



**Pandemic
Response
Fund**



Burlington Foundation Covid-19 Pandemic Response Fund Granting

Frequently Asked Questions – Updated October 5th

We will continue to update this information when appropriate.

How much grant money is available?

Through financial resources brought forward by the Foundation and generous gifts of our donors, since March 31st, Burlington Foundation's Pandemic Response Fund has grown to **\$453,000** (balance before grants distributed).

From that balance, the Foundation has provided Phase 1 and 2 emergency funding totalling **\$224,670** to 27 front-line charities.

Moving into Phase 3 granting, a portion of the remaining balance of \$228,750 will be awarded to successful applicants. We will be retaining a balance for future granting needs beyond Phase 3.

How many rounds of granting are you holding?

There have been critically important emergency needs in the short-term, and at the same time, we anticipate agencies needing support as the community continues to be impacted by the effects of Covid-19. In response, we have phased in granting so we can continue to monitor and respond to changing needs. To date, Phase 1 and 2 of our Response Phase have been completed, with the Phase 3 grant call happening October 2020. We are also considering next steps for a Phase 4 granting program.

Can anyone apply for a Pandemic Response Fund grant?

During Phase 1 and 2, our focus has been on supporting the Burlington community by providing grants to local charitable agencies on the front-line that are serving high need, vulnerable people and families including those experiencing challenges with food insecurity, isolated seniors, childcare support, disability, mental health and safe housing.

Phase 3 focuses on supporting our charitable agencies in the Arts, Heritage and Environment sectors with funding provided for program related initiatives or operations.

What do you consider an Arts, Heritage or Environment sector charity?

Applicants' core mission must be directly related to one of these 3 sectors. Note, organizations whose mission is not considered to fall under one of these 3 sectors, but offer a related program, i.e. an arts-based initiative, are not deemed eligible for Phase 3.

How can our organization apply?

Visit <https://burlingtonfoundation.org/about/leadership-initiatives/supporting-community-through-covid-19/> to review complete eligibility details and download the fillable PDF application for Phase 3 granting.

To apply for Phase 3, please email your completed application directly to: grants@burlingtonfoundation.org. If you do not receive an email confirmation back within 24 hours, please contact us.

Does our organization or our initiative we're requesting a grant for need to benefit the Burlington community?

Yes. As the community foundation for Burlington, our Pandemic Response fund is focused on supporting charities who are serving our community.

Can faith-based organizations apply for a grant?

Churches and faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for granting if their initiative assists the wider community and if their outreach does not include the promotion of religious beliefs. These requirements must be addressed in the application.

However, for Phase 3 granting, an applicant's core mission must be directly related to the Arts, Heritage or Environment sectors.

How much funding can my organization request?

For Phases 1, 2, and 3, agencies are permitted to request up to \$15,000, however, we anticipate receiving a large number of requests which may exceed our current resources for Phase 3. Despite merit, not all organizations will receive funding and/or may not receive their full requested amount.

Can we use a Phase 3 grant to fund operations?

Yes you may. Phase 3 grants may be used to fund operational activities such as rent/lease payments, wages, materials and supplies, equipment rental/lease, tech and administrative costs.

When do grant monies need to be spent by?

We recognize that these grant funds are to support emergent needs arising from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, there is no deadline in which the grant monies must be spent.

Can our organization apply for a Phase 3 grant if we expect to/have received funding from other sources?

Yes you may. As the pandemic has continued to affect our community, we anticipate you have/are receiving funding from other sources and this does not preclude you from receiving a grant.

How soon can grant recipients expect a decision?

Burlington Foundation is committed to providing funds as quickly as possible. Applications for Phase 3 will be accepted from **Monday, October 5th to Friday, October 23rd (5 p.m.)**. Grant applications will be reviewed and decisions will be made the week of October 25th. Organizations will be notified as efficiently as possible.

How many times can our agency apply to the Pandemic Response Fund?

We understand agency needs have grown or changed over the course of the evolving crisis and it is difficult to anticipate what supports may be needed in the coming weeks or months. Organizations are permitted to apply more than once to open granting rounds, ensuring that all specific requirements for that round are met. Agencies are only permitted to have one active grant at one time.

Of additional note, agencies who meet the criteria for Phase 3 and received a grant in Phases 1 or 2 may still apply to Phase 3.

We see that Burlington Foundation is offering the opportunity for funding in 2 programs related to the challenges brought on by the pandemic, with both programs open to receive applications around the same time.

- Phase 3 of Burlington Foundation's Pandemic Response Fund
- Round 2 of the federal Emergency Community Support Fund

How do we know which funding program to apply for?

Burlington Foundation's Pandemic Response Fund is an independent initiative from the federal government's Emergency Community Support Fund. The Pandemic Response Fund has been made possible through the generous donations of our donors and fundholders, as well as financial resources brought forward by the Foundation.

The Emergency Community Support Fund initiative is funded by the Government of Canada, with the Government of Canada flowing funds through national networks, including Community Foundations of Canada (CFC), United Way Centraide Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. Burlington Foundation is proud to be working with CFC and the Government of Canada to adjudicate and distribute funds locally.

Burlington Foundation recommends you apply to the funding program that you believe aligns with your mission, and you can address the criteria most successfully.

Who should we contact about Pandemic Response Fund granting?

Please submit grant applications and/or questions to grants@burlingtonfoundation.org. We will respond to questions as soon as possible.