

Community Services Recovery Fund



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

The Westlock Community Foundation will distribute a portion of the Community Services Recovery Fund to charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies across the region.

December 27, 2022 , Westlock, AB– The Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould, announced on November 22nd 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 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.

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;
- 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.

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

The application process will launch on January 6, 2023. For more information visit <https://communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca/resources>

Key Dates:

January 6th – Application portal open

January 12th – Community Services Recovery Fund applicant webinar

January 25th – Westlock Community Foundation workshop for potential applicants

“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.”

- The Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould

“Charities and non-profits are at the forefront of addressing communities’ needs, However, many of them are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of our communities. Through the community Services Recovery Fund, the Westlock Community Foundation will be able to support both charities

and non-profits across the Barrhead, Athabasca and Westlock regions to work on projects that support their organizational structure.”

- Wayne Peyre, Westlock Community Foundation Chair

“Charities and non-profit organizations are at the heart of communities, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. Through the Community Services Recovery Fund, local community foundations are proud to have the opportunity to support this important work as we collectively build a more just and equitable future driven by community. This investment from the Government of Canada comes at a critical time when communities across Canada are coming together to rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

- Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada, President