



# 2025 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR WILDFIRES UPDATE

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Starting in May 2025, wildfires resulted in evacuations in Small Point-Adam's Cove-Blackhead-Broad Cove, Badger, and Musgrave Harbour. In August 2025, multiple communities were impacted by the Kingston, Holyrood, Martin Lake, Paddy's Pond, and Lethbridge wildfires. The Province of Newfoundland and Labrador declared a regional state of emergency for a portion of the Bay de Verde Peninsula, including Western Bay, Ochre Pit Cove, Kingston, Small Point-Adam's Cove-Blackhead-Broad Cove, Perry's Cove, Salmon Cove, and Burnt Point-Gull Island-Northern Bay in response to the Kingston wildfire. Communities were also under evacuation order due to the Holyrood and Paddy's Pond wildfires including Holyrood, Paddy's Pond, parts of Conception Bay South, and Three Island Pond area of Paradise.

Thousands of people were evacuated for weeks due to the wildfires, which also caused extensive damage and destroyed hundreds of structures in Conception Bay North. The Canadian Red Cross provided critical services and support since the onset of the wildfires and continues to work closely with provincial and municipal governments, as well as community partners to help those impacted by the wildfires in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Thanks to donations to the 2025 Newfoundland and Labrador Wildfires Appeal, the Canadian Red Cross is supporting impacted individuals, families, communities, small businesses, not-for-profits and community groups as they navigate their early and long-term recovery.

## CANADIAN RED CROSS RESPONSE

As of November 30, 2025

- Registered more than **7,400 people** from households impacted due to wildfires in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Welcomed impacted people at **11 reception centres** in Victoria, Carbonear, Harbour Grace, Conception Bay South, Musgrave Harbour, Badger, Small Point-Adam's Cove-Blackhead-Broad Cove, Holyrood, and Musgravetown. The Canadian Red Cross also managed **two shelter sites** in Carbonear and Conception Bay South.
- Distributed emergency financial assistance\* to **more than 2,500 eligible households** to help with the cost of basic and immediate needs due to evacuations.
- Provided more than **2,800 emergency supplies, including hygiene kits, cots, blankets, pillows, clean-up kits, and teddy bears.**
- Distributed more than **3,300** cases of bottled water as an alternative safe source of water following a precautionary non-consumption advisory for all areas affected by wildfire or fire suppressants.
- Answered more than **5,400 phone calls** through the call centre to support people impacted by the wildfires.
- Connected with people at reception centres, shelters, and the welcome centre for **psychosocial or well-being support.**
- Supported more than 150 households** in their recovery through personalized recovery support. This includes assisting people with unmet needs, planning their return home, understanding insurance and community resources. This also includes financial assistance to support with unmet needs and gaps in insurance coverage.
- Provided more than **160 referrals** for other community-based supports.
- Provided **more than 40 small businesses and not-for-profit organizations** with financial assistance through the Support to Small Businesses and Not-for-Profits program to help with immediate needs following the wildfires, as well as to support them in their recovery.
- Provided critical emergency funding to **four community groups** who provided immediate relief assistance to those impacted by the wildfires, in host communities. This funding aims to help these groups scale up their capacity to respond to the increased demand for their services throughout recovery.

\*These response activities were funded in part thanks to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

# 2025 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR WILDFIRES APPEAL UPDATE

### BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025

| **FUNDS DONATED: \$4.5 Million\***

TO SUPPORT:		ALLOCATED AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025	TOTAL SPENT OR COMMITTED AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025
<b>Emergency relief for individuals and families</b>	Following the fires, eligible households received support from the Canadian Red Cross in multiple ways, such as registration, bottled water, clean-up kits, cots, blankets, hygiene kits, information and referrals, as well as psychosocial and well-being support.  <i>(Additional supports provided by the Canadian Red Cross during the emergency phase of the response were on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.)</i>	<b>\$0.39M</b>	<b>\$0.39M</b>
<b>Recovery assistance for individuals and families</b>	The Canadian Red Cross offers personalized recovery support which may vary depending on individual needs. Personalized recovery support may include assisting people with unmet needs; helping them to plan their return home; understanding insurance and community resources; providing referrals to access mental health services; and financial assistance to help with early recovery needs, including for temporary accommodations and costs related to rebuilding and repairing primary residences that were damaged or destroyed by the wildfires.	<b>\$2.30M</b>	<b>\$2.30M</b>
<b>Small businesses and not-for-profit program</b>	Small businesses and not-for-profit organizations are essential for the recovery of people and communities affected by a disaster. These funds help small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that were impacted by the disaster with the unexpected costs associated with evacuating and returning to the community, as well as supporting them in their recovery.	<b>\$0.40M</b>	<b>\$0.37M</b>
<b>Support to communities</b>	These funds have been allocated for emerging needs as they arise, in recognition that recovery from significant events is multi-year and not all needs are evident at this point.	<b>\$1.05M</b>	<b>\$0.29M</b>
<b>Cost of fundraising and trust fund management</b>		<b>\$0.36M</b>	<b>\$0.36M</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4.50M</b>	<b>\$3.71M</b>

As of November 30, 2025, 82% of donated funds (not including the anticipated government matching funds) have been spent or committed.

\*Anticipated matching funds from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (\$3.2M) and the Government of Canada (\$2.6M) will be allocated, once received, and reflected in subsequent appeal updates.

## UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

### Grand total of funds to date:

This includes the total funds donated and any accrued interest.

### Allocation of funds to date:

This is the projected budget across each area of spending for the grand total of funds received. The allocations reflect the needs of the people and the communities that have been identified to date.

### Spent or committed to date:

These are the funds that have been already spent to assist those impacted by the 2025 Newfoundland and Labrador Wildfires, as well as funds that have been committed for recovery projects or initiatives, where applicable.

### Cost of fundraising and trust fund management:

The costs associated with this emergency appeal—including cost of fundraising and trust fund management—will not exceed eight per cent. The cost of fundraising is associated to the total funds donated. These costs can include donation processing fees; credit card and bank fees; service fees for call centres and digital platforms; and ongoing communications and reporting to donors. Trust fund management costs are for the management of the overall trust fund for this appeal.

**THANK  
YOU FOR  
YOUR  
SUPPORT!**