

## HISTORY

The Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund was established by Order in Council in 1942 to administer contributions from naval canteens and officers' messes. The original capital of the Fund was undistributed prize money from the war of 1914-18, plus gifts from interested friends of the Naval Service. On July 4, 1945 the Fund was reorganized and received a Charter under Part II of the Companies Act 1934.

The Fund now provides grants or loans, in time of need, to regular and reserve force personnel who have served in the Royal Canadian Navy prior to 1968, or subsequently in the Maritime of the Canadian Forces, to Canadian Merchant Navy War Veterans, and to their dependants. Serving Maritime Command regular and reserve force personnel may be eligible for assistance under certain circumstances..

Originally, prominent naval officers and officials serving in Naval Service Headquarters were named Trustees of the Fund.

## ORGANIZATION

The constitution provides for 75 Voting Members representing as many geographic localities as possible while meeting the requirements of regional committees.

At each Annual General Meeting a Board of Directors of up to 12 members are elected to conduct business and administer the Fund.

There are three Regional Committees who make decisions on applications for assistance.

All members of committees and all voting members of the Fund are unpaid volunteers.

*The Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund is a registered charity. An official receipt for donations is issued for income tax purposes. Serving personnel may make donations by pay allotment.*

## FINANCIAL NEED

Financial need is deemed to exist when an applicant or dependant is suffering hardship due to lack of the ordinary necessities of life such as food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

The Fund does not assist applicants or their dependants to maintain a standard of living beyond their means.

## ASSISTANCE

Currently, the most frequent requests for aid are for dental work, home repairs and improvements, education, optical needs, hearing aids, and furniture moving and storage. Our principal beneficiaries are between the ages of 60 and 89.

The Fund will help applicants apply to appropriate government or public agencies and private sources for aid to which they may be entitled and will provide advice on financial planning.

Applicants eligible for financial assistance from the Fund will receive either a grant or loan, depending upon circumstances.

## EDUCATION

The RCNBF administers an education Bursary program for dependants and grandchildren, the CPO Andrew McQueen Jack Trust bursary program, and a scholarship program for former or serving members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

## OTHER FUNDS

Veterans Affairs Canada administers a Minor Disbursement Fund on behalf of the RCNBF which provides grants of up to \$250.00 for specific and/or emergency situations.

### **Additional information regarding the Fund may be obtained from:**

Ms. L.F. Harrison, Secretary Treasurer  
RCN Benevolent Fund PO  
Box 505, Station B, Ottawa,  
ON, KIP 5P6

Telephone: (613) 996-5087  
Toll free: 1-888-557-8777

Send applications for assistance to:

### **Residents of Ontario, Quebec or outside Canada:**

Central Committee RCNBF PO  
Box 505, Station B Ottawa,  
ON, KIP 5P6

### **Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island:**

Eastern Committee RCNBF  
PO Box 99000, Station force  
Halifax, NS, B3K 5X5

### **British Columbia, NWT, Yukon, Nunavut, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba:**

Western Committee RCNBF  
PO Box 17000, Station Force  
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## THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL BENEVOLENT FUND

Established 23 November, 1942

To relieve distress and promote the well-being  
of members and former members of the Naval  
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