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## **Powell River Community Response Fund Announce Third Round of Awards**

**Friday, July 31 2020** – The Powell River Community Response Fund has awarded an additional \$23,000 to be distributed to three different projects affected by COVID-19, bringing the total amount donated to local community organizations to over \$116,000.

“The collaborative work and effort underway with United Way, Powell River Community Foundation, and First Credit Union really demonstrates response but as well, resiliency for our community,” says Kai Okazaki, Regional Social Planner.

The Community Response Fund were allocated as follows:

- Texada Food Bank (\$1,000) – Support the purchase of a stand-up freezer in the food bank building
- Lift Community Food Box (\$10,000) – support operational costs to recover and rescue food from local stores participating in the Retail Food Recovery Program, as well as replenish pantry items at the Community Resource Centre
- Lift Community Family Place (\$12,000) – Support operational costs to deliver the Sprouts Food Project and Good Food Boxes for families

The allocated funds provide frontline services to vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19. Services could include: food security; financial wellness; health and hygiene; home care or personal support services; information and navigation; legal supports; mental health and wellness; shelter; safety; social inclusion and learning, and transportation.

Next funding intake date is Friday, August 14. Applications for funding will be available on the Powell River Community Foundation [website](#).

Partners in the fund are calling on organizations and individuals to give now at: [Make a Donation](#).

*The Powell River Community Response Fund is a special fund to rapidly deploy essential relief to organizations providing frontline services to those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The partnership is led by Powell River and District United Way, Powell River Community Foundation, and First Credit Union, with support from the Regional Social Planner, representing the City of Powell River, qathet Regional District, and Tla'amin Nation.*

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