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Apply for funding through the Support for the Wellbeing of Families and Survivors of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People Contribution Program

The Support for the Wellbeing of Families and Survivors of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People (MMIWG2S+) Contribution Program funds projects that provide assistance and services for the healing journeys of Indigenous survivors of the MMIWG2S+ crisis and impacted families.

Projects that provide therapeutic and cultural supports, healing gatherings, sharing and caring circles, mental health and emotional supports with an Elder, peer network supports, or any other initiative to survivors or families who have lost loved ones to the crisis, may be eligible for funding.

The 2024 call for applications is now open with an application deadline of July 26, 2024. A total of \$2.5 million is available to fund selected projects across Canada. For details on the program, including [eligibility criteria](#) and [how to apply](#), visit [Support for the Wellbeing of Families and Survivors of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People Contribution Program](#).

Residential school report and map supports Survivor access to information about sites and buildings

On June 28, 2024, Indigenous Services Canada announced the launch of a [new interactive mapping tool](#) and [environmental scan report](#) of the 140 former residential schools recognized in the [Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement](#). These tools make publicly held data and information about residential schools more accessible, reducing the barriers that Survivors and their families and communities face when trying to find data and information about former sites and buildings.

These tools align with initiatives and legislation that call for Indigenous Data Sovereignty, including Action Plan Item #30 of the Government of Canada's [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan](#), the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action](#) and the [2023 to 2026 Data Strategy for the Federal Public Service](#).

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

Calls for proposals to create an Integrated Youth Services collaboration centre

On June 14, 2024, Health Canada [launched a national call for proposals to develop a collaboration centre](#) to strengthen [Integrated Youth Services](#) (IYS) across Canada. IYS hubs are "one-stop-shops" that young people aged 12 to 25 can access for a range of services and supports, including mental health counselling, addiction services, primary care, peer and family supports, and more—offered in-person or virtually.

The creation of the IYS collaboration centre will:

- strengthen the capacity of community-based hubs to meet the needs of young people
- bring together IYS networks across Canada, including the Indigenous IYS Network, to promote collaboration and alignment across all provinces and territories
- improve services by leveraging sector expertise and applying lessons learned through continuous evaluation and feedback
- enhance equitable access to IYS across Canada

The submission deadline is July 12, 2024. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Call for Proposals: Collaboration centre for strengthening Integrated Youth Services across Canada](#).

First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment

The [First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment](#) (BAPHE) is a research program that brings together First Nations communities, principal investigators and scientists to gather baseline data on human health and the environment. A baseline measures how selected human health and environmental indicators are now, so they can be used to show changes over time. Projects supported by BAPHE must include both a human health and an environmental baseline.

BAPHE supports 2 types of projects:

- **Primary research:** Community-based research to collect and analyze data on human health and the environment directly through questionnaires, surveys, interviews and sampling.
- **Knowledge integration:** Community-based research that compiles, integrates and analyzes existing community information and scientific data on human health and the environment.

The call for proposals is now open. **The deadline for submission is November 1, 2024.** For more information, including examples of primary research and knowledge integration projects, as well as eligibility and how to apply, please visit [First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment](#).

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1-866-925-4419

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
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1-844-413-6649

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The [Emergency Management Assistance Program](#) supports wildland fire non-structural mitigation and preparedness initiatives through the FireSmart funding stream. FireSmart builds skills in First Nations communities to prevent and prepare against wildland fires.

Proposals will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until funding is exhausted. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Emergency Management FireSmart program](#).

Third annual progress report on the implementation of the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* highlights progress and points to where further work is needed

On June 18, 2024, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, tabled [the third annual progress report on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#) (UN Declaration Act). The report tracks federal government progress made to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) in Canada by following [the UN Declaration Act Action Plan](#), released in June 2023. The perspectives of more than 50 First Nations, Inuit and Métis rights holders and representative organizations and reporting from over 40 federal government departments and agencies form the foundation of this year's report.

For more information, including progress made on Action Plan measures, please visit the [new release](#).

Funding announced for Indigenous communities to protect species at risk and their habitats

On June 27, 2024, the Government of Canada [announced up to \\$6 million in funding over the next 3 years](#) through the [Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk](#) to support 49 conservation projects across Canada. These projects are led by Indigenous nations and organizations, reflecting their unique values, interests and knowledge in taking action to recover species at risk.

The fund plays an important role in the conservation of species at risk across Indigenous lands and territories. It supports longstanding Indigenous leadership in stewarding land, water, animals, and plants, as well as meaningful participation in the implementation of the *Species at Risk Act*.

For more information, including the backgrounders for the 49 projects ([2023 to 2024](#), and [2024 to 2025](#)), please visit the [news release](#).

Government of Canada invests in national coordination and Indigenous-led research on effective substance use interventions

On June 11, 2024, the Government of Canada [announced an investment of \\$6 million](#) through the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR) and the [Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy](#) (CDSS) to expand and increase the impact of the [Canadian Research Initiative on Substance Matters](#) (CRISM). This new funding includes \$4 million to create a Network Coordinating Centre and \$2 million to develop an Indigenous Engagement Platform that will work collaboratively across the research network.

