

2016
FINAL REPORT

Flood Rebuilding Fund



The power of community

The floods of 2013 wreaked havoc on southern Alberta, but charitable organizations, volunteers and the community rallied to rebuild. At the heart of the Calgary Foundation's work is a deep understanding of community and a rich history of making effective grants. The Foundation is well-positioned as a community leader to build a collaboration of support and was able to help in such a challenging time.



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AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016



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June 20, 2013 was a day that will forever be etched into the memories of Albertans. This was the day the disastrous flooding in southern Alberta began and lasted over a week. The region was hit with a 100-year flood that decimated communities from the Rocky Mountains to Medicine Hat and displaced over 100,000 citizens. Albertans showed their true colours and stepped-up in whichever ways they could to help the community—everything from getting their hands and boots dirty in cleanup efforts to launching large-scale fundraising events.

Following the floods, the Calgary Foundation established the Flood Rebuilding Fund to support long-term community recovery efforts in some of the hardest hit areas including Calgary, High River and surrounding First Nations reserves. Donations came from individual donors, as well as significant gifts from corporations.

The Fund was also the beneficiary of local events and fundraisers:

- Two huge sold-out concert events:
 - Halo High Water at the Jubilee Auditorium – \$200,000
 - Alberta Flood Aid at McMahon Stadium – \$2.3 million
- Calgary Herald publication *The Flood of 2013* directed sale proceeds of \$132,000 to the Fund
- Proceeds from local restaurants, fundraisers and businesses

Thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers who continue to provide support to their communities, the Flood Rebuilding Fund was able to support a broad range of services and initiatives. Over **\$9.1 million** has been gifted back into the communities affected by the disaster and the Fund has come to a close. We have come together to aid in restoring our communities and our quality of life. At the same time, we must remember that a full recovery could take up to 10 years, according to research by the Province of Alberta.

And the generosity flowed... over \$9 million
in donations

Grants supporting long-term rebuilding...

2013 → 2014 → 2015
\$3,028,500.00 → \$4,834,709.00 → \$1,252,219.76



Total
\$9,115,428.76



19,620 volunteers
working
322,620 hours
to support long-term recovery efforts



Thank you to the organizations and community leaders that served on our Flood Rebuilding Fund Grants Committee: Altalink, Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, Canadian Red Cross, Federation of Calgary Communities, Suncor Energy Foundation and United Way of Calgary and Area. The fund has been fully allocated so the committee's term has concluded.

The statistical information in this report is an analysis of data provided by qualified donees as part of their applications to the Calgary Foundation's Flood Rebuilding Fund Grants Program.



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GRANTS

	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
AUGUST 2013	Alex Community Health Centre	Provide medical support to low-income seniors living in the East Village who were affected by the flood. (grant in partnership with the United Way of Calgary & Area)
	Alpha House	Support temporary residences at the old Science Centre for clients who lost their accommodation due to the flood.
	Calgary Catholic Immigration Services	Support flood-affected newcomers and immigrants in High River who did not have social supports available at the time of the flood.
	Diamond Valley & District Boys and Girls Clubs	Support an outreach worker, transportation and additional staffing to provide activities and opportunities for flood-affected youth in High River.
	Inn From the Cold	Support intake of Aboriginal families displaced by the flood. (grant in partnership with the United Way of Calgary & Area)
	Kerby Centre	Support transportation for seniors displaced by the flood, as well as a needs assessment of seniors living in temporary neighbourhoods.
	Neighbour Link	Support community rebuilding by providing essential household items, baby supplies and furniture to flood-affected families. (grant in partnership with the United Way of Calgary & Area)
	United Way of Calgary	Support coordinator position at the flood information centre in Bowness.
	University of Calgary	Support the Make Calgary Resilient conference, which convened a group of international thought leaders in the areas of disaster recovery and flood design to provide guidance and insight to local leaders.

OCTOBER 2013

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
Calgary Family Services Society	Support a collaborative network of organizations that assist older adults affected by the flood with social, health and wellbeing needs.
Diakonos Peace Officer Retreat Society	Support 10 flood recovery and wellbeing workshops for emergency service workers and their families.
Golden Age Club	Support gatherings and community engagement sessions for East Village senior citizens who were isolated as a result of the flood.
Scouts Canada – Chinook Region	Support weekly programs offered by the 1st High River Rotary Scouts for the flood-affected families of High River.

