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Craft Ontario Receives \$5,000 OTF Resilient Communities Grant

Toronto, ON – Craft Ontario is grateful to announce the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) through a \$5,000 Resilient Communities Grant.

With this generous support, Craft Ontario is able to rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19 by equipping our team with workspaces and computer equipment that allow us to work remotely and continue to deliver our vital programs and services.

This investment means that Craft Ontario has the capacity to deliver an improved working experience and environment that supports our staff’s mental, emotional and financial wellbeing. It further means that staff have the tools they need to properly deliver services for craft artists across the province – particularly online workshops and training, presentations and vital communications.

“The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant is incredibly essential for our organization to take next steps in recovering from the impact of the pandemic”. Said Janna Hiemstra, Executive Director. “It has empowered our staff with much-needed equipment so that we can better serve and connect with craft artists throughout Ontario. This kind of support has long-lasting effects, and it will enable us to deliver on our vital mission in the years ahead”.

Craft Ontario is a non-profit, member-based arts service organization that works to have craft recognized as a valuable part of life. We promote and celebrate professional craft through providing member opportunities, and advocate for craft practice by educating and empowering diverse audiences. Find out more at: craftontario.com

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) mission is to build healthy and vibrant communities across Ontario. As an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations, last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario’s Community Building Fund. Since 2020, OTF has supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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