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## **Funding announced for food banks, community freezers**

The Nunatsiavut Government is providing a total of \$54,500 to assist food banks and community freezers to assist with addressing ongoing needs during the current coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding is coming from the Government of Canada's \$305 million Indigenous Community Support Fund to address immediate needs related to COVID-19. The fund is divided between Indigenous governments and organizations across the country. The Nunatsiavut Government's share of that fund is \$5.3 million.

"The Nunatsiavut Government announced March 6 a number of initiatives to assist Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement during these uncertain and difficult times," notes Finance, Human Resources and Information Technology Minister Tony Andersen. "Addressing food security is one of the key initiatives outlined in the fund."

### **Breakdown of the funding provided to food banks and community freezer programs:**

TaKuaKautik – Nain Food Bank	\$ 22,000
Hopedale Inuit Community Government	\$ 11,500
Makkovik Pantry/Woodbox Committee	\$ 7,000
Postville Food Bank Committee	\$ 3,500
Rigolet Inuit Community Government	\$ 6,000
NunaKatiget Inuit Community Corporation (Happy Valley-Goose Bay/Mud Lake)	\$ 3,500
Sivunivut Inuit Community Corporation (North West River)	\$ 1,000

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