



**Closing March 14 - Official launch of the Call for Proposals for Indigenous-led Options for Solutions to the Second-Generation Cut-Off and Section 10 Voting Thresholds**

Indigenous Services Canada has launched a [call for proposals](#) as part of the consultation events and activities phase of the [Collaborative Process on the Second-Generation Cut-Off and Section 10 Voting Thresholds](#). They are currently seeking options for potential solutions to the second-generation cut-off and section 10 voting thresholds from First Nations, tribal councils, treaty organizations and Indigenous organizations.

The solutions and results of these assessments will be broadly distributed to help guide discussions in the second part of the consultation events and activities phase (First Nations-led events) to determine which solutions work best for Rights-Holders.

If your First Nation or organization would like to participate in the first step of the consultation phase by submitting options for solutions, please complete the funding proposal application through [GC Forms](#) by **March 14, 2025**. For more information or assistance, contact the Registration Reform team at [reforme-de-linscription-registration-reform@sac-isc.gc.ca](mailto:reforme-de-linscription-registration-reform@sac-isc.gc.ca).

**Launch of the \$5 billion Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program**

On February 21, 2025, the Government of Canada celebrated the [launch of the \\$5 billion Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program](#) while announcing an additional \$6.2 million investment in 7 Indigenous-led energy and forestry projects in British Columbia through the [Indigenous Natural Resource Partnerships](#) (INRP) program.

The [Canada Indigenous Loan Guarantee Corporation](#) was launched in December supporting Indigenous groups in benefiting from the economic opportunities of natural resource development. It will provide up to \$5 billion in Indigenous loan guarantees to help unlock access to the capital needed for Indigenous groups to pursue ownership in natural resource and energy projects.

Loan guarantees work by providing a guarantee that the debt will be repaid by the guarantor (the federal government) should the borrower be unable to repay, which lowers the interest rate on the loan. Loan guarantees will help enable Indigenous communities and businesses to access private financing and to become meaningful equity partners and owners of natural resource and energy projects.

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

**Government of Canada launches call for nominations for 2025 Canada's Volunteer Awards**

On February 26, 2025, the Government of Canada [launched the call for nominations](#) for the [2025 Canada's Volunteer Awards](#). Every year, volunteers across the country dedicate their time and resources to positively impact their communities. Canada's Volunteer Awards highlight community leadership and aim to encourage people from across Canada to make a difference in their communities through volunteering, while developing innovative solutions to tackle social challenges.

[Submitting a nomination](#) is a great way to recognize volunteers and organizations for their contributions, and to celebrate volunteerism in communities across the country. Nominations are being accepted for individuals or groups of volunteers, not-for-profit organizations, social enterprises or businesses. **Nominations will be accepted until May 8, 2025.**

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit [Canada.ca/volunteer-awards](https://Canada.ca/volunteer-awards).

**HELP IS AVAILABLE  
WHENEVER YOU  
NEED IT.**

Immediate support is available 24/7  
for all Indigenous people in Canada.

Hope for Wellness Help Line and Chat  
**1-855-242-3310 or [www.hopeforwellness.ca](https://www.hopeforwellness.ca)**

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line  
**1-866-925-4419**

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women  
and Girls Support Line  
**1-844-413-6649**

## Taxes and benefits for Indigenous Peoples

Are you an Indigenous business owner? Or just need help filing your taxes? There are toolkits, [webinars](#) and other resources that can help you at tax time.

Check out these [tips](#) and [learn where to find tax help](#). Visit Taxes and benefits for [Indigenous Peoples](#).



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## Statement from Minister Anandasangaree marking 50 years of Modern Treaties in Canada with Indigenous leaders and governments at Land Claims Agreements Coalition Conference

The Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, Gary Anandasangaree, issued the following statement on February 25, 2025:

“I was honoured to join Modern Treaty partners at this week’s Land Claims Agreements Coalition Conference, commemorating 50 years since the signing of the first Modern Treaty in Canada. We are proud of the progress we’ve made with Modern Treaty partners, creating new foundations for the revitalization of Indigenous self-governance, built on their unique identities and cultures. This anniversary is an opportunity for all people to learn about Modern Treaties and reflect on our shared journey towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

“The very first Modern Treaty – the landmark James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement was signed on November 11, 1975. There are now 27 Modern Treaties in effect, covering more than 40 per cent of the country’s landmass and involving more than 90 Indigenous communities.”

