



Additional Local Support Allocation (LSA) Fiscal Year (FY) 19/20

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It has been approximately one week since I made the decision to cancel all in-person Cadet and JCR training activities until 31 August 2020. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Cadets, staff, our League partners, and sponsors of the Cadet Corps and Squadrons for reinforcing the necessity of this decision within your respective organizations. As we move forward, I will require your continued assistance and support on this front while we continue to navigate through these challenging times.

As I indicated in the cancellation announcement, my staff continue to explore innovative ways to take advantage of this pause in training to implement new and exciting solutions for today's youth. Concurrent to this effort, I also directed my team to present me with additional options to mitigate the impact the COVID19 virus has had directly on cadet corps and squadrons. By cancelling in-person activities, this also includes the ability of these cadet corps and squadrons to conduct fundraising activities to help support the local program.

In order to provide immediate, and temporary relief to all corps and squadrons and their sponsoring committees, I am pleased to inform you that I have authorized additional Local Support Allocation (LSA) in the amount of \$1,500 for corps or squadrons not housed in a Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) facility. Corps and squadrons who are housed in CAF facilities will be able to access an additional \$500 in LSA. This is for their eligible expenses from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 in line with our existing LSA policy. I have also given my Regional Cadet Support Unit Commanding Officers authority to re-allocate unused LSA from this additional amount to other corps and squadrons that have eligible expenses from FY 19-20.

I trust this will be welcome news to the entire organization. This additional LSA funding is one of the first in a series of measures that demonstrate my commitment to mitigating the impact COVID-19 has had, particularly the impact at the community level. I will continue to monitor the situation and consider additional measures to provide support to corps and squadrons during these unprecedented times to ensure that the Cadet program is able to return stronger than before, to be able to deliver unique experiences to Canada's youth - that you just can't find anywhere else.

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