**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Pandemic Recovery Program**

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Yes, if they are related to the Pandemic Recovery Program timeline (over the next one to three months).

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You can apply for work that your organization is taking on as part of its programming and service delivery, or work that will strengthen your organization’s capacity (if it meets the program guidelines).

Should we apply now or wait?

It is better to apply to the Pandemic Recovery Program closer to the time you will need the funds.

Will you approval partial funding?

Yes.

Can we apply for more than one focus in our application?

Yes, you can apply for more than one focus in your application for only one phase or for other phases.

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Can we apply for activities on retroactively until the time when the declaration of a state of emergency was announced.

Yes, you can apply for activities that you took on retroactively until the time when the declaration of a state of emergency was announced.

What dollar value/range will be supported?

Calgary Foundation has not set a limit or range because each organization is so different. Please tell us what you need.

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Can we request for funds be backdated?

The Pandemic Recovery Program is not intended to replace fundraising events. However, programs or services that will be delivered in the next three months which would have relied on the proceeds from cancelled fundraising events are eligible (e.g. “with the money we were going to net from our fundraising event, we were going to buy/do…”).

Can we apply to cover the 25% of salaries not covered by the federal government’s wage subsidy?

We understand that even with a 75% subsidy from the Federal government charities will still struggle. However, covering that extra 25% will likely not rise to the top of Calgary Foundation’s funding priorities. We are not duplicating support that is provided through government programs, so staffing, rent or mortgage (which are covered through other programs) are not eligible under the Pandemic Recovery Program.

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What if my urgent needs profile does not currently include activities eligible for the Pandemic Recovery Program?

Update your profile to include the needs that are eligible. You can include eligible and ineligible needs.

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Can we apply to both the COVID-19 Community Response Fund (through United Way) as well as the Pandemic Recovery Program (Calgary Foundation)?

Yes. Calgary Foundation is working alongside the United Way and we will review applications to both grant programs. The COVID-19 Community Response Fund (through United Way) is for social service organizations focused on meeting front-line, urgent basic needs (food, shelter,). The Pandemic Recovery Program (through Calgary Foundation) is intended to serve all charitable organizations. You could potentially apply to both programs, for different things.

To apply for work that your organization is taking on as part of its programming and service delivery, or work that will strengthen your organization’s capacity (if it meets the program guidelines).

That said, if you are supporting your organization’s clients/families with things like food, shelter and other basic needs, we recommend you apply to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund (through United Way). Calgary Foundation is involved in reviewing applications to both grant programs.

Can we apply for grants to support decreased revenue?

Yes, if they are related to the Pandemic Recovery Program timeline (over the next one to three months).

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Can we apply to the Pandemic Recovery Program closer to the time you will need the funds.

We encourage you to fill out an Urgent Needs profile. Your needs may change, and you are able to update the profile as needed. Staff will be reviewing the Urgent needs page regularly.

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What if we want to set up our organization to meet basic needs, distribute goods to stakeholders?

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Can we have more than one focus in our application?

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