Canada’s 191 community foundations are part of a national network working across sectors to help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient communities. Together, we are relentlessly pursuing a future where everyone belongs.

Our movement has grown dramatically over the past 27 years and, today, more than 90% of Canadian communities have access to a community foundation.

These facts and figures collected in 2018 from community foundations provide an overview of the rich diversity and collective impact of our network.

191 community foundations serving over 90% of Canadians

Grants disbursed in 2018 ($261 million)

Allocation of endowed assets based on fund type

$6.2 billion in combined assets (Endowed, flow-through, managed and other assets)

Impact investing

37 community foundations practice impact investing — read our guidebook for more information!

Gifts received

$368 million total gifts received in 2018

$204 million 10-year gifts

$60 million bequests

$104 million in-kind gifts
Movement at a glance

331 full-time staff
125 part-time staff and hundreds of volunteers
30% community foundations that are fully volunteer-led
53 staff in the Vancouver Foundation (largest in Canada)
51 foundations in Manitoba (most per capita)
2 new foundations in 2018: Dufferin Community Foundation and Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation

The Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, the United Nations set 17 ambitious goals to improve quality of life worldwide — leaving no one behind. Community foundations have an important role to play in achieving these goals in Canada and 51 foundations have already engaged with the SDGs to demonstrate the connection between their work and the progress being made on global issues. Read more here.

Vital Signs

27 Canadian community foundations produced Vital Signs reports in 2018
106 communities in 10 countries have produced Vital Signs reports since 2001
19 community foundations in Canada have aligned their Vital Signs programs with the SDGs

Alliance 2030

Alliance 2030 is a national network of organizations, institutions, and individuals committed to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals by the year 2030. Founded by CFC alongside a host of regional partners, membership now sits at over 1,500 members, including 28 community foundations.

Together, we’re building a searchable database of all the work that’s being done across Canada in alignment with the SDGs, amplified by high-quality storytelling through our blog and podcast series No Little Plans. The podcast, which earned the honour of being named one of Apple’s best new podcasts of 2018, garnered over 5,300 listens in just its first three full-length episodes.