DECEMBER 2013

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society	Provide animal rescuers, emergency foster care and medical care to hundreds of flood-affected animals in Siksika, High River and Calgary.
Aspen Family and Community Network	Provide individuals affected by the flood with increased transportation support, rental support and assistance in moving out of shelters.
BowWest Community Support Services Society	Provide flood-affected individuals in Bowness with financial assistance including rent, replacement of personal belongings and access to counselling and social support services.
Bridges of Love Ministry Society	Provide an integrated network of Calgary churches with emergency preparedness training to strengthen community safety.
Bridges Social Development	Provide ongoing youth programming in areas affected by the flood, including Morley, Eden Valley and Siksika Nation, with a goal that Aboriginal youth play a role in flood rebuilding efforts in their communities.



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DECEMBER 2013	Calgary Association for Peer Support Services for Abused Women	Support increased need for group and mentorship opportunities for victims of domestic violence as a result of the flood.
	Calgary Chinese Community Service Association	Restore community spirit among citizens and enhance the vibrancy of Chinatown by providing community safety forums, education opportunities and other events that engage citizens.
	Calgary Counselling Centre	Provide counselling for flood-affected individuals, particularly youth and adolescents who are at a greater risk of developing anxiety and mood disorders.
	Calgary Health Trust	Provide assistance to flood-affected teens participating in the Adolescent Day Treatment Program for youth diagnosed with depression, suicidal thoughts, severe anxiety and/or multiple traumas.
	Calgary Homeless Foundation	Provide Winter Emergency Response mats to serve increased number of homeless individuals as a result of the flood.
	Calgary Meals on Wheels	Provide food assistance and meal-service programs to new agency partners serving flood-affected communities in Calgary.
	Calgary Public Library Foundation	Support the Central Library's flood recovery process by repurposing the lower level flood-damaged area, which will strengthen services to library users and expand community outreach.
	Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry	Train Southern Alberta rural faith-based organizations in community emergency response.
	Community Transcultural Support Services	Translate government and other flood recovery materials into five languages for seniors' centres in flood-affected communities to restore the trust and confidence of a diverse ethnic population.

DECEMBER 2013	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
	Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society	Support the Calgary and Area Women’s Shelter Directors Network to enhance community resilience for future emergencies affecting women’s shelters in Calgary, Morley, Banff, Strathmore and High River.
	Fresh Start Addictions Centre	Support addiction treatment programs that have seen an increase in demand since the flood.
	Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta	Mobilize volunteers and community partners to meet the increased demand of building affordable housing and promoting home ownership for families impacted by the flood.
	Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association	Support a community response plan for future emergencies, post-flood community beautification projects and community rebuilding initiatives.
	Inn from the Cold Society	Support a Triage and Assessment Specialist Team to work in an integrated model serving homeless individuals as a result of the flood.
	LINKages Society of Alberta	Convene volunteer youth with seniors in the East Village who are struggling with feelings of isolation as a result of the flood.
	Literacy for Life Foundation	Provide literacy programs, referrals and workshops to families affected by the flood in High River, the Foothills Municipal District and temporary neighbourhoods.
	McMan Youth, Family and Community Services	Source reliable and sustainable housing for disadvantaged youth in Calgary who have been displaced as a result of the flood.
	Region 3 Family Based Care Society	Provide crisis intervention, long-term support and education for flood-affected victims of family violence in rural communities.
Saint Jude’s Health Management Institute	Support increased need for case management, advocacy and referrals for families who are homeless as a result of the flood.	



