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## **EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING ASSISTING THOSE MOST IN NEED**

*North Bay, ON* – \$881,452 in emergency relief funding is being distributed to Nipissing district organizations and service providers to help manage the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the most vulnerable.

On April 2, the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) announced it had received \$589,200 in Social Services Emergency Relief Funding (SSRF) from the Provincial Government and \$292,252 from the Federal government through Reaching Home.

A DNSSAB survey to community agencies identified food, personal protective equipment (PPE), housing supports and homelessness shelter supports as the top four priorities. District organizations who applied for this funding by April 16<sup>th</sup> resulted in a total of \$1.2 Million in funding requests.

DNSSAB quickly moved to disburse \$85,400 of this fund in amounts of up to \$5,000 to twenty organizations in the top two priority areas; food and meal distribution and PPE, to immediately relieve some of the pressure on these organizations.

The DNSSAB finalized yesterday the disbursement of the remaining \$796,052 in funds to the following community organizations:

- AIDS Committee of North Bay & Area
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Bay and District
- Community Living Mattawa
- Community Living West Nipissing
- Community Resource Centre (Killaloe) Inc. - CRC
- Crisis Centre North Bay
- LIPI - Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing
- Mattawa and Area Food Bank
- Mattawa Women's Resource Centre
- Nipissing First Nation
- Nipissing First Nation-True Self Debwewendizwin Program
- Nipissing Mental Health Housing and Support Services
- North Bay Food Bank
- North Bay Friendship Centre
- PHARA

St. Andrews United Church  
Temagami Food Bank  
The Gathering Place, North Bay's Community Soup Kitchen  
The Salvation Army Community And Family Services North Bay  
West Nipissing Community Health Centre  
West Nipissing Foodbank

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“The North Bay Food Bank is grateful for this funding to help us during this time of food insecurity and uncertainty for our clients, only enhanced by a COVID-19 environment,” says Debbie Marson, Executive Director, North Bay Food Bank. “With an increasing need for support, we appreciate the funding which allows sustainability of the levels of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for our city’s most vulnerable population.”

“While we are very grateful for the SSRF and Reaching Home funding from the provincial and federal government, it’s clear that the need surpasses the funds available. The DNSSAB will continue to seek additional funding to lessen the hardship for organizations delivering support services during this pandemic crisis,” says DNSSAB Chair Mark King.

Updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic are posted regularly on the DNSSAB website at [www.dnssab.ca](http://www.dnssab.ca)

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