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Increased support for those in need during COVID-19 Pandemic

The Kenora District Services Board (KDSB) is pleased to advise that the Government of Ontario is providing the District of Kenora with direct funding supports through the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). The SSRF will provide additional funding to support our communities, families and individuals in need during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The additional funds will support:

- Expanded COVID-19 services for those who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness and access the District's homelessness shelters.
- Addressing food security and acquiring vital supplies.
- Additional flexibility to help more individuals and families on a case-by-case basis in the region as they are affected by the impacts of COVID-19 to ensure they do not lose their homes.
- In partnership with our communities, support for the temporary creation of isolation centre programs where vulnerable individuals who show symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19 receive appropriate assistance.

"The KDSB is grateful to the Government of Ontario for providing additional support in the wake of COVID-19 and recognizing the effects it will have on our communities. This additional funding will save lives and will help families when they need it the most," says Henry Wall, Chief Administrative Officer of the KDSB. He adds, "I want to thank Minister Greg Rickford and Minister Steve Clark, for their support and understanding of the profound need in our region and for additional financial support services for those who are most vulnerable in our communities during this time."

For households struggling with rent, mortgage or utility payments, contact the KDSB as you may qualify for emergency financial supports.

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