



Dear Colleagues,

This is a month of transition as I say good bye to CSC NL. Last fall I announced I would be leaving CSC NL and our Board of Directors initiated a recruitment process for a new CEO: http://communitysector.nl.ca/cscnl_transition. It has been a pleasure knowing and working with the many thousands of people who every day contribute so much to our province as volunteers and staff in community organizations and as our partners in governments at all levels and the private sector. I will miss our interactions and collective desire to position the community sector as central to social and economic progress. I extend thanks and gratitude to everyone with whom I have had the pleasure to work.

This week we welcome a new CEO, Colin Corcoran. It is an excellent time for him to assume this role as there is so much opportunity to advance the community sector. I offer my congratulations as he joins a wonderful Board and group of employees at CSC NL who have so many plans underway.

Best wishes,
Penny Rowe

In announcing Colin's appointment, Natasha Hudson, CSC NL Board Chair said his background and experience are an excellent fit for the important work that CSC NL is undertaking as the province faces an increasing need to bring innovative solutions to citizen engagement, rural community sustainability and development. "We are very pleased to welcome Colin to the CSC NL team." (news release: <http://communitysector.nl.ca/d/CSCNLNewsReleaseJanuary23.pdf>)

To get in touch with Colin, please email Colin@cscnl.ca or call 709-753-9860.

CSC NL NEWS AND EVENTS

Overview of Retirement Savings Options, Canada and Internationally. A Working Paper on Building a Recruitment and Retention Plan for the Community Sector in NL.

As the community sector becomes acknowledged as essential to economic and social progress, the discussion about more accessible and dependable pensions is gaining ground. Benefits, more specifically pensions and retirement savings options, forms part of the profile of the sector and is an integral part of an HR Attraction, Retention and Resilience Strategy. To download a copy of CSC NL's Working Paper prepared by Christine Snow, [click here](#).

CONSULTATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Budget 2023

EngageNL

The Provincial Government is inviting people to provide their input on the 2023 provincial budget. Residents are encouraged to participate in a pre-budget questionnaire to assess priorities and gauge support for measures to lower the deficit and debt.

The questionnaire also includes an interactive tool that illustrates the government's fiscal situation and budgetary challenges. The deadline for providing feedback through engageNL [online](#) is Feb. 10. Residents can also submit their written submissions by [email](#) or by mail. Submit your input today.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Community Services Recovery Fund Applications Now Open

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support charities, non-profits, and Indigenous Governing Bodies as they focus on how to adapt their organizations for pandemic recovery.

The deadline for applications is February 21, 2023, 5 PM Pacific Standard Time.

Applicant guide is now available [here](#).

Organizations are encouraged to complete the [interactive quiz](#) on the [CSRF website](#) to determine to which funding partner they will apply:

- **People** (Focus on recruitment, retention, engagement and support of personnel, including staff, volunteers and boards of directors.) - Contact Canadian Red Cross [here](#).
- **Systems and Processes** (Focus on the internal workings of an organization's overall structure.) - Contact Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador [here](#).
- **Program and Service Innovation and Redesign** (Focus on adapting and creating new programs using information gained during the COVID-19 pandemic.) - Contact United Way of Newfoundland and Labrador [here](#).

Community Investment Program Grants 2023

Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA)

CIRA's Community Investment Program funds innovative community internet projects to build a resilient, trusted and secure internet for all Canadians. Policy funding areas include infrastructure, digital literacy, cybersecurity and community development. The deadline for applications is March 2, 2023. [Learn more](#).

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