



COMMUNITY SERVICES RECOVERY FUND

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.



The organizations not eligible for funding are:

- For-profit organizations
- Business non-profit institutions
- Provincial/territorial entities
- Municipalities and entities controlled by a municipality
- Individuals
- United Way Centraides, Community Foundations, the Canadian Red Cross and collaboratives in which these organizations are a member

A full list of eligibility criteria can be found on the [National Funders' CSRF website](#).

Eligible Projects

Funding will enable community service organizations to invest in modernizing and adapting their own organizational capacity under one of the three Project Focus Areas:

- Investing in People
- Investing in Systems and Processes
- Investing in Program and Service Innovation and Redesign

The CSRF has two funding streams:

- Local Stream: for organizations serving a portion of a province or territory.
- National/Provincial/Territorial Stream: for organizations serving the entire country, an entire province or territory, or multiple provinces or territories. Provincial/territorial organizations in Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut can choose to apply through the National/Provincial/Territorial Stream or the Local Stream.

Funding Amounts

The Local Stream and National/Provincial/Territorial Stream have two tiers of funding. Tier 1 supports smaller projects. Tier 2 supports larger projects already underway.

For the Local Stream, Tier 1 provides \$10,000 to \$100,000 in funding and Tier 2 provides \$100,001 to \$200,000. For the National/Provincial/Territorial Stream, Tier 1 provides \$20,000 to \$200,000 and Tier 2 provides \$200,001 to \$500,000.

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](#).