



Recent Announcements to Support Urban Indigenous Peoples

Dear Chiefs and partners:

This is to provide information regarding support for off reserve members, urban Indigenous peoples and the organizations that support them.

The recent call for proposals for \$15 million under the Indigenous Community Support Fund for Urban and off-reserve Indigenous organizations and communities was

launched on April 6, 2020, closing at midnight EST on April 13, 2020.

First Nation communities are eligible to submit a proposal for activities to support their members living off-reserve.

Additional information, including examples of eligible activities, are outlined on the call for proposals website for the Indigenous Community Support Fund: www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1585928331845/1585928356443. Questions can be directed to aadnc.icsfru-fscaru.aandc@canada.ca or to Sean Stuckless, Senior Development Officer, at sean.stuckless@canada.ca or 416-873-4138.

With respect to federal funding for shelters to help communities address the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak among homeless people, and to provide additional support to organisations working with homeless peoples, the Government of Canada has announced an investment of \$157.5 million for Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy. Employment and Social Development Canada is administering this funding. More information is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness.html>

With respect to supporting women's shelters and sexual assault centres across Canada during COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada announced \$50 million for women's shelters and sexual assault centres. The portion of this funding to support organizations serving the off reserve community is being administered by Women and Gender Equality Canada, which is working with Ontario to identify women's shelters and sexual assault centres in each jurisdiction who will be eligible for funding. More information is available here:

<https://cfc-swc.gc.ca/fun-fin/shelters-refuges-en.html>



In addition, on April 7, 2020, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Indigenous Affairs announced \$37.8 million committed to support outbreak planning, prevention and mitigation to help Indigenous communities stop the spread of COVID-19. The announcement includes:

- \$16.4 million from the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs to provide emergency funds for food, household goods, critical supplies, transportation, and support and care, responsive services and supports for urban Indigenous people, self-isolation facilities in remote and northern communities, prevention and awareness efforts, and pandemic planning;
- \$10 million from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to support Indigenous communities and agencies in responding to the needs of vulnerable children, families and elders during the outbreak;
- \$7.4 million from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to help social service providers, charities and non-profits delivering critical housing services to Indigenous people living off-reserve; and
- \$4 million from the Ministry of Transportation to ensure continued service to remote and northern airports, enabling essential goods and services to continue reaching isolated communities.

The Province of Ontario's announcement can be found at the following link:

https://news.ontario.ca/mirr/en/2020/04/ontario-helping-indigenous-communities-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19.html?utm_source=ondemand&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=o

I would encourage you to contact the provincial Ministry of Indigenous Affairs for questions related to this announcement.

Yours sincerely,

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