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Community Foundation of Nova Scotia awards over \$1.5 Million in Grants Through The Emergency Community Support Fund

HALIFAX, NS: The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) is proud to have partnered with [Community Foundations of Canada](#) and the Government of Canada to deliver the [Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund \(ECSF\)](#) throughout the province, and award \$1.12M in the first round and \$467,220 in the second round in project grants to 52 local charities.

The ECSF was a \$350 million fund that was implemented with Community Foundations of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross, and United Way Centraide Canada, in partnership with local foundations across the country to provide support to charities and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable Canadians as a direct result of COVID-19.

Round One of ECSF was distributed over the summer and Round Two launched on October 5, 2020. With Round Two, an additional \$467,220 was invested through the ECSF towards local charities and other qualified donees in Nova Scotia supporting populations experiencing heightened vulnerability during this crisis through initiatives such as shelter renovations, isolation, community outreach, and online and virtual services.

"Canadian charities and non-profit organizations play a vital role in our communities and continue to do so in the face of real challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our government is pleased to support these organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund so that they can continue to help the most vulnerable members of our communities during these difficult times," said Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

CFNS is pleased to announce the ECSF has supported 20 projects in Round Two serving a diverse range of community needs, including:

- \$25,000 invested in the Every Woman's Centre to fund the *A Helping Hand* project;
- \$25,000 invested in the Boys & Girls Club of Preston to fund the *African Nova Scotia Cohort* project &
- \$25,000 invested in Shelter Nova Scotia to fund the *Sir Sandford Fleming House COVID Dignity and Safety Snugs Renovation*.

"Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared over nine months ago, community-based charities and non-profit organizations have been working tirelessly to provide emergency support, in particular to individuals and communities experiencing heightened vulnerability," said Daniel Holland, CEO of CFNS. "Charities and non-profit organizations are pillars of their communities who are working tirelessly to serve. We know the need for funding is still significant and we're continuing to advocate for broader recovery and stabilization support for the charitable sector."

A full list of grants awarded through Community Foundations of Canada's network, will be available on the CFC [website](#) later this month.

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Funded by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund:

Organizations who have received funding in the second round are as follows:

Organization	Project	Grant
AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia	ACNS HIV+ Support Services - COVID Edition	\$ 13,347.00
Avalon Sexual Assault Centre	Sexual Assault Initial Response Service	\$ 50,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Preston	African Nova Scotia Cohort	\$ 25,000.00
Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia)	CPA (NS) Virtual Service Delivery -Strengthening Regional Capacity and Representation	\$ 23,648.00
Dartmouth Child Development Centre	DCDC's Healthy Kitchen	\$ 21,000.00
Dartmouth Learning Network Society	Transitioning to Blended & Online Learning	\$ 40,000.00
Every Woman's Centre Association	A Helping Hand	\$ 25,000.00
Halifax Refugee Clinic Association	Bridging the Digital Divide For Refugee Claimants During Covid-19	\$ 34,500.00
Halifax Transition House Association (HTHA) (Bryony House Shelter)	Innovation while Supporting Individuals Leaving Situations of Intimate Partner Violence.	\$ 30,230.00
John McNeil Elementary School	Wellness and Literacy Support in Dartmouth North	\$ 7,200.00
Laing House	Weekend Wellness with Laing House	\$ 15,000.00
MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning	Community Outreach Project	\$ 15,000.00
Phoenix Youth Programs	Supporting basic needs during crisis	\$ 30,000.00
Regional Independent Students Association (RISA)	Support Our Essential Youth Support Workers	\$ 10,000.00
St. Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia operating as Shelter Nova Scotia	Sir Sandford Fleming House COVID Dignity and Safety Snugs Renovation	\$ 25,000.00
The Discovery Centre	"Why Immunize - Seniors Outreach and Education"	\$ 30,000.00
The John Howard Society of Nova Scotia	Support Through the Cold Months	\$ 20,000.00
The John Howard Society of Nova Scotia (Holistic Responses)	Holistic Responses	\$ 12,115.00
The Youth Project	Raising Bridges: Developing Culturally Relevant Programs 2SQTBPOC Youth	\$ 10,000.00
YWCA Halifax (Young Women's Christian Association of Halifax)	Safe and Sound: Financial Support to Exit Violence	\$ 30,000.00

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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