



## Information and Frequently Asked Questions

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COVID-19 is having a disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations in Canada. Since the pandemic was declared, community-based charities and non-profit organizations have been working tirelessly to provide emergency support of all kinds—in particular to individuals and communities experiencing continued or heightened vulnerability. Demand for their services has increased dramatically.

The Government of Canada's \$350 million [Emergency Community Support Fund \(ECSF\)](#) aims to help charities and non-profit organizations adapt and increase frontline services for vulnerable populations during COVID-19 to ensure no one is left behind.

### How much funding was available in total through ECSF?

The funding allocation for Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough was \$318,230. You can see a complete list of organizations that received funding by visiting the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) [database of all ECSF grants and other granting statistics](#).

### Why is no additional funding available?

There has been a significant demand for emergency support funding to assist communities experiencing heightened vulnerability due to COVID-19. CFC and the community foundation network in Canada are administering a small part of the overall \$350M Emergency Community Support Fund, among all the other support measures made available by the Government of Canada. More information about other national funders is available [here](#). A full list of current Government of Canada supports is available [here](#).

### How were ECSF funding decisions made?

As administered through the community foundation network, the vast majority of applications were reviewed at the local level by community foundations' respective grant review committees who have diverse local knowledge and experience. For areas not served by a community foundation, CFC has convened a national grants review committee with diverse regional representation, expertise and experience.

### Where can I turn to for funding to support my emergency response activities?

We invite you to check other ECSF funding intermediaries such as the Canadian Red Cross and local United Way. More information about other national funders is available [here](#).

## **When will we know if additional ECSF funding is available?**

Currently, we cannot predict if and when additional funding may become available. [Complete this form](#) to be notified should additional funding become available. We know the need for funding is still significant and we're continuing to advocate for additional emergency funds.

## **Vulnerable populations defined**

### Marginalized Communities in Canada

Indigenous people (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)

Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs)

Women and girls

Members of LGBTQ2s+ communities

Newcomers (Permanent and temporary residents including immigrants and refugees)

Racialized people (Arab, Black, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Latin American, South Asian, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Other racialized groups)

### Children, Youth or Elderly

Children and youth (ages 0-29)

Youth ageing out of care

Seniors and Elders (in and not in care)

### Vulnerable Workers

Caregivers

Workers who are vulnerable (essential, temporary foreign, those in the informal labour market)

### Populations Requiring Specific Care or Supports

People experiencing homelessness

People struggling with addiction

People living with mental illness

People with low-income or living in poverty

Persons with disabilities

People experiencing domestic or gender-based violence

People living in group homes or supportive living (under the age of 55)

Prison populations (detained and incarcerated)

Veterans

Students (postsecondary)