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## **CNDCF and KWCF take part in second round of Emergency Community Support Fund**

*\$400,000 in funding available in Waterloo Region for charities supporting COVID-19 response*

WATERLOO REGION, ON — Today, Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation (CNDCF) and Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation (KWCF) announced they will be providing \$400,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19, as part of an ongoing partnership with [Community Foundations of Canada](#), [United Way Centraide Canada](#) and the [Canadian Red Cross](#), funded through the Government of Canada's \$350 Million Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). This vast national effort is a second round of funding that aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. CNDCF and KWCF are among community foundations across Canada that are taking part.

“As infection rates start to rise again in communities across the country, ongoing support is vital in the fight against COVID-19,” says Elizabeth Heald, President & CEO of Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation. “Local charities and non-profit organizations are pillars in this community. For over six months, they have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most but the reality is, they're struggling with increased demand at the same time as revenues have decreased. We're thrilled to be able to flow additional emergency funding their way through the ECSF but we also see the need for stabilization support for the sector, so they can continue their good work in our community over the long haul.”

“Community organizations, on whom we rely for services and programs, are doing fantastic work and meeting challenges head-on. We are aware that this pandemic is still disproportionately impacting our most vulnerable neighbours, and we expect this will be the case for some time. The ECSF will assist local charities and non-profits through the next few weeks, at a time when other revenue streams have disappeared”, says Anne Lavender, Executive Director of the Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation. “We are really pleased to facilitate the distribution of the ECSF in collaboration with local partners and we continue to advocate for additional support from local, provincial and national sources.”

The Emergency Community Support Fund was [initially announced](#) on April 21, 2020 by the Prime Minister of Canada. It is part of a broad series of emergency response measures by the Government of Canada. A first round of funding was disbursed through the community foundation network across Canada in June and July. CNDCF and KWCF awarded \$1.07 Million to 29 organizations across Waterloo Region.

Starting on October 5, 2020, CNDCF and KWCF will begin accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. The deadline to submit an application is October 30, 2020. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, performance monitoring and reporting costs, knowledge development activities and more. Charities and community organizations are invited to visit [kwcf.ca/covid19-ecsf](http://kwcf.ca/covid19-ecsf) or [cndfoundation.org/covid-19-ecsf](http://cndfoundation.org/covid-19-ecsf) for eligibility and application details.

“Charities and non-profit organizations are at the heart of our communities, helping the most vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 crisis. The Government of Canada is pleased to support these organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund so that they can continue their invaluable work.” - The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.”

“At Community Foundations of Canada, our purpose to “relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs” has never felt more important,” said Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada President. “We’re grateful for the leadership of local community foundations like KWCF and CNDCF, who have been at the forefront of local response efforts since the pandemic was declared. Working together, KWCF and CNDCF have been able to quickly get funding to those who need it most in the area. Thanks to the Government of Canada’s renewed contribution, those efforts will continue and unlock even more support for organizations on the front lines. Our goal is to ensure that no one is left behind.”

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### **About Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation**

We make it our business to know our community and to share what we know. We build and manage endowment funds for a stronger community today and tomorrow. Our difference is forever. Working together and partnering with local organizations and caring citizens, we provide grants to worthy local causes. Our goal is to support a wide range of initiatives which sustain and improve the quality of life in Cambridge & North Dumfries. [www.cndfoundation.org](http://www.cndfoundation.org)

### **About Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation**

Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation (KWCF) is focused on Granting, Impact Investing and Convening to make measurable and sustainable impacts in Waterloo Region. We collaborate with partners to develop forward-thinking innovative solutions and seize opportunities to meet current and future needs of our community. We enable people, companies and organizations to do more good by making it easy for Fundholders and Donors to give and invest, and for charities to receive money. Gifts are directed to KWCF’s endowed funds that drive positive change in two ways: through grants and impact investments that deliver both financial returns as well as positive social and environmental outcomes. We work with our Fundholders to distribute the income generated through grants to support a wide range of charitable causes within our community. As a leading community-building organization we also work to amplify voices and issues of importance by convening conversations and sharing information, while approaching our work with an equity mindset. [www.kwcf.ca](http://www.kwcf.ca)

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