



Applications now being accepted from organizations offering health and wellness services in the Tri-County area

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YARMOUTH, NS – Community organizations offering health and wellness services and activities in the Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne areas are encouraged to apply to the Reciprocity Health Fund. The Fund supports community-based projects addressing the social determinants of health – the living conditions people experience that influence a wide range of health outcomes and risks.

In 2022, the first year of the program, seven organizations were granted over \$200,000 to support community-based health initiatives. Administered by the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia through a call for proposals, the Reciprocity Health Fund is funded by an anonymous donor wishing to have a positive impact on the health of people in the Tri-County area.

“The Reciprocity Health Fund is committed to improving the quality of life for those living in the Tri-County area while building capacity at the local level. We are proud to administer a fund and granting program that takes a local approach to addressing the health and wellness needs of these communities in a sustainable, impactful way,” said Daniel Holland, CEO, Community Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Quick Facts

- Some of the many social determinants of health include food insecurity, income, education, employment, housing, social inclusion, geography, early childhood development, gender, and access to health and social services.
- Projects should focus on improving health outcomes and reducing health inequities; are to be delivered in Shelburne, Yarmouth and/or Digby counties; and must be led by or partnered with a qualified organization such as a registered charity, municipality, or post-secondary institution.

- Grants may be awarded for multi-year projects with plans outlining ongoing evaluation and long-term viability.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.cfns-fcne.ca. Applications will be accepted until **Monday, May 1, 2023**.

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About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The [Community Foundation of Nova Scotia \(CFNS\)](http://www.cfns-fcne.ca) is a charitable giving facilitator. Our purpose is to inspire giving and steward funds to help build Nova Scotia communities of respect, belonging and possibility. We help donors make sustainable philanthropic impact on causes they care about at the grassroots level. We do this by endowing funds for donors, managing donation programs and convening conversations that make a positive difference in our communities.

Established in 2008, CFNS has more than \$18 million in philanthropic investment under management, including 120 funds and 22 scholarship and award funds. We're part of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), the national network for Canada's over 200 community foundations that reaches 90 percent of our country's communities.

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