



# ABOUT HCF

## Our vision

A vibrant inclusive Hamilton.

## Our mission

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

## How we do it

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

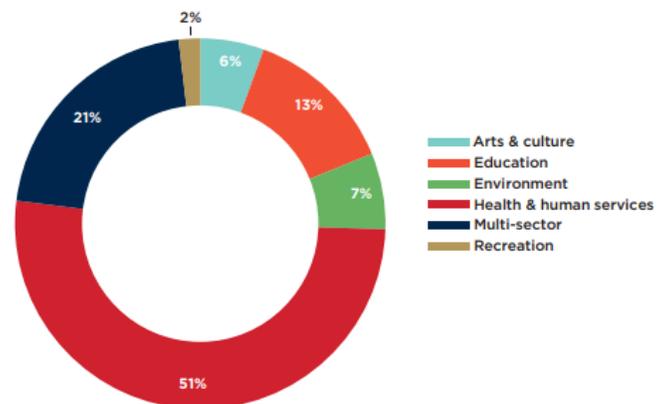
## Facts at a glance

Year ended March 31, 2021

- Total assets: \$256 million, including \$23.4 million in impact investments generating both a financial and social and/or environmental return
- Operating expenses: 1.16% of average total assets
- Donations received: \$10.7 million last year
- Grants and community leadership spending: \$12.9 million last year which included 854 grants to 321 organizations
- Loans to charities and not-for-profits: \$7.5 million

## Grants approved by sector

Year ended March 31, 2021<sup>1</sup>



HCF is one of some 200 community foundations across Canada.

<sup>1</sup> Total granting reflects Board-directed granting and the interests of those who have established donor-advised and designated funds.



## Community leadership

**Pandemic response.** In March 2020, we established the \$2 million Pandemic Response Fund. Its purpose is to meet immediate basic needs, stabilize services to vulnerable populations, support Hamilton's recovery and rebuilding, and strengthen its long-term resilience. As of March 30, 2021 more than \$1.7 million has been granted to 78 organizations in Hamilton.

Read more: [hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/covid19](https://hamiltoncommunityfoundation.ca/covid19)

**ABACUS: Advancing Post-secondary Access** is a 10-year commitment to increase the likelihood that young Hamiltonians — especially those typically under-represented in post-secondary — will graduate from high school, and go on to college, university or trades and apprenticeships. ABACUS focuses on the middle-school years, a time where youth undergo significant developmental changes, yet which are among the least supported by community programming. It focuses on the factors that affect students' likelihood of continuing their education.

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

**Impact investing.** Recognizing that all investments have impact, we believe they can be powerful tools to accelerate achieving our vision and mission. Impact investing works toward this goal by targeting investments that generate both financial and social/environmental returns. We are committed to aligning all our investments with our mission and vision both through impact investing and responsible investing: public market investments that integrate environmental, social and governance factors into their selection and management.

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

**Vital Signs.** In partnership with *The Hamilton Spectator*, we publish *Hamilton's Vital Signs*, a look at the state of the city in key areas of community life. Curated from census and other local data under the guidance of a community research advisory panel, the data is summarized into "research you can read" with links to the original sources. The report is intended to provide insight into Hamilton's trends and issues and to stimulate citizen engagement and action.

Read more: [hamiltonvitalsigns.ca](https://hamiltonvitalsigns.ca)