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Attention: Environmental, business, city assignment editors, reporters

GRANTS AWARDED FOR OTTAWA GREEN PROJECTS

OTTAWA, ON – February 3, 2010 – The Ottawa Sustainability Fund (OSF) is pleased to announce that it has awarded grants to two community organizations in Ottawa.

1. **Ecology Ottawa, \$5,000: No Energy to Waste!**

With this grant, the OSF joins forces with the YMCA, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, and Mountain Equipment Co-op to fund an innovative pilot project that addresses the environmental, economic, and social aspects of sustainability.

Ecology Ottawa will help community agencies, such as shelters and employment centres, to reduce their carbon footprint by connecting them to the expertise, services, and funding they need to dramatically reduce their energy consumption, through audits, retro-commissioning, retrofits, and behavioural change.

This pilot project is expected to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by 290 tonnes a year while reducing financial costs by \$68,000.

2. **Causeway Work Centre, \$2,400: Rooftop Garden Project**

This OSF grant will enable the Causeway Work Centre, a community economic development organization, to secure a structural engineering report and architectural plans for a rooftop vegetable garden.

The garden will become an integral part of a sustainable food loop, using re-cycled water and food waste from Causeway's catering program to fertilize the ongoing production of fresh vegetables on site. It will make Causeway's work with disabled people and those living in poverty more sustainable by reducing costs, recycling wastes and water, and avoiding emissions of greenhouse gases involved in

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transportation.

“We are very pleased to provide seed funding for these promising projects” said OSF Chair Paul Koch. “A more sustainable City of Ottawa will be built through the engagement of community groups such as these, with their ability to educate and mobilize citizens.”

About the Ottawa Sustainability Fund:

The **Ottawa Sustainability Fund** (the Fund) was created in 2006 as a philanthropic fund of the **Community Foundation of Ottawa** (www.cfo-fco.ca). It enables donors to support with confidence projects that foster a sustainable society in the City of Ottawa. Information on making a donation or contribution to the Ottawa Sustainability Fund is also available on the Fund’s website at www.osfund.ca

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