

Centre Flavie-Laurent to receive \$250,000

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Centre Flavie-Laurent has received a massive financial boost as it continues to plan for its relocation next year.

The St. Boniface-based non-profit organization, which is currently located at 450 Provencher Blvd., is in line to receive a major contribution to its ongoing capital campaign, it has been announced.



According to a Nov. 24 news release, the centre is one of 11 Winnipeg-based charities that will receive a share of \$3.5 million from the Winnipeg Foundation for their capital projects. The grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and most of the recipients on the list work in the areas of health and education, which are vital areas given the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, officials say.

Centre Flavie-Laurent launched a \$1,500,000 capital campaign in November 2019, and the new contribution of \$250,000 means it's now reached \$1,100,000 or 73 per cent of its capital campaign objective. Chairperson Julie Turenne-

Maynard, said the donation is "awesome news."

The centre, which provides essential household goods and supplies to more than 100 families a day, will receive the grant to help with the purchase of a new warehouse and to renovate existing spaces. As previously reported in the *Lance* in May, CFL will be moving to a larger location next year, having purchased a new property at 301 Archibald St. The new property will enable organizers to better cater to the needs of the centre's clients, support volunteers and staff, and house material goods, clothing, furniture, and bedding for impoverished and vulnerable individuals that rely on the centre.

"The Winnipeg Foundation has always been a really good supporter of ours through the years," Turenne-Maynard told the *Lance*. "This is an incredible boost."

"And when you consider all the challenges presented by COVID-19, we're very pleased. We really think it speaks to how people feel we play an important role in the community."

"This also highlights the important role The Winnipeg Foundation plays in Winnipeg. It supports all kinds of organizations, which make Winnipeg a better place to live. We are a philanthropic province, and people have a lot of heart and compassion," she added, noting the centre currently has more than 80 volunteers and the expansion will mean room for more.

"We wouldn't be able to do it without them," Turenne-Maynard said.

At press time, officials at the centre were waiting to hear if city council had given final approval to the centre's relocation.



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Julie Turenne-Maynard, Centre Flavie-Laurent's chairperson, is pictured at its headquarters on Nov. 27. The organization will receive \$250,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation.