

Make a Donation

When you make a gift to the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia, you join people from all walks of life who have one thing in common: the desire to make a difference in rural Nova Scotia, forever.

Your gift will continue to give, year-after-year, because it is part of a permanent endowment that is professionally managed by a team of community leaders and investment advisors. Earnings from the endowment are used to make grants to enable projects at the local community level.

There are many different ways to achieve your charitable goals through RCFofNS, some of which may offer significant tax benefits for you. We are pleased to work with you and your lawyer, accountant, life insurance agent, financial planner or other professional advisor to find the approach that suits your particular objectives and personal situation.

You may donate to the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia either by mailing a cheque, or online through Canada Helps.



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Community foundations are locally run charitable organizations that build and manage endowment funds to support charitable activities and provide community leadership through strategic grant making and project initiatives. Community foundations work in the areas of endowment building, granting and convening.



Our Mission

To build on the strengths of Nova Scotia's rural communities by stimulating and establishing philanthropic giving to develop a permanent endowment, and to grant funds.

Our Vision

Nova Scotia's rural communities dynamic, healthy, and prosperous.

Our Values

We believe in the inherent value of rural communities and the important contribution they make to our province.



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all for community.

We believe in being accountable to donors, grantees and communities.

We believe that leadership and innovation are integral parts of community vitality.

Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia (RCFofNS)

Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia (RCFofNS) is a charitable foundation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The first community foundation established in NS, RCFofNS was founded under a partnership agreement of Coastal Communities Network and Literacy Nova Scotia with resources provided through The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy (TAGS). RCFofNS was incorporated July 11, 2000, and is the only rural-focused member of the Community Foundations of Canada and a member of Volunteer Canada.

RCFofNS Supports Community-based Initiatives in rural Nova Scotia which:

- Seek to improve understanding of issues
- Offer solutions to problems and challenges
- Create an environment that enhances and sustains

Community Foundations play an important role

Community foundations build and manage endowment funds to support charitable activities in their area and provide community leadership through strategic grant making and project initiatives.



Endowment Building

A community foundation encompasses a collection of endowed funds established by individuals and corporations to enhance the quality of life in a particular area. These funds are pooled and a board of directors supervises the resulting investment portfolio. The income from the portfolio is made available for distribution to support charitable activities in the local community. A fund is the term used to describe a donor's contribution. That contribution will, in the majority of cases, be held in perpetuity in a permanent endowment fund. This means that the capital will not be touched but will be held permanently and only the income made available for distribution. For more details about funds, contact RCFofNS.



Granting

RCFofNS has invested in rural Nova Scotia through the following granting programs since 2004.

- Poverty and nutrition focused grants: 23 grants totaling \$18,060
- Housing focused grants: 3 grants totaling \$11,500
- Rural Leadership focused grants: 30 grants totalling \$113,921
- Rural Innovation Grants: 28 grants totaling \$584,090
- Seniors focused: 8 grants totaling \$16,500
- Youth focused: 7 grants totaling \$90,000
- Climate action focused: 7 grants totaling \$13,605
- Gender Equality focused: 8 grants totaling \$188,000
- Covid support focused: 56 grants totalling \$796,980

Total: 165 grants totaling \$1,688,198.04

Grant application forms are available at: www.rcfofns.com



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Convening

We bring people together from across our rural communities to identify and discuss issues of importance to rural communities resulting in shared knowledge and collective community capacity building. This kind of linking makes it possible for local organizations to mentor each other, exchange knowledge and stories, build communities of practice and develop strategies for collaborative fundraising. The convening function is particularly important as a way to accelerate social innovation among rural organizations in Nova Scotia.