

Slaight Emergency Food Fund 2024 - FAQs

Thank you for expressing interest in the Slaight Emergency Food Fund 2024, which has been made possible by the Slaight Foundation.

This funding opportunity is exclusively available to CFCC's Good Food Organizations (GFO) and the Indigenous Network. To apply, kindly complete the grant application on our [grants management portal](#). All communication and actions related to your application will be conducted through the grants management portal, with additional information available in the Bulletin and our partner portal.

If you have any inquiries regarding the grant or your application, please feel free to contact us at grants@cfccanada.ca. If you've already started your application, include the last four digits of your application ID # in the email subject line for easy reference.

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General Questions about the Emergency Food Support

1. What do we mean by emergency food?

When we refer to emergency food costs, we specifically mean costs directly associated with the procurement of food or vouchers. It's important to note that these funds are intended for the direct purchase of food items and gathering of food. The funds cannot be utilized for acquiring kitchen tools, garden equipment, stoves, nor can they be used to subsidize markets.

2. What do we mean by land based activities?

Land based activities refer to initiatives directly connected to the cultivation, harvesting, or gathering of food resources from the land. These activities should demonstrate a capacity to serve acute emergency needs and enhance the availability of food for the community. The funds can be utilized for payments to hunters, fishers, and other contributors involved in these essential activities.

3. Will the funding cover administrative costs?

No, these funds should not be used for administrative costs; they are reserved for expenses directly linked to purchasing food or vouchers and gathering of food.

Eligibility and criteria questions

1. Who can apply for this grant?

All organizations meeting the following eligibility criteria can apply:



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- Organizations must be a member of CFCC's Good Food Organization program and/or be part of the Indigenous Network.
- Organizations must be a legal entity in Canada.
- Organizations must be a charitable or non profit organization and/or have a registered trustee (only if required by the organization as a standard procedure, please refer to point 3 below for further explanation)
- Funds must be used exclusively for food costs associated with emergency food programming.
- All awarded funds should be used within a 3 month period from the time received.

2. If we did not renew our membership to the Good Food Organization program, are we still eligible to apply for this funding?

Organizations must have renewed their GFO membership for 2024 to apply for this grant. If you did not renew your organization's membership, please reach out to us at gfo@cfccanada.ca to renew.

3. What if we don't have a charitable registration number?

If your organization does not have a registration number, you can still apply for this grant. For this specific round of emergency funding, we are accepting applications from all our GFO partners, including those that are non-qualified donees¹.

Please note, you do not need to have a recognized trustee if your organization does not have a registration number. However, some organizations require a designated trustee to coordinate receipt of and disbursement of funds. If your application is approved, the

¹ Qualified donees are organizations that have received official recognition from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) as being eligible to issue official donation receipts for tax purposes.



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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be between the trustee and CFCC. You can provide their information in the application form.

We do not accept individuals as trustees.

4. What is a Trustee and why do I need one?

A trustee is an incorporated not-for-profit organization with the financial systems and organizational structure to administer your group's grant funds. A trustee will distribute the grant funding according to the approved grant budget as well as be accountable for reporting on the grant funds to the grant provider. Your trustee should be an organization your group is working with or has worked with in the past. If that is not possible, the trustee organization should be knowledgeable about the issues your project addresses or the community your group works with. Having a shared understanding, interest and experience in the issues that your group is addressing is an important consideration when selecting a trustee organization. Your trustee must have a charitable registration number. If your application is successful, your trustee will sign the MOU.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Questions

1. What is an “MOU”? Who signs the MOU?

The “MOU”, Memorandum of Understanding is a signed agreement that sets the terms and understanding between CFCC and the applicant. In signing the MOU you are agreeing to spend the funds as outlined in your application.



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Please note: if your organization has a trustee, then a copy of the MOU can be downloaded in the online portal and forwarded to the trustee for signing. The signed copy can then be uploaded into the online portal by the applicant. Alternatively, you can reach out to us at grants@cfccanada.ca, and we can assign a 'collaborator' status to your trustee, allowing them to sign the MOU directly on the portal

2. In signing the MOU what am I agreeing to?

- All funds must be spent within 3 months of receiving funds.
- Funding will be exclusively for the purpose of emergency food support programming, as well as land-based activities, including support for hunting, fishing, or other means of gathering food from the land.
- The applicant will complete CFCC's final report template on how funds were spent and used.

5. What if we are unable to spend all of the grant within the 3 month timeline? Do we have to give any unspent funds back to CFCC?

The funds which you are applying for is for the purpose of 'emergency food programming'. Due to the immediate need of these funds, it is assumed that funds should be spent within a 3 month period. When selecting the grant amount \$5,000 or \$10,000, please select the amount that your organization would need and use for emergency food programming. In your final report, please provide a detailed account of how the allocated funds were utilized.

6. What are some reasons that our application might be declined?



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Considering our allocated funding of \$625,000 and our extensive network of over 350 community food organizations, it's possible that we may not be able to fund all qualified applicants if the demand exceeds the available funds. In such a scenario, prioritization will be necessary. Our review process will be conducted thoughtfully to identify and support communities with acute needs for emergency food assistance.

Payment Questions

7. How do I provide our financial information to CFCC so that funds can be paid to our organization?

If your application is accepted, you will be asked to complete an “EFT direct deposit information form” within your Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). If you have a trustee, the financial information provided must be that of the trustee’s (as funds will be transferred to the trustee).

Please note: even if you have provided your financial information to us for previous rounds of funding, we still require you to submit this information in your MOU, in an effort to ensure up-to-date financial records. To receive your funds as quickly as possible, please make sure that your EFT form is accurately completed.

8. What happens after I submit our application, how long will it take for successful applicants to receive their funds?

Once the ‘call for applications’ has closed, the grants team at CFCC will begin to review all applications. We will then notify you if your application was successful, and invite you to sign an MOU. We will be informing applicants of our decision by Friday, February 23, 2024. Upon



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receipt of a signed MOU, you can expect to receive funds within 3 - 4 weeks.