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[Education Partnerships Program](#)

The 2026 to 2027 call for proposals for the Partnerships and Structural Readiness components of the [Education Partnerships Program](#) is now open. This program supports collaboration between First Nations, provincial and territorial ministries or departments of education and Indigenous Services Canada, and capacity development and enhancement of First Nations organizations to deliver education, including establishing education systems and service delivery agreements responsive to First Nations students and community education needs.

The deadline to submit a proposal for the Partnerships and Structural Readiness components is **December 19, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT**. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit the [Education Partnerships Program](#) page.

[Supporting Indigenous engagement and participation in clean energy and infrastructure for critical minerals](#)

On October 6, the Government of Canada [announced the launch of a call for proposals](#) for the [Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund \(CMIF\) Indigenous Grants stream](#), with up to \$3 million available in total funding for Indigenous organizations or non-Indigenous organizations working in partnership with Indigenous communities.

The [CMIF Indigenous Grants stream](#) was established to provide Indigenous groups with resources necessary to actively engage on, participate in, and benefit from critical minerals development. Grant amounts available for organizations are up to \$150,000, with up to \$200,000 for initiatives supporting Indigenous organizations located in northern or remote communities.

Applications for this call for proposals must be submitted by December 17, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PT. To learn more about this funding opportunity, visit [Natural Resources Canada's](#) website.

[Prime Minister's Awards 2026 – Celebrate an inspiring educator!](#)

Do you know an outstanding educator or teacher? Honour their impact by [nominating them for the 2026 Prime Minister's Award](#) by **January 14, 2026**. These awards recognize innovative teaching practices and teachers who make a lasting difference in their communities.

Indigenous Services Canada is proud to highlight the essential role of educators in Indigenous communities, recognizing their contributions to education and reconciliation. Whether you are a student, parent, colleague or community member, submit a nomination for an educator or teacher who has positively influenced others.

Nominate an outstanding candidate today!

- [Nominate an early childhood educator](#)
- [Nominate a teacher](#)

Help us highlight the contributions of those who make a real difference. Together, let's celebrate the impact of education on future generations.

**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

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

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

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[Respiratory Illness Communications Toolkit](#)

As we prepare for the upcoming season, the Public Health Agency of Canada has developed an updated [Respiratory Illness Communications Toolkit](#), that is designed to support your outreach efforts and help promote key public health messages.

[Download the toolkit!](#)

[Explore the Indigenous Community Infrastructure projects across Canada](#)

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) is excited to announce the launch of the redesigned [Indigenous community infrastructure map](#), in collaboration with numerous teams throughout ISC.

This enhanced tool offers new features and improved performance. Explore ISC-funded infrastructure projects across Canada with ease through innovative features, such as a new “Featured projects” toggle that highlights photos and stories about specific projects in First Nations communities on reserves. Stay informed with project updates, financial investments, and more.

Check out the latest updates and explore the map [here](#).

[Canada affirms Indigenous leadership and global climate action at the 30th United Nations Climate Change Conference \(COP30\)](#)

On November 13, 2025, the Government of Canada participated in high-level negotiations, discussions and bilaterals to [advance global efforts to accelerate climate ambition and implementation](#). Canada’s active engagement underscores the commitment to climate action, Indigenous climate leadership, economic growth and global collaboration toward a low-carbon future.

The [Canada Pavilion at COP30](#) hosted Indigenous Climate Leadership Day on November 12, featuring dialogues that emphasized the important value of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis participation and inclusion in international climate action. Together with global partners, Canada is ensuring continued climate action with tangible outcomes toward a clean, sustainable and equitable future for our communities.

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

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[Canada and Manitoba invest \\$12.5 million to address gender-based violence](#)

On November 26, 2025, the governments of Canada and Manitoba announced the investment of \$12.5 million to prevent and address gender-based violence and strengthen supports for survivors and their families across the province. The targeted investments will build on progress already made through the previous 2 years of the bilateral agreement to strengthen prevention, improve service delivery and promote innovative, community-based approaches, which includes Indigenous, Black, racialized, immigrant and refugee women and girls, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, people living with disabilities and women living in northern, rural and remote communities.

The [National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence](#) is a 10-year framework that envisions a Canada free of gender-based violence. The Government of Canada entered into bilateral agreements with provinces and territories to implement the plan, with flexibility to address their unique priorities, needs and challenges. Manitoba is now in year 3 of its bilateral agreement under the framework.

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

[Manitoba provides \\$750,000 to support victims of crime](#)

On November 14, 2025, the Province of Manitoba announced \$750,000 from the [Criminal Property Forfeiture \(CPF\)](#) fund to support victims and surviving family members of serious crimes, including homicide, sexual assault and intimate partner violence. The CPF fund distributes proceeds from the sale of seized criminal property to organizations in the province that focus on community safety. The CPF fund also includes a funding stream for the Manitoba Justice [Victim Services](#) branch, which offers support to all individuals under the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights. Last year, the province increased the fund to \$750,000 from \$500,000 in previous years.

For more information, including a list of organizations receiving funding, please visit the [news release](#).

[Manitoba adds doctors to Health Links to strengthen care, reduce emergency room referrals](#)

On November 27, 2025, the Manitoba government launched a new initiative to add physicians to [Health Links–Info Santé](#) so Manitobans seeking everyday health-care services can receive advice from both nurses and physicians. Health Links–Info Santé is a bilingual, nurse-managed telephone program which Manitobans can call for assessment, triage and health advice. Depending on a patient's clinical needs, nurses may refer callers to their family physician, a walk-in clinic or direct them to an emergency department or urgent care centre.

The initiative is part of the Manitoba government's efforts to reduce emergency room wait times, led by the lower wait times implementation team. By strengthening existing phone and virtual health services, lower-acuity patients can receive the right care when they need it and avoid the emergency room.

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

[Canada investing in Red River Métis- and First Nation- initiatives to build capacity and drive economic growth across Manitoba](#)

On November 28, 2025, the Government of Canada announced a federal investment of over \$540,000 to support 3 projects. This investment will further empower Red River Métis and First Nations governments and local communities to leverage their unique strengths to build capacity, strengthen resilience, and drive impactful economic growth.

The supported projects include:

- **Manitoba Métis Federation** - A federal investment of up to \$300,000.
- **Mosakahiken Cree Nation** – A federal investment of up to \$141,000.
- **The Thompson Regional Airport Authority** – A federal investment of up to \$99,000.

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