



Government of Canada announces \$607.4 million to advance the next phase of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence

On July 16, 2026, the Government of Canada announced \$607.4 million over four years, beginning in 2027-28, to continue the implementation of the [National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence](#). The National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence is a 10-year plan, launched in 2022, that brings together federal, provincial, and territorial governments working towards a Canada free from gender-based violence.

This investment will support the renewal of bilateral agreements with provinces and territories under the National Action Plan, ensuring continued coordinated action to prevent gender-based violence, strengthen services and supports for victims and survivors, advance community-led initiatives, and build safer communities across Canada. This builds on the initial investment of \$539.3 million over five years, starting in 2022-23, to support the provinces and territories in their efforts to implement the National Action Plan.

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

Women’s Economic and Leadership Opportunities Fund 2026: Call for Proposals

On July 8, 2026, the Government of Canada [announced a call for proposals to support projects that remove barriers and increase access to women's economic and leadership opportunities](#) across Canada. Women continue to be underrepresented in senior leadership positions and in high-paying, high-growth sectors such as STEM, skilled trades, and emerging industries.

Through this call for proposals, the federal government is investing \$100 million in projects that help women and girls succeed. Funding will support initiatives that expand leadership opportunities, increase women's participation in sectors where they remain underrepresented, and help women develop the skills and opportunities needed to thrive in an increasingly AI-driven economy.

Funding will be prioritized for women’s organizations and Indigenous women’s organizations. **The deadline for submitting proposals is September 15, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.**

For more information on [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Women and Gender Equality Canada’s website](#).

CRTC making it easier to connect Indigenous communities to high-speed Internet and cellphone services

On March 18, 2026, the Government of Canada announced that the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) is making it easier for Indigenous communities to get connected to high-speed Internet and cellphone services through its [Broadband Fund](#). Through the Broadband Fund, the CRTC contributes to a broad effort by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to connect underserved rural, remote and [Indigenous communities](#) across Canada.

Many Indigenous communities continue to face a gap in access to high-quality Internet and cellphone services. To help close this gap, the CRTC is gathering views on how to better support [Indigenous applicants](#) to the fund. The CRTC is also looking at how to reduce administrative burden through simplifying the amount of information it requires after a project has been selected for funding.

The CRTC is accepting comments until September 18, 2026.

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



FireSmart builds skills in First Nations communities to prevent and prepare against wildland fires. FireSmart also leverages Indigenous knowledge of the local environment and terrain to improve emergency planning, preparation, and response to wildfires. For more information, please visit the [Emergency Management FireSmart program](#).

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

[Post-Secondary Partnerships Program](#)

The [Post-Secondary Partnerships Program](#) aims to increase the number of First Nations students pursuing culturally relevant and high quality post-secondary education and thereby advancing First Nations access to and success in post-secondary education and contributing to closing the educational attainment gap between First Nations and non-Indigenous students in Canada.

Contact your local ISC [regional office](#) for the opening dates of the call for proposals and for more details.

For more information on [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Post-Secondary Partnerships Program](#).

[Government of Canada announces more than \\$1.4 million to help prevent human trafficking and support survivors across Canada](#)

On July 17, 2026, the Government of Canada announced more than \$1.4 million for six organizations to strengthen supports for victims and survivors of [human trafficking](#), and advance community-driven prevention efforts. This investment will help organizations to deliver critical services that support victims and survivors, prevent human trafficking, and strengthen communities across Canada.

Women and girls are disproportionately affected by this form of [gender-based violence](#), with survivors facing lasting impacts that extend to their families and communities. By investing in these community organizations, the Government of Canada is strengthening local efforts to [prevent human trafficking](#) and exploitation, support victims and survivors, and build communities where women and girls are safe and empowered to succeed.

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

