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Emergency Management FireSmart program: Call for proposals

The 2026 to 2027 period to submit proposals is now open. The [Emergency Management Assistance Program \(EMAP\)](#) provides funding to First Nations communities so they can build resiliency, prepare for natural hazards and respond using the 4 pillars of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. EMAP 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. Programming involves training First Nations teams in wildfire suppression duties, as well as fuel management and vegetation clearing, which reduces the intensity and spread of wildfires. FireSmart also leverages Indigenous knowledge of the local environment and terrain to improve emergency planning, preparation, and response to wildfires.

Project proposals will be considered on an ongoing basis until the funds are exhausted or until March 31, 2027.

For more information on [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit the [Emergency Management FireSmart program](#).

Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award: Call for nominations

The [Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award](#) is a prestigious recognition for exceptional service and achievement. This award, a partnership between federal, provincial, and territorial governments, recognizes recipients who have achieved excellence in their respective fields. Across Canada, there are many deserving individuals and groups working on emergency management, such as community-based volunteers, people working in all levels of government in emergency management organizations, and Indigenous communities.

To nominate someone, you must complete and submit both the [nominator](#) and [nominee](#) forms. Nominations should highlight achievements or initiatives from the past two calendar years. This requirement is waived for Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Management nominations.

The deadline to submit all nominations is May 31, 2026, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time.

For more information, including the [nomination and selection process](#), please visit the [Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award](#).

Canada invests \$23.8 million to help youth build the skills necessary for the evolving digital economy: Call for proposals

On April 24, 2026, the Government of Canada announced a call for proposals under the [Digital Skills for Youth \(DS4Y\) program](#). Supported by \$23.8 million in federal funding to be invested over two years, DS4Y is part of the government's [Youth Employment and Skills Strategy \(YESS\)](#), which helps provide Canadian youth with the tools, skills and experience they need to succeed in today's labour market..

Through this call for proposals, the government is looking for organizations with a strong network of employers that can provide post-secondary graduates with training and work experience to help them prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. Indigenous governments, band councils and other not-for-profit groups representing Indigenous people are eligible to apply.

The deadline to submit a complete application is May 22, 2026.

For more information on [who is eligible](#), [how to apply](#) please visit the [news release](#).

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NEED IT.**

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for all Indigenous people in Canada.**

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1-866-925-4419

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and Girls Support Line
1-844-413-6649

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The [Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission](#) (CRTC) is seeking new [Broadband Fund](#) proposals to help improve Internet services for Canadians.

Access to reliable, affordable, and high-quality Internet services is essential to stay connected with families and communities, access virtual health care and online education.

Proposals can be submitted through an [online form](#) until August 13, 2026, 5 pm Pacific Time.

[Government of Canada launches new research funding to strengthen school food programs across Canada](#)

On April 8, 2026, the Government of Canada announced a total of \$12.6 million over three years to support school food research through the [FRESH Team Grant](#). This includes commitments of \$9 million from Employment and Social Development Canada, \$2.7 million from the Public Health Agency of Canada, and \$900,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Applicants must register to apply by June 25, 2026, and will have until October 7, 2026, to submit their applications. As the Government of Canada continues to implement the [National School Food Program](#) with provincial, territorial and Indigenous partners, this funding opportunity will help make sure that school food programs in Canada continue to be informed by robust, applied research and real community needs.

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

[Delivering on funding for urban, rural and northern Indigenous housing](#)

On April 24, 2026, the Government of Canada announced an updated approach to deliver funding through the [Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy](#). The strategy is a \$4 billion federal investment to support Indigenous housing in urban, rural and northern communities, through a balance of Indigenous-led funding agreements and open, project-based funding for Indigenous housing projects:

Far too many Canadians are struggling to find homes they can afford. These challenges are especially heightened for Indigenous Peoples living in urban, rural and northern areas where there is a major need to improve the quality, supply and affordability of housing. The Government of Canada is committed to working with Indigenous partners as delivery moves forward.

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



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Province of Manitoba releases interim 2025 Wildfire After Action Review

On April 21, 2026, the Manitoba government, along with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, released its [2025 Wildfire Interim After Action Review \(AAR\)](#), detailing key actions that are underway to strengthen Manitoba's wildfire response for 2026. The Manitoba government committed to a comprehensive AAR following the 2025 wildfire season, which will be released in the fall. The interim report, released ahead of the 2026 wildfire season, highlights early findings.

While the review process is ongoing, early lessons have been acted on, with the province providing clear targets for investment and improvement as the 2026 wildfire season approaches. The Manitoba government will continue to build on its One Manitoba approach and work with municipalities, First Nations, emergency responders and partners to protect families and communities from wildfires.

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

Additional \$29.2 million invested to protect children and support child welfare services

On April 14, 2026, the Province of Manitoba announced it is increasing funding for the Child and Family Services (CFS) system to strengthen supports for children. The Manitoba government will direct an additional \$29.2 million to the CFS system in 2026 to 2027. This increase brings total funding for CFS services delivered through authorities, agencies and Indigenous jurisdiction to \$458 million.

Since 2023, the Manitoba government has increased funding to the CFS system each year to respond to pressures identified by agencies and authorities, and has invested in priorities supporting stronger outcomes for children and families. Consistent with the Manitoba government's commitment to reconciliation and the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples over their own children, this includes funding to support shared objectives like placement priority for customary- and kinship-care agreements to create a strong foundation for transition as First Nations reclaim jurisdiction over child welfare.

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

Seal River Watershed Alliance, Governments of Canada and Manitoba announce major steps to protect the Seal River Watershed

The Government of Canada and the Province are highlighting significant investments in protecting the Seal River Watershed. The partners invite the public to [provide comments on the proposal](#), which recommends protecting the Seal River Watershed through a network of protected areas that will sustain lands and waters, honour Indigenous ways of life and welcome visitors to the region in northern Manitoba.

Dene, Cree and Inuit peoples have had a relationship with the watershed for millennia, and in recent years, the four First Nations of the Seal River Watershed Alliance—the Sayisi Dene, Northlands Denesuline, Barren Lands and O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree—have led the effort to ensure it remains intact and healthy for all people.

Before creating a new provincial park or changing the boundaries of an existing one, Manitoba must provide an opportunity for public consultation (Section 9(1) under the Provincial Parks Act). Boundary changes are also proposed for Sand Lakes and Caribou River provincial parks, as well as the Baralzon Lake Ecological Reserve.

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

Manitoba government marks National Indigenous Languages Day highlighting investments to strengthen Indigenous languages

The Province of Manitoba has announced that it is marking a major milestone in Indigenous language revitalization, as the first cohorts of students have begun immersion bachelor of arts programs at the University of Winnipeg (U of W) and University College of the North (UCN). The launch of these programs marks a significant step in rebuilding fluency and strengthening long-term language transmission, particularly as demand grows for qualified Indigenous language teachers province-wide. U of W is offering Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) immersion, while UCN is offering Ininimowin (Cree) immersion.

The Manitoba government continues to advance a K–12 Indigenous Languages Strategy and develop an Indigenous Languages Curriculum Framework aligned with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. As part of this work, Manitoba will begin translating kindergarten curriculum into Anishinaabemowin this spring.

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