

TORONTO, Nov. 28, 2013 /CNW/ - After more than ten weeks of submitting ideas and voting, Canadians have chosen their favourite ideas as Aviva Community Fund semi-finalists. The competition - created by home and auto insurer Aviva Canada - offers \$1,000,000 in donations to lead, empower and support community initiatives across the country.

Canadians have submitted over 1,100 ideas and cast nearly 2 million votes for worthy projects that will improve communities across the country. The semi-finalists will again attempt to capture the hearts and votes of Canadians, with the top 30 (10 from each funding category) becoming finalists, guaranteeing their idea between \$5,000 and \$150,000 in funding.

However, every idea can be a winner: Starting today, ideas with associated charities that are not moving on to the semi-finals will have their "vote now" button replaced with a "donate now" button. These ideas can continue to leverage AvivaCommunityFund.org to collect donations from supporters.

Starting December 2, voters are encouraged to visit www.AvivaCommunityFund.org to support their favourite semi-finalist ideas until December 11, 2013

. Finalists and winners will be announced
December 13, 2013
and
January 28, 2014
, respectively.

Aviva Canada congratulates the semi-finalists, listed below by province:

British Columbia (11)

- Let's Play Together! Evans Elementary Community Playground (Chilliwack)
- Courtney & Skye Buck Memorial Courtyard at Raft River Elementary (Clearwater)
- Project Ecole Mt. Prevost: Let's Get Moving! (Duncan)
- North Island Wildlife Recovery Association (Errington)
- Palsson Playground Improvement (Lake Cowichan)
- Critter Care Wildlife Society - Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre (Langley)
- Dream Harry Hooze Elementary Playground (Maple Ridge)
- Community Playground at Qayqayt (KUH-KITE) - (New Westminster)
- Art for Everyone! (Richmond)
- New Freezer/Cooler for Eagle Bay Camp (Shuswap Lake)
- Youth4Tap Windermere (Vancouver)

Alberta (16)

- Saint-André Playground Project (Beaumont)
- "Save the Beaver River Trestle" on Alberta's Iron Horse Trail (Bonnyville)
- Help Rebuild Alberta Flood-Ravaged Camp Gardner (Calgary)
- Rideau Park School Playground and Sport Court (Calgary)
- The Lab - A Hip Hop Space for At-Risk Youth (Calgary)
- Claresholm Bowling Alley & Family Fun Centre (Claresholm)
- Coalhurst Community Playground and Park Project (Coalhurst)
- Give Pass Powder Keg a LIFT! (Crowsnest Pass)
- Anything is Pawsible (Edmonton)
- Fill the Halls with Music (Edmonton)
- Shelter from the Storm (Edmonton)
- Stratford School/Jasper Park Playground Redevelopment (Edmonton)
- Developing a Space for The Last Chance Cat Ranch: Saving Stray Cats (Lethbridge)
- Wilson Way Bus (Lethbridge)

- Stirling Community Running/Walking Trail (Stirling)
- Barrier Free Community Playground (Valhalla Centre)

Saskatchewan (1)

- Moose Jaw Minor Football Practice Field (Moose Jaw)

Manitoba (1)

- Winnipeg Beach School: Together, We Are Able (Winnipeg Beach)

Ontario (25)

- Wildlife Rehabilitation Nursery (Barrie)
- Fox and Coyote Veterinary and Rehabilitation Facility Project (Beeton)
- Project Jessie - Help Us To Help Even More Animals In Ontario! (Caledon)
- A Playground for All (Courtice)
- I Am Awesome! Self Esteem & Empowerment Retreat (Emo)
- Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital (Georgian Bay)
- Goderich Lions Club - Camp Klahanie Revitalization (Goderich)
- Turning Grey to Green: Transforming G. R. Allan School's Ground (Hamilton)
- Marathon District Museum (Marathon)
- The Cultural Café Project: Jobs for the Visually Impaired (Markham)
- It Takes A Village To Build A Playground (Newcastle)
- May 12th Awareness Day for ME/CFS and FM (Ottawa)
- Vincent Massey Kindergarten Playground Renewal(Ottawa)
- A Safe Place to Heal (Pefferlaw)
- Nursery for Orphaned Baby Animals (Rosseau)
- Give All the Paws at LAWS a New, Safe Home! (Smiths Falls)
- Camp Winston: Extraordinary Programs for Very Special Kids! (Sparrow Lake)
- Gymnastics Energy (St. Catharines)
- Make a Splash for Stacey (Sundridge)
- Challenging the Status Quo of Elder Care. There is a Better Way! (Toronto)
- Community Grassroots Arts Hub (Toronto)
- Helping People Help Homeless Cats (Toronto)
- Transforming Lives of Children at Risk With the Power of Music (Toronto)
- Kitty Kare Cat Sanctuary (Thunder Bay)

- WesForYouthOnline.CaIt's Okay to Ask for Help! (Walkerton)

Quebec (15)

- Le CPE a besoin d'aires de jeux extérieures sécuritaires! (Baie-Saint-Paul)
- Une nouvelle cour d'école pour Gaston-Pilon! (Boisbriand)
- S.P.A. des Cantons / Sterilization Program (Cowansville)
- Valhalla's Sustainability Learning Centre (La Prairie)
- Construire ses plus beaux souvenirs dans notre futur parc-école (Mirabel)
- Animal Rescue Networks PURRfect Shelter for Life - Help us Build (Montreal)
- Give a Dog a Second Chance - Opt to Adopt (Montreal)
- Montréal Roller Derby - Sport Court Project (Montreal)
- Revitalisation de la cour de l'école Christ-Roi (Montreal)
- Girl Guide Camp Wa-Thik-Ane - Help Us Keep Our Boats Afloat! (Morin-Heights)
- Pour une éducation alternative axée sur la nature (Pointe-St-Charles)
- Donnez un toit à notre piscine! (Quebec City)
- Les Éclairs font rayonner la musique au Québec! (Quebec City)
- Le parascolaire contre le décrochage scolaire au Paul-Hubert (Rimouski)
- Refuge Anni-maux (St-Bernard de Beauce)

New Brunswick (6)

- Help Us Help Animals by Completing Our New Shelter! (Dalhousie)
- Aidez à la construction du refuge - Help Build the Shelter (Edmundston)
- Shelter for the Homeless / Refuge pour les sans-foyers (Grand-Sault)
- Be Their Best Friend (Moncton)
- A Low Cost Cat Spay and Neuter Program in Saint John (Saint John)
- The Joshua Group Center - A Place Where Dreams are Made (Saint John)

Nova Scotia (9)

- Emily's Place Spay & Neuter Outreach Society (Amherst)
- Autism Cape Breton After School Program (Cape Breton)
- Hope for Mojo - Baie Ste. Marie Animal Society (Church Point)
- Rae of Light Centre (Dartmouth)
- Litters N Critters-Vet Bill Fund (Halifax)
- The St. Margaret's Bay Skate Park Project (Hubbards)

- Cranton Crossroads Community Center Dream Playground (Margaree Centre)
- Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada Society (Musquodoboit Harbour)
- Port Hawkesbury Community Park (Port Hawkesbury)

Prince Edward Island (2)

- Souris Playground for ALL (Souris)
- Youth Engagement Centre for At-Risk Youth (Summerside)

Newfoundland and Labrador (4)

- Tricon Playground (Bay De Verde)
- Change Islands Newfoundland Pony Sanctuary (Change Islands)
- A Beagle's Dream (St. John's)
- Small Town, Small Pool, Big Dreams!! (Twillingate)

Canadians can also connect with the Aviva Community Fund through the competition's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

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