



# Wildfire Supports for Unionized Members

## 1. CUPE BC has a Disaster Relief Response and Hardship Request fund.

The maximum hardship donation is \$500 and is limited to one donation per member. Total funding is limited, and generally we can assist about 40 members per year.

Is hardship funding available for the 2023 wildfires? Yes, on a very limited basis. If a member has lost their home due to the fires or if their home is severely damaged, we ask the local president to please complete the hardship form application on the member's behalf and submit it to CUPE BC at [info@cupe.bc.ca](mailto:info@cupe.bc.ca). We will prioritize processing applications from members who have lost all or part of their homes before considering other hardship situations.

**The President of the Local needs to fill the form out for the member who has been effected. Please email the president at [president@cupe523.com](mailto:president@cupe523.com).**

2. Community Savings Credit Union - There is a pot of money (\$15,000 in total) for wildfire funds to support union workers, union members can access \$500 for wildfire support. This money is distributed through labour councils throughout the province. There is a form that needs to be filled out by the union worker as well as a spot for the president to fill out.

If you have experienced financial hardship due to a wildfire, Community Savings Credit Union is providing funds for financial support. To help people deal with the devastation of the wildfires, \$500 in funds is being made available to individual union members that have demonstrated a need for assistance. Community Savings is providing \$15,000 in total wildfire funds to support union workers. Successful applicants will be determined by a review of impact and the priority of when the application was received.

**There is a form to be filled out by the member as well as the President (union representative). Please email the president for assistance - [president@cupe523.com](mailto:president@cupe523.com).**

If you are a member that has been effected, please reach out to Tammy Carter, Local 523 president at [president@cupe523.com](mailto:president@cupe523.com)

Both forms need to be filled out by the member and president, they will not accept the form without the president signature, or the president needs to fill the form out for the member. This information has also been posted on the local 523 Facebook page.