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## **Community Foundation of Nova Scotia awards \$1.12 Million in grants through the Emergency Community Support Fund**

**HALIFAX, N.S.** –The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) has awarded close to \$1.12 million in grants to 32 local charities to address issues such as shelter renovations, isolation, community outreach, and online and virtual services. The grants announced today are part of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF), funded by the Government of Canada.

The ECSF is a \$350 million fund that is being implemented with Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada, in partnership with local foundations across the country. Its goal is to provide support to charities and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable Canadians. This vast national effort aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and CFNS is among some 150 local community foundations across Canada that are taking part.

“The Lung Association of Nova Scotia is honoured to have received funding through the Emergency Community Support Fund, funded by the Government of Canada to offer a new program, the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Virtual Support Group,” said Robert MacDonald, President & CEO, The Lung Association of Nova Scotia. “This program will reach out to Nova Scotians with COPD who are particularly vulnerable to respiratory viruses like COVID-19. Our focus will be on how patients can effectively self-manage symptoms and to provide greater access to experts to reduce hospitalizations through safe virtual webinars.”

“We have been honoured to be able to administer this program to the local charities and non-profit organizations across the province, who have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most right now,” said Daniel Holland, CEO of CFNS. “This additional funding has helped to ensure that no one gets left behind while the COVID-19 pandemic continues.”

The 32 organizations who have received this funding are already seeing positive impacts.

“Having the opportunity to work with The Shoe Project in the "COVID & Us" project has been a blessing for me,” said Marcela Cameron, Shoe Project Alumna, Halifax. “As immigrants and refugees, I can't thank The Shoe Project enough for giving us the opportunity to have our voices heard. We are all in the COVID times together.”

For a full list of grants awarded through Community Foundations of Canada's network, visit the [CFC website](#).

**Organizations who have received funding are as follows:**

<b>Adsum Association for Women &amp; Children</b> <a href="http://adsumforwomen.org/">adsumforwomen.org/</a>	<b>Chebucto Links Senior Support Association</b> <a href="http://www.chebuctolinks.ca/">www.chebuctolinks.ca/</a>	<b>Jack.org</b> www.jack.org	<b>The North Grove</b> thenorthgrove.ca
<b>Adsum for Women &amp; Children</b> <a href="http://adsumforwomen.org/">adsumforwomen.org/</a>	<b>Childhood Cancer Canada</b> curesforourkids.com	<b>Live Different</b> <a href="http://livedifferent.com">livedifferent.com</a>	<b>The Ship's Company Theatre Society</b> shipscompanytheatre.com
<b>Association of Black Social Workers</b> <a href="http://nsabsw.ca/">http://nsabsw.ca/</a>	<b>Cobequid Arts Council</b> www.marigoldcentre.ca	<b>March of Dimes Canada</b> <a href="http://marchofdimes.ca/en-ca">marchofdimes.ca/en-ca</a>	<b>The Shoe Project</b> <a href="http://www.theshoeproject.online">www.theshoeproject.online</a>
<b>Association of Black Social Workers on Behalf of East Preston Empowerment Academy</b> <a href="https://epeacademy.com/">https://epeacademy.com/</a>	<b>Crohn's and Colitis Canada</b> <a href="http://crohnsandcolitis.ca/">crohnsandcolitis.ca/</a>	<b>New Boundaries Society</b> <a href="http://newboundaries.ca/">newboundaries.ca/</a>	<b>Undercurrent Youth Centres</b> <a href="http://undercurrentyc.com/">undercurrentyc.com/</a>
<b>Autism Nova Scotia</b> <a href="http://www.autismnovascotia.ca">www.autismnovascotia.ca</a>	<b>Crohn's and Colitis Canada</b> <a href="https://crohnsandcolitis.ca/">https://crohnsandcolitis.ca/</a>	<b>Nova Scotia Hospice and Palliative Care Association</b> <a href="http://nshpca.ca/">http://nshpca.ca/</a>	<b>Vedanta Ashram Society</b> <a href="https://hindutemple-halifax.org/">https://hindutemple-halifax.org/</a>
<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax</b> <a href="http://halifax.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/">halifax.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/</a>	<b>Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation</b> <a href="http://www.dghfoundation.ca/">www.dghfoundation.ca/</a>	<b>Scleroderma Canada</b> <a href="http://www.scleroderma.ca/">www.scleroderma.ca/</a>	<b>Veterans Transition Network / Réseau de Transition des Vétérans</b> <a href="https://vtncanada.org/">https://vtncanada.org/</a>
<b>Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax</b> <a href="https://www.bgcgh.ca/">https://www.bgcgh.ca/</a>	<b>Family SOS Association</b> <a href="https://www.familysos.ca/">https://www.familysos.ca/</a>	<b>St. Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia operating as Shelter Nova Scotia</b> shelternovascotia.com	<b>Victoria Hall Society</b> <a href="http://victoriahall.ca/">http://victoriahall.ca/</a>
<b>Canadian National Institute for the Blind</b> <a href="http://www.cnib.ca">www.cnib.ca</a>	<b>Halifax Transition House Association (HTHA) (Bryony House Shelter)</b> <a href="http://www.bryonyhouse.ca/">www.bryonyhouse.ca/</a>	<b>The Lung Association of Nova Scotia</b> <a href="https://ns.lung.ca/">https://ns.lung.ca/</a>	<b>YMCA of Greater Halifax/Dartmouth</b> <a href="http://www.ymcahfx.ca/">http://www.ymcahfx.ca/</a>

A detailed list of the projects and amounts can be found here: <https://ns.cfns-fcne.ca/en/ECSF>

**About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia**

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is an action centre for philanthropy. We provide the knowledge and support for communities, charities, and citizens to realize their individual potential and collective possibilities. Our mission is to build strong, vibrant and diverse communities throughout Nova Scotia by enabling and inspiring effective philanthropy.

We're part of the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) movement - the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations. CFC's purpose is to relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs. Combined, the network holds \$5.8 billion in assets and reaches 90 per cent of Canadian communities. The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia was established in 2008 and currently has more than \$10.4 million in philanthropic investment under management, disbursed and committed grants of more than \$4 million and manages and supports more than 90 funds across the province, including 22 scholarship and award funds.

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