

Coast Capital

Community Relief Fund - Grants

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we launched the Coast Capital Savings Community Relief Fund which provided one-time operating grants to community organizations and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$400,000 fund was developed to deliver flexible grants with a focus on supporting frontline non-profit organizations facing increased demands related to food security, support for homeless populations, mental health support, and employment resiliency.

To date, \$300,000 in funding has been provided to 76 non-profit and charitable organizations:

Organization	Supporting:	Region
Arts Umbrella Association	The expansion of online education opportunities for children and youth.	Full Market
Aunt Leah's Place	Youth with food security, mental health support, housing and pandemic care packages.	Metro Vancouver
BC Care Providers Association	A training program for employees being redeployed to help care for vulnerable seniors.	BC
BC Lower Mainland Big Sisters	Mentorship for children and youth.	Metro Vancouver
Canadian Mental Health Association - North and West Vancouver	Food services for people facing poverty, mental illness, substance use and precarious housing.	North Shore
Canadian Red Cross	The deployment of resources to augment health care infrastructure and support for BC residents.	BC
Central Organization for Jewish Education Lubavitch BC	Wellness kits for homeless seniors.	Vancouver
Central Vancouver Island Boys and Girls Club	Delivery of food and supplies to families.	Comox Valley
CMHA Kelowna	The purchase of basic needs for youth experiencing homelessness.	Okanagan
Comox Valley Transition Society	A warming centre, including showering services, for women fleeing violence.	Comox Valley
Construction Foundation of BC (2012) Society	Virtual workshops, mentoring and tutoring activities to support at-risk youth seeking employment, and developing skills towards careers in the trades and applied technologies.	Full Market
Covenant House	Activities and resources for youth experiencing homelessness and those in ongoing programs with Covenant House.	Metro Vancouver

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Cowichan Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters	Transition to online programming: Virtual match meet-ups for Bigs and Littles and operating costs.	Cowichan Valley
Cyrus Centre Ministries	A youth shelter, including food, personal hygiene and phone support services for youth.	Abbotsford
Dan's Legacy Foundation	A Sunday dinner program for youth and the purchase of necessities for at-risk youth and young mothers.	Metro Vancouver
Deltassist Family and Community Services Society	The increased demand for food services and counselling support for low-income families and individuals.	Delta
DIVERSEcity Community Resources Society	Food services for low-income families.	Surrey
Family Services Greater Victoria	Free mental health counselling services.	Greater Victoria
Family Services of Greater Vancouver	A free, online financial literacy navigator resource (C-19 Money Navigator) with confidential, non-judgmental, professional support available in multiple languages.	Metro Vancouver
Family Services of the North Shore	No-cost, barrier-free mental health and food services for families in-need.	North Shore
Food Stash Foundation	The delivery of surplus perishable food from suppliers to local non-profit organizations.	Metro Vancouver
Fraser Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters	Funding will support transition to online programming: Virtual match meet-ups for Bigs and Littles and operating costs.	Fraser Valley
Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Wellness kits including food, hygiene, art supplies for vulnerable youth.	Metro Vancouver
Greater Vancouver Big Brothers	Mentorship for children and youth.	Metro Vancouver
Greater Victoria Boys & Girls Club Services	Virtual programming for children and youth facing adversity.	Greater Victoria
Healthiest Babies Possible	Food services including fruit, vegetable, and non-perishable item hampers for pregnant women and newly-parenting women.	Metro Vancouver
Hollyburn Family Services	Food services and counselling for youth, seniors and families as well as those impacted by domestic or sexualized violence.	Metro Vancouver
Hope Central	Increased demand for food services for low income and homeless community members.	Mission

