

Community Emergency Support Fund | Joint Statement: CFC, Canadian Red Cross, United Way Centraide Canada

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The Government of Canada's \$350M Community Emergency Support Fund is a vital step forward in our country's rapid response to COVID-19. As **Minister Hussen** has noted, "The COVID-19 crisis is having a real and significant impact on all Canadians. Today's announcement will help ensure that if Canadians need the support of a community organization, it will be there for them." The **Canadian Red Cross**, **Community Foundations of Canada** and **United Way Centraide Canada** applaud the federal government's move to support our country's most vulnerable populations.



We look forward to collaborating with partners, charities, and non-profit organizations via our respective networks to swiftly implement the Fund in communities from coast to coast to coast. Together, we will work to ensure that rapid relief reaches those that need it most, and that no one is left behind.

The new Fund will provide a much-needed boost to organizations on the frontlines, while we also continue our efforts to secure the funding and support required for the stabilization and recovery phases ahead.

We will share more details about how the Fund will be activated soon.

In the meantime, our heartfelt thanks go out to all the Canadians who have given so generously during this time. We encourage those who are able to do so to continue their generous support of the charitable and non-profit sector as it actively steps up in the fight against COVID-19.

More information:

- **Prime Minister announces further support to help Canadians in need**, Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Please stay tuned for more information about the fund.