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The Campbell River Community Foundation Takes Part In New Emergency Community Support Fund

*\$75,000 in funding available in **Campbell River** for charities supporting COVID-19 response*

Campbell River, BC May 19, 2020: The Campbell River Community Foundation today announced it will provide **\$75,000** to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of a new partnership with [Community Foundations of Canada](#), [United Way Centraide Canada](#) and the [Canadian Red Cross](#), funded through the Government of Canada's \$350M Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). This vast national effort aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. The Campbell River Community Foundation (CRCF) is among community foundations across Canada that are taking part.

"This is a vital step in the fight against COVID-19," says Craig Gillis, CRCF Chair "Local charities and non-profit organizations have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most right now. This additional funding is a much-needed boost to their efforts. We're looking forward to flowing funds quickly to ensure no one in our community is left behind."

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.

"Canadian charities and not for profits are always there to help you, in your time of need. But the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing real challenges to these important organizations. With today's announcement, the Government of Canada will be there for them so they can continue to be there for Canadians." - The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development

Starting on May 19, the **Campbell River Community Foundation** will begin accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance and more. Funding will be issued on an ongoing basis through July 2020. Charities and community organizations are invited to visit the foundation website for eligibility and application details.

"At Community Foundations of Canada, our purpose to "relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs" has never felt more important than it does right now," said Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada President. "We're grateful for the leadership of local community foundations like, the Campbell River Community Foundation who are stepping forward to activate this Fund and support their community as it navigates COVID-19. Thanks to the Government of Canada's contribution, our network will support local organizations serving vulnerable groups, helping us set the stage for more inclusive, resilient and sustainable communities."

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