



## Community Response Funds: Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What are the size of the grants being administered?

A minimum or maximum grant amount has not been established. We will be issuing grants based on the proposed services, associated amounts requested and overall demand.

### 2. What kinds of projects could be funded by a grant?

We will consider funding a community organization to deliver a project only if:

- The project addresses a pressing social inclusion or well-being need caused by COVID-19, by supplying the necessities of life and supporting activities of daily living, such as:
  - through education materials for children in low-income homes
  - mental health supports for people in crisis, and
  - accessibility services to persons with disabilities
- The project serves one or more vulnerable populations during COVID-19
- The project can be carried out in a short timeframe with a reasonable budget, and
- The organization can attest to not having secured funds to cover the costs of the activities for which they have applied from another intermediary, another federal COVID-19 response program or a different source

### 3. If we have received other federal and/or provincial or territorial Covid-19 related funding, can we still apply?

Yes, this grant can be used to enhance and expand your current COVID-19 funded community service, so long as expenses are not counted twice.

### 4. Which kinds of community service organizations are eligible?

Organizations providing front-line services to vulnerable populations impact by COVID-19 are eligible to apply, including registered charities, [other qualified donees](#), and not-for-profit organizations.

### 5. Will you provide funding for activities (provided they meet the criteria) that are already underway?

If activities or services are underway, you can apply for additional resources to expand and/or extend the delivery of service for a longer time (up to March 31, 2021).

**6. If my agency is receiving the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, are we still eligible to apply for funding?**

Yes. These funds cannot be used for any expenses (including wages) already covered by another source, but can complement existing sources, including the wage subsidy.

**7. How many funding requests can be made by one organization?**

Community Services Organizations may apply for more than one service. Please submit separate applications for each proposed service.

**8. How will decisions about the funding be made? How quickly can we anticipate a decision?**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. All funding allocations will be made public on or before July 31, 2020. We expect funding decisions to be made on a bi-weekly basis, depending on demand.

**9. The front-line services we are delivering are at risk of closing without new funding. Are we able to apply for funding under this program?**

The purpose of this grant funding is to resource front-line services supporting vulnerable populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenses include staffing, equipment, supplies, and related operating costs that allow organizations to provide and deliver services that respond to the current crisis.

**10. What are the reporting requirements?**

The reporting requirements for this funding will focus primarily on number of services and clients served, and organizations will be expected to periodically provide updates to these numbers throughout the period of the grant. Additional details will be shared with successful applicants.

**11. How will the partners ensure that this funding is reaching the most vulnerable communities? Is there a commitment to access and equity for these resources?**

The response fund partners are committed to ensuring an open and fair application and review process. We will be working to promote this funding opportunity throughout our community and to support organizations seeking to apply.

**12. Where can we find more information? Will assistance be provided in the application process?**

Organizations can find further information by emailing [communityresponsefund@firstcu.ca](mailto:communityresponsefund@firstcu.ca)