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Subject: Community Services Recovery Fund

Message: Please see information below:

On behalf of MP Kody Blois- Kings Hants, I wanted to reach out and share a new funding initiative that's started for Community Groups to apply for. Please see the attachment and please read the following as a backgrounder for the funding initiative.

The Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) is a one-time, \$400 million investment to help a broad and diverse range of community service organizations, including charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies, adapt and modernize, so they can support recovery in communities across Canada.

Background

Since the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, community service organizations 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.

The CSRF aims to better equip these organizations to support the evolving needs of communities across Canada. The CSRF builds on the successful model of the \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund, which helped community organizations deliver essential services to vulnerable Canadians during the early stages of the pandemic.

National Funders

On November 22, 2022, the Government announced it selected three National Funders to distribute the CSRF to community service organizations. The National Funders are:

- • Canadian Red Cross
- • Community Foundations of Canada
- • United Way Centraide Canada

National Funders are responsible for:

- • setting up the application process
- • reaching out to diverse communities across Canada
- • assessing applications
- • distributing the funding

Eligible Organizations

The CSRF will accept applications from community service organizations, which include:

- • non-profit organizations (incorporated and unincorporated)
- • Indigenous governing bodies
- • charities/other qualified donees

To be eligible for funding, applicants must identify as a community service organization, be located in Canada and provide services to communities in Canada.

Application and Project Period

The CSRF is open for applications from January 6 to February 21, 2023. Funded projects will begin May 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2024.

For more information on the application process, please visit the National Funders' CSRF website. Or contact:

Canadian Red Cross

1-833-966-4225

CSRFgrants@redcross.ca

Best of luck and thank you for doing all you do for your respected communities!



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