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United Way Leeds & Grenville and the Brockville and Area Community Foundation collaborate on second round ECSF Funding to help the most vulnerable in Leeds & Grenville

Brockville, ON - Monday Oct. 5, 2020 — United Way Leeds & Grenville (UWLG) and the Brockville and Area Community Foundation (BACF) are once again accepting funding applications for the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) starting on October 5, 2020.

The \$350 million ECSF was first announced by the Government of Canada on April 21, 2020. UWLG and BACF collaborated at that time to distribute \$425,000 to help over 36 agencies to adapt their service delivery activities to help the most in need in Leeds & Grenville during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Government of Canada is releasing the balance of the \$350 million Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) in a second round of funding. Funding will be administered in collaboration with United Way Centraide Canada, Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross. As with the first round of funding, these funds provide financial support to charities and other qualified donees adapting their frontline services to support vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications will be available on both the UWLG and BACF websites starting Oct. 5, 2020 and will be accepted until Oct. 30, 2020. The funding committee will review applications based on the specific needs in the Leeds & Grenville community and deploy the funds by mid-November for activities taking place up to March 31, 2021.

“We are proud to have the opportunity to continue to work with the Brockville and Area Community Foundation to help the most vulnerable in our community. Our diverse committee is a group of dedicated and caring individuals who understand the highest needs of our citizens during this very trying time. Thanks to the Government of Canada for releasing the final installment of the \$350M Fund and supporting those in most need.”

- Trish Buote, Executive Director United Way Leeds & Grenville

“The Brockville and Area Community Foundation would like to express our gratitude to the Government of Canada for providing these additional funds, and we welcome the opportunity to continue our partnership with the United Way Leeds & Grenville, delivering these much-needed funds to organizations who are supporting vulnerable populations in our area”.

- Erik Wang, Executive Director Brockville and Community Foundation

About United Way Leeds & Grenville:

United Way Leeds & Grenville (UWLG) is a non-profit agency that supports over 20 local partner agencies in the community. Its mission is to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. UWLG is dedicated to bringing people together to build vibrant and caring communities. For more information, please visit www.uwlg.org.

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About Brockville and Area Community Foundation

The Brockville and Area Community Foundation is dedicated to encouraging the establishment of endowment funds, supporting charitable initiatives and strengthening our community for the benefit of all by providing leadership on key local issues. For more information, please visit www.yourcommunityfoundation.ca

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