To continue reading, please visit the [full statement](#).

## Measles Prevention: What You Need to Know

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles. Measles vaccines are tested and effective at protecting you and others from serious illness. Parents and caregivers should make sure that children are up to date with their measles vaccines according to their [local routine vaccination schedules](#). If an adult or a child in their care has missed any doses of the vaccine or are unsure if vaccines are up to date, it is very important to contact their healthcare provider or local public health department.

If you may have been exposed to measles and are not fully vaccinated, immediately contact your healthcare provider or local public health department for advice. They may recommend the measles vaccine or a medication that contains protective antibodies. These should be given as soon as possible after exposure. Symptoms of measles include: fever; cough; runny nose; red, watery eyes; or rash (which looks like red spots and blotchy patches that start on the face and then spread down the body, arms and legs).

For more information, please visit [Measles: Symptoms and treatment](#).

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## Regional

### Province issues February flood outlook

On February 27, 2025, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's Hydrologic Forecast Centre released its [February Flood Outlook Report](#), which indicates a low-to-moderate risk of significant spring flooding in most Manitoba basins. Currently, there is a moderate risk of flooding along the Red, Assiniboine and Pembina rivers and in the Interlake region, including the Fisher and Icelandic rivers.

The risk of spring flooding is low along several other rivers, including the Roseau, Rat, Saskatchewan and Churchill rivers. Water levels are expected to remain below community flood protection levels. The risk of flooding is low for most Manitoba lakes throughout the spring period. Most lakes are expected to be within the desired operating ranges after the spring runoff. The next flood outlook is anticipated to be released in late March.

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

### Eligibility for Children's disABILITY Services expanded to First Nations communities

Effective February 4, 2025, eligibility for [Children's disABILITY Services](#) (CDS) has expanded to include residents of First Nations communities (that is, children living on reserve). This means children with disabilities, and their families who live in First Nation communities, may now access the provincially funded CDS program and its services and supports.

The CDS program supports families who are raising a child (or children) with developmental and physical disabilities to meet some of the additional needs they may have. Children's disABILITY Services offers families a variety of resources and supports to assist them to care for their children at home in their own communities, where children grow and thrive.

For more information, including [program eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Children's disABILITY services](#). You may also contact the program at (204) 945-8311 or email at [cds@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cds@gov.mb.ca).

### Increased support for children in care

The Manitoba government is addressing the needs of children in the care of Child and Family Services by providing a [10 per cent increase to basic maintenance rates](#). The province is investing \$3.59 million to support an increase in basic maintenance rates for children in care, including children in foster homes and those under kinship and customary care agreements.

Basic maintenance is the minimum amount payable to a foster parent to support a child in care through a Child and Family Services agency. It is intended to cover basic needs such as food and clothing. Daily rates will increase to between \$24.32 and \$34.72, depending on age and where the child lives. Maintenance rates have not increased since October 2012.

### Manitoba government supports First Jobs Fund

The Manitoba government is [investing \\$1.1 million to support 6 projects](#) that provide youth in Manitoba with the opportunity to gain their first job experience, helping them build the confidence and skills needed for future success. The [First Jobs Fund](#) supports registered non-profit or non-government organizations to implement programming for youth aged 15 to 29 facing barriers to employment, up to a maximum of \$225,000 per organization.

Following the 2024 to 2025 intake, organizations selected to receive funding include, but are not limited to:

- Urban Transition Centre – \$225,000 to support its 17-week pre-apprenticeship program in heat and frost insulating for up to 16 Indigenous youth
- Manitoba Aviation Council – \$176,173 to support its Intro to Northern Aviation Operations Program for 26 northern youth residing in urban and remote northern communities
- Dexterra Community Initiatives – \$222,092 to support its Outland Youth Employment program that provides education, training and work opportunities to 29 Indigenous youth through a 6-week land-based summer program

For more information, please visit the [news release](#) and the [First Jobs Fund](#).