Pandemic Recovery Program Grant Guidelines

Support for resiliency building initiatives, community engagement, and new programming

Pandemic Recovery Program

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Calgary Foundation has established a new Fund to address the needs of the charitable sector. Like the Flood Rebuilding Fund of 2013, Calgary Foundation will work alongside other community leaders to assist the good work of Calgary and area's charitable sector to support individuals and communities.

The Pandemic Recovery Program will have three phases of support, rolled out over time:

Phase 1:   **Relief** phase will support the immediate needs of charities to connect with staff, board, and other stakeholders. This funding provides short-term space and time to plan for recovery.

Phase 2: **Recovery** phase will focus on activating strategies to get charitable operations back to pre-pandemic levels.

Phase 3: **Resilience** phase will support strategies and technologies for strengthening organizations for the operational future.

 **Please be aware that this fund is for charitable organizations who do not meet the criteria of the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. Calgary Foundation has partnered with United Way of Calgary and Area, Calgary Emergency Management Agency, and the City of Calgary to address social service needs through this Fund. **

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Grants support qualified donees[i] across the charitable sector in their Relief, Recovery, and Resilience efforts... Calgary Foundation will be responsive to the needs of Calgary, the surrounding area and Treaty 7 First Nation communities, by making grants outside the parameters of these guidelines when appropriate.

Examples of initiatives the Program will support include, but are not limited to:

- Organizational Planning - recovery strategies, exploring new operating models or mergers.

- Technology and Communication - working remotely, maintaining social distancing, informing

    stakeholders.

- Support for Equity-Seeking and Vulnerable Populations - reducing isolation, translation services communication.

- Short-term unrestricted support to ensure organizational continuity.

- New programs that respond to pandemic-related needs.

What activities are ineligible?
The Pandemic Recovery Program is not intended to address economic relief for individuals, social service programs supported by other funding programs, or other economic relief efforts supported by provincial and federal governments, or financial institutions.

Who can apply?
Qualified donees that serve individuals, communities or neighbourhoods affected by the COVID-19 pandemic within one or more of the following regions can apply:

- Banff
- Calgary
- Municipal District of Bighorn (including towns and hamlets)
- Foothills County (including towns and hamlets)
- Municipal District of Kananaskis

- Rocky View County (including towns and hamlets)
- Kainai (Blood) First Nation
- Piikani First Nation
- Siksika Nation
- Stoney Nakoda Nation
- Tsuut'ina Nation

How to apply
- Step 1: Review the Program Guidelines

- Step 2: Complete your profile on the Community Knowledge Centre Urgent Need Page

- Step 3: Calgary Foundation staff will contact you to provide access to the online Pandemic Response Program Grant Request form. This short form will ask for a detailed summary of your needs, as they relate to this program, for the next 3 months.

- Step 4: If you have questions about the application process, please contact Calgary Foundation at mblough@calgaryfoundation.org

How grants are selected
Applications will be reviewed by a volunteer committee consisting of community leaders, volunteers, and sector experts. Applicants will be notified approximately two weeks after submitting their applications.

Other COVID-19 Resources:
- During this time of crisis, there are several options for organizations looking for support and information. Please visit the Resources page on our website, or the CCVO Resources page on their website, for more information.

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[i] *Go to Canada Revenue Agency's Charities Listings website to determine whether your organization is a qualified donee if you are not sure:* http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/charitylists/