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Government of Canada announces projects funded under the Community Services Recovery Fund

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Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing community needs. During the pandemic, many of these vital organizations struggled with increased demand for their services, reduced revenues, declines in charitable giving and a greater reliance on digital tools. Their post-pandemic recovery is key to their continued ability to offer services and adapt to the changing needs of communities across Canada.

Today, Lloyd Longfield, Member of Parliament for Guelph, on behalf of the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Jenna Sudds, announced funding for 38 local organizations*, totaling \$2,050,435.00 through the Community Services Recovery Fund.

Thanks to the Community Services Recovery Fund, these local community service organizations will be able to adapt, modernize and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services and supports that they provide. Whether the funded projects focus on recruitment and retention, modernizing organizational systems and processes, or innovating program delivery, the Community Services Recovery Fund reflects the Government's commitment to invest in this sector, so that community service organizations can continue to support families and individuals across Canada.

The application process for this fund was managed by three National Funder organizations: the Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, and United Way Centraide Canada. These National Funders were selected to deliver the Community Services Recovery Fund to a broad and diverse range of community service organizations across Canada.

For more information, including a list of funded projects, visit the [National Funders' Community Services Recovery Fund website](#).

Quotes

"Community service organizations are often the first to identify and respond to emerging needs, and they are often the ones best positioned to create real change at the local level. Through the Community Services Recovery Fund, the Government of Canada recognizes and supports the critical role these organizations play in building strong, resilient and inclusive communities. This funding will help these organizations expand their reach, build their resilience to better adapt to emerging challenges, and make a greater impact in the lives of the people they serve."

– Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

During COVID we saw the importance of the federal government directly supporting our community via the agencies that are connected to our front-line needs, volunteers, and additional funding sources to provide support quickly and where it is needed. Guelph is known for its community collaborations, and the Community Services Recovery Fund provides support for those who need it using our local networks.

– Lloyd Longfield, Member of Parliament for Guelph





Quick Facts

- The Community Services Recovery Fund was announced in Budget 2021 as a one-time, \$400 million investment to help community service organizations adapt, modernize and build internal organizational capacity. This investment will strengthen the charitable and non-profit sector as it supports post-pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.
- The Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada and United Way Centraide Canada were selected as the National Funders to deliver the Community Services Recovery Fund following a solicited call and open process for expressions of interest. They will deliver funding to a broad and diverse range of community service organizations across Canada, including charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies.
- The Community Services Recovery Fund has two funding streams: one for local or regional community service organizations serving a portion of a province or territory, and one for community service organizations serving the entire country, an entire province or territory, or multiple provinces or territories.
- Funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund will enable community service organizations to invest in their own organizational capacity under one of the following three project focus areas:
 - Investing in People – projects that focus on how organizations recruit, retain, engage and support their personnel.
 - Investing in Systems and Processes – projects that invest in the systems and processes involved in creating the internal workings of an organization’s overall structure.
 - Investing in Program and Service Innovation and Redesign – projects primarily focused on program and service innovation and redesign using information gained during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Community Services Recovery Fund builds on the successful delivery of the \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund, where the Government of Canada funded over 11,570 projects serving vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agencies funded in Guelph include:			
		Up and Running Guelph	\$27,328
Hopewell Children's Homes	\$80,068	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Guelph	\$21,431
The Nightingale Centre	\$99,971	Guelph Independent Living	\$97,216
Guelph Tool Library	\$34,496	Guelph Film Festival	\$51,094
Hospice Wellington	\$12,600	Circle Home Charity Society	\$12,900
		Ed Video Media Arts Centre	\$37,000
Guelph Dance	\$63,840	Guelph Community Health Centre	\$100,000
Guelph Wish Fund for Children	\$43,260	Guelph and District Multicultural Festival	\$35,450
Unitarian Congregation of Guelph	\$77,224	Compass CS	\$100,000
Community Living Guelph Wellington	\$99,396	West Village Co-op	\$42,500
Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition	\$83,754		





Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington	\$38,450	Community of Hearts Livelong Learning Centre	\$11,800
Food4Kids Guelph	\$38,000	Guelph Public Library	\$60,000
Guelph Black Heritage Society	\$54,406	Guelph Wellington Seniors Association	\$9,018
CMHA Waterloo Wellington (CMHA WW)	\$150,000	Guelph Wellington Women In Crisis	\$38,435
Royal City Mission	\$20,650	Hope House Guelph	\$178,000
Michael House	\$20,000	Shelldale Family Gateway	\$51,570
10C Shared Space (10C)	\$74,486	The Elliott Community	\$16,960
Action Read	\$37,300	Trinity United Church	\$14,993
Art Not Shame	\$37,839	Wyndham House	\$50,000
Church of the Apostles	\$29,000		

Associated Links

- [About the Community Services Recovery Fund](#)
- [National Funders' Community Services Recovery Fund website](#)

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