



Resources for Individuals, Businesses, and Not-For-Profits During the COVID-19 Crisis: A Follow-Up

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This document is a follow-up to our [March 24th publication](#) on resources for individuals, businesses, and not-for-profits. Some clarification has been provided on what government resources not-for-profits and charities are able to access, and these are highlighted below. Please review the following updates.

In addition to their original announcement, the **Government of Canada** announced these additional support measures:

For individuals....

- Providing a temporary salary top-up for low income essential workers (details to come),
- Supporting mortgage payment deferrals through CMHC,
- Improving access to food supports by providing \$100 million to food support organizations (including Food Banks Canada, Salvation Army, Second Harvest, Community Food Centres Canada, and Breakfast Club of Canada),
- Investing \$350 million to support charities and not-for-profits that deliver essential services (e.g. grocery and medication delivery, help phone lines, government supports navigation, etc.),
- Providing \$100 million to support public health needs in Indigenous communities,
- Providing \$75.2 million towards Indigenous post-secondary student supports,
- Providing \$25 million to Nutrition North Canada for better access to food and hygiene items,
- Support for seniors during COVID-19 via the 2019-2020 New Horizons for Seniors Program,
- Expanding federal student employment opportunities,
- Creating the Canada Emergency Student Benefit,
- Launching the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) towards education,
- Changing the Canada Student Loans Program (CSLP) to allow more students to qualify for support and be eligible for greater amounts, including doubling The Canada Student Grants for Students with Permanent Disabilities and Students with Dependents.



For businesses and self-employed individuals...

- Creating the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Temporary 10% wage subsidy,
- Extending the work-sharing program to provide support to employees with reduced working hours,
- Access to credit for businesses via the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA), Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA), \$287 million for rural business supports, \$250 million for early stage businesses, \$20.1 million for young entrepreneurs, \$15 million for territory businesses, and \$675 million for small and medium businesses unable to access other resources,
- Creating new jobs for youth via \$153.7 million for the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, \$80 million for the Student Work Placement Program, and changes to the Canada Summer Jobs program,
- Deferral of Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty Payments until June,
- Allowing self-employed individuals to access Canada Emergency Response Benefit, as well as defer income tax payments, Sales Tax Remittance and Customs Duty Payments.

For not-for-profits...

- Increases to funding for organizations in the areas of food security, seniors, and sexual assault and women's shelters,
- Not-for-profits, like businesses, are also eligible for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Temporary 10% wage subsidy, accessed via the [CRA My Business Portal](#), as well as a wage subsidy for the [Canada Summer Jobs](#) program, and access to the [Work Sharing](#) program,
- Not-for-profits are also eligible for Canada Emergency Commercial Re Assistance (CECRA) if an agreement with a landlord is made. More information can be found [here](#),
- Charities, like businesses, are eligible for credit access via [CEBA](#),
- \$350 million has been allocated to not-for-profits via the Emergency Community Support fund. Organizations can apply via the [Community Foundations of Canada](#), [Canadian Red Cross](#), and [United Way Centraide Canada](#).¹

¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>



In addition to their original announcement, and the closure of the emergency isolation benefit application, the **Government of Alberta** announced these additional support measures:

For individuals...

- Tax freezes (due to freezing of education property tax),
- Temporary changes to residential rental legislation including no evictions prior to May 1st, no late fee charges on rent, no increases to rental rates, and the creation of guidelines for a rental payment plan between landlords and tenants (it should be noted that the official opposition, as well as a number of not-for-profits, are calling for [an extension to the eviction ban, as well as rental support for in the form of a rent subsidy](#)),
- AISH and Income Support recipients who have lost work can exempt a portion of the CERB as to not affect their provincial benefits.

For businesses...

- Alberta has launched an economic relaunch strategy whereby bans and restrictions will slowly be lifted in the coming days and weeks. Follow [Alberta Biz Connect](#) for details.

For not-for-profits...

- Until April 21st, the Alberta Government accepted applications from charities and not-for-profits for emergency funding via [Family and Community Support Services](#), and applications are in the process of being reviewed,
- The [Mental Health and Addiction COVID-19 Community Funding application](#) opened for organizations serving this sector. First call for applications went until May 1st, second call goes until August 2020, and third call until November 2020.
- The Government of Alberta will also be [matching charitable donations](#) up to a maximum of \$2 million. ²

Municipalities across the province have been working collectively with FCSS to manage applications for the Government of Alberta's charity and not-for-profit emergency funding.

² <https://www.alberta.ca/covid-19-information.aspx>



In addition to the resources listed in our first publication, here are **some further helpful resources for not-for-profits** across the province:

Canada Helps has launched a series of [COVID-19 relief funds](#) which also have some matching donation opportunities. Charities that are not registered with Canada Helps can learn more [here](#).

United Way of Calgary and Area continues to offer its [Community Response Fund](#). United Way of the Alberta Capital Region has launched a COVID-19 Relief Fund. Until May 31st, donations to this fund can be tripled with the support of the Government of Alberta and Stollery Charitable Foundation. Both sites also offer a list of resources for individual supports.

Calgary Foundation continues to update its lists of supports and offer organizations a space to [list their emerging needs](#) and requests for community support, as well as creating the [Pandemic Recovery Fund](#). Edmonton Community Foundation has created a [Rapid Response Fund](#) and committed \$500,000 to COVID-19 response.

[Charity Village](#) has a list of resources on their website, including hiring support, funding information, and professional development opportunities.

In addition to their grant directory, Volunteer Canada has resources related to volunteering during COVID-19 and virtual volunteering. Check out their resources [here](#).

[Integral.org](#) continues to offer resources and tool kits for not-for-profits.

Policy Wise has some excellent infographics regarding COVID-19. Check out their recent newsletter [here](#).

Alberta Counsel has a COVID-19 [policy questions form](#) that can be accessed at no cost to help you make sense of emerging government policies around COVID-19.

[Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations \(CCVO\)](#) has a database of resources for not-for-profits.

[ACDS](#), [ALIGN](#) and [ECVO](#) continue to advocate for support for not-for-profits, and continue to update our websites regularly with resources and communications. Don't forget to visit regularly!