

## **CFSEA Announces First Round of Emergency Funding**

The Community Foundation grants \$52,100 in emergency funding to 11 charities across the region.

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**Medicine Hat, Alberta (May 15, 2020)** – The Community Foundation Board of Directors are pleased to announce \$52,100 in emergency funding to support vulnerable populations in the wake of the pandemic from the Spring 2020 Re-purposing funds.

"This first round of funding will help support mental health, youth, domestic violence and food insecurity initiatives. Our grants committee worked closely with other local funders and municipal leaders to ensure these funds would help our most vulnerable populations and fill some of the funding gaps in the communities we serve."

Grant Committee Chair, Cheryl Pocsik.

## **Grant Recipients**

Canadian Mental Health Association Alberta SE Region	\$10,000
Medicine Hat Family Service	\$8,000
Medicine Hat BeYOUth Centre	\$2,500
Community Food Connections	\$1,100
Brooks & County Victim Services Unit Association	\$2,000
Brooks Food Bank	\$6,000
St. Vincent de Paul Society – Brooks	\$10,000
The Champion's Centre Inc. – Brooks	\$1,000
Oyen and District Food Bank Association	\$5,000
Hanna Food Bank Association	\$5,000
Empress Friendship Centre	\$1,500

"We are pleased the Community Foundation has the capacity to be responsive and nimble to emergent needs of the community during this time to support charities in need."

Board Chair, Michael Anctil

In addition to the \$52,100 announced, the Community Foundation will continue to distribute emergency funds from the Spring 2020 Re-purposing grants on a rolling basis over the next few months. The next application intake will open May 27<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please visit cfsea.ca for more information on upcoming grant opportunities.

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