



## GRANT SUMMARIES

## MOVING WOMEN OUT OF POVERTY

### OUR APPROACH

At the Canadian Women's Foundation, we want every woman living on a low-income in Canada to have the chance to move herself and her children out of poverty. In 2016, we invested \$210,000 in five programs across Canada, supporting women to participate in and complete economic development programs. We invest in two types of programs for women:

- ST SKILLED TRADES** – Women train to work in a non-traditional skilled trade, becoming construction workers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics, truck drivers, etc.
- SE SELF-EMPLOYMENT** – Women are helped