



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **New funding now available to Guelph Wellington community service organizations through the Community Services Recovery Fund**

In November 2022, the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Karina Gould, announced that Community Foundations of Canada, alongside the Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada, had been selected to distribute funding through the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF). This fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million to help a broad and diverse range of charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies adapt and modernize, so that they can support pandemic recovery in communities across Canada.

CSRF will help charities, non-profits and Indigenous Governing Bodies to acquire the tools they need 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 nationally 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 Guelph Community Foundation and United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin are both working to distribute funds locally. Applications are being accepted now until February 21, 2023. Each organization is working to distribute funds through different streams, with the Guelph Community Foundation looking at *Investing in Systems & Processes* and United Way looking at *Investing in Program & Service Innovation and Redesign*. In addition, there will be funding available through the Canadian Red Cross to assist with *Investing in People*.

Some examples of the ways applicants can use the funding to invest in their organizational capacity include:

- adapting the way they deliver services and programming to support the needs of their staff and volunteers
- purchasing required equipment such as computers and software
- creating new ways of working, such as developing new fundraising approaches
- providing support for staff and volunteers, such as staff and volunteer training or support mechanisms for mental health and wellbeing
- developing plans to receive new funding from diverse sources

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 efficiency, accessibility, and sustainability of the community services they provide for years to come.

The process for organizations to apply opened on January 6, 2023. Applications must be submitted by February 21, 2023 (8 pm EST). For information about the fund and a link to the application form, visit [www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca](http://www.communityservicesrecoveryfund.ca).

## Quotes

“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, The Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

“We thank the Government of Canada for this important investment in the community services sector. From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, charities and non-profit organizations across our communities have shown impressive stamina and creativity in their response to the diverse and increasingly challenging needs of their communities. We are proud to support these organizations to ensure they are equipped to continue to adapt to the changing needs and increasing demand for services in our communities.”

- Glenna Banda, Executive Director, United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin

“Charities and non-profits are at the forefront of addressing communities’ needs, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. They continue to adapt their services to the changing needs of Guelph and surrounding communities. Through the Community Services Recovery Fund, The Guelph Community Foundation has a unique opportunity to grant to NPOs looking to improve and modernize their organizational systems and processes. This will ultimately increase their resiliency for years to come.”

- Chris Willard, Executive Director, Guelph Community Foundation

“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, President, Community Foundations of Canada

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## About United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin



**United Way**  
Guelph Wellington  
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**United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin** has worked in our community for over 80 years to monitor and meet the pressing social needs of our community, including poverty, social isolation and mental health. Directed by a volunteer board, managed by committed staff and supported by thousands of donors, United Way works with partners in all sectors to improve lives and build community. Donations stay 100% local, always. For more information, please visit [unitedwaygwd.com](http://unitedwaygwd.com)

## About The Guelph Community Foundation



The Guelph Community  
FOUNDATION

**The Guelph Community Foundation** is a charitable public foundation whose purpose is to provide leadership in community philanthropy and enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Guelph and surrounding areas through endowments, stewardship, and granting programs. The Foundation pools the charitable gifts of donors into permanent, interest earning endowments. The income from the endowments supports a range of

charitable programs and activities. The Foundation currently administers \$14.9 million in funds with \$12.3 million in permanent endowed assets. The Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St N, Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph. To learn more please visit [guelphcf.ca](http://guelphcf.ca)

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