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Foundation Provides \$100,000 in Matching Grants for New Community Funds

At its quarterly board meeting today, the Northern New York Community Foundation approved a total of \$100,000 in matching funds for two communities that have asked the Foundation to establish permanent endowments to benefit their specific geographic regions.

Two new funds, to be administered by the Community Foundation will be established. The Six Town Community Fund will be a resource for community projects in the Towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth. The Clifton-Fine Community Fund will support the projects in the Cranberry Lake, Star Lake and Wanakena areas. Each community group will have their contributions matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000.

“By encouraging this type of active involvement by the individuals who know their regions best, it allows us a deeper level of engagement we have not had previously. It also empowers decision making and resource building at the hyper local, neighborhood level, allowing a more powerful resident voice,” said Rande S. Richardson, Foundation executive director.

Other grants approved were:

- **Henderson Free Library - \$10,000**
Improvements and upgrades. *Funded through the Foundation's Herring College Memorial Trust Fund.*
- **Constable Hall Association - \$4,000**
Accessibility and infrastructure improvements.
Funded through the Foundation's Michael Brown Fund for Lewis County.
- **Helping Hands of Potsdam - \$5,000**
Kitchen renovations.
- **Local Living Venture, Canton - \$5,000**
Enhancements to educational programming.
- **Arts Community of Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation - \$5,000**
Support of the 2014 arts series in Wanakena.
- **St. Lawrence University - \$2,950**
Support for Johann Sebastian Bach Marathon and girls' chorus.

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