



## **HEO HAPPY TO ACCEPT ONTARIO TRILLIUM GRANT FOR HALF-ICE HOCKEY RINK DIVIDERS**

Oct. 19, 2018

**OTTAWA** – Hockey Eastern Ontario is pleased to include a recent Ontario Trillium Grant in their movement toward cross-ice and half-ice hockey at the novice and initiation levels.

The grant is being used by the branch to fund the acquisition of rink dividers, which will be used by HEO's member associations as they begin to implement the half-ice hockey programs in the 2019-2020 hockey season.

HEO, along with Hockey Canada, believe that a child's first exposure to hockey has to be in a climate that is conducive to having fun.

Novice half-ice hockey is being initialized in order to improve the experience of new hockey players, and enhance their development at an early age.

60 different minor hockey associations from different parts of eastern Ontario will be using the Trillium Grant for rink dividers beginning in the 2019-2020 season, significantly lowering the cost of this program's roll out.

For more information on cross-ice and half-ice hockey initiatives, please contact Debbie Rambeau, HEO executive director, at [drambeau@hockeyeasternontario.ca](mailto:drambeau@hockeyeasternontario.ca) or 613-224-7686.