Funding to Retain Healthcare Professionals

Municipality of Cumberland, Town of Amherst and Truro & Colchester Partnership for Economic Prosperity were among twenty-three organizations across Nova Scotia are receiving grants to help attract, welcome and retain healthcare professionals in communities throughout the province.

The funding will support a wide range of community-led initiatives, including cultural celebrations, settlement and welcome activities, networking and professional support.These projects are designed to help healthcare professionals and their families build connections, feel supported and establish long-term roots in Nova Scotia.

The local grants include: Municipality of Cumberland – $20,300 for resident learner support and the creation of a local registry of students from the Cumberland region who are pursuing a career in medicine, the creation of a relocation guide and for recognition and welcome events; Town of Amherst – $14,500 to support local recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals through resident learner support, relocation guides and recognition and community inclusion events and Tunding – $23,544.50 for website support, appreciation events Indigenous cultural competency training and resident support

The Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment (OHPR) Community Fund is providing about $388,000 to support the 23 groups. The fund, for community healthcare recruitment and retention initiatives, is an action item in Action for Health, the government's strategic plan to improve healthcare in Nova Scotia.

Quotes:

"The community fund has helped us do more than welcome physicians, medical learners and their families to the Yarmouth area – it has helped us make them feel a sense of belonging in our region. We've been able to connect newcomers with the people, resources and experiences that make our community special, strengthening our ability to support medical professionals in putting down roots. We are incredibly grateful for this partnership and the role it continues to play in creating lasting connections and success stories in our region."

- Charlene d'Entremont, community navigator, Yarmouth and Area Medical Partnership

"As a Mi'kmaw nonprofit organization, we are committed to a strength-based approach to wellness that supports people with disabilities and youth in our communities. This investment helps us strengthen staff recruitment and retention, ensuring we can continue providing culturally grounded supports and services for years to come. Together, we are building stronger communities for the next seven generations. Wela'liek – thanks from all of us."

- Rosie Sylliboy, Executive Director, Mawita'mk Society

Statement on Securitization Regulations

NOTE: The following is a statement from Premier Tim Houston, who is also the Minister of Energy, on the new Financing Orders and Securitized Bonds Regulations.

In the Nova Scotia Energy Board's 2026 general rate decision, Matter M12451, it indicated that it believed securitization could potentially lower financing costs and potentially help protect Nova Scotia Power's credit rating.

These are things that could protect ratepayers.

Our only objective is to protect ratepayers and, as such, I have agreed to give the professionals at the board the space and authority to conduct a formal process and determine if it is truly in the best interest of ratepayers.

This should be a factual, objective decision so we are removing the politics from the discussion.

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that depend on the ferry service the certainly they deserve."

A recent economic impact study confirmed the service delivers strong returns, generating benefits that extend to communities across Nova Scotia. These opportunities include new revenue streams for rural communities, increased economic activity for local businesses and broader employment and financial benefits.

The ferry transported about 44,000 passengers during the 2026 sailing season, an increase of about 10 per cent; about 85 per cent of ferry passengers are from the United States; a 2026 study showed that people arriving by the Yarmouth ferry tend to stay longer and spend more than average visitors and the Province has budgeted about $21 million for the service in 2026

The ferry service also advances the Province's buy-local objectives by supporting Nova Scotia businesses.







