

**Broadcasting Participation Fund
Financial Update to June 30, 2024**

Fund value per (draft) financial statements as at December 31, 2023		\$ 859,256
Canadian Heritage Funding Received (Note 3)		462,500
Expenditures from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024		
Cost claims paid and accrued	340,060	
Administrative	69,060	
Less reversal of accrued costs at December 31, 2023	(62,086)	(347,034)
Interest earned from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024		13,000
Approximate fund value as at June 30, 2024		987,722
Deferred contributions not yet received		
31-Aug-24 Rogers/Shaw (Note 1)	241,813	
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Cash balance as at June 30, 2024		\$ 504,096
Internally restricted contingency reserve (Note 2)		(60,000)
Net cash available as at June 30, 2024		\$ 444,096

Note 1: Under CRTC Broadcasting Decision 2022-76 (March 24, 2022), upon the closure of the transaction between Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers) and Shaw Communications Inc. (Shaw), \$725,439 in tangible benefits were to be awarded to the BPF over 3 consecutive broadcast years. In early April 2023, with the completion of this merger, the BPF recognized this revenue. Rogers has confirmed their intent to make payments to the BPF by August 31 of each of 2023 to 2025 years and as at June 30, 2024, the first of three payments of \$241,813 had been received. As such, only the remaining 2 anticipated payments are included as deferred contributions at the date of this report.

Note 2: On July 22, 2021, the Board of Directors for the Broadcasting Participation Fund approved the internal restriction of \$115,000. These restricted funds were set aside to cover expenses related to the ongoing costs of running the fund should the fund go into an extended hiatus and will ensure that sufficient funds remain available to cover final expenses in the event that the fund is ultimately unable to secure sufficient ongoing funding and is required to be wound down.

In June 2023 and in conjunction with confirmation from Rogers of their intention to make tangible benefits payments over a three year period, the Board approved the reduction of the internally restricted fund to \$60,000. This reduced balance is intended to ensure a sufficient cash reserve is available to fund certain operating expenses while awaiting the receipt of the deferred portions of the tangible benefit payments.

Note 3: On January 25, 2024, the Organization signed a contribution agreement with the Department of Canadian Heritage to provide up to a maximum of \$650,000 to cover cost awards for the two year period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025. As at June 30, 2024, \$462,500 had been received (comprised of \$400,000 (February 15, 2024) and \$62,500 (April 12, 2024)).