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Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program

The Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program (CCHAP) funds the efforts of First Nations and Inuit communities to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change. There are 2 streams for the program: [Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program North](#) and [Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program for First Nations South of 60°N](#).

The program supports projects that focus on the health impacts of climate change by helping communities: develop and implement health-related adaptation or action plans; develop and share knowledge-building and communication materials; and support adaptation decision-making at the local, regional and national levels.

The deadline to submit your proposal for the Climate Change and Health Adaptation (CCHAP) South intake is September 20, 2024, 11:59 pm Mountain time. CCHAP North has an ongoing intake. For more information, please visit the [Climate Change and Health Adaptation Program](#).

Government of Canada launches call for proposals for community projects to help seniors

On August 1, 2024, the Government of Canada [launched a call for proposals for community-based projects through the New Horizons for Seniors Program](#) (NHSP). Organizations can apply for funding to deliver projects that will help seniors be more connected and active members of their communities are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding. Organizations are encouraged to reflect the 4 national priorities for this cycle as part of their projects:

- supporting healthy aging
- preventing senior abuse
- celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion
- supporting financial security

The call for proposals is open until September 12, 2024. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications electronically on the [Grants and Contributions Online Services](#) portal. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [New Horizons for Seniors Program – Community-based projects](#).

First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment

The [First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment](#) (BAPHE) brings together First Nations communities, principal investigators and scientists to gather baseline data on the current state of human health and the environment, prior to the implementation of a major industrial project. A baseline is a measurement of select human health and environmental indicators and can be used to show changes over time. Projects supported by BAPHE must include both a human health and an environmental baseline.

BAPHE supports 2 types of projects:

- **Primary research:** Community-based research to collect and analyze data on human health and the environment directly through questionnaires, surveys, interviews and sampling.
- **Knowledge integration:** Community-based research that compiles, integrates and analyzes existing community information and scientific data on human health and the environment.

The call for proposals is now open. **The deadline for submission is November 1, 2024.** For more information, including examples of primary research and knowledge integration projects, as well as eligibility and how to apply, please visit [First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment](#).

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The [Emergency Management Assistance Program](#) supports wildland fire non-structural mitigation and preparedness initiatives through the FireSmart funding stream. FireSmart builds skills in First Nations communities to prevent and prepare against wildland fires.

Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until funding is exhausted. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Emergency Management FireSmart program](#).

First Nations and the Government of Canada continue to strengthen partnership on climate action

On August 8, 2024, the [First Nations-Canada Joint Committee on Climate Action \(JCCA\)](#) released its [sixth annual report](#) to the Prime Minister and the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). The [Annual Report](#) highlights the positive steps taken toward a building a stronger and more transparent climate partnership, one which includes meaningful opportunities for First Nations to influence the design of federal climate change programs and initiatives. It also highlights areas where further efforts are needed to guide and strengthen the JCCA's future activities.

The JCCA remains focused on accelerating First Nations' full and effective participation in Canada's clean growth and climate change programs, including the implementation of [Canada's National Adaptation Strategy](#). In a year marked by devastating floods, fires and smoke that severely impacted many First Nations across the country, the JCCA shared and discussed mitigation and adaptation priorities.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

The Government of Canada contributes to the adaptation of Star Wars to Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe)

On August 8, 2024, the Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs and Minister responsible for PrairiesCan and CanNor, attended the [premiere of Anangong Miigaading, the Anishinaabemowin \(Ojibwe\) version of Star Wars: A New Hope](#). The project received a \$300,000 investment from the [Indigenous Languages Program](#), allocated to the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council Inc. This funding has contributed to the translation of the *Star Wars (Anangong Miigaading): A New Hope* script into Anishinaabemowin and the creation of essential literacy materials.

The financial support also helped facilitate the training of Anishinaabemowin voice actors, the direction and coaching for accurate and expressive language use, and the recording and mixing of the Anishinaabe overdub for the film. The initiative not only brings a beloved classic to life in Anishinaabemowin but also provides unique opportunities for community members to engage with their language in a modern and exciting context. It fosters linguistic and cultural immersion, contributing to the preservation and promotion of the Anishinaabe language for future generations and across galaxies.

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Norway House Cree Nation celebrates the grand opening of the Kinosew Sipi Nanatawiwekamik Health Centre of Excellence

On August 6, 2024, [Norway House Cree Nation](#) celebrated the [grand opening of Kinosew Sipi Nanatawiwekamik \(Na-Na-Ta-We-Way-Ka-Mik\) Health Centre of Excellence](#). The [Kinosew Sipi Nanatawiwekamik Health Centre of Excellence](#) is the largest health centre in Manitoba history that will be under First Nations control, providing community members access to a full range of health services close to home.

The Kinosew Sipi Nanatawiwekamik Health Centre of Excellence is a \$157.9 million, 9,470-square-meter, fully integrated health facility that provides emergency, in-patient and palliative care, dialysis, rehabilitation therapy, as well as diagnostic community-based programs and services to the residents of Norway House Cree Nation and the surrounding region.

Federal investments to accelerate Indigenous economic reconciliation and critical mineral development in Manitoba

On August 6, 2024, the Government of Canada [announced a federal investment of more than \\$3.1 million for 7 projects](#) to support key organizations and Indigenous communities. This support will increase economic and business development opportunities that drive new areas of job creation, improve the resilience of the workforce, and empower Indigenous economic leadership. Manitoba is home to deposits of 30 of the 34 minerals on Canada's 2024 [Critical Minerals List](#). These include lithium, graphite, nickel, cobalt, copper and rare earth elements, which are the 6 minerals recognized as having the greatest opportunity to spur economic growth.

Funding for these investments is provided through the [Strategic Partnerships Initiative](#) that supports the Manitoba Indigenous Critical Minerals Partnerships Initiative – created to further support Indigenous communities to engage with, respond to, and benefit from mineral development and exploration opportunities based on their community plans and priorities. This initiative will result in coordinated approaches to capacity building, workforce development, and business development that reflect Indigenous priorities for economic development and mining.

For more information, including the [7 projects receiving funding](#), please visit the [news release](#).

Mobile clinic will support homeless and at-risk Manitobans

The Manitoba government, in partnership with the [Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre of Winnipeg Inc.](#) (AHWC), has [launched a 1-year pilot project offering a mobile primary healthcare clinic](#) to underserved populations. Funding of \$271,000 for the mobile care van was announced in December 2023 as part of the Manitoba HIV Program and an additional \$957,000 was included in Budget 2024.

The van will be operated by the Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre of Winnipeg Inc. and will meet the primary health-care needs of underserved populations including those who are unhoused or precariously housed. The van's team of physicians, nurses and support workers will set up at pre-determined locations to provide primary care including tending to immediate and ongoing health issues like sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections or assisting with chronic disease management. Staff will connect individuals to wrap-around social supports, harm reduction and mental health services.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

My Health Team implemented in northern Manitoba

The Manitoba government is [expanding the My Health Team service into northern Manitoba](#), providing \$525,000 to launch a [My Health Team](#) in The Pas, which will make it easier for people to access the healthcare services and supports they need. Initially, the team will have a nurse and a social worker specializing in mental health and addictions medicine to support an expansion of the mental health and addictions services currently offered at the Beatrice Wilson Health Centre. It will be the first My Health Team in the Northern Health Region and the 15th team operating in the province. For more information, please visit the [news release](#).



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