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[Government of Canada announces \\$1.55 billion for Jordan's Principle](#)

On February 26, 2026, the Honourable Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services, announced that the [federal government is committing \\$1.55 billion to renew Jordan's Principle](#) until March 31, 2027. This investment responds to sustained demand over the past decade and will protect uninterrupted access to essential supports for children.

The renewal provides immediate stability for families and enables communities to deliver services with confidence as efforts to improve the delivery of [Jordan's Principle](#) in partnership with First Nations leadership and families continue.

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

[Call for proposals to support innovation in Indigenous early learning and child care](#)

The Government of Canada has announced that First Nations, Inuit and Métis children have the right to access high-quality and culturally appropriate early learning and child care programs that reflect their languages, traditions and values. Nearly \$47 million of federal funding will be available for approved projects starting in 2026 to 2027. Funded initiatives can receive up to \$2 million with a maximum project duration of 36 months.

Funded projects will focus on at least 1 of 4 themes, which were co-developed with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners. Communities, governments and organizations are encouraged to **submit applications by March 25, 2026, at 3 pm Eastern Time**.

For more information on how to submit a proposal, please consult the [Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care Quality Improvement Projects funding web page](#).

[Government of Canada investing in aquatic invasive species prevention, monitoring, and management](#)

On February 18, 2026, the Government of Canada launched the new aquatic invasive species [survey map](#). This new, interactive online tool provides an overview of aquatic invasive species detections across the country. The map will allow partners, academia and the public to stay informed about where these species are found across Canada.

There was also an announcement of \$1 million in funding under the [Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund \(AISPF\)](#) for 8 projects across the country. These projects will help strengthen partnerships, facilitate on-the-ground, preventative actions against aquatic invasive species as well as promote education, outreach, detection, and response activities. By working together with all levels of government, Indigenous partners, stakeholders and the general public, we can protect our waterways from the negative impacts of aquatic invasive species.

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

**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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The **Indigenous Business Navigator Service** can help Indigenous businesses, organizations and communities connect with Government of Canada programs and services. Individuals can send an email to navigator@sac-isc.gc.ca with their business's information and a representative will help them find what best fits their needs.

Visit the [Indigenous Business Navigator](#) Service to learn more.

[Responding to urgent substance use and addictions needs across Northern and Western Canada](#)

On February 17, 2026, the Government of Canada announced more than \$13 million from the [Emergency Treatment Fund \(ETF\)](#) and the [Substance Use and Addictions Program \(SUAP\)](#) for 23 projects across Northern and Western Canada.

Through the ETF, the Government of Canada helps municipalities and First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities address urgent needs related to the illegal drug crisis. The ETF funds projects that address immediate needs, as identified by the communities to support local capacity and provide access to culturally relevant, trauma-informed and evidence-based programs and services.

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

[How to help prevent cannabis poisoning in children](#)

Accidental poisonings in children from edible cannabis are a serious risk and can be life-threatening. Hospitals have seen an increase in visits to the emergency room and poison centres have seen an increase in calls.

Health Canada has created a [brochure](#), [poster](#), [video](#) and [digital content](#) to help protect children from accidental cannabis poisoning. These materials:

- raise awareness about accidental poisonings from edible cannabis products and the related harms
- inform on what a poisoning looks like and what to do
- educate on preventative measures such as safe storage and choosing legal cannabis

Given the severity of this issue, we invite you to explore these public education materials and to please consider sharing these important messages with your networks and communities.

Visit our [toolkit](#) for free educational resources on cannabis poisoning in children, cannabis educational programs for youth, and cannabis and mental health.



Store your **cannabis** out of reach and locked away.

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Province invests \$767,000 to protect women, gender-diverse Manitobans overcoming gender-based violence

The Province of Manitoba is investing more than \$767,000 through the [From the Ground Up - Safe Healthy Communities for ALL program](#) in community development projects that support women and gender-diverse Manitobans overcoming gender-based violence. The program provides grants up to \$100,000 for community renewal initiatives and community spaces and up to \$50,000 for projects under the children and youth stream. This year, the program is investing more than \$767,000 in 2025 to 2026 for 9 projects that support women and gender-diverse Manitobans.

Ka Ni Kanichihk Inc. is receiving a \$100,000 grant for the Velma's House Renovations project. The funding will support upgrades to Velma's House, a 24-7 safe space that provides safety, comfort and connection to women experiencing violence, exploitation or homelessness.

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

\$3.8 million investment in The Pas' arena and cultural learning centre

On February 18, the Manitoba government announced an investment of \$3.8 million through the [Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities \(Manitoba GRO\) program](#) to the Town of The Pas to upgrade the Roy H. Johnston Arena and Kelsey Recreation Facilities (NorMan Regional Recreation Facilities) and transform the former Lido Theatre into an arts, culture and learning centre.

Upgrades to the centre will allow The Pas to host provincial and regional events and tournaments, increase safety and provide more barrier-free opportunities to promote physical activity, health and wellness. This project is more than a replacement structure. It is a long-term investment in community identity, reconciliation and the sustainability of the creative sector. The new centre will attract visitors from across the north to performances, exhibitions and events, supporting the local tourism economy.

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

Funding to explore establishment of a national marine conservation area in Hudson Bay

On February 3, 2026, the Province of Manitoba announced an investment of \$250,000 to explore the establishment of a national marine conservation area (NMCA) in western Hudson Bay with its strategic partners. The initiative would protect one of the world's most ecologically significant marine environments while supporting sustainable economic development and northern tourism.

The federal government also emphasized the national significance of western Hudson Bay and the importance of early engagement. Discussions are at an early stage, and any consideration of a feasibility assessment would be informed by dialogue with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners, as well as future engagement with communities and stakeholders.

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

Manitoba government invests \$57,000 in youth camp in Churchill

On February 2, 2026, the province announced that it is investing \$57,000 through the [From the Ground Up - Safe Healthy Communities for ALL program](#) to support renovations and enhancements at Camp Nanuq, improving a variety of exciting and enriching programs for youth and elders. Camp Nanuq is an all-ages camp that celebrates and preserves the culture, heritage and community spirit of Churchill, while promoting inclusivity and respect. Programming includes character-building activities such as outdoor adventures, camping, games and community service, fostering growth and intergenerational connections.

Located on the traditional lands of the Dene, Cree, Inuit and Métis peoples, Camp Nanuq emphasizes the healing power of the natural environment, supports mental well-being and helps young people develop the skills and confidence needed for future success.

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