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Powell River Community Response Fund Announce Fourth Round of Awards

Wednesday Aug, 19 2020 – The Powell River Community Response Fund has awarded an additional \$26,465.00 to be distributed to three different projects affected by COVID-19, bringing the total amount donated to local community organizations to over \$142,465.00

“The non-profit sector in the qathet Regional District is working overtime during COVID-19 to ensure critical social supports remain intact or pivot to meet emerging needs. Times like these make me really proud of our community and the care we show for our more vulnerable populations.” says Caitlin Bryant, Community Relations Specialist.

The Community Response Fund were allocated as follows:

- **Texada Seniors Housing Society** (\$3,000) – Support the ongoing development of the newly formed society and plans for affordable housing projects and programming in support of seniors living on Texada Island.
- **ORCA Bus** (\$13,000) – support costs associated with enhanced health and safety protocols and to pivot programming in the face of staffing and logistical concerns due to COVID-19.
- **Powell River Assist & Senior Citizens Association Branch #49** (\$10,465) – Support emergency food access and food security for our most vulnerable seniors in collaboration with other community organizations, health authorities and First Nations.

The allocated funds provide frontline services to vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19. Services could include: food security; financial wellness; health and hygiene; home care or personal support services; information and navigation; legal supports; mental health and wellness; shelter; safety; social inclusion and learning, and transportation.

Next funding intake date is Friday, September 4th at 5pm. Applications for funding will be available on the Powell River Community Foundation [website](#).

Partners in the fund are calling on organizations and individuals to give now at: [Make a Donation](#).

The Powell River Community Response Fund is a special fund to rapidly deploy essential relief to organizations providing frontline services to those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The partnership is led by Powell River and District United Way, Powell River Community Foundation, and First Credit Union, with support from the Regional Social Planner, representing the City of Powell River, qathet Regional District, and Tla'amin Nation.

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