

# Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador

Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador incorporated in 2002 and is located in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. According to Statistics Canada (2013) St. John's had a population of 106,172 in 2011. However, as a regional foundation, the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador serves the people of the entire province, a population totalling 526,702 people and encompassing 405,212 square kilometres as of 2013.

The population of St. John's has gradually increased over the past fifteen years. In 1996, the population of the city was at 101,936. By 2001, however, it had decreased 2.7%, down to 99,182. Since then, the population has been slowly increasing, with an additional 1.5% in population by 2006, to 100,646. This trend continues today as the population increased 5.5% to the level it stands in 2011 (Statistics Canada, 2013).

Unlike the City of St. John's, the province has experienced negative growth in the past fifteen years. In 1996, the population stood at 551,790. By 2001, this level decreased by 7.0%, down to 512,930. This continued to decrease into 2006 as a reduction of 1.5% in population left the province at 505,569. Yet, population levels gradually started to increase. By 2011, the number of people living in Newfoundland and Labrador increased 1.8% to 514,536, and this number continues to increase (Statistics Canada, 2013).

Similar to other community foundations, the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador have select granting priorities. A significant part of their grant-making is directed towards scholarships and educational activities. The Honourable Fabian O'Dea Fund provides financial assistance to geography students



at Memorial University of Newfoundland and the University of Toronto. During the 2011-2012 academic year, the Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador also provided financial support towards an anti-bullying workshop hosted in St. John's, which was attended by over 700 junior high school students. The foundation also ensures that it holds a unique presence in Labrador. In the past, they have provided funding to support education camps in seven Labrador communities: Nain, Hopedale, Rigolet, Postville, Makkovik, Northwest River, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Additionally, through the Dr. Peter Roberts Memorial Fund, the distribute grants to the Labrador School Board annual to bring young golf players from Labrador to Terra Nova to participate in the Tely Junior Golf Tour (Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2012).

The Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador has achieved considerable goals since their establishment over a decade ago. As of 2012, the foundation held an endowment of over \$800,000, and disbursed more than \$250,000 in grants since 2002. In the coming years, it continues to serve the people of the province and assist community organizations in every way they can (Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2012).

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## Further Information

- Community Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador website: <http://www.cfnl.ca>.
- Fostering Sustainable Futures for Rural Regions through Philanthropy Initiative: <http://philanthropy.ruralresilience.ca>