



## NEWS RELEASE

### Emergency Community Support Fund Round 2 Portal Opens today - October 5

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – October 5, 2020** - Launched on May 19, 2020, the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes invested \$136,400 in Round 1 of the ECSF towards local Kawartha Lakes charities and qualified donees supporting populations experiencing heightened vulnerability during the COVID-19 Crisis. This fund was intended to support local charities responding to COVID-19 in partnership with Community Foundations of Canada, United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. The local effort in Kawartha Lakes, including the United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes, aimed to support our vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

#### Charities Supported to date

- Community Care of Kawartha Lakes, \$45,000 for specialized transportation service requirements
- Tri-County Community Support Services, \$41,887 for new virtual services for people with developmental disabilities
- Women's Resources Kawartha Lakes, \$13,229 for additional staffing to support and shelter women during isolation
- John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, \$10,000 for staffing to deliver outreach services
- Boys & Girls Club Kawartha Lakes, \$19,889 for cleaning staffing, additional PPE and supplies for children's return
- Spinal Cord Injury Ontario – Kawartha Lakes, \$6,395 for supplies to keep essential workers and clients safe

As Round 2 is launched, the Community Foundation of Kawartha Lakes is proud to once again partner with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), open for applications on October 5th. The Foundation has been entrusted with a fund of \$57,280, to disperse within Kawartha Lakes, aimed to identify those charities who continue to struggle to meet the demand of our vulnerable populations during the pandemic.

"Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared, our local charities and non-profit organizations have stepped up and continue to provide emergency support of all kinds—specifically recognizing our most vulnerable," states Mike Perry, Foundation President, "Demand for their services has increased significantly, and the Foundation is proud to partner with the Government of Canada to offer the financial support still needed at this time."

Application portal for Round 2 of ECSF funding opens October 5, 2020. Since the start of the pandemic, charities and non-profit organizations have been leading the charge to assist those who need it most in the fight against COVID-19. We know the need for funding is still significant. Please follow the links offered below:

<https://communityfoundations.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ECSF-Round-2-Applicant-Guide.pdf>

<https://communityfoundations.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/ECSF-Round-2-Application-Form.pdf>

We invite you to follow Community Foundations of Canada's website for further updates as well. If you have any other questions or inquiries, please email to [info@kawarthafoundation.ca](mailto:info@kawarthafoundation.ca) or call directly to 705-731-9775 for assistance.

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