

## **AECU Announces 2026 Community Grant Program Winners: Five Local Projects Awarded \$10,000 Each**

**Port aux Basques, NL – Port aux Basques, NL – May 25, 2026** – Atlantic Edge Credit Union (AECU) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2026 Community Grant Program, supporting five impactful community initiatives across Newfoundland and Labrador.

As a member-owned financial co-operative, AECU invests in projects that strengthen the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the communities it serves. Through the Community Grant Program, approximately \$50,000 is awarded annually across five grants of \$10,000 each to organizations whose work aligns with these priorities.

This year's successful recipients represent innovative, community-driven solutions that promote sustainability, education, food security, and environmental stewardship.

### **The 2026 Grant Recipients Are:**

#### ***NL Eats Community Outreach – Agritech Skills Accelerator (St. John's)***

A hands-on program equipping youth and underrepresented individuals with skills and career exposure in sustainable agriculture and food innovation, supporting food security and economic development.

#### ***Gander Boys and Girls Club – Gander Generations Market & Young Entrepreneurs Program (Gander)***

An initiative focused on financial literacy and entrepreneurship for youth aged 8–12, featuring a community market and intergenerational collaboration with seniors.

#### ***NewfoundSAND Glass Recycling Co-operative – Decorative Aggregate Initiative (Bay Roberts)***

An innovative project transforming recycled glass into high-value materials for architectural and concrete applications, supporting waste reduction and local economic opportunities.

#### ***St. Anthony Basin Resources Inc. (SABRI) – Healthy Access Community Vending Initiative (St. Anthony)***

A project improving access to fresh, locally prepared food through the installation of a refrigerated community vending machine, promoting nutrition and supporting local agriculture.

***Intervale Associates – Training Youth and Citizen Scientists for Environmental and Community Sustainability (St. George’s)***

A program providing youth with hands-on environmental education and field experience, combining science learning with community and Indigenous knowledge to support conservation and sustainability.

“Through our Community Grant Program, we are proud to support local organizations that are creating meaningful, lasting impact in our communities,” said Cory Munden, CEO. “These projects reflect the strength, collaboration, and innovation happening across Newfoundland and Labrador.”

**About Atlantic Edge Credit Union**

Atlantic Edge Credit Union is a member-owned, democratically controlled financial co-operative dedicated to supporting the communities it serves. By investing in both financial and non-financial resources, AECU helps build sustainable, thriving communities across the province.

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