



2025 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR WILDFIRES UPDATE

JUNE 30, 2026

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 June 30, 2026

- Registered more than **7,400 people** from households impacted due to wildfires in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Welcomed impacted people at **12 reception centres** in Victoria, Carbonear, Harbour Grace, Conception Bay South, Musgrave Harbour, Badger, Town of Small Point-Broad Cove-Blackhead-Adam's Cove, Holyrood, Musgravetown, and Paradise. The Canadian Red Cross also managed **two congregate shelter sites** in Carbonear and Conception Bay South.
- Distributed emergency financial assistance to more than **2,600 eligible households** to help with the cost of basic and immediate needs due to evacuations, on behalf of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 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 **6,900 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 **330 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 **250 referrals** for other community-based supports.
- Provided more than **55 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.

YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

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AND LABRADOR
WILDFIRES APPEAL UPDATE

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

- I FUNDS DONATED: \$4.7M
- I FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR: \$3.1M
- I FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA: \$2.6M
- I TOTAL FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026: \$10.4M

TO SUPPORT	USE OF FUNDS	SOURCE OF FUNDS	ALLOCATED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026	SPENT OR COMMITTED AS OF JUNE 30, 2026
Emergency relief for individuals and families	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>	Donations	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
Recovery assistance for individuals and families	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.	Donations	\$2.5M	\$2.5M
		Government of Canada	\$2.6M	\$2.6M
		Government of Newfoundland and Labrador	\$3.1M	In progress
Small businesses and not-for-profit program	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.	Donations	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
Support to community groups	Supporting work being accomplished through community groups, including municipalities, ensures that the needs of the people residing in the community are reflected in ongoing recovery from wildfires. This funding helps community groups to meet increased service demands, address social and psychosocial needs, and enhance community resilience, ultimately supporting long-term recovery.	Donations	\$1.0M	\$1.0M
Cost of fundraising and trust fund management		Donations	\$0.4M	\$0.4M
GRAND TOTAL			\$10.4M	\$7.3M

More than 70% of total funds allocated have been spent or committed as of June 30, 2026.

The Canadian Red Cross thanks the generous individuals, businesses, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada who provided funds in support of people impacted by the 2025 Newfoundland and Labrador wildfires.

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THE NUMBERS

Grand total of funds:
This includes the total funds donated, any accrued interest, and any matching funds committed.

Allocation of funds:
This is how funds made available through donations and government partners are used to create the projected budget across each area of spending. This designation is done in coordination with government and community partners and is guided by assessments of community needs, donor intent, and operational requirements.

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

Cost of fundraising and trust fund management:
Eight per cent of funds raised through this emergency appeal is applied to fundraising and trust fund management. These costs support donor services, reporting, and the systems required to deliver the appeal.

THANK
YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT!