

COVID-19 Community Response Fund



Last month, the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough and United Way Peterborough & District launched the **COVID-19 Community Response Fund**. The first round of grants announced April 16th, focused on flattening the curve by securing food and shelter for vulnerable people. In May, the second round will help local charities provide mental health supports in new ways amid challenging circumstances.

One hundred percent of funds are distributed to local charities in direct consultation with the recipient agencies. We appreciate your support.

Ten charities received \$200,000 in grants from the Community Response Fund:

Brock Mission is continuing their services to homeless individuals currently sheltering at the Wellness Centre. A grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund pays for a MD (candidate) to provide people with COVID-19 screening, and help with other basic health needs.

CCRC provides housing supports to clients experiencing housing instability. The stressors clients face are becoming increasingly complex as the full impact of COVID-19 is felt. A grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund is helping CCRC provide web-based and cell phone services to their clients for the first time.

Community Care Peterborough provides meals, deliver medicines and offer check-ins to isolated seniors throughout the City and County. A grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund helps provide more meals in the face of growing demand.

Food for Kids (Peterborough Public Health) normally supplies locally sourced food through school nutrition programs. The grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund allows Food for Kids to continue to feed school-aged children in partnership with Kawartha Food Share, and to provide grocery cards for families for distribution by school principals.

Kawartha Food Share is facing increased client numbers, cancelled food drives, and decreased food donations. They are continuing to deliver non-perishable food items to their agencies and foodbanks throughout Peterborough City & County, as well as supplying emergency food hampers. A grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund will help buy more food.

Nourish (YWCA) coordinates access to healthy food for community members living on low incomes who are able to use a kitchen. They are preparing and delivering food hampers across the area including Curve Lake FN. A grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund will pay for food and distribution of hampers.

One City Peterborough operates housing for small groups of previously homeless individuals. The grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund coincides with the opportunity to purchase another house so funds will provide rent supplements to new tenants and pay for renovations to fast-track people out of shelters and into permanent housing.

One Roof Community Centre provides daily meals to those struggling with food insecurity. To help clients practice physical distancing, weekly food packages are being made available to those with adequate cooking facilities. A grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund will pay for food and distribution of these boxes over the next few months.

Peterborough AIDS Resource Network is providing harm reduction supplies to drug users through a mobile outreach van that stops at points across the City. They are also providing their most vulnerable clients with grocery cards. The grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund allows PARN to pay peer support workers to help deliver this program that reduces health risks.

YES Shelter for Youth & Families continues to fully staff its shelter and transitional houses. People living and working in such close proximity are at high risk of becoming infected with coronavirus. The grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund will help buy PPE, retain staff, and allow for scheduling that recognizes the need for staff to self-isolate while awaiting COVID test results.

There are so many people in Peterborough who do not have the resources to readily cope with the impacts of the coronavirus. Government programs are reaching some, but the charities in our community are helping hundreds of people every day.

How can you help?

We are accepting donations from the public:

<https://cfdp.ca/project/covid-19-community-response-fund/>

Or send a cheque payable to: **Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough**

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Thank you!