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The Guelph Community Foundation delivers \$512K to 11 community service organizations in Guelph and Wellington County through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund

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The Guelph Community Foundation is pleased to announce \$512,000 in funding to support 11 community service organizations in Guelph and Wellington County through the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. The Community Services Recovery Fund is a one-time investment of \$400 million by the Government of Canada to help Community Service Organizations, charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies located in Canada. adapt, modernize and be better equipped to improve the efficacy, accessibility and sustainability of the community services that they provide through the pandemic recovery and beyond.

The Foundation received twenty-seven (27) applications to CSRF for funding totaling \$1,359,719 in requests. The funding provided was for the full amount of funding requested for almost all successful applications. From the 27 received, the Foundation has been able to invest in 11 organizations from its allocated funds.

The following projects are being supported in **Guelph and Wellington County**:

- **\$ 100,000.00** was invested to fund **Compass Community Services** to **upgrade its service systems**;
- **\$ 100,000.00** was invested to fund **The Guelph Community Health Centre** to **modernize and improve its financial management system**;
- **\$ 54,406.00** was invested to fund **Guelph Black Heritage Society** to **develop a comprehensive fundraising strategy**;
- **\$ 51,094.00** was invested to fund **Guelph Film Festival** to **develop a strategic local growth strategy**;
- **\$ 42,500.00** was invested to fund **West Village Community Development Co-operative** to **develop a cloud-based client and data management system**;
- **\$ 38,000.00** was invested to fund **Food4Kids Guelph** to **redesign its fund development strategy**;
- **\$ 37,000.00** was invested to fund **Ed Video Media Arts Centre** to **create specialized working spaces and to update its website**;

- **\$ 35,450.00** was invested to fund **Guelph and District Multicultural Festival** to **develop organizational strategies**;
- **\$ 20,650.00** was invested to fund **Royal City Mission** to **build and implement CRM software for donations and fundraising management**;
- **\$ 20,000.00** was invested to fund **Michael House Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services** to **modernize and improve Michael House’s website**;
- **\$ 12,900.00** was invested to fund **Circle Home Charity Society** to **implement a refugee backlog management system**.

Community service organizations are at the forefront of addressing communities’ needs. Since the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, they 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. Many organizations are struggling to recover and adapt their services to the changing needs of Guelph and Wellington. This investment is a much needed and unique opportunity for organizations as there typically is little funding available for these kinds of structural needs.

For more information, visit the [Community Services Recovery Fund website](#).

Quotes

“Community service organizations are at the heart of communities like Guelph and Wellington County, creating a sense of belonging from coast to coast to coast. The Community Services Recovery Fund will enable organizations that serve our diverse communities to adapt and modernize their programs and services and to invest in the future of their organizations, staff and volunteers. Together, we can rebuild from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic and build a more just and equitable future for those in Guelph.”

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

“The applications we received were very inspiring and demonstrated the positive impact that our dedicated local service organizations have on our community. We are grateful to have been part of this funding program bringing financial support to those who uplifted our community during the pandemic. 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, increasing their resiliency for years to come.”

- Chris Willard, Executive Director, Guelph Community Foundation

CSRF Quick Facts:

- The Community Services Recovery Fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support community service organizations, including charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies, as they adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery.

- Now more than ever, community service organizations play a key role in addressing complex social problems faced by many communities across Canada.
- From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, community service organizations across Canada have shown impressive stamina and creativity in their response to the diverse and increasingly challenging needs of their communities.
- The Community Services Recovery Fund responds to what community service organizations need right now and supports them as they adapt to the long-term impacts of the pandemic.
- As community service organizations across Canada work to support recovery in their communities, the CSRF will help them adapt and modernize their operations to grow their impact.
- The Government of Canada is delivering the CSRF through three National Funders (Canadian Red Cross, Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada). The National Funders are distributing funding to eligible community service organizations, including charities, non-profits, and Indigenous governing bodies, providing services in communities across Canada.
- The Government of Canada supports a more inclusive model of economic growth, one that creates opportunities for everyone in Canada, as the long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

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About 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 Guelph Community Foundation is located at 55 Wyndham St. N., Suite 4A, in the Old Quebec Street Shoppes in downtown Guelph.