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## **SSCF Mobilizes Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs**

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (SSCF) has announced a matching Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs. This new Fund will match donations up to a total of \$500,000 in order to assist in addressing some of the urgent community requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An initial \$500,000 was made available from the estate of a generous founding member of the Foundation who willed the donation to be used at SSCF's discretion. SSCF's Board of Directors has identified the urgent need to allocate this funding into the community to respond to imminent and unanticipated front-line needs and emergencies that are being incurred now.

Donna Ziegler, SSCF Executive Director, says the Foundation is mobilizing quickly and reaching out for community support in response to critical and unprecedented demands in areas of food and shelter shortages as well as meeting the needs of children and the most vulnerable.

"Through this matching Fund, our goal is to ultimately provide an impact of \$1 million to help the community navigate challenges of this pandemic," says Ziegler. "We are grateful for \$100,000 already being committed through the G. Murray and Edna Forbes Foundation, and an anonymous donor. This means we now have \$200,000 available."

Ziegler notes this is a plea for urgent and coordinated community action.

"We are closely listening to community challenges experienced through a variety of connections like our Vital Signs Community Network, the City of Regina and the United Way of Regina," Ziegler adds. "We also know these needs will be ongoing for some time and assure you that we are together with the community over the long journey ahead."

With the community's generosity, SSCF worked with 222 charities in 2019 and 197 charities in 2018.

The application process for the Fund will begin on Wednesday, March 25. Grant details will be available through [www.sscf.ca](http://www.sscf.ca), [Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs](#) or by emailing [grants@sscf](mailto:grants@sscf).

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