

COVID-19 (Corona Virus) Funding Relief Opportunities

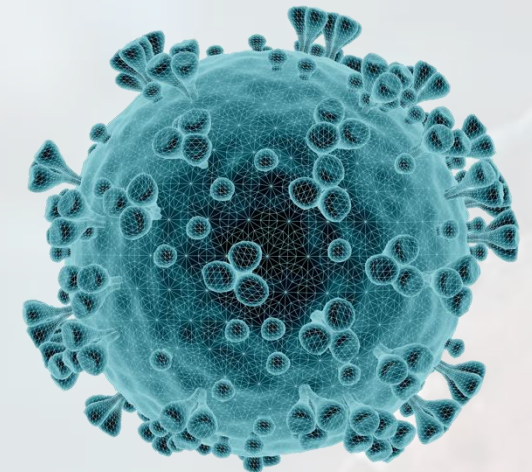
ATTENTION MILLBROOK BAND MEMBERS: The following is a list of funding opportunities available to the public. They range from provincial, federal and charitable opportunities. We encourage you to read through the list and determine which opportunities you are eligible for. These are difficult times and we are not sure what the future will bring. What is clear is that all levels of government and charities are willing to help.

NOTE: The Millbrook band is not authorized to apply on behalf of its members. If you plan on applying for **Food bank and food security services, Home Energy Assistance Top-up (HEAT Fund), Cell phones for the most vulnerable, or the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)** it would be beneficial to apply at your soonest convenience, to ensure your success with the application

A more detailed report (**COVID-19: Appendix A**) has been prepared separately, which contains the in-depth descriptions of the funding opportunities listed below, as well as links to the application forms and websites. If you have questions regarding the available opportunities, please refer to the Funder's contact information provided in "**COVID-19: Appendix A.**"

For Individuals (Band Members)

- Feed Nova Scotia: Food Bank and Food Security Services
- Government of Canada: Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCB)
- Government of Canada: Canada Student Loans
- Government of Canada: Employment Insurance (EI)
- Government of Canada: Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC)
- Government of Canada: Income Tax Deferral
- Nova Scotia Government: Income Assistance (IA)
- Nova Scotia Government & Telus: Cell phones for the most vulnerable
- Salvation Army: Home Energy Assistance Top-up (HEAT Fund)



Funder	Program	Eligible Recipients	Description/Conditions	Amount Available	Date Effective
Feed Nova Scotia	Food bank and food security services	If you live in Nova Scotia and need food for yourself or your family	Province donated \$1M to the food bank.	N/A	Now
Government of Canada	Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCB)	Those currently receiving CCB. Those eligible to receive.	Additional \$300/child Those who already receive the Canada Child Benefit do not need to re-apply.	Additional \$300/child	Starts with May's CCB payment

Government of Canada	Canada Student Loans	Students currently enrolled in school and graduates with active student loans accounts.	To support student and apprentice loan borrowers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada has announced its plan to pause the repayment of Canada Student Loans and Canada Apprentice Loans until September 30, 2020, with no accrual of interest.	N/A	March 30 th
Government of Canada	Employment Insurance (EI)	Those currently receiving EI Those eligible to apply for EI	Service Canada is removing the one-week waiting period for EI sickness benefits for new claimants who are quarantined so they can be paid for the first week of their claim People claiming EI sickness benefits due to quarantine will not have to provide a medical certificate People who cannot complete their claim for EI sickness benefits due to quarantine may apply later and have their EI claim backdated to cover the period of delay	Undefined Dr. Ian Johnson said the rates were increased, but to what extent is unknown. Maybe the clause “up to 15 weeks of income replacement?”	Now
Government of Canada	Goods and Services Tax credit (GSTC)	Low- and modest-income families living in Canada. Average benefit will be ~\$400 for single individuals and ~\$600 for couples.	No need to apply. One-time payment.	~\$400-\$600	Early May
Government of Canada	Income Tax Deferral	Those required to file their income taxes.	For individuals (other than trusts), the return filing due date will be deferred until June 1, 2020.	N/A	N/A
Nova Scotia Government	Income Assistance	Those receiving and eligible to receive provincial income assistance	Every individual and family member on income assistance will receive an additional \$50 starting Friday, 20 March.	+\$50	March 20th
Nova Scotia Government	Cell phones for the most vulnerable	N/A	Government is partnering with Telus to provide 100 phones and calling plans to the most vulnerable Department of Community Services clients who have no other means of communication, and who may be self-isolated and alone.	N/A	Now

Salvation Army (Funded by donation)	Home Energy Assistance Top-up (HEAT Fund)	<p>You live in Nova Scotia and are within the following low-income threshold:</p> <p>\$21,487 for one-person households, \$39,926 for two to four person households, and</p> <p>\$56,861 for households of five or more individuals.</p> <p>If your household is experiencing an emergency heating situation.</p>	<p>Formerly known as “The Good Neighbour Program.”</p> <p>They require a bill in the recipient’s name.</p> <p>Funds are paid to the name on the bill.</p> <p>They require government ID (they said status card is acceptable).</p> <p>The band cannot apply on behalf of someone else.</p> <p>One-time support payment</p>	Maximum \$400 for individuals and families.	ASAP
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For Employers and/or Employees

Government of Canada: Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
Government of Canada: Emergency Management Fund
Government of Canada: F.N. Community Guide on Accessing Additional Supports
Government of Canada: Indigenous Community Support Fund
Government of Canada: Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers
United Way (Funded by donation): Atlantic Compassion Fund

Funder	Program	Eligible Recipients	Description/Conditions	Amount Available	Date Effective
Government of Canada	Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)	Workers who must stop working due to COVID19 and do not have access to paid leave or other income support.	Can not be accessed if individual is receiving EI.	\$2,000 a month for up to 4 months	Within 10 days of application

		<p>Workers who are sick, quarantined, or taking care of someone who is sick with COVID-19.</p> <p>Working parents who must stay home without pay to care for children that are sick or need additional care because of school and daycare closures.</p> <p>Workers who still have their employment but are not being paid because there is currently not sufficient work and their employer has asked them not to come to work.</p> <p>Wage earners and self-employed individuals, including contract workers, who would not otherwise be eligible for Employment Insurance.</p>			
Government of Canada	Emergency Management Fund	<p>Only on-reserve band members.</p> <p>The \$75 amount would be for each band member to assist with some stock building of essential supplies.</p> <p>The \$150 amounts listed for each elder, child in CFS care or special health circumstances. This is individual basis and no medical note or documentation is required.</p> <p>For Social Assistance Recipients, the \$150 is for the recipient and their dependents.</p>		<p>\$75 for band members living on-reserve.</p> <p>\$150 for Elders, the sick, children in CFS/MFCS and social assistance recipients.</p>	Now
Government of Canada	Indigenous Community Support Fund	<p>Paid to the band with their contribution agreement.</p>	<p>These funds apply to all members of your community and could be used for measures including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support for Elders, • food insecurity, • educational and other support for children, • financial assistance for those without work, 	\$435,653.46	April 1 st

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mental health assistance and emergency response services. 		
Government of Canada	Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers	<p>You are an eligible employer if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> are a non-profit organization, registered charity, or a Canadian-controlled private corporation (CCPC); have an existing business number and payroll program account with the CRA on March 18, 2020; and pay salary, wages, bonuses, or other remuneration to an employee 	<p>Three-month measure that will allow eligible employers to reduce the amount of payroll deductions required to be remitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).</p>	<p>The subsidy is equal to 10% of the remuneration you pay between March 18, 2020, and June 20, 2020, up to \$1,375 per employee and to a maximum of \$25,000 total per employer.</p>	Now