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Centre Wellington Community Foundation takes part in second round of Emergency Community Support Fund

\$58,000 in funding available in Centre Wellington, Wellington North, Minto and Mapleton for charities supporting COVID-19 response

Centre Wellington; October 5 – The Centre Wellington Community Foundation (CWCF) today announced it will be providing \$58,000 to support local charities responding to COVID-19 as part of an ongoing 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 is the second round of funding that aims to support vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by COVID-19. The Centre Wellington Community Foundation is among community foundations across Canada that are taking part.

"As infection rates start to rise again in communities across the country, ongoing support is vital in the fight against COVID-19," says Randall Howard, CWCF Board Chair. "Local charities and non-profit organizations are pillars in this community. For over six months, they have been working tirelessly to support those who need it most, but the reality is, they're struggling with increased demand at the same time as revenues have decreased. We're thrilled to be able to flow additional emergency funding their way through the ECSF, but we also see the need for stabilization support for the sector, so they can continue their good work in our community over the long haul. As before, CWCF will conduct conversations with community leaders and key agencies to help prioritize needs in this new phase of COVID helping us prioritize funding to the areas of greatest need, and hence community impact"

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. A first round of funding was disbursed through the community foundation network across Canada in June and July. The Centre Wellington Community Foundation awarded \$111,000 to 21 projects in the area.

Starting on October 5, 2020, the Centre Wellington Community Foundation will begin accepting applications for funding from qualified donees. The deadline to submit an application is October 30, 2020. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, including to cover staffing or resource needs, purchase assistance and more. Charities and community organizations are invited to visit the foundation website (<https://cwcfoundation.ca>) for eligibility and application details.

"Charities and non-profit organizations are at the heart of our communities, helping the most vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 crisis. The Government of Canada is pleased to support these organizations through the Emergency Community Support Fund so that they can continue their invaluable work." - The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development.

"At Community Foundations of Canada, our purpose to "relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs" has never felt more important," 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. Working together, the Centre Wellington Community Foundation has been able to quickly get funding to those who need it most in the area. Thanks to the Government of Canada's renewed contribution, those efforts will continue and unlock even more support for organizations on the front lines. Our goal is to ensure that no one is left behind."

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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 our community. 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. CWCF works hard to provide community leadership and build community partnerships.

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