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Libro Credit Union awards \$317,000 through the 2022 Libro Annual Grants

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO – Libro Credit Union (Libro) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2022 Annual granting program, which will see 20 projects across southwestern Ontario receive a total of \$317,000.

The Libro Annual Grants Program invested in organizations whose work reflects our pillars, which include financial resilience, housing, employment and local food accessibility. We think differently about how we conduct business overall, making decisions that have a positive impact on our Owners, communities, and staff. Everything Libro does is aimed at growing prosperity including our investments in the community.

"We are excited to contribute to the amazing work these organizations are doing to impact the quality of life for so many," said Carolina Triana, Libro's Purpose Integration Specialist. "Every year we are impressed by the innovative programs that these groups are delivering."

Libro's granting process is unique and reflective of the priorities of our Owners and the needs of the communities they serve. Libro's Owner Representatives participate in the grant evaluation process and have a voice in the award selection.

We welcome any requests for more information regarding specific projects and are happy to work with any media outlets to further tell the story of these incredible organizations.

2022 Libro Annual Grant Recipients – For more details on the recipient projects, please visit: <u>Annual Grants</u> Recipients | Libro CU

| ORGANIZATION | PROJECT | PILLAR | GRANT |
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| WINDSOR ESSEX | | | |
| Canadian Mental Health | Youth Wellness Hub - Food Security | Local Food | \$20,000 |
| Association, Windsor-Essex | | Accessibility | |
| County Branch | | | |
| WE Build a Dream | Build a Dream Roundtable Series | Employment | \$20,000 |
| Windsor-Essex Children's | The WECAS Mobile Food Enrichment | Local Food | \$20,000 |
| Aid Foundation | Program | Accessibility | |
| The United Church | Enterprise Program | Employment | \$10,000 |
| Downtown Mission of | | | |
| Windsor INC. | | | |
| HALDIMAND-NORFOLK | | | |
| Hamilton Urban Core | Hamilton Urban Core Community | Housing | \$12,000 |
| Community Health Centre | Health Centre | | |
| (HUC) | | | |
| St. Leonard's Community | Supportive Housing | Housing | \$18,000 |
| Services | | | |



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| Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) | Supporting Youth Employment and Training Opportunities in Conservation | Employment | \$10,000 | |
| HURON-PERTH | | | | |
| Facile Perth | Workshops, independent planning, and facilitation | Financial Resilience | \$20,000 | |
| The Local Community Food Centre | Mighty Meals | Local Food Accessibility | \$6,000 | |
| United Way Perth Huron | Northern Huron Connection Centre (Wingham) | Housing | \$20,000 | |
| WATERLOO REGION | | <u>. </u> | | |
| J Steckle Heritage Homestead | The Libro Outdoor Education Space | Local Food Accessibility | \$6,792 | |
| rare Charitable Research Reserve | Libro Local Food Steward | Local Food Accessibility | \$19,326 | |
| Royal City Mission | Drop in Meal Program | Local Food Accessibility | \$5,000 | |
| LAMBTON KENT MIDDLESEX | | | | |
| Ohana Landing | Programming Space and Teaching Kitchen | Employment | \$20,000 | |
| Reach Out Chatham Kent (ROCK) Missions | Feeding Our Chatham-Kent Community | Local Food Accessibility | \$20,000 | |
| LONDON ELGIN OXFORD | | , | | |
| Crouch Neighbourhood Resource Centre | Crouch Community Food Cupboard | Local Food Accessibility | \$10,000 | |
| Fresh Start Support Services | House of Homes - Fire alarm system | Housing | \$20,000 | |
| STEAM Education Centres | Building Digital Equity and Financial Resilience Post Covid | Financial Resilience | \$20,000 | |
| Urban Roots London | Crop Rotation and Season Extension Efficiency Building | Local Food Accessibility | \$20,000 | |
| WIL Counselling & Training for Employment | WILL Immploy - Newcomer Networking & Mentorship Events | Employment | \$20,000 | |

About Libro Credit Union

The largest credit union in southwestern Ontario and a registered B Corp, Libro Credit Union serves 108,000 Owners – the customers who all own a piece of the company, including 9,566 businesses. Libro has more than 700 employees, 36 locations and a wide range of digital services, all supporting Owners as a full-service financial institution. For more than 75 years, Libro is also run as a cooperative, in which the customers are the shareholders, electing the Board of Directors. All of Libro's profits stay in southwestern Ontario and everything Libro does is aligned with its social purpose of growing prosperity for everyone in the region. For more information, visit libro.ca/media.

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