Using distinctions-based and community-led approaches, the Indigenous Engagement Platform will strengthen and increase Indigenous involvement across CRISM's regional nodes by advising the Network Coordinating Centre on Indigenous research priorities, improving Indigenous engagement at all levels and supporting CRISM to improve Indigenous health and well-being through Indigenous-driven efforts.

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

Treaty payment events are underway

In-person treaty payment events are now underway. This year, 306 First Nations will be hosting treaty payment events in their communities. As well, There will be several urban treaty payment events coordinated by ISC, across cities in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, for folks living off-reserve.

If your community has not scheduled an event, or you are not able to attend an event, you can request payment by mail or direct deposit. To learn more, please visit [Treaty annuity payments](#).

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Emergency Management Assistance Program

In partnership with First Nations communities, provincial and territorial governments and non-government organizations, the [Emergency Management Assistance Program](#) (EMAP) helps communities on reserve access emergency assistance. EMAP provides funding to First Nations communities so they can build resiliency, prepare for natural hazards and respond to them using the 4 pillars of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

If your community is facing an imminent threat or is actively responding to an emergency caused by natural hazards such as wildfire and floods, please contact the ISC Manitoba Region 24/7 duty officer at **1-855-850-4647**.

Federal investment to support economic reconciliation and cultural diversity in Manitoba

On June 25, 2024, the Government of [Canada announced over \\$3.9 million for 6 projects across the province](#) to help support economic development and inclusion in Manitoba. These investments will attract tourists to Manitoba, create jobs, train people, assist small-and medium-sized enterprises, and increase export sales. The organizations delivering these projects are Westman Immigrant Services in Brandon, Swampy Cree Tribal Council Inc. communities, Atoskiwin Training and Employment Centre on Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation, National Indigenous Residential School Museum in Portage la Prairie, RRC Polytech and Indigenous Tourism Manitoba.

Investments in the projects are supported through the Community Economic Development and Diversification Program (CEDD), Regional Innovations Ecosystem Program (RIE), Tourism Growth Program (TGP), and Tourism Relief Fund (TRF). PrairiesCan administers all 4 federal programs in Manitoba. For more information, please visit the [backgrounder](#) and [news release](#).

New incubator and accelerator program for Indigenous entrepreneurs

The Manitoba government is [investing \\$773,000 toward a new Indigenous incubator and accelerator program](#) that will support the growth and success of Indigenous entrepreneurs. Mittohnee Pogo'ohtah, Cree for "this is where you do it correctly," will be introduced by RRC Polytech this fall and run for 5 years.

The program is designed to support the growth and future success of Indigenous-led enterprises by creating space for Indigenous entrepreneurs to make connections with community leaders to help solve problems, innovate and transform ideas into businesses. Students will be able to receive on-the-job training and experience, mentorship, network opportunities and funding for viable business ideas. Approximately 200 people are expected to enter the program. For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

Governments supporting Indigenous agriculture

The governments of Canada and Manitoba are [investing in the revitalization of traditional food systems](#) under the [Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership](#) (Sustainable CAP). Under the [Relationship Development and Engagement program](#), Sustainable CAP supports actions and activities related to engagement and enhancing relationships between industry, academia and Indigenous Peoples. The program is aimed at increasing food security, training and resource development, and expanding Indigenous participation in Manitoba's growing agriculture and agri-food sectors. This year, 26 projects have been funded, totalling \$1.52 million. For more information, please visit [Indigenous Agriculture and Relationship Development](#), as well as the [news release](#).

Funding to improve support for victims of childhood sexual abuse in Winnipeg

On June 27, the Government of Canada [announced \\$624,450 in project funding](#) to [Heartwood Healing Centre](#) to improve services for victims of childhood sexual abuse in Winnipeg. This funding supports the continuation and enhancement of Heartwood Healing Centre's Connect & Thrive Program. This project provides alternative services to survivors of childhood sexual abuse such as peer support and mentorship and cultural activities, such as healing circles for Indigenous participants, and educating staff to better address the unique needs of Indigenous people.

Justice Canada is providing \$624,450 in funding for this project over 3 fiscal years (2024 to 2027) through the [Victims Fund](#). Justice Canada previously provided \$457,130 in funding over 4 fiscal years (2020 to 2024) to develop and pilot the program, for a total of \$1,081,580. For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

Supporting northern communities with funding for safety and community initiatives

The Manitoba government is providing more than [\\$265,000 to support programs and services aimed at preventing crime and promoting safer communities in northern Manitoba](#). The support will assist rural law enforcement agencies in purchasing important safety equipment and advancing several community initiatives including:

- equipment for the Junior Canadian Ranger program in Gillam and Fox Lake
- summer sport and safety equipment in Nelson House
- land-based learning events for youth in The Pas
- Treaty Day events in Norway House
- transportation of equipment and supplies for the Wild North Dog Rescue

Additionally, \$150,000 from the fund will help purchase vehicles to enhance the operations of First Nations Safety Officers in five First Nations. For more information, please visit the [news release](#).



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