

Emergency Community Support Fund

Applications in Review

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Reflections on Process

Rolling Applications and Simple Submissions

An exciting opportunity to support our community through a complicated time, our participation in the Emergency Community Support Fund brought us new community connections and a plethora of lessons learned.

Though daunting at first, the rolling application process allowed for speedy granting and immediate impact. Working with a well-rounded and passionate selection committee, we granted more than \$1M in just over one month to 32 organizations serving vulnerable populations in Nova Scotia.

“We are very thankful to be a recipient of funding for our e-mentoring program. With your support, this program will ignite potential in local youth, giving them the opportunity to reach their potential in life!” – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Halifax

Through this opportunity, we also learned the value of a concise application. We received numerous comments from applicant organizations speaking to the simplified, streamlined application approach and the value of a format of this kind.

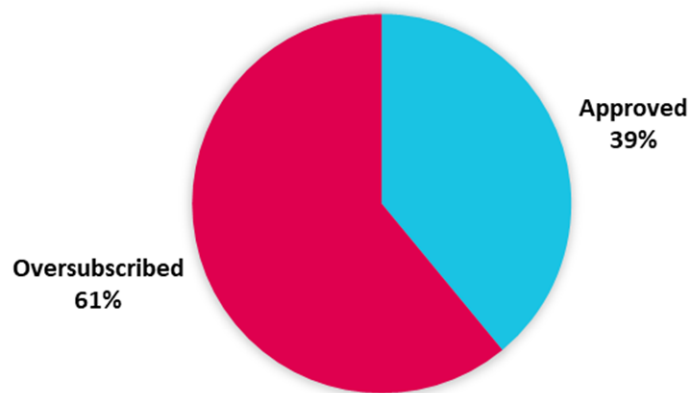
The best word to describe the Emergency Community Support Fund is a “whirlwind,” but it truly was an experience of great growth, collaboration, and impact. Our community is stronger for our willingness to step into this space, work with both our own selection committee and the other two program intermediaries (the Canadian Red Cross and the United Way), and responsively engage with some of the incredible organizations serving our province’s most vulnerable.

Applications Received

Due to the astounding need for funding support across Nova Scotia, between May 19th and June 23rd, 2020 (the day we closed our portal), we had 82 applications started or submitted through the portal.

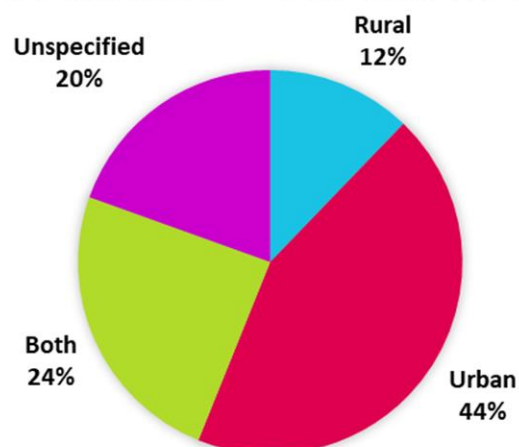
Of the applications under our consideration, we were able to offer funding to 32 organizations (representing 39% of all applications received).

ECSF APPLICATIONS - SUCCESS RATE



We were happy to see a breadth of geographies served in the applications we reviewed.

