

Aaniin, BoozhooGreeting Brothers and Sisters,

Carea Community Health Centre wishes you and your families continued health & wellness during this pandemic and time of uncertainty. It is up to each of us to stay healthy, remain optimistic and be kind to ourselves and others. In response to COVID-19 and the fracturing to global economy and social norms, we are very pleased to announce potential relief from the present circumstances that impact our financial stability and life as we know it.



An initiative available through **Miziwe Biik Development Corporation*** for those that identify as **First Nations, Métis or Inuit** may have available subsidy potential for you and your family affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Pending criteria, you may be eligible to access this support in such areas as **shelter and rental/ housing subsidy, food and groceries, medical supplies/assistance, travel to appointments, home cleaning, emergency shelter**. In some cases, you may be eligible to apply for assistance to recover expenses incurred as a result of the pandemic, loss of income and associated factors, retroactive to April 2020.

The following list are examples of situations where you may qualify (but not limited to):

- Financial hardship due to lack of employment: reduced hours, closures, lay-offs etc.
- Landlord eviction resulting from loss of income and rental and/or creditor insufficient funds
- Medical circumstances for you and/or other family members
- Caregiving and support (children and seniors) requiring at-home “can’t work” scenarios
- Homelessness, couch surfing due to pandemic upset
- Unemployed/self-employed, can’t work due to nature of business and no-contact compliance

In community housing and supportive housing this funding could be used toward the following initiatives:

- Housing allowance for in-situ tenants
- Food and supplies for households in quarantine and/or isolation
- Non-medical staffing requirements
- Protective equipment
- Food banks and grocery gift cards
- Community and outreach to support seniors in self-isolation
- Recruitment and coordination of volunteers
- Transportation to get to and from medical appointments

***Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC)**

The mission of MBDC is to serve as a vehicle for the economic advancement and self-sufficiency of the Aboriginal community in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) through the creation of affordable housing and homeownership.



**Please contact John Mattson, our Indigenous Outreach Worker
to see if you qualify for this support:**



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