



EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND (ECSF) Call for Applications

United Way Niagara is now accepting applications for the Emergency Community Support Fund to help charities and non-profit organizations serve and support vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding has been made available by the Government of Canada and funding streams are being administered by United Way Centraide Canada, Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross in communities from coast to coast to coast. United Way Niagara is proud to support this important investment by the Federal Government.

Starting May 19th, 2020, United Way Niagara will be accepting applications for funding.

Who can Apply?

United Way Niagara will fund organizations that provide direct services to vulnerable populations who are impacted by COVID-19.

Your organization is eligible to receive funding if your organization has a charitable number, or is otherwise a qualified donee, and is providing supports and services to meet immediate community needs related to the COVID-19. United Way Niagara may also partner with nonprofits, through agent agreements, delivering services that align with our organization's charitable objects.

This funding is intended to support frontline community service organizations providing services to support vulnerable Canadians, including low-income seniors, women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, refugees, Indigenous peoples, members of racialized communities, and more.

Funds may be used for immediate needs and priorities related to the impact of COVID-19. This includes, but is not limited to, services such as:

- Preparing and delivering meals and/or food hampers
- Supporting individuals in accessing income supports and financial coaching
- Providing home care or personal support for seniors, elders, and persons with disabilities
- Mental health & wellness supports, including crisis counseling and peer support
- Personal safety supports, including for those living in or escaping situations of violence
- Access to safe transport for essential appointment and errands, and
- Others

What Types of Activities could be Funded?

- Community outreach and engagement
- Developing and/or delivering new programs, services or delivery models as a result of COVID-19
- Sharing information and knowledge
- Engaging and recruiting volunteers

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from May 19, 2020 to July 19, 2020. We anticipate a high volume of requests and are working to ensure that all requests are reviewed as quickly as possible.

Visit <https://www.unitedwayniagara.org/how-we-help/apply-for-funding> to access the application form.

Direct Link to Application Form: <https://unitedwayniagara.submittable.com/submit/631c45fb-bb1c-4965-b7f5-91e2d6cfa285/emergency-community-support-fund-ecsf-application>

Applications will be accepted until July 19, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Applications will be reviewed every three weeks during the weeks of June 8, June 29 and July 20, 2020 and decisions made at each review period. Applications received by 11:59 p.m. on the Sunday prior to a scheduled review week will be reviewed during that week. All others will be reviewed at the next scheduled review date. Funding decisions will be made at each scheduled review week with notifications made throughout the rolling intake process. All funding allocations will be made public on or before July 31, 2020.

Questions?

Please refer to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Applicant Guide](#) as well as other resources available at <https://www.unitedwayniagara.org/how-we-help/apply-for-funding>.

For questions not addressed in these resources, please contact Tamara Coleman-Lawrie at tamara@unitedwayniagara.org for assistance.

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