

**Quick Facts. What's new?**  
**How the 2021 News Support Fund ("NSF") differs from the**  
**2020 Emergency Support Fund ("ESF")**

1. **Total Amount of Funding.** The ESF was \$22.5 million; the NSF is \$9.4 million.
2. **Basic Eligibility.** The ESF included discretionary services; the NSF is exclusive to local radio and TV stations.
3. **Application Deadline.** While the ESF did not have an initial deadline, the NSF has a firm deadline of December 3, 2021 for applications, which comprise a *fully and accurately completed and appropriately executed Attestation*. Applications received after this date may receive funding, if any funds remain, but **to be assured of funding Applications must be received by the CAB no later than 5 pm pacific time on December 3, 2021, and must be accurate in all material respects.**
4. **Funding Approach.** The base formula is the same. However, in order to expedite disbursements and maximise benefits to smaller independent stations:
  - a. Only one disbursement round is planned;
  - b. All eligible recipients will receive a minimum of \$1,000; and
  - c. Station groups are capped at 20% of envelope funding.
5. **COVID-19 Impact Eligibility Requirement.** The ESF required stations to attest to an actual or projected 25% negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and be in need for funding to provide news and information programming, ensure continuity of operations and to help safeguard journalistic jobs. The NSF merely requires you to attest that your station has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, which has resulted in financial hardship to it and to its operations, and therefore is in need of government funding.
6. **Per Market Local TV Cap.** This has been raised from 10% in line with the new ILNF cap of 12%.
7. **All Other Criteria are the Same.** As before, please do not contact the CAB Fund Administrator if you do not meet the eligibility requirements. The CAB has no power or discretion to alter the established criteria.
8. **Both Funds were brought to you by the Government of Canada.** Thank your local MP, and let them, and local provincial and municipal politicians, know how it made a difference to your local news coverage.