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COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND

FAQ

I'M AN INDIVIDUAL AFFECTED BY COVID-19. CAN I APPLY TO THIS FUND?

Only registered charitable organizations can apply to the Thunder Bay Covid-19 Community Response Fund. We understand many individuals and families have been affected by the outbreak already and more will continue to be affected. The United Way of Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Community Foundation is working to move resources to community-based organizations that are directly supporting local residents and families who are most affected by emerging health, economic, and social impacts. If you are a Thunder Bay resident in need of direct assistance, please call 211 Ontario North for more information on resources applicable to your situation.

MY ORGANIZATION NEEDS EMERGENCY FUNDING. HOW CAN WE APPLY?

Please ensure that your organization is a registered charitable organization with a volunteer board of directors. Applications can be found online at <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=thunderbay>.

Further inquiries on funding can be directed to nduplessis@uwaytbay.ca or acalderon@tbcf.org.

MY ORGANIZATION IS A REGISTERED CHARITY. WHAT CAN WE APPLY FOR?

The Thunder Bay COVID-19 Community Response Fund is a responsive funding mechanism designed to ensure local frontline organizations have the resources necessary to respond to the challenges posed by COVID-19. The Fund is dedicated towards providing emergency micro-grants to agencies facing unexpected and dynamic challenges. Funds may not be used for the following:

- Allocations of funds directly to individuals
- Direct costs of fundraising efforts of the applicant
- Deficits of funding from other sources
- Program operating reserves and overall organizational core operating budget
- Dollar-for-Dollar replacement of government dollars
- Large capital costs and projects
- Direct religious activities of religious groups and organizations



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MY ORGANIZATION HAS APPLIED FOR FUNDING. WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

A review panel consisting of experienced community volunteers representing both the United Way of Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Community Foundation will be evaluating each application. The joint grant committee will convene to make funding decisions as needed. You can expect to hear about your grant application within 3-5 business days.

HOW DO I KNOW MY ENTIRE DONATION WILL REMAIN IN THUNDER BAY?

100% of every donation made to the Thunder Bay COVID-19 Community Response Fund will go towards local Thunder Bay nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. Both the Thunder Bay Community Foundation and the United Way of Thunder Bay are waiving all administrative costs to ensure that 100% of each donation goes to help charitable organizations working on the front lines.

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO DONATE TO THE COVID-19 COMMUNITY RESPONSE FUND?

The best way to donate to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund is online through the United Way of Thunder Bay's website, www.uwaytbay.ca, or the Thunder Bay Community Foundation's Website: <http://tbcf.org/pages/view/covid-19-community-response-fund>.

I WANT TO DONATE. CAN I RESTRICT MY FUNDING TO A PRIORITIZED GRANTEE?

To ensure we move resources as efficiently as possible and respond to needs of communities most impacted, we are not considering restricted donations at this time. The COVID-19 Response Fund was created in hopes of providing a way to coordinate as many resources as possible.

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THIS INITIATIVE?

The Thunder Bay COVID-19 Community Response Fund is a joint initiative between the United Way of Thunder Bay and the Thunder Bay Community Foundation.