

BE PART OF THE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE INVESTMENT FUND

FINANCED BY THE CO-OPERATIVE AND MUTUAL SECTOR, THE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE INVESTMENT FUND (CCIF) WILL HELP CO-OPERATIVES ACCESS START-UP OR GROWTH CAPITAL THAT THEY HAVE DIFFICULTY FINDING ELSEWHERE. THE CCIF WILL BE ABLE TO STRUCTURE INVESTMENTS APPROPRIATE TO THE ROLE OF CAPITAL IN CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES.

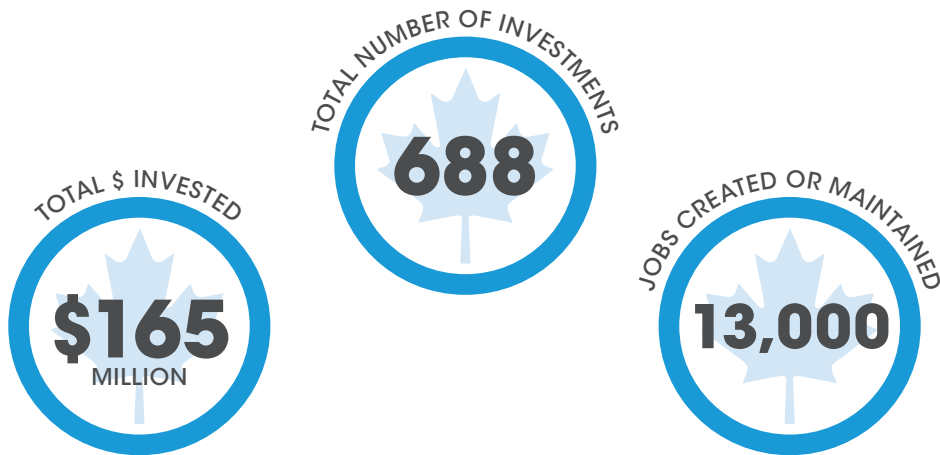


IT IS TIME FOR A NATIONAL CO-OP INVESTMENT FUND

What is the expected impact of a national co-operative investment fund?

The current investors, made up of **Vancity, The Co-operators, Assiniboine Credit Union, Affinity Credit Union, First Connect Credit Union, Arctic Co-operatives Limited, Desjardins Group** and the **Canadian Worker Co-operative Federation** have already pledged \$19 million to the fund. Additional co-operative and mutual sector participation is anticipated. This demonstrates a serious commitment to building a responsive and sustainable growth fund designed for the sector.

10 year projection — \$70 million CCIF



How can the federal government help?

How will the fund work?

The fund will fill a recognized need in capital financing in the co-operative sector. With limited capacity for members to provide equity, many co-operatives find it difficult to meet the criteria of traditional lenders. This fund will bridge that gap. The fund will be carefully managed to grow over time and provide a source of capital that will enhance the economic potential of co-operative and mutual sector in Canada. It will not replace or replicate any existing financing source within, or accessible to the co-op and mutual sector.

We are asking the government to invest into this fund to expand a thriving, stable and sustainable sector of the economy.