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Financial support available for initiatives in response to the COVID-19 Crisis

New Carlisle, April 22, 2020 – The Bonaventure and Avignon MRCs are jointly launching financial support measures for organizations, municipalities, and citizen groups that intervene in the context of the COVID-19 crisis through the COVID-19 Baie-des-Chaleurs / Les Plateaux Crisis Unit.

The funds are intended to support organizations that are implementing initiatives specifically related to the current crisis that are not financially supported by a provincial or federal program. Eligible organizations must respond to the four priorities identified by the COVID-19 Baie-des-Chaleurs / Les Plateaux Crisis Unit - mental health, seniors, food security and temporary emergency accommodation.

"In order to speed up the process for treating requests, the tools for requesting funding for social development initiatives have been updated," explains the prefect of the Avignon MRC, Mathieu Lapointe. We now have procedures adapted to the situation, whether it be a new request or the revision of an existing contract."

"The funds available come from various partners also contributing to the community plans of our MRCs," adds Éric Dubé, prefect of the Bonaventure MRC. We would like to emphasize the openness and adaptability of the partners and funders who agreed to make funds available to react quickly to the needs of vulnerable people. "

Organizations wishing to submit an application can find the document on the MRC websites or obtain one from the social development officers of their MRC:

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Establishment of a COVID-19 Crisis unit in Baie-des-Chaleurs / Les Plateaux

In the context of COVID-19, a Crisis unit was set up in Baie-des-Chaleurs / Les Plateaux. Composed of elected officials, community organizations, those responsible for social development initiatives in the Bonaventure and Avignon MRCs, as well as community organizers from the Department of Public Health, this unit aims to facilitate the sharing of strategic information to respond as effectively as possible to the needs of vulnerable populations. It focuses its interventions on four priority areas: mental health, seniors, food security and temporary emergency accommodation. The Crisis Unit also updates a directory of essential services every week, available here in English: <http://ressortgim.ca/covid-19/baie-des-chaleurs/>.

About the Avignon and Bonaventure MRCs

The regional county municipalities (MRCs) of Avignon and Bonaventure include 25 municipalities, from Shigawake to L'Ascension-de-Patapédia. The mission of the MRCs is to manage land use, allowing its member municipalities to pool their services and work on the development of its constituents.

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