

# Investing in Communities

Island pride is evident through communities across our province. The Prince Edward Island Government is committed to working with municipalities and all Islanders to enhance the strong social fabric of our Island communities.

## Investing in Island Culture

Prince Edward Island's first-ever long-term Culture Action Plan will see **over \$1.45 million invested to support this thriving industry.**

- **Grants to cultural and creative industry organizations** with a provincial scope for operational and project needs
- **Project funding to organizations and groups** that are contributing to the economic and social development of culture in PEI
- **PEI Cultural Ambassador Program** will provide grants to PEI's touring artists for representing and promoting PEI culture
- Peer assessed **Arts Grants** for professional PEI artists in music, dance, theatre, film, craft, writing and publishing, visual arts, contemporary/interdisciplinary arts
- A **Film & Media Fund** will provide rebates for PEI film-makers who are making a film in PEI
- Funding for small and medium sized **community-based festivals** that celebrate our unique, diverse and rich PEI culture.

## RURAL GROWTH

**New Rural Growth Initiative** will provide **\$2.6 million** to communities & organizations.

This funding will help revitalize community structures and facilities, attract and keep people in rural communities, grow jobs and businesses, and develop strategic priorities at the community level.

- Work is underway to provide **high-speed internet** at or above the CRTC-mandated speed of 50 mbps, commencing in late 2018 with completion by 2020
- Increased **Supports to help newcomers** settle in our Island communities will help grow and strengthen rural Prince Edward Island.

**Increased funding for municipalities under the five-year historic agreement signed in 2017 to help Island communities grow and thrive.**

