



COVID-19

Emergency Community Support Fund

Canada

GUIDE FOR NOVA SCOTIAN APPLICANTS

What is the purpose of the Emergency Community Support Fund?

The ECSF is intended to strengthen the capacity of community service organizations to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable individuals and families disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. These resources will support community services in all regions of Canada. The ECSF will not provide support to individuals. You can learn more about federal support programs [here](#).

How may the funding be used?

Eligible expenses include staffing, equipment, supplies and related operating costs that allow organizations to provide and deliver services that respond to the current crisis.

How are funds being distributed?

The federal government has partnered with United Way Centraide Canada (UWCC), the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) and Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) to deliver this funding. These three organizations launched online funding applications for the second round of funding on Monday, October 5, 2020. This open application process is not limited to those organizations that have a pre-existing relationship with UWCC, CRC, or CFC.

How can my organization apply for the funds?

You will need to submit an online application through your local [United Way](#), the [Community Foundation of Nova Scotia](#) (CFNS), or the [Canadian Red Cross](#). Organizations can apply to more than one intermediary as long as the funding request is for different projects and/or different project expenses.

How much financial support is available in Nova Scotia?

This is the balance of the \$350 million commitment made by the Government of Canada in May. A combined total of \$73.9 million is being disbursed to UWCC, CRC and CFC for investment in communities across Canada.

Can I submit more than one funding application?

Yes, you can apply to more than one of the granting organizations (CFNS, UW, or CRC) as long as the funding request is for different projects and/or different project expenses. It is important to review each online funding application very carefully, and to communicate *directly* with the granting organization if you have any questions.

How do I know where to apply?

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<p>Who: Registered charities</p> <p>What: Poverty focused</p> <p>Where: Local, community-based charities with a local population and focus can apply to the United Way nearest to them.</p> <p>When: Funding applications will be open from October 5th to 30th. All funding decisions will be made by November 27th.</p> <p>How: Click here to find the United Way near you.</p> <p>How much: Maximum amounts for funding vary by organization. Please contact the United Way or Community Foundation office near you.</p>	<p>Who: Registered charities and other qualified donees.</p> <p>What: Organizations that are not poverty focused, including: health, arts, recreation, other community support.</p> <p>Where: Regional or provincial organizations can apply.</p> <p>When: Funding applications will be open from October 5th to 30th. All applicants will be notified by December 15th.</p> <p>How: Click here to apply for funding from Community Foundations Canada.</p> <p>How much: Maximum amounts for funding vary by organization. Please consult the United Way or Community Foundation office near you.</p>



Canadian Red Cross



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