

Community Rallies to Help with Emergent Needs – Nearly \$1 Million Now Granted to 32 Organizations

South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (SSCF) has announced approximately \$1 million raised by the community has now been granted to 32 organizations as recipients of the Emergency Response Fund for Community Needs.

This Fund addresses some of the urgent community requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 50 applications were received and reviewed by a team of community stakeholders to address areas of food security, shelter shortages, helping with children’s needs and those needs of the most vulnerable populations.

An initial \$505,538 was granted to 17 Fund recipients earlier this month with further grants totaling \$478,967 now being allocated to 15 organizations.

Donna Ziegler, Executive Director, SSCF, said this Fund is in response to a plea for urgent and coordinated community action and thanks generous donors who have already made contributions to help charities during this time of need.

“Since the Fund was announced about a month ago, generous donors and numerous organizations have stepped up to ensure front-line charities are able to assist those in most desperate need,” says Ziegler. “With it, almost \$1 million will go directly back to the community. This included a matching \$500,000 which was made available from the estate of a generous founding member of the Foundation. We are indebted for all efforts to help to ensure essential needs in our community are met.”

All Nations Hope Network*	\$30,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Regina and Area Inc.	\$50,000
Canadian Mental Health Association - Saskatchewan Division	\$50,000
Caring Hearts Counselling Inc. *	\$25,000
Eden Care Communities	\$50,000
Family Service Regina	\$25,000
Joe's Place Youth Centre - Generation Hope Youth Inc.	\$6,000
Mother Teresa Middle School Inc.	\$50,000
Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Centre	\$50,000

Oxbow Emergency Support Program	\$5,000
Oxford House Saskatchewan Incorporated	\$20,000
REALM Foundation Inc.	\$4,750
South West Crisis Services Inc.	\$5,000
Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan Inc.	\$25,000
Swift Current Community Youth Initiative	\$30,000
The Canadian National Institute for the Blind	\$9,317
The Caring Place Regina Inc.	\$43,900
Total	\$478,967

**additional amount from the initial grant to fulfil application request*

Ziegler notes that other needs-based applications exist and will be assessed as more funds become available.

Donations are accepted online through the Foundation’s website www.sscf.ca. Current Fund holders can use the Online Fund Portal or can email info@sscf.ca or call (306) 751-4756 or toll-free at 1-877-751-4756. A list of the generous donors will be published on SSCF website in early May.

Quote from one of the recipients:

“The contribution to our new Four Winds Housing project from South Saskatchewan Community Foundation and their donors will allow us to support families transitioning from shelters in a sustainable, supportive and culturally relevant way. We are grateful for the communities support and are hopeful for the stability this will bring to families during uncertain times.” *Michael Parker, Executive Director, Nēwo Yōtina Friendship Centre*

Initial grant recipients and projects from throughout southern Saskatchewan included:

Organization	Funds
All Nations Hope Network	\$20,000
AIDS Program South Saskatchewan	\$23,500
Canadian Mental Health Association	\$16,000
Caring Hearts Counselling Inc.	\$25,000
Carmichael Outreach Inc.	\$50,000
Cowessess Community Educational Centre	\$19,858
Family Resource Centre, Swift Current	\$5,500
Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation	\$50,000

Moose Jaw Transition House	\$50,000
North Central Family Centre Inc.	\$20,000
Phoenix Residential Society	\$10,000
SOFIA House	\$21,500
Souls Harbour Rescue Mission Inc.	\$40,000
Regina Transition House Inc.	\$20,000
The John Howard Society of Saskatchewan	\$35,000
United Way of Estevan	\$50,000
YWCA Regina	\$49,000
Total initial recipients	\$505,358

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

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