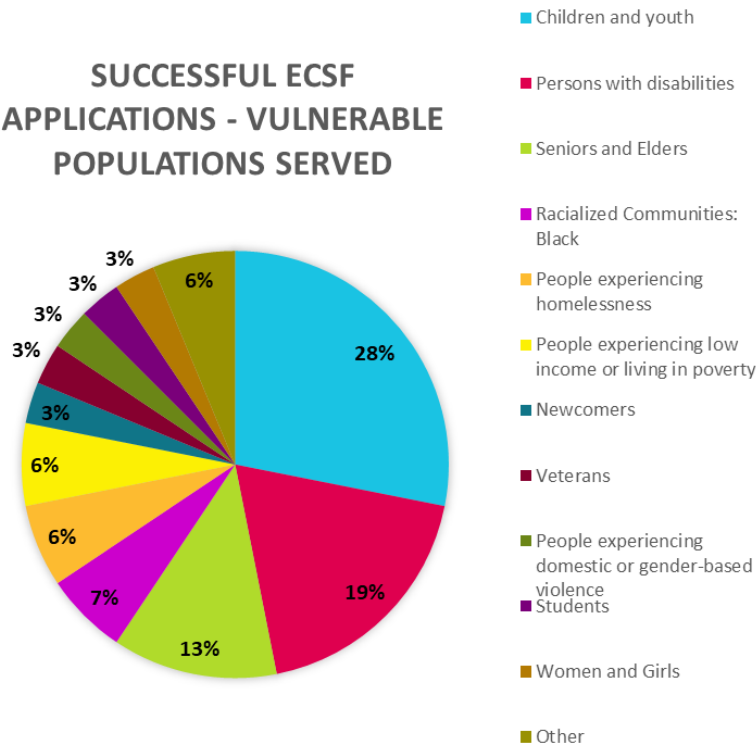
ECSF APPLICATIONS - GEOGRAPHY SERVED



Successful Applications

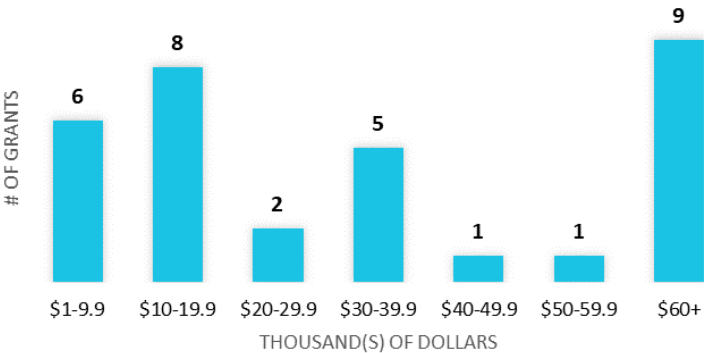
We at CFNS were proud to support a wide array of organizations serving diverse populations.

SUCCESSFUL ECSF APPLICATIONS - VULNERABLE POPULATIONS SERVED



In an effort to see the monies stretch as far as possible, we issued a variety of grant amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$75,000. The average grant was about \$34,756.