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Hope for Freedom Society	Purchase of food, cleaning supplies and additional resources for those who are marginalized.	Tri-Cities
Kateslem Youth Society	Increased mental health resources and purchase of groceries and necessities for vulnerable children and youth.	Tri-Cities
Langley Hospice Society	Counselling, grief and loss services.	Langley
Lions Gate Hospital	The “Smoothies for Healthcare Workers” program, to express gratitude to frontline workers.	North Shore
Minwaashin Lodge Indigenous Women’s Support Centre	Food services and emergency shelter for Indigenous women and children fleeing violence.	Ottawa, ON
Mom2Mom	Increased food services for low income families.	Metro Vancouver
MOSAIC	An Online Health Navigator to support newcomers to Canada. Service in 18 languages, as well as virtual counselling and schoolwork support for students.	Metro Vancouver
Muslim Food Bank	Essential item food hampers for at-risk individuals.	Metro Vancouver
Nanaimo Aboriginal Centre	Cultural and mental wellness outreach and support for Indigenous youth who are feeling isolated and disconnected.	Nanaimo
Nanaimo Community Hospice Society	Counselling, grief and loss services.	Nanaimo
Nanaimo Youth Services Association	The Youth Food Hotline and food services for vulnerable youth.	Nanaimo
Network of Inner City Community Services Society	Employment and food security for individuals living on the Downtown Eastside.	Vancouver
Network of Inner City Community Services Society	The coordination of small Downtown Eastside groups to provide food security programs.	Vancouver
North Shore Community Resources Society	The Better at Home program for vulnerable seniors including grocery and prescription pick-up and delivery, pre-prepared meals and phone check-ins.	North Shore, Lions Bay and Bowen Island
Pacific Centre Family Services Association	An increased demand for youth mental health counselling.	Westshore Communities
Pacific Community Resources Society	An ncreased demand for breakfast and lunch services for at-risk youth.	Surrey

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Pacifica Housing	Meals for at-risk members of the Nanaimo community.	Nanaimo
Parkgate Community Services Society	Increased demand for food services for seniors living with dementia, or unable to leave their homes, as well as support for high-needs youth with mental health or addiction issues.	North Vancouver
Peace Arch Hospice Society	Free grief support and counselling services.	Surrey
Quest Outreach Society	Five not-for-profit grocery markets to help respond to an increase in demand for affordable food, household, and hygiene needs.	Metro Vancouver
Reach Child and Youth Development Society (REACH)	Mental health and well-being services for vulnerable children with autism and their families.	Delta
Ridge Meadows Hospice	Counselling, grief and loss services.	Maple Ridge
Rotary Club of Steveston-Richmond Charitable Society	Breakfast and lunch programs for vulnerable students in Richmond.	Metro Vancouver
SheWay	The Pregnancy Outreach program for vulnerable mothers with the purchase of baby formula and other basic needs.	Metro Vancouver
South Coast BC, Boys and Girls Club	Virtual connection opportunities for children and youth facing adversity.	Metro Vancouver
St. Alban's Outreach and Advocacy	Community meals and hygiene services for at-risk individuals and families.	Richmond
Stigma-Free Society	A Youth Wellness Toolkit to provide mental well-being education.	Full Market
Sunshine Society	Meals for at-risk individuals in Surrey.	Surrey
Surrey Hospital Foundation	A free meals program to express gratitude to frontline workers.	Surrey
Surrey School District	Increased demand for breakfast and lunch programs for at-risk and vulnerable students.	Surrey
Take a Hike Youth at Risk Foundation	Immediate mental health needs of vulnerable youth and families currently served as well as expanding services to support additional vulnerable youth above the organization's regular capacity.	BC
The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver	Services for vulnerable mothers and their children.	Surrey

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The Farmland Trust (Greater Victoria) Society	The “field to plate” program for food-insecure populations.	Vancouver Island
The Safe Haven Foundation of Canada	Provision of food, shelter, mental health and additional supports for girls in transitional homes ages 14 to 24.	Calgary, AB
The Starfish Canada	Employment resilience to support students.	Full Market
Threshold Housing Society	Food security and mental health supports for youth facing adversity.	Greater Victoria
Touchstone Family Association	The cost of shelter, food services and other basic needs for vulnerable children, youth and families.	Richmond
University of Victoria	The creation of 3D printed face shields for frontline workers.	Greater Victoria
Victoria Capital Region Big Brothers Big Sisters	Peer support meetings focusing on coping with anxiety, managing stress, social distancing and health and wellness in partnership with 3 middle schools in School District 64.	Greater Victoria
Victoria Epilepsy & Parkinson’s Centre	Mental health services for persons with Parkinson’s suffering from anxiety and isolation.	Greater Victoria
Victoria Rainbow Kitchen	Nutritious meals for children and families in need.	Greater Victoria
Volunteer Canada	Non-profit organizations to increase capacity with virtual volunteering opportunities with a focus on skills based volunteering, and pro bono services.	Full Market
Whole Way House Society	Food services for isolated seniors.	Vancouver
Working Gear Clothing Society	Employment resilience with industry appropriate clothing to individuals experiencing unemployment and/or underemployment.	Vancouver
YMCA of Okanagan Association	Skill development, first-job placement and wages for youth.	Okanagan
YWCA Metro Vancouver	Single mothers with peer support, food services and financial literacy.	Metro Vancouver

To date, \$16,950 has also been allocated to support 19 small businesses.