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BCA AFC Seeks Indigenous Organization to Join Friendship Centre Movement

VICTORIA, B.C. – For the first time in more than a decade, the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCA AFC) is inviting eligible Indigenous organizations to submit proposals to become the newest member of the BC Friendship Centre Movement.

Friendship Centres have been providing culturally safe, community-driven programs and services that support the health, wellness, and self-determination of Indigenous people living in urban, rural, and northern communities in B.C. for more than 60 years. Today, there are 24 Friendship Centres across British Columbia that collectively represent more than 1,200 employees, over 600 community partnerships, and more than one million client interactions every year.

"This is an exciting milestone for the Friendship Centre Movement in British Columbia," said Nox Stikine, Annette Morgan, President of the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. "For the first time in more than fifteen years, we have the opportunity to welcome a new member into our provincial network. Friendship Centres are trusted community hubs that understand the unique needs and strengths of the people they serve. Every Friendship Centre reflects the priorities of its local community while demonstrating a shared commitment to providing culturally grounded services that strengthen wellness, belonging, and self-determination."

As the provincial umbrella organization for Friendship Centres in British Columbia, BCA AFC is seeking an organization that shares the values, vision, and commitment of the Friendship Centre Movement and is ready to strengthen Indigenous-led services in its community.

"This call represents an investment in the future of the Friendship Centre Movement," said Celeste Hayward, Executive Director of the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. "We know there are Indigenous organizations across British Columbia already doing exceptional work. This is an opportunity for one of those organizations to become part of a

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strong provincial and national network that shares knowledge, builds capacity, advocates collectively, and works together to improve the well-being of Indigenous communities."

Organizations interested in applying are encouraged to review the Request for Proposals package, which outlines eligibility requirements, membership standards, and the proposal evaluation process.

Applications must be received by 12:00 p.m. (PST) on August 2, 2026.

For more information and to access the Request for Proposals, visit <https://bcaafc.com/about-us/friendship-centres/>.

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