



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the purpose of the Community Services Recovery Fund?

The Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) is a unique funding opportunity that aims to respond to the adaptation and modernization needs of charities and non-profits facing immediate and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as they continue to support communities across Canada.

### Who are the National Funders and what is their role?

The Community Services Recovery Fund will be delivered through three National Funders – Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada. These National Funders will be responsible for establishing open application processes to distribute funding to eligible charities and non-profits across Canada.

### What is the timeline for the Community Services Recovery Fund?

**Application period opens**  
January 6, 2023

**Application Deadline**  
February 21, 2023

**Funded projects begin**  
May 2, 2023

**Funded projects end**  
June 30, 2024



### How can I get more information about how to apply?

More information will be available when the applications open on January 6, 2023. In the meantime, explore the resource section and sign up for a webinar on how to apply.



### Who is considered a Community Service Organization?

Community Service Organizations, which means non-profit organizations, Indigenous Governing Bodies or Registered Charities/Some Qualified Donees located in Canada who provide services to communities in Canada.



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- **Indigenous Governing Bodies:** This includes Indigenous governing bodies that are not registered as charities or non-profits, such as First Nations bands, Métis settlements, and Inuit governments or associations.
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### When can I apply?

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### How much funding can organizations apply for?

More information will be available when the applications open on January 6, 2023. We encourage you to come back here on January 6th to learn more about funding ranges.

### How was the Community Services Recovery Fund developed?

Budget 2021 provided \$400 million to create the Community Services Recovery Fund to help a broad and diverse range of charities and non-profits adapt and modernize so they can better support recovery in their communities.

In January 2022, Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), Canadian Red Cross (CRC), and United Way Centraide Canada (UWCC) welcomed the [invitation](#) to submit a proposal to the Government of Canada for the [Community Services Recovery Fund \(CSRF\)](#).

The Government of Canada selected the National Funders based on their ability to achieve a wide distribution of funding across the charitable and non-profit sector and their ability to work collaboratively and efficiently to administer the Community Services Recovery Fund.

### How is this program different from the Emergency Community Support Fund?

The Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) extends the support for communities provided by the Government of Canada's \$350 million [Emergency Community Support Fund \(ECSF\)](#) at the onset of the pandemic. In ECSF, Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada combined their national reach and local expertise to flow money quickly to where it was most needed. CFC, CRC and UWCC have partnered again for the CSRF.

As we look toward the future, the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) can help ensure that from coast to coast, no one is left behind. While ECSF was focused on emergency response, the CSRF will focus on recovery.

