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CWCF Emergency Relief / Survival Planning Funding (SPF)

The Canadian Worker Co-op Federation (“CWCF”) has previously offered small grants, through our accumulated reserves, to worker co-operatives to help pay for consulting services such as for marketing, financial administration, expansion, conflict resolution or legal issues. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges many worker co-ops are facing as a result, CWCF is converting this program to an emergency relief/survival planning fund. The new focus would include hiring a Worker Co-op Development Network or other consultant, upon approval, to enable the worker co-op to develop and/or navigate their survival and/or continuity plan.

This SPF will provide grants of up to \$2,000 to co-ops to hire a worker co-op developer or other consultant to enable the worker co-op to develop and/or navigate their survival or continuity plan. A co-op’s prospects for survival will need to be evident in order to qualify for the grant.

Co-ops wishing to access the SPF Program must complete an application form.

ELIGIBLE CO-OPS and EVALUATION CRITERIA

This is a benefit for members of the CWCF. In order to apply, a co-op must be a CWCF member or must first join CWCF. CWCF will evaluate the applications on the basis of whether the co-op is eligible and whether the assistance sought is judged likely to help the co-op survive the pandemic. This is a limited granting pool; the total amount of funding that can be considered for all applications is limited to \$25,000.

Due to the amount of funds available in this program and the limited administrative resources in CWCF, the enclosed application provides the CWCF with preliminary screening of the potential projects. CWCF will seek to ensure that grants are allocated fairly over different regions of the country.

If you have any questions about this Program, please contact CWCF’s Communications and Member Services Manager, Kaye Grant at communications@canadianworker.coop.

Applications will be accepted from September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021.

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