

## Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund – 2018 update

In 2016, BC Hydro launched the Generate Opportunities (GO) Fund, an \$800,000 fund to support Peace Region non-profit organizations. The GO Fund will be distributed over an eight-year period to organizations that provide services to vulnerable populations including children, families and seniors.

The GO Fund is administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust on behalf of BC Hydro. Applications for funding are accepted on an ongoing basis and funds are distributed on a quarterly basis. Organizations are eligible to apply for individual grants up to \$10,000 per year.

As of December 31, 2018, BC Hydro had distributed \$286,645 to 31 projects. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.siteproject.com/GoFund](http://www.siteproject.com/GoFund) or [www.northerndevlopment.bc.ca](http://www.northerndevlopment.bc.ca) (search "GO Fund").



**L-R:** Phallon Stoutenberg (Women's Resource Society), Karen Mason-Bennett (Northern Environmental Action Team), Cassia Lawrence (North Peace Savings and Credit Union) and Cameron Eggie (Salvation Army) display rows of produce preserved during NEAT's 2017 Community Can event. The Community Can has donated more than 1,500 jars of locally preserved produce to the food bank since 2014. NEAT received a GO Fund grant in July 2018.

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In 2018, we distributed \$138,000 to 14 non-profit organizations in the Peace Region, supporting programs related to recreation, the arts, health, restorative justice, and literacy.

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Recipient organization:	Funding received to:
The Josh Lequiere Society	To help children/youth from low-income families take part in physical activity or sport by paying for the registration fees and equipment.
Fort St. John and District Hospital Foundation	To support the purchase of specialized equipment for vulnerable seniors, including specialty mattresses, cushions for wheelchairs, and air chairs.
Fort St. John and District Palliative Care Society	To help expand and continue the palliative care services for clients and their families in the North Peace Region.
North Peace Justice Society	To provide first-time or low-risk offenders help to guide and mentor them through their restitution agreement.
Fort St. John and Area Senior's Care Foundation	To help grow the Meals on Wheels and Better at Home programs, supporting seniors in Fort St. John and surrounding areas by providing nutritious meals.
Fort St. John Women's Resource Society	To support a store co-ordinator for an outreach store program that provides free food, clothing, necessities and bus passes for low-income women with children, seniors and men.
North Peace Cultural Society	To support Let's Art!, a free after-school art program for youth and senior citizens. The program introduces participants to the arts through medium exploration.
Fort St. John Association for Community Living	To purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle that can accommodate four wheelchairs and has a rear lift to support and service individuals (and their families) who have mobility issues.
Hudson's Hope Public Library Association	To support the delivery of free children's and young adult library programs in Hudson's Hope.
Northern Environmental Action Team	To support the diversion of consumable food waste from local grocery stores by sorting and preserving appropriate donated food items, and distributing canned items and unusable food appropriately.
Chetwynd Public Library Association	To support a free program in Chetwynd for people to gather in a kitchen-learning environment to select recipes, prepare and deliver food for Meals on Wheels senior participants.
North Peace Seniors Mouth Eye Foot Care Foundation	To support low-income individuals and seniors with issues involving the mouth, eyes and foot care, including emergency dental services, eyeglass repair or replacement, and orthopaedic supports.
Fort St. John Literacy Society	To support a community-based program in Fort St. John that delivers library books to children up to five years of age at a fee of \$3.55 per month/per child.
Chetwynd Social Planning Society	To support a free, five-day circus camp in April 2019 for up to 60 youth, targeting kids who may not have the opportunity to be involved in regular sporting events.