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Sonshine Society of Christian Community Services	Provide support for increased need for counselling and housing assistance for flood-affected women and children impacted by domestic violence.
Southern Alberta Pediatric Hostel Society	Provide onsite mobile medical, dental and psychological care to Siksika Nation with the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.
The City of Calgary – Calgary Arts Development	Support the Alberta Arts Flood Rebuild Fund.
The Samaritan’s Purse – Canada	Support the Southern Alberta Flood Restoration Project in High River, which will contribute to repairing and restoring the homes of vulnerable families who lost their homes during the flood.
Town of High River	Provide free trauma counselling, in partnership with Calgary Counselling Centre, to residents of High River to help them cope with the after-effects of the flood.
Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta	Provide services to flood-affected, low income seniors in the East Village by supporting those who are struggling to manage the tasks of daily living.
Women’s Centre of Calgary	Provide basic assistance for vulnerable women affected by the flood, including food and personal care supplies, as well as referrals to other basic needs agencies and community resources.
Wood’s Homes	Provide on-site crisis and mental health counselling support to those relocated to shelters or temporary neighbourhoods.
YWCA – Banff	Provide housing assistance for vulnerable flood-affected women and their children in communities surrounding Banff.
YWCA – Calgary	Provide housing assistance for vulnerable flood-affected women and their children in Calgary, as a result of the increased demand from extensive flood damage to the YWCA’s downtown facility.

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
Alberta Wilderness Association	Support the increased need for flood mitigation, crisis response plan development and coordination of partners surrounding ecosystem and wilderness-related issues.
Alberta Wilderness Association	Organize a flood resiliency workshop for experts from wilderness-related disciplines and the general public regarding the health of our forests and our water supply.
The Alex Community Health Centre	Support the Community Health Bus, a mobile health care outreach service in the East Village.
All One Sky Foundation	Develop a workshop for Southern Alberta municipalities that focuses on climate resilience to increase capacity and build awareness of a changing climate.
Anglican Church of Canada	Support space to host City of Calgary disaster recovery information sessions and other community activities displaced as a result of the flood.
Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society	Provide shelter, counselling, a 24-hour crisis line and child support for rural Aboriginal women affected by the flood.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Diamond Valley	Support children and youth programming in temporary neighbourhoods.
Bridges Social Development	Support a Youth Engagement & Action Hangouts (YEAH) and documentary film in Siksika.
Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids	Provide lunches to flood-affected children in Calgary.
Calgary Family Services	Train CFSS responders in a formal emergency response plan.
Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank	Support regional perishable food distribution to partner organizations and families.
Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society	Support a waterfowl enclosure which includes food, medicinal and rehabilitative care.



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MARCH 2014	Calgary Zoological Society	Rebuild and repurpose building assets destroyed during the flood.
	Canadian Mental Health Association	Provide mental health services as a result of needs stemming from the flood.
	Canadian Mental Health Association	Provide workshops to support victims of the flood in coping with mental health issues.
	Canadian Paraplegic Association	Support the physical and mental health needs of flood-affected paraplegic individuals during and after the flood.
	Canadian Rockies Division #12	Provide lunches to flood-affected children in Exshaw.
	Canadian Rockies Division #12	Construct a basketball court for children in Exshaw.
	Children's Cottage Society	Rebuild the organization's crisis nursery basement.
	Community Kitchen Program Calgary	Provide access to and distribution of healthy and nutritious food.
	CUPS Health and Education Housing	Provide financial assistance to individuals struggling with poverty, housing and other flood-related issues.
	Folk Festival Society of Calgary	Support expenses related to the organization's 2013 festival and moving core infrastructure for its 2014 festival due to the reduced footprint of Prince's Island.
	Foothills Land Trust	Develop appropriate standards for the care of flood-plain lands and professionally monitor and record the state of these lands going forward.
	Foothills SNAPS	Provide therapeutic, educational and mental health services to flood-affected special needs children and their families in rural communities south of Calgary.
	Friends of Kananaskis	Rebuild trails in Kananaskis.
	Ghost River Rediscovery Society	Rebuild the organization's wilderness camp.

