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### **BCA AFC Statement: Path Forward Community Fund**

**VICTORIA, B.C.** - BCA AFC is excited to develop and administer the Path Forward Community Fund, part of B.C.'s plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ people. BCA AFC will manage the \$5.34-million fund to help Indigenous communities and organizations expand safety planning capacity. Eligible projects include support for hosting planning sessions, culturally appropriate safety training as well as healing and cultural supports.

"BC Friendship Centres play a critical and direct role at a grassroots level in eradicating pervasive, systemic violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ people. It's inspiring to work with safety advocates empowering their communities. We look forward to continuing this important work in investing in community resilience, self-determination and reconciliation," said BCA AFC Executive Director Leslie Varley.

For more information on the release, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022PSSG0028-000543>.

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