



# The Jewish Federation OF EDMONTON

## COVID Relief Program 2021

### **Purpose:**

To ameliorate the financial burden for newly vulnerable members of the Jewish community of Edmonton as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to support agencies, where possible, in delivering their mission.

Funds are being made available for immediate relief to individuals and families struggling to address basic human needs. While we are not accepting donations to this effort at this time, any proceeds from the Edmonton Jewish Film Festival will be added to the program.

### **Distribution:**

Funds will be distributed in 2 phases. **The first is immediate to address basic human needs.**

#### Phase 1 Beginning March 10

1. Grocery gift cards are available for those challenged as a result of economic hardship due to COVID-19. **Requests are to be made directly to Jewish Family Services, or via a Rabbi or Talmud Torah/Menorah Executive Director who will contact Jewish Family Services or Jewish Federation of Edmonton CEO.**
2. One time subsidies are available for rent assistance, utility and other needs **directly related to job loss**. Amounts less than \$500 will be considered. **Requests are to be made directly to Jewish Family Services.**

#### Phase 2 – Beginning May

1. Assess impact of Phase 1 and possible continuation.
2. Consideration of support for registered organizations who can apply for funding that offsets impacts to the organizations from COVID-19 on their ability to deliver their mission.
3. Any remaining funds will be distributed in consideration of community needs.