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Centre Wellington Community Foundation takes part in the new Emergency Community Support Fund

\$75,000 in funding available in Centre Wellington and Wellington North for charities supporting COVID-19 response

The Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) today announced it will provide \$75,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of a new partnership with [Community Foundations of Canada](#), [United Way Centraide Canada](#) and the [Canadian Red Cross](#), funded through the Government of Canada's \$350M Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). This vast national effort aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. The Centre Wellington Community Foundation is one of more than 100 local community foundations across Canada taking part.

“This is a vital step in the fight against COVID-19,” says Randall Howard, CWCF Chair. “Local charities and non-profit organizations are working tirelessly to support those in our community who need it most. This additional funding is a much-needed boost to their efforts and significantly accelerates our ongoing consultations and granting through our COVID-19 Fund. We’re looking forward to flowing funds quickly to ensure no one in our community is left behind.”

The Emergency Community Support Fund was [initially announced](#) on April 21, 2020 by the Prime Minister of Canada. It is part of a broad series of emergency response measures by the Government of Canada.

“Canadian charities and not for profits are always there to help you, in your time of need. But the COVID-19 pandemic is bringing real challenges to these important organizations. With today's announcement, the Government of Canada will be there for them so they can continue to be there for Canadians.” - The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. Starting on May 19, the Centre Wellington Community Foundation will begin accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance and more. Funding will be issued on an ongoing basis through July 2020. Charities and community organizations are



invited to visit the foundation website (www.cwcfoundation.ca) for eligibility and application details.

“At Community Foundations of Canada, our purpose to “relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs” has never felt more important than it does right now,” said Andrea Dicks, Community Foundations of Canada President. “We’re grateful for the leadership of local community foundations like the Centre Wellington Community Foundation who have been at the forefront of local response efforts since the pandemic was declared. Thanks to the Government of Canada’s contribution, our network will be able to unlock even more local impact for organizations serving vulnerable groups, helping us set the stage for more inclusive, resilient and sustainable communities.”

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About the Centre Wellington Community Foundation

Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) is a public, charitable foundation created for and by the people of Centre Wellington. Our mission is to strengthen the Centre Wellington community by helping donors to achieve their giving goals, and by helping local non-profit organizations find resources to support their important work. We have recently started working with Wellington North with the creation of the Wellington North Community Fund and Wellington North Youth Fund.

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