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**New program launches to advance poverty reduction and social inclusion in Maple Ridge**

**Maple Ridge, B.C. (May 23, 2024)** – The Maple Ridge Community Foundation is thrilled to participate in the Community Prosperity Fund and we are now open for applications. The Community Prosperity Fund is a \$25 million investment from the Government of B.C. that advances poverty reduction and social inclusion in local communities. The Government of B.C. recognizes that non-profits are vital to people and communities in B.C. They are important partners, often providing services to those made vulnerable in all corners of British Columbia. The Community Prosperity Fund will drive positive change in Maple Ridge.


Announced on the inaugural B.C. Nonprofit Day, the Community Prosperity Fund is a unique funding structure that allows communities and organizations to decide how they use the funding. The Maple Ridge Community Foundation will ensure applications are reviewed at the local level. The Community Prosperity Fund also responds to what the community needs by creating space to implement the funding over up to three years and supporting both operational expenses and project delivery funding. This makes sure that non-profits can decide what would most benefit them and their communities.

Applications for the Community Prosperity Fund can be submitted until June 24, 2024. Charities, non-profit organizations and Indigenous-serving organizations whose work advances poverty reduction and social inclusion in local communities are encouraged to apply.

For more information, visit [www.mrcf.ca/cpf](http://www.mrcf.ca/cpf).

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