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Community Investment Partnership

Edmonton Community Foundation is happy to announce that we are starting a new program to share our knowledge of emerging community needs and projects with holders of donor advised funds. The Community Investment Partnership will help donors to make effective and strategic community investments by identifying and communicating priorities for your consideration. It will also help ECF meet community needs by mobilizing a larger and more targeted pool of funds.

How will it work?

Through ECF's activities in the community, we hear about emerging community needs and programs designed to address those needs. We help in a variety of ways, including by providing funding, connections to other funders, and guidance and support. We also connect organizations to holders of donor advised funds who ask for ideas in their areas of interest.

Now we are expanding our service to donors by offering information on a more timely basis. Participating donors will receive information regularly about projects and programs which match your area(s) of interest.

If you are interested in participating, contact us and talk with us about the sectors you are interested in supporting. Then, about four times a year, we will contact you about projects or organizations working in those areas.

How will the programs be identified?

Many organizations and programs come to us through our Community Grants Program and so the information participating donors receive will be very timely. Programs identified through this process may be under consideration for a community grant. Donor interest in the program will be an important consideration when the proposal is reviewed by the Board of ECF.

Other ideas come to our attention through our relationships with other funders, our volunteers, our Board, or other connections in the community.

What information will be provided?

We will send you a brief summary describing the organization and the program identified. Further information can be provided upon request.

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Will I be contacted every quarter?

Not necessarily. Donors may not receive grant ideas every quarter, depending on what has come forward during that time and the areas of interest you have identified. We will try to ensure that each participating donor is contacted at least once each year.

My fund is small. Can I still participate?

No matter how much your fund has available to grant, you can participate in the Community Investment Partnership. By combining your fund's granting power with others at ECF, we can enhance the impact of your granting decisions.

Do I have to contribute to the programs you identify?

No. Donors receiving grant suggestions will be free to decide whether you want to contribute to the program(s) identified. You may choose to wait for another idea or may identify a grant recipient on your own.

Do I have to participate?

No. Only donors who indicate an interest will receive CIP updates. As always, donors can also contact ECF for grant ideas on a one-time basis.

Can I provide a grant idea?

Yes. Donors have helped connect ECF to many worthy organizations. We welcome suggestions from participating donors about emerging issues or projects. We may be able to connect the program to other ECF donors or provide other support. Please note that we may not be able to include all ideas in CIP. Also note that projects with a religious mission or operating outside the greater Edmonton area cannot be considered.

How do I participate or find out more?

For more information or to participate in the Community Investment Partnership, please contact Craig Stumpf-Allen, Director of Special Funds:

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