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A Path Forward Community Fund

Information Session

August 10, 2023

About the fund

\$5.34 million

- Launched in April 2022
- Funding provided through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG), and administered by BCAAFC
- Part of a larger initiative led by MPSSG to address violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQ+ people
- Committed to supporting initiatives BY Indigenous people FOR Indigenous people
- Adjudication committee made up of BCAAFC staff, board, and representatives from community, Metis Nation BC, BC Assembly of First Nations



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Who can apply?

- Applicant(s) identified as Indigenous 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; and
- Urban / off-reserve Indigenous organization/communities(s).



Funding available

- Up to \$150,000 per project
- Organizations can apply more than once provided the projects are clearly different with different intended outcomes



What can the funds be used for?

The objective of the Path Forward Community Funds is to increase community safety planning and capacity building to ensure the self-determination of Indigenous communities in addressing Indigenous-specific systemic causes of gender-based violence.

- Building capacity;
- Hosting engagement and facilitation;
- Support the development of crisis response plans;
- Materials for communication plans;
- Information sharing and tools to navigate the justice and public safety systems;
- Culturally appropriate safety training; and
- Cultural support and healing.



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Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness: “The Family Reunification Program for Indigenous Women Fleeing Violence Project”

The project aims to provide healing and reunification of families directly affected by gender-based violence. The Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness will use culturally appropriate healing and recovery practices and a decolonized harm reduction framework to help reduce/end homelessness among First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and non-status peoples across Vancouver Island

Lii Michif Family Support Services: “Creating Michif Approaches to Kikkew keur (Healing Hearts) Responses to Métis Survivors of Gender-Based Violence”

The project goal is to access a Métis-specific domestic violence community and agency educator. This educator will facilitate matriarchal circles with Elders and survivors to understand best practices to provide supports to Métis women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

Lake Babine Nation: “Caring for the Caregivers as Crisis Prevention and Response”

The project will provide cultural safety training and supports for their community patrol program: Team Gooze. Team Gooze works closely with local RCMP and health services to heal and protect its community from increased industrial activity and transient workers, and by providing culturally responsive and wrap around care to those in need. Team Gooze responds to calls for emotional support, safety planning, crisis support, accompaniments to the police or health services, and cultural connection.



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Reporting

- Mid-way and final project reporting will be required
- Purpose of the reporting is to be able to tell the story of impact and to advocate for continued investments

Key Dates

- Applications due September 15, 2023
- Applications reviewed in late September 2023
- Applicants notified mid October 2023
- Funds received November 2023
- Projects need to be complete by September 2024
- Mid-term project report due mid-March 2024
- Final project reporting due October 2024



How to Apply

4 options on the website, our goal is to reduce barriers!

- Online form
- Download and submit a form fillable PDF
- Short video
- Telephone submission

Supporting Documents required:

- Scanned completed and signed application
- Letter of Financial Signature Authority authorizing this application (government and for-profits only)
- Audited Financial Statements for the last year (if applicable)



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How to Apply

- Application questions include
 - Budget and finance
 - Partnerships and letters confirming partnerships
 - Intended impact
 - Explanation about what need is being addressed
 - Demographics/who will be served/impacted by this project
 - Project workplan (note that projects need to be complete by Sept 2024)
- If you are unsure about you're application reach out and we can walk through it with you!
- The adjudication committee provides feedback to applicants whose application has not been approved



Questions?

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