

New information from Gordie Howe International Bridge project team

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Good afternoon,

Here are a few things we wanted you to know about:

**Building the Gordie Howe International Bridge Over the Detroit River**

It's not just six traffic lanes and the multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists that will put the Gordie Howe International Bridge in the record books. With a main span of 853 metres or 0.5 miles, the bridge will stand as the longest cable-stayed bridge in North America. Read about progress on the bridge and road deck in this [spotlight story](#).



## Accepting Community Benefits Funding Proposals

The Community Benefits Plan includes the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy, a \$20 million investment in the local communities of Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit. Approximately \$5.1 million (\$2.6 million in Canada and \$2.5 million in the US) is currently available and the project team intends to assign a portion of this funding this year to support the expansion of existing projects and add new initiatives.

In spring 2023, a community survey helped identify community programming priorities for the host communities:

### **Sandwich/west Windsor**

1. Community safety
2. Business development
3. Green initiatives
4. Local history and culture
5. Tourism

### **Delray/Southwest Detroit**

1. Community safety
2. Business development
3. Food security
4. Green initiatives
5. Wellness

Up to \$750,000 is available for investment in each community, with specific initiatives to be identified through a call for programming proposals available until August 16, 2023. Interested organizations can learn more and download the 2023 Community Benefits Programming Proposal document at [GordieHowelInternationalBridge.com](https://www.gordiehowelinternationalbridge.com). All investments relating to Community Benefits are noted in Canadian funds.

**Proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST.**

The Gordie Howe International Bridge project is a once-in-a-generation undertaking. Not only will the project deliver much-needed transportation improvements for international travellers, it is also providing jobs and opportunities for growth to the Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan region and includes features that make this project truly distinctive. A key project element is the inclusion of a Community Benefits Plan.

On the Gordie Howe International Bridge, community benefits are identified opportunities that can advance economic, social or environmental conditions for the local communities. In developing the Community Benefits Plan, it was key that the initiatives selected for implementation would provide positive outcomes for the Windsor-Detroit region and specifically focus on enhancing the Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit communities, which are the neighbourhoods closest to the project area.

## 2023 COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES

The Community Benefits Plan includes the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy, a **\$20 million (CDN)** investment in the local communities of Sandwich/west Windsor and Delray/Southwest Detroit (the host communities, shown on the maps on page two). All \$20 million of this funding will be invested in the host communities before the end of the design-build period (2024). Approximately **\$5.1 million** (\$2.6 million in Canada and \$2.5 million in the US) is currently available and the project team intends to assign a portion of this funding this year to support the expansion of existing projects and add new initiatives to the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Strategy, including high-value programming initiatives identified through an open Call for Programming Proposals process.

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The following community investment areas were prioritized for each community through the consultation:

Sandwich/west Windsor	Delray/Southwest Detroit
1. Community safety	1. Community safety
2. Business development	2. Business development
3. Green initiatives	3. Food security
4. Local history and culture	4. Green initiatives
5. Tourism	5. Wellness

Through this call for programming proposals the project team intends to invest up to **\$750,000 (CDN)** in each community. The project team reserves the right not to allocate available funding to proposals received through this process.

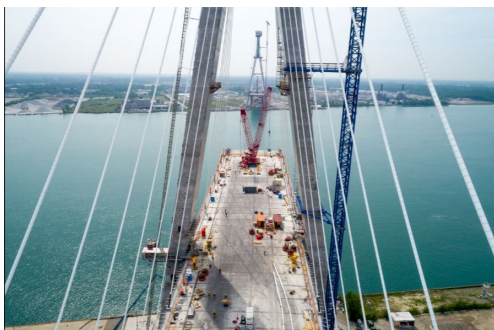
Recipients of the funding are anticipated to be announced in early 2024.

## ELIGIBILITY

The project team is inviting programming proposals from registered not-for-profit, public-sector or charitable organization(s) serving Sandwich/west Windsor or Delray/Southwest Detroit. Projects delivered by individuals and for-profit organizations will not be accepted. Faith-based organizations may be considered if the proposed program is secular in nature and will provide demonstrated benefits to the greater community.

## New Photo Galleries

In July, new galleries of project components were added to the Gordie Howe International Bridge website. Check out galleries of the Canadian bridge site, US bridge site and Michigan Interchange [here](#). Additional galleries are coming soon.



## New Bridge Site Flyover Footage

The project team is excited to give you a unique bird's-eye view of the progress being made at the Canadian and US bridge sites. Check out this NEW flyover drone footage. We can't wait to share more updates with you as we continue to progress.



## Community Benefits Year-in-Review Report

The 2022-2023 Community Benefits year-in-review report is now available. [Read](#) about economic benefits, community investments, workforce development and more.

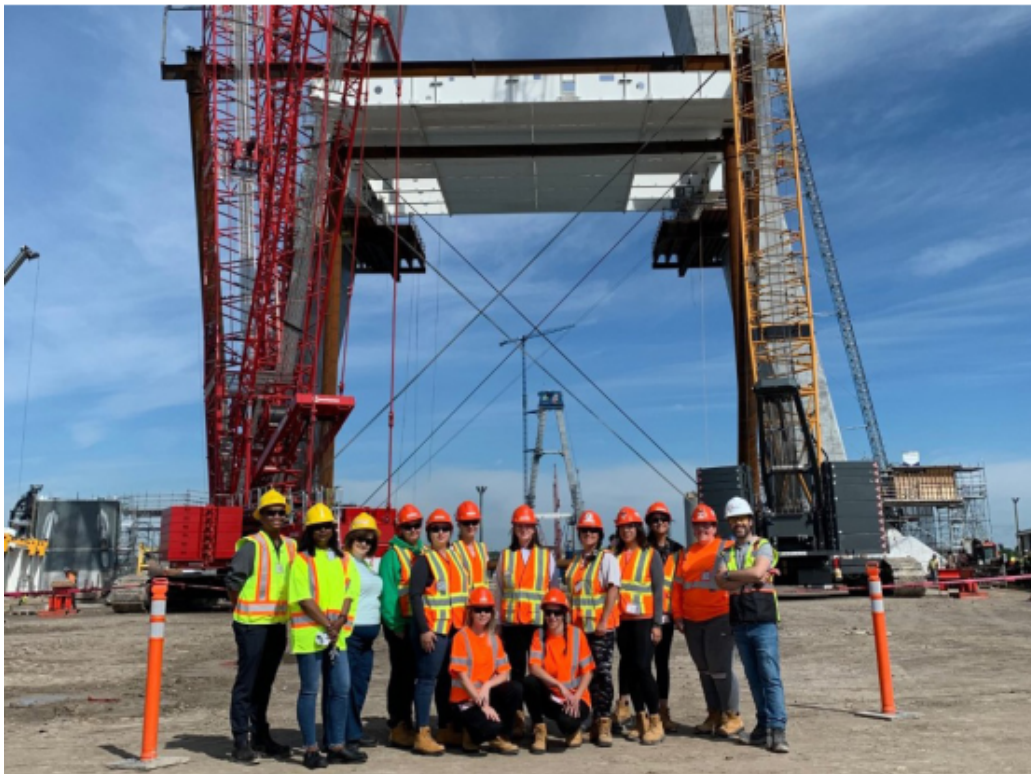
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