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Prime Minister's Awards 2025 – Celebrate an inspiring educator!

Do you know an outstanding educator or a teacher? Honor their impact by nominating them for the [2025 Prime Minister's Awards](#) by January 15. These awards recognize innovative teaching practices and teachers who make a lasting difference in their communities.

Indigenous Services Canada is proud to highlight the essential role of educators in Indigenous communities, recognizing their contributions to education and reconciliation. Whether you are a student, parent, colleague or community member, submit a nomination for an educator or teacher who has positively influenced others.

Nominate an outstanding candidate today!

- [Nominate an early childhood educator](#)
- [Nominate a teacher](#)

Help us highlight the contributions of those who make a real difference. Together, let's celebrate the impact of education on future generations.

Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund

Indigenous communities and municipalities are now able to apply online to the [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) (CHIF). On November 7, 2024, the Government of Canada [announced \\$1 billion through the CHIF's direct delivery stream](#) which provides communities across Canada with funding to build or improve their critical infrastructure—such as drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste. Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how their proposed projects will support more homes by expanding or improving critical infrastructure.

Indigenous applicants will have until May 19, 2025, 3 pm Eastern Time to submit their applications. Join a [webinar](#) to learn more about the CHIF direct delivery stream, including eligibility requirements and [how to develop and submit an application](#). If you are interested in registering for a webinar, please email the CHIF at chifwebinar-webinairefcil@inf.gc.ca.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#) and [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#).

Application period now open for the Community Sport for All Initiative

On November 14, 2024, the Government of Canada [announced a new call for proposals under the Community Sport for All Initiative](#). National organizations, or those capable of delivering projects across multiple provinces or territories, are invited to submit proposals.

The [Community Sport for All Initiative](#) focuses on removing barriers to participation for underrepresented groups including Black, Indigenous and racialized communities, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQI+ people, persons with low incomes, seniors and newcomers. Successful proposals will work with local groups to ensure sport opportunities are available for everyone.

The deadline to submit applications is December 23, 2024, 11:59 pm local time. For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit the [application guidelines page](#) and [Community Sport for All Initiative – Sport Support Program](#).

**HELP IS AVAILABLE
WHENEVER YOU
NEED IT.**

**Immediate support is available 24/7
for all Indigenous people in Canada.**

Hope for Wellness Help Line and Chat
1-855-242-3310 or www.hopeforwellness.ca

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line
1-866-925-4419

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
and Girls Support Line
1-844-413-6649

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The **Indigenous Business Navigator** can help Indigenous businesses, organizations and communities connect with Government of Canada programs and services. Individuals can send an email to navigator@sac-isc.gc.ca with their business's information and a representative will help you find what best fits their needs.

Visit the [Indigenous Business Navigator](#) to learn more.



Government of Canada announces \$7.5M to Kids Help Phone

On November 14, the Government of Canada announced [\\$7.5 million in funding for Kids Help Phone](#) to continue its work providing mental health counselling and crisis support. The funding allows [Kids Help Phone](#) to continue to provide 24/7 access to bilingual mental health supports via voice and text, online counselling and crisis support for youth across Canada. Additionally, the funding will support Kids Help Phone employees and volunteers by providing ongoing professional development and training opportunities, as well as help develop and maintain a support and self-care program for all staff and service volunteers.

Kids Help Phone is available 24/7 across Canada. Kids, teens and young people can call 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868 no matter the time of day or where they are located. Anyone in Canada can call [9-8-8 for crisis and mental health support](#) anytime they need someone help or someone to talk to.

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

CRTC launches consultation on temporary fund to support local radio news

On November 4, 2024, the [Canadian Radio-television Commission](#) (CRTC) is [launching a public consultation on the creation of a temporary fund](#) for the creation of commercial radio stations in smaller markets. The [Online Streaming Act](#) requires the CRTC to modernize Canada's broadcasting framework and ensure that online streaming services make meaningful contributions to Canadian and Indigenous content. In June 2024, the CRTC announced that [new funding from online streaming services would be directed to areas of immediate need](#) in the Canadian broadcasting system, including local radio news.

The CRTC is welcoming comments until December 4, 2024. You can participate by:

- filling out the [online form](#)
- writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2
- sending a fax to 819-994-0218

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



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Refreshed Manitoba Cabinet announced

The Government of Manitoba has welcomed several new members to its cabinet and announced an entirely new department focused on bringing Manitoba into the future of technology and innovation.

The new Department of Innovation and New Technology, led by Mike Moroz (MLA for River Heights), aims to grow Manitoba's tech industry, support businesses and foster innovation. The other new members of cabinet are Mintu Sandhu (MLA for The Maples) as the Minister of Public Service Delivery, and Nellie Kennedy (MLA for Assiniboia) as the Minister of Sport, Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

For more information, including [list of cabinet members](#) and [deputy ministers](#), please visit the [news release](#).

New housing portal opens to help connect projects with funding

The Manitoba government is [making it easier for organizations to secure funding to build affordable housing](#) so more Manitobans can find a safe place to call home. The new [Housing Starts Here](#) online portal is simplifying the application process for a new \$26 million capital grant program for non-profit organizations, Indigenous governments and municipalities, which will support the development of 350 social housing units in 2024 to 2025.

Through the new ongoing intake application portal, interested organizations can apply for forgivable loans to acquire existing buildings that could be renovated into new social housing units, renovate derelict stock or construct new units. The portal will also include applications for rent supplements to ensure rents remain low and funding for support services to ensure people experiencing or at risk of homelessness have access to the services they need to stay housed.

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

New online resource launched to help tackle period poverty

A [new online resource has been launched](#) to help women, girls and Manitobans who menstruate to quickly and easily find locations offering free pads and tampons. The Manitoba government distributes free menstrual products to agencies, domestic violence shelters, resource centres and specialized programs as part of the [Access for All Period](#) program, a 3-year partnership with Shoppers Drug Mart.

The [new web page](#) lists the names and addresses of participating agencies, so people who menstruate can easily find places to pick up free menstrual products when they need them.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#) and [Access for All Period](#).

Flu and COVID-19 vaccines now available

[Manitobans 6 months of age and older are encouraged to get their free influenza \(flu\) and COVID-19 vaccines](#), which are currently available through many medical clinics, access centres, pharmacies serving high-risk populations, vaccine clinics, nursing stations and public health. Flu and COVID-19 vaccines are especially recommended for those at higher risk of infection or severe disease, along with their caregivers and close contacts. Those at increased risk of severe disease include:

- Indigenous Peoples
- people 65 years of age and older
- residents of personal care homes or long-term care facilities
- pregnant people
- children from 6 months of age until they turn 5 years old
- individuals with chronic health condition

[Vaccine-Preventable Respiratory Illnesses](#) features a [vaccine provider map](#) to help people find a vaccine provider. For Public Health-run clinics, [book an appointment online](#) or call 1-844-MAN-VACC (1- 844-626-8222) Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.