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Green Fools Theatre	Provide a free circus school for flood-affected youth in High River.
High River United Church	Rebuild the church.
Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association	Support Phase Two of Hillhurst/Sunnyside's flood recovery and disaster preparedness project.
Jewish Family Services Calgary	Provide clinical counselling for individuals, families and children seeking support and assistance with grief, loss, anxiety and depression.
MD of Bighorn	Repair and upgrade the Exshaw community hall.
NeighbourLink of North West and Calgary Beltline	Provide essential household items to those in need after the flood.
Samaritan's Purse Canada	Support housing construction and renovations for vulnerable families.
Scouts Canada Chinook Region	Rebuild the Sara Scout Hall.
Scouts Canada Chinook Region	Provide 80 young people who have suffered trauma as a result of the flood with a wilderness-based youth development camp.
Servants Anonymous	Provide long-term support to flood-affected women and their children who are victims of or at risk of sexual exploitation.
Simon House Residence Society	Support addiction treatment programs that have seen an increase in demand since the flood.
Simon House Residence Society	Prepare the organization's IT system for future floods.
Town of High River	Rebuild George Lane Park in High River.
Town of High River	Create two murals in downtown High River to commemorate community resilience during the flood.
Trickster Theatre Society	Produce a community-created public performance that shares the flood stories of Hillhurst-Sunnyside.



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MARCH 2014	Valley Winds Music Association	Support choir participation from flood-affected individuals.
	Valley Winds Music Association	Commission a Canadian composer to write a score that tells the story of how the Bow Valley has become a stronger community as a result of the flood.
	Youville Residence Society Of Alberta	Support foster children displaced because of the flood.
APRIL 2014	Bow Valley College	Provide professional, specialized services to unemployed and underemployed individuals affected by the flood in High River
	Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary	Support housing, food, schooling, employment and recreation at 180 schools located in flood-impacted areas.
	Distress Centre	Support an additional Intake Worker to support flood victims accessing counselling services.
	Green Calgary Association	Provide a year of storm water management education programs.
	Mount Royal University Foundation	Support a centre for community-based disaster research.
	University of Calgary – Faculty of Medicine	Support research and planning in flood-affected Aboriginal communities to generate knowledge about how Aboriginal youth have been affected by the flood.
JUNE 2014	National Music Centre	Support to conserve and restore NMC's collection.
	Town of High River	Issue a community recovery poll to determine the current state of displaced residents one year after the flood. The results of the poll will inform civic policy decisions.
	Literacy for Life Foundation	Publish a legacy and memorial book – <i>Stories of the High River Flood</i> .

	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
JULY 2014	The Alexandra Community Health Centre and Calgary Family Services Society	Support for increased need for the Seniors Collaborative Community Outreach Team (SCCOT) project—a community healthcare centre addressing the complex needs of seniors aged 55 and older in the East Village.
	Town of High River	Create a community recovery lessons-learned manual that benefits the Town of High River. The manual can also be used by other governments and organizations affected by large-scale events such as a flood.
	Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta	Build homes for low income families living in High River.
	Mount Royal University Foundation	Support the centre for community-based disaster research.
	University of Calgary – Faculty of Medicine	Support research and planning in flood-affected Aboriginal communities to generate knowledge about how youth have been affected by the flood.

	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
AUGUST 2014	Bragg Creek Community Association	Rebuild the Bragg Creek Community Association’s playground.
	Simon House Residence Society	Renovate flood damaged buildings and install new flood mitigation measures.
	Town of High River	Support post-disaster community economic recovery. The initiative includes coordinating a big name speaker series and conducting a post-disaster economic impact study.
	Town of High River	Support repairs to the Highwood Memorial Centre.



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OCTOBER 2014	Diamond/Valley & District Boys and Girls Club	Support for children and youth programming in High River.
	Calgary Chinese Elderly Citizen's Association	Support for an emergency social services response plan.
	Horizon Housing Society	Support for a professional review of the organization's emergency response plan and a staff training exercise.
	BowWest Community Support Services Society	Support for a disaster response plan for the community of Bowness.

	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
NOVEMBER 2014	BowWest Community Support Services Society	Support a Community Resource Advocate who connects individuals and families to resources they need in order to continue to rebuild their lives following the flood.
	Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations	Support the resiliency of Calgary's nonprofit sector and those it serves by developing sector capacity to respond to emergencies.
	Foothills Fetal Alcohol Society	Help restore the organization's Resource Centre in High River.
	Lifespring Community Church	Support for Chow n' Chatter, a monthly engagement luncheon directly focused on the low-income seniors of East Village who were impacted by the flood.
	National Music Centre	Support offsite storage and a heritage consultant for storage assessment, plan, implementation and construction labour.

DEC 2014

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
Canadian Rockies Division #12 – Exshaw School	Support flood-affected families in need of additional support during the holiday season from Stoney Nakoda Nation. Funds were used to purchase food hampers, gas vouchers and holiday gifts for children.

FEBRUARY 2015

GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
Bridges of Love Ministry Society	Support two Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Canada training sessions in Calgary.
Friends of Kananaskis Country Cooperating Association	Support trail redevelopment and interpretive signage for six trails. Interpretive signage will share the story of the flood with visitors.
Greater Bragg Creek Trails Association	Support trail redevelopment and upgrades in West Bragg Creek. The work will repair infrastructure and mitigate potential damage caused by future flooding.
Universal Rehabilitation Service Agency	Support an emergency response plan and staff training exercises.
Vecova Centre for Disability Services and Research	Support an emergency preparedness plan.
Town of High River	Support rebuilding and upgrading the High River Centennial Library.
Town of High River	Support rebuilding Birchwood Park Playground.



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MARCH 2015	Calgary Counselling Centre	Support counselling for children and families affected by flood in High River & Area.
	All One Sky Foundation	Support climate change management planning for two Alberta communities. The resulting materials and toolkit will be shared with others via web, webinar and presentations at municipal gatherings.
	Western Sky Land Trust Society	Support Bragg Creek and surrounding area to create guidelines and recommendations for restoration, conservation and development of the Elbow River lands and local riparian areas.
	Siksika Nation	Support Siksika Nation to implement its source water protection plan. Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decommissioning of abandoned water wells left after the flood, • Educational programs and clean-up of unauthorized dump sites, • A feasibility study on the establishment of a second transfer station.
	Town of High River	Support post-disaster community economic recovery by hiring a Recovery Event Advisor to coordinate events and help preserve the economic resiliency and sustainability of High River.
NOV 2015	GRANTEE ORGANIZATION	GRANT DESCRIPTION
Miistakis Institute for the Rockies Inc.	Support an initiative that uses beavers to improve the resiliency of watersheds. Beaver activity increases a watershed's water-holding capacity, which helps increase water storage in drought situations and dissipates the energy of fast and high-flowing water during high-water events.	

To learn more visit www.calgaryfoundation.org/archive/flood-rebuilding-fund

Grants in Action

YWCA

Increased Demand on Mary Dover House

“The timely and generous support of the Calgary Foundation’s Flood Rebuilding Fund helped us to address the loss of revenue from the former YWCA social enterprise, YWCA Fitness on 5th. CF stepped-in to fill the gap and thereby ensured key supports for women to be strong at an unprecedented and devastating time for our organization and the community.”

—Sue Tomney, CEO
YWCA of Calgary

Southern Alberta Pediatric Hostel Society

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in Siksika

“Participating in the 2013 Flood Relief Initiative was an incredibly impactful experience. We have had the opportunity to learn more about the Siksika Nation community, its culture and beliefs as well as the barriers this community faces. Through this, we have been able to tailor the medical services we provide to ensure patient needs are met.”

—Stephanie Kaye
Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Operations





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Town of High River

“An incredible amount of work has been completed in the two and a half years since the flood and the Calgary Foundation is an organization that truly stepped-up to support High River.”

*—Mayor Craig Snodgrass
Town of High River*



Grants in Action

Carya and The Alex

Senior Community Collaborative Outreach Team

“The flood of 2013 brought to light the need for service providers, working with the older adult population within the East Village, to be innovative, creative and collaborative and reach out and connect to the most vulnerable members of the community. The grant from the Calgary Foundation provided the funds to continue the development of the Seniors Collaborative Community Outreach Team (SCCOT). The five agencies who provided the leadership in the implementation of SCCOT were The Alex, Trinity Foundation, Alberta Health Services, the City of Calgary and Carya.”

*—Kim Savard
Carya*



*“The response to the
Flood Rebuilding Fund
is people saying: we love our city,
we are resilient, we don’t ask, we just do.”*

—Eva Friesen, President & CEO
Calgary Foundation



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