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## **Powell River Community Response Fund Announce Fifth Round of Awards**

**Friday, September 11, 2020** – The Powell River Community Response Fund has awarded an additional \$6,000.00 to be distributed to two different projects affected by COVID-19, bringing the total amount donated to local community organizations to over \$148,465.00

“It’s inspiring to watch our community pivot during these challenging times. To find ways to continue to not only meet basic needs but to celebrate and further enrich our community during COVID-19.” says Caitlin Bryant, Community Relations Specialist.

The Community Response Fund were allocated as follows:

- **Powell River Brain Injury Society** (\$3,000) – Support the purchasing of food needed for a new weekly meal program that supplies regular, safe and healthy food access and shares nutritional information with clients during COVID-19.
- **Powell River Salmon Society** (\$3,000) – Support the development of interactive, online Pacific Salmon educational programs aimed at engaging and educating students (including immune-compromised students) in the qathet region during COVID-19.

The allocated funds provide frontline services to vulnerable populations affected by COVID-19. Services could include: food security; financial wellness; health and hygiene; home care or personal support services; information and navigation; legal supports; mental health and wellness; shelter; safety; social inclusion and learning, and transportation.

Next funding intake date is Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Applications for funding will be available on the Powell River Community Foundation [website](#).

Partners in the fund are calling on organizations and individuals to give now at: [Make a Donation](#).

*The Powell River Community Response Fund is a special fund to rapidly deploy essential relief to organizations providing frontline services to those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The partnership is led by Powell River and District United Way, Powell River Community Foundation, and First Credit Union, with support from the Regional Social Planner, representing the City of Powell River, qathet Regional District, and Tla’amin Nation.*

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