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Government of Canada announces National Funders selected to support charities and non-profits.

Edmonton Community Foundation will distribute more than \$2.8 million of the Community Services Recovery Fund to charities and Indigenous Governing Bodies

November 22, 2022 (Edmonton, AB) – Today, the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould, announced that Community Foundations of Canada alongside Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada have been selected to distribute funding to help a broad and diverse range of charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies adapt and modernize, so they can support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

“The demands of the pandemic have been great and the needs of Edmonton’s communities are changing,” Tina Thomas, CEO Edmonton Community Foundation says. “Many organizations are struggling to recover and adapt their services. Edmonton Community Foundation is privileged to facilitate distribution of the Community Services Recovery Fund, to give organizations the support they need to serve our community.”

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million that will help charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies to acquire the tools they need to adapt and modernize so they can better support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

Edmonton Community Foundation will distribute an estimated \$2.8 million of CSRF funding to qualified donees in the Edmonton area.

Since the early phases of the pandemic, charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies have struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving due to the rising cost of living, and a greater need to make use of digital tools as part of adapting and modernizing their operations.

Funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund will enable charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies to invest in their own organizational capacity to:

- adapt the way they deliver services to support the needs of their staff and volunteers;

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- buy equipment such as computers and software;
- create new ways of working, such as developing new fundraising approaches;
- provide support for staff and volunteers, such as staff training, supports for mental health and wellbeing; and
- develop plans to receive funding from diverse sources.

“The Government supports a more inclusive model of economic growth that creates opportunities for everyone in Canada as the long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic continues. The Community Services Recovery Fund will strengthen the ability of charities and non-profits to deliver services and resources where they will have the most impact. Because of the National Funders’ strong connections with local organizations, they will ensure funding is distributed efficiently to organizations that provide services to communities in need across Canada,” Karina Gould, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development says.

As a result of the investments provided by the Community Services Recovery Fund, charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies will be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services that they provide.

The application process is will launch on January 6, 2023. For more information visit www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca.

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