

# Path Forward Community Fund

## New Project Application

The objective of the Path Forward Community Fund is to support the self-determination of safety planning in Indigenous communities and address systemic, Indigenous-specific causes of gender-based violence through capacity-building and community planning.

The distribution of medium-size grants will be guided by an adjudication committee of diverse Indigenous People(s) that reflect the perspectives and experiences of on- and off-reserve individuals, disabled community members, Indigenous men and boys, LGBTQA2S+ folks, Elders and youth, First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and non-status communities.

Eligible uses for Path Forward funds include:

- i. Building capacity
- ii. Hosting engagement and facilitation
- iii. Support to develop crisis response plans
- iv. Materials for communication plans
- v. Information sharing and tools to navigate the justice and public safety systems
- vi. Culturally appropriate safety training
- vii. Healing and Cultural Support

Please complete this PDF application and send a copy to [pathforward@bcaafc.com](mailto:pathforward@bcaafc.com).

If you have any questions about the Path Forward application (e.g., funding, eligibility, deadline), please contact the Fund Manager by email at [pathforward@bcaafc.com](mailto:pathforward@bcaafc.com) and/or by phone at 1-250-940-4893.

**If you are applying for continued funding for a previously funded Path Forward Program please see the [Path Forward Community Fund Project Renewal Form](#).**

**Please submit your application by October 3, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. PST.**



## Applicant Eligibility Requirements

The Path Forward Community Fund is open to any of the following Indigenous agencies and communities in British Columbia only.

- ☐ Applicant(s) identified as Indigenous person(s) and/or organization(s)
- ☐ Applicant(s) identified as a First Nations, Bands, and/or Tribal Councils
- ☐ Treaty First Nation Governments
- ☐ Métis Chartered Communities
- ☐ Métis organizations or services providers
- ☐ Urban / off reserve Indigenous organization / communities(s)
- ☐ Indigenous Business

**Funding for the Path Forward Community Fund in 2024-25 was made available through a new Canada-British Columbia bilateral agreement as part of the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. Support for the Path Forward Community Fund furthers the ongoing work under Safe and Supported: B.C.'s Gender-Based Violence Action Plan.**

## Project Timeline

Applicants can apply with a projects either 18 or 24 months in length.

- i. 18 month projects are eligible for up to \$150,000.
- ii. 24 month projects are eligible for up to \$200,000.
- iii. Half of the approved grant amount will be dispersed after the acceptance letter has been sent.
- iv. A second payment will be allocated after the receipt of the mid-point evaluation which is completed at the half-way mark of the project (i.e., 9 months into an 18-month project or 12 months into a 24-month project).



## How to submit an online application:

Application and supporting documents must be submitted electronically as indicated:

- i. Completed application document (All sections must be completed)
- ii. Signature pages on application scanned in PDF
- iii. All applicable Supporting Documents (listed below) sent separately in PDF

## Required supporting documents

- i. Letter of Financial Signature Authority authorizing this application (government & for profits only)
- ii. Financial Statements for the last year
- iii. If applicable, letters confirming partnerships need to be uploaded with the application

## How to submit a phone application:

Schedule a time (45-60 minutes) to orally provide your application information. Please note the phone call will be recorded for transcription purposes and a signature will be required for the final application.

**Applications due: October 3, 2025 at 11:59 PM (PST).**

**Please contact [pathforward@bcaafc.com](mailto:pathforward@bcaafc.com) if you have any questions.**



# 1. Proposal & Applicant Information

## 1.1. Organization Information

Full legal name of applicant organization

Operating name (if different than legal name)

Mailing address

City

Province

Postal Code

Website address

Region where the program will take place:

☐

Island

☐

Northern

☐

Fraser

☐

Coastal

☐

Interior

Person who has legal (signing) authority to enter a funding arrangement with BCAAFC

Title of authorizing official

Telephone

Ext.

E-mail

Organization type:

☐

Applicant(s) identified as Indigenous person(s) and/or organization(s)

☐

Applicant(s) identified as a First Nations, Bands, and/or Tribal Councils

☐

Treaty First Nation Governments

☐

Métis Chartered Communities

☐

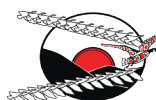
Métis organizations or services providers

☐

Urban / off reserve Indigenous organization/Communities(s)

☐

Indigenous Business



Is the applicant a:

- ☐ Band/Indigenous Self-Government.  
*Incorporation/Registration/Band Number:* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Registered charity.  
*Charity number:* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Registered society/non-profit.  
*Incorporation Number:* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Incorporated for-profit organization  
*Canada Revenue Agency Business Number:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach status documentation for non-profit organizations  
(e.g., articles of incorporation).**

## **1.2. Applicant Information**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Proposal Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Proposal Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address of Proposal Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail



## 2. Proposal Details

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposal Title

Project length: ☐ 18 months  
(up to \$150,000)

☐ 24 months  
(up to \$200,000)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated start date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated end date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total funding requested

## 3. Project Details

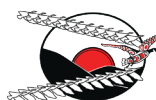
### 3.1. Project Focus

What focus best describes your proposed project? (Please pick 1)

- ☐ This project will increase community safety planning.
- ☐ This project will increase the capacity of organizations to address Gender Based Violence that affects Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and 2SLGBTQIA+ folks.
- ☐ This project will ensure the self-determination of Indigenous communities to address systemic causes of Gender Based Violence (GBV).

Which of these statements best describes the ideal impact of your proposed project?

- ☐ Help Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples in your community increase their safety in relation to GBV.
- ☐ Enable your staff and organization/community to increase their capacity (through training, self-care, increase in number of staff etc).
- ☐ Connect community members with Indigenous teachings, spiritual practices, or ways of being that will support their experience of personal safety.
- ☐ Help Indigenous people in your community better understand the systemic causes of GBV.
- ☐ Help non-Indigenous people in your community better understand the systemic causes of GBV.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_





### 3.2. Project Description and Expected Outcomes

Please provide a summary of your project. You should include enough information to give the reviewers a clear understanding of how your project will help address Gender Based Violence for Indigenous women, girls, men, boys, and LGBTQA2S+ people. (Word limit: 1,500)( If you are unable to fill the text box please submit a word document with the question number and answer.)

### 3.3. Who Will This Help?

What communities will this project serve and what is the anticipated number of people who will benefit directly in each community?

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_





### 3.4. Evidence-Base for Approach and Target Groups

Please explain the nature of the problem, how your proposed project will help address this issue, what the potential impact will be, and for whom. (Word limit: 2,000) ( If you are unable to fill the text box please submit a word document with the question number and answer.)







# 4. Projected Timeline & Work Plan

Dates	Task/Activities





# 5. Partnership and Collaborations

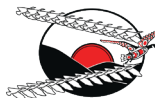
Will this project require partnerships?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Name of community/organization	Description of partnership (roles/responsibilities)

Letters confirming partnerships need to be uploaded with the application.



## 6. Budgets

### 6.1. Project Funding

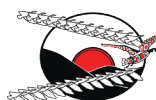
Below is a template to forecast your project finances. Please include any funds received from other sources and include in kind contributions from other funders.

Total Funding	\$ Dollars	Projected Expenses	\$ Dollars
Requested Path Forward funds		Honorarium	
Other allocated funds total (provide detail in 6.2 below)		Program Costs (e.g., material, food)	
		Travel	
		Program, Staff Salaries, Contractor Fees	
		Admin costs (not to exceed 15% of total value)	

### 6.2. Other Allocated Funds

Please list other sources of confirmed and/or anticipated funding (cash and in-kind contributions) for the project.

Name of Contributor	Amount	Cash	In-Kind	Anticipated	Confirmed
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## 7. Signature and Declarations

Signature of Financial authority:

- i. I authorize that the information present in this application is true and accurate;
- ii. I/we will be responsible for providing any information, activity reports, data, reporting of the requested Path Forward Community Fund affiliated project(s) to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centers "BCAAFC" and/or have other agreed upon reporting document(s) in lieu of.
- iii. I/we agree that the Path Forward Community Fund application above meets all of the eligibility requirements of all of the outlined Path Forward Community Fund policies, terms, and conditions. (TBA)
- iv. I/we agree to use the monies allocated by the Path Forward Community Fund agreement for the purpose(s) of supporting a Path Forward to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, femme gender identities, men, boys, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people(s).
- v. I/we agree to provide Path Forward Community Fund activity reports.

Title of Legal Signing authority: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (M/D/Y)