ECSF DISBURSEMENTS - GRANT AMOUNTS



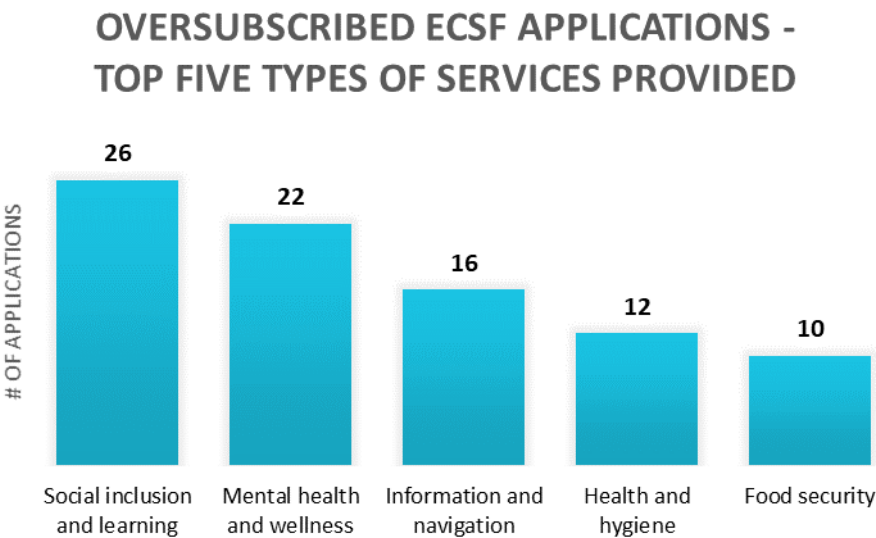
Grants

- Adsum for Women & Children (x2)
- Association of Black Social Workers
- Autism Nova Scotia
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halifax
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Halifax
- Chebucto Links Senior Support Association
- Childhood Cancer Canada
- CNIB
- Cobequid Arts Council
- Crohn's and Colitis Canada (x2)
- Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation
- East Preston Empowerment Academy (EPEA)
- Family SOS Association
- Bryony House Shelter
- Jack.org
- Live Different
- Lung Association of NS
- March of Dimes Canada
- New Boundaries
- Nova Scotia Hospice and Palliative Care Association
- Scleroderma Canada
- Shelter Nova Scotia
- Ship's Company Theatre
- The North Grove
- The Shoe Project
- Undercurrent youth centers
- Vedanta Ashram Society
- Veterans Transition Network
- Victoria Hall Society (VHS)
- YMCA of Halifax/Dartmouth

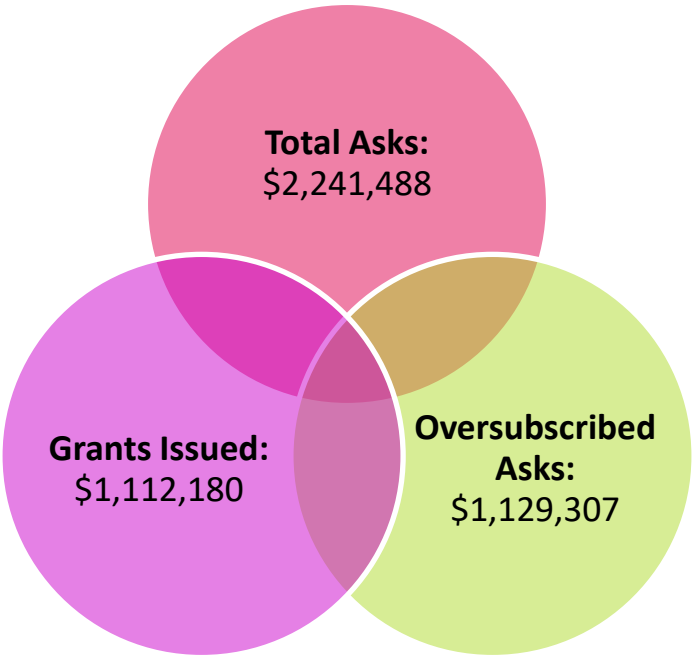
Oversubscribed Applications

Due to the speed at which we made disbursements through the rolling process, there were 50 applications submitted or in development that we were unable to fund.

Of those oversubscribed applications, we saw high levels of service provision in the following five areas:



There is significant demand for emergency support funding to assist communities experiencing heightened vulnerability due to COVID-10. The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia received total asks more than double the amount of funding we had available to grant.



Conclusions

We are proud to have partnered with Community Foundations of Canada and the Government of Canada to deliver the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) across Nova Scotia.

Launched on May 19, 2020, we invested **\$1,112,180** through the ECSF towards local charities and qualified donees supporting populations experiencing heightened vulnerability during this crisis.

The ECSF allowed us to

- Fund 32 qualified donees supporting our province through COVID-19
- Forge relationships and engage with the Provincial Director of the Nova Scotia branch of the Canadian Red Cross and the six United Ways across Nova Scotia
- Implement the process of issuing electronic fund transfers as an organization
- Bring together Board members, fundholders, and community members to review, evaluate, and select grant recipients through weekly rolling assessments
- Demonstrate our capacity as an organization to step into the emergency response space and effectively disburse funds on behalf of the Government of Canada

