-0523, email [info@trentcentre.ca](mailto:info@trentcentre.ca), or visit the TCCBE website at [www.trentcentre.ca](http://www.trentcentre.ca). For information about the CSIF grant, please contact Todd Barr (TCCBE) at 705-743-0523 or Mike Hendren (KHC) at 705-743-5599.

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