



Exciting New Grant: Hundreds of Thousands to Support Nova Scotians Every Year

Applications to the CFNS VISIONS Fund are due November 5th.

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HALIFAX – The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) is excited to announce the launch of the CFNS VISIONS Fund, a new grant to support initiatives, programs, and projects that enhance life and learning in Nova Scotia.

This grant has been established in accordance with the wishes of an anonymous donor, following an \$8.5 million donation to CFNS announced earlier this year. Inspired by a vision for a thriving Nova Scotia, this endowed gift will generate investment returns annually, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars in support each year for initiatives across the province.

The CFNS VISIONS (Visionary Initiatives Strengthening Inclusion & Opportunity in Nova Scotia) Fund focuses on two key priorities:

1. **Supporting Individuals Facing Significant Challenges:** Grants will assist underserved and under-resourced communities with support for charities, nonprofits, and partnering community groups addressing issues such as food insecurity, housing instability, healthcare, and other substantial needs as outlined by applicants.
2. **Innovative Educational Programs:** Financial support will be available for universities and colleges to develop and implement creative and effective educational programs and teaching methods across various disciplines.

Grant applications for the CFNS VISIONS Fund are now open on the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's website and will be accepted until November 5th.

CFNS CEO Daniel Holland emphasizes the lasting impact of the grant: "This is not just a moment of excitement; this grant represents the donor's commitment to a brighter future. As the investment grows, so too will the funds available to grant. The CFNS VISIONS Fund is a legacy that will benefit our communities for generations to come."

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia views this grant as the beginning of a broader effort to support Nova Scotians. "Our community foundation model fosters enduring generosity," says Holland. "We look forward to collaborating with more Nova Scotians who

are making a lasting impact, empowering those dedicated to the causes they care about, like building greener, healthier, or more equitable communities.”

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia anticipates that funds for this year’s grant will be disbursed by December of this year.

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