



COVID-19 Community Response Fund



Community Response Fund FAQs

My organization is interested in resources from this Fund. Can we be considered?

We understand the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting charities in many ways, including increased demand for services, lost revenue due to closures and cancellations, as well as other challenges. We are not hosting a formal application process for the Fund at this time. If you are a registered charity (CRA qualified donee) email us at info@cfgp.ca to make sure we are aware of your needs.

I'm an individual who's been affected by COVID-19. Can this Fund help me?

We understand many individuals and families have been affected by the outbreak already and more will continue to be affected. This Fund is working to move resources to community-based charities that are directly supporting local residents who are most affected by emerging health, economic, and social impacts. We will post grants awarded on our websites. Please check back for a list of the organizations that may be able to assist you.

I want to donate. Can I restrict my funding to a prioritized grantee?

To ensure that we can coordinate and share resources as quickly and efficiently as possible, donors may not restrict their grants to a particular charity. If you have a specific organization you would like to support, we encourage you to give directly to that organization.

Should I give to this Fund instead of making other donations?

If the COVID-19 Community Response Fund priorities align with your values, please consider making a donation. However, this is a critical time for so many, including the charities who've benefited from your giving in the past, as well as those who've had to cancel their annual fundraising events or depend heavily on public gatherings. Please continue to give to organizations you regularly support, and others that need your help at this crucial time.

What will NOT be included in the first phase of funding?

We anticipate multiple phases of funding to address the both the acute needs now and the longer-term impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak and recovery. In this first phase, we are prioritizing charities that are serving people who do not have safe and secure food, shelter and other physical necessities and are therefore at a higher risk for getting sick.

For now, we are not able to prioritize organizations who have lost revenue or are likely to lose future revenue due to canceled events or programs, or larger public institutions that are strained by increased demand for services. We recognize these challenges, and hope to address them in a later phase or through other channels.

Is there a geographic area of focus for the Fund?

The COVID-19 Community Response Fund will prioritize charities serving people in the City and County of Peterborough, Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations.

When will you make granting decisions?

We anticipate making a first round of grants by the end of April, and will publish the list of selected grantees on the Community Foundation and United Way websites.

Is there a fee to donate?

100% of donations will go to local charities.