



# ABOUT HCF

## Our vision

A vibrant inclusive Hamilton.

## Our mission

To drive positive change by connecting people, ideas and resources.

## How do we do it?

- Help people give in a way that has meaning to them and impact in the community – to any area of charitable interest they choose.
- Support all aspects of community life through grants and loans to a wide range of charitable organizations and initiatives.
- Bring people together to address priority issues that affect Hamiltonians.

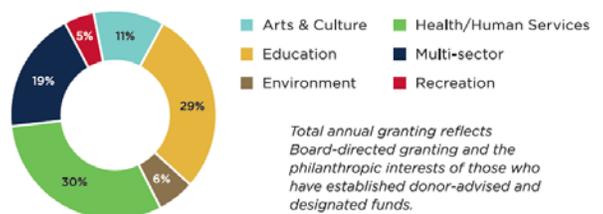
## Facts at a glance

Year ended March 31, 2018

- Total assets: \$194 million
- Operating expenses: 1.3% of average total assets
- Donations received: \$6.5 million last year
- Grants and community leadership spending: \$8.2 million last year covering 755 grants to 296 organizations
- Loans to charities and not-for-profits: \$6.4 million

### Grants approved by sector

Year ended March 31, 2018



HCF is one of more than 191 Canadian community foundations who together serve some 90 percent of Canadians.



## Community Leadership

- *ABACUS*. Advancing post-secondary access is a ten-year commitment to increase Hamilton's high-school graduation rates and access to college, university and the trades, especially among those typically under-represented in post-secondary. ABACUS focuses on the middle-school years — a time where youth undergo significant developmental changes, yet which are among the least supported by focused community programming. It focuses on the factors most directly affecting students' likelihood of continuing their education.

Read more: [ABACUSatHCF.ca](http://ABACUSatHCF.ca)

- *Impact investing*. Impact investing aligns more of HCF's assets with its mission by targeting investments that generate both financial and social returns. While the bulk of the Foundation's endowment is currently invested in traditional markets, the Foundation has established a target of investing 20 percent of its assets in impact investments by 2020. Focus areas for investment include education, affordable housing, youth, health, employment and other areas that align with granting priorities. Our impact investing portfolio includes the \$5 million Hamilton Community Investment Fund which provides loans to local charities and non-profits.

Read more: [hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/impactinvesting](http://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/impactinvesting)

- *Neighbourhood Leadership Institute (NLI)*. The NLI enhances the skills of Hamilton's neighbourhood and community leaders, offering learning streams for both residents and people employed in community development. Learning for participants in the resident stream includes developing a project idea for their neighbourhood. On successful completion they receive a college credit and may also apply for an HCF grant to help launch their project. Over 100 residents have graduated, with many returning to co-facilitate the program, and support new participants through an NLI alumni residency program.