



2025 Membership Renewal Information Package



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2025 CFC Membership

Welcome to the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) 2025 Membership Renewal Information Package. This is a one-stop shop for all your membership renewal information. In the following pages, you will find:



A comprehensive outline of the benefits that CFC membership provides. CFC membership benefits extend across several areas, from advocacy to professional development to access to exclusive funding opportunities. As a diversified network of more than 200 foundations of all shapes and sizes working in communities across the country, an essential part of our work is to support you – as foundations and leaders – where you are at. Each year, we design our services, tools and initiatives so every community foundation in the network finds value and experiences a sense of belonging, whether you are a volunteer-led community foundation, a new leader or board member in the movement or a longer-standing staff at a well-established foundation.



A message from the CFC team, who, along with our board of directors, are dedicated, and similarly diversified. Our team comes from all walks of life, lived experiences, and linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Our volunteer board of directors has deep connections in the community foundation ecosystem. Together, our efforts are grounded in a commitment to high quality, customized support and leadership for the network, guided by our purpose to create a future where everyone belongs.



As a national organization serving in both Official Languages, CFC offers access to all trainings and opportunities in community foundations' language of preference, whether using translation or simultaneous interpretation. If you have questions regarding our Bilingualism or Official Languages Policy, please reach out to achampoux@communityfoundations.ca



Logistical information to help you complete the [2025 Membership Checklist](#) and payment. **The deadline for completing the checklist and payment of your membership fees is March 31, 2025.**



A point of contact to support you throughout this process. Reach out to our team by emailing membership@communityfoundations.ca.





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A message from Andrea & Andrew





The value of being a member

CFC members—including staff, board members, and volunteers—have access to exclusive member benefits and services.

Networking and Connecting

- Obtain **discounted rates** for the biennial national **community foundations conference**.
- **Access bursaries** to cover travel expenses to the national community foundations conference (for smaller community foundations).
- **Engage with fellow philanthropic peers** in our regular community foundation network peer gatherings.
- **Connect with leaders** near you at in-person regional gatherings.
- **Leverage the network's knowledge** through access to various Listservs.
- For our francophone or francophile members in Official language minority settings or in Quebec: Take part in our dynamic community of practice and **working groups, en français**.
- **Engage CFC in your foundation's events** - AGM, Vital Signs launches and board meetings and more - to host dialogue and discussion on issues of importance and the impact of our network.
- **Access national brand-building** and media amplification opportunities in campaigns and storytelling.

Professional Development and Learning

- **Receive member-exclusive rates** and **access to training opportunities**, including the Governance Cohort or the forthcoming 2025 Impact Investing Cohort
- **Participate in professional development training** such as Foundation Essentials or webinars on the evolving guidance on granting to Non-Qualified Donees (NQDs).
- **Access the webinars, resources, tools and fact sheets of CFC's Resource Library**, which explore topics from the day-to-day operations of community foundations, to diversity, equity and inclusion, to finance and fund development, governance, cyber security, grantmaking and more. Resources are created and led by a mix of industry experts, and philanthropic leaders from the CFC network and beyond.
- **Join subsidized and specialized learning cohorts** such as the Gender Equality in Action program and strengthen your own foundation's internal practices and processes.
- **Access customized strategic planning and coaching sessions for your team or board**, which can take place virtually or in person on a range of topics from operations to governance, fund development, change management and more.

“CFC has been an exceptional resource for our community foundation. You are doing great things and enabling us to do great things across our communities!”

- Member of CFC's Network





Government Relations, Advocacy and Thought Leadership

- **Inform** how we represent community philanthropy in Ottawa through **advocacy and regular interactions with legislators**.
- **Learn about public policy** and regulatory changes that could impact your foundation, including the CRA's new guidance as well as **effective approaches to advocacy** at the local, municipal and federal levels.
- Work with CFC staff to **strengthen your ability** to work with government representatives and advocate on the issues that matter most to you.
- ***New*** Take part in the CFC's "**Day on the Hill**," piloted in 2024 and coming again.



“Having a qualified, capable and committed umbrella organization to provide information and advocacy where needed is critical to strengthening Community Foundations, especially for those that are newer or transitioning from volunteer to governance models. Thank you.”

- Member of CFC's Network

Exclusive Funding Opportunities

- Add to your regular grantmaking activities by informing and accessing our **turn-key funding programs**, delivering additional **flow-through funding to local community organizations**. Each program typically includes consultation, program materials including applicant guides and forms, grant portal and back-end administrative support, and communications materials such as amplification packages.

Sector Issues and Updates

- Stay-up-to-date with the **challenges and opportunities shaping philanthropy** through our website, social media, and members-only newsletter.



Vital Signs and Network Data

- Take part in **Vital Signs**, Canada's largest community-driven data program.
- ***New*** Starting in 2025, leverage our **revamped Vital Signs program** for timely, high-quality, well-curated data in an **accessible online platform** that will help you tell the story of the issues that matter in your community.
- ***New*** Gain member-exclusive access to **CFC's revamped Data Hub** for the most current network data based on an updated network survey, launched in 2024.
- Participate in and gain access to our member-exclusive biennial **network compensation survey**.

Group Benefits Program

- Members of the CFC network have access to a **group health benefits program**. This program offers community foundations **affordable** employee benefits for both **small and large teams**.



"I do think that the CSRF demonstrated to our community that foundations are connected, not only to each other, but to a larger source of support... The community gained more insight as to the benefits of having a community foundation in their midst. Our visibility and relevance was enhanced by having one-on-one contact with our community groups that we thought may need assistance from this fund. They were made more aware of the connectedness that our foundation has to the entire country!"

- Member of CFC's Network



Steps to renew your CFC membership

- 1** Access your invoice, which CFC will send you via email. All invoices will be issued to the contact identified by your foundation for membership purposes. If you do not receive an email and invoice by Dec 13, 2024, please contact us at membership@communityfoundations.ca.
- 2** Complete your [2025 Membership Checklist](#) by **March 31, 2025**.
- 3** Submit payment for your membership fees **by March 31, 2025**, by Electronic Fund Transfer or cheque. Additional information can be found in the following [payment guide](#).

Have questions?

Whether you have big questions or small ones, our team is here to support you. Reach out to Tracey Vavrek or Anny Champoux to talk through any questions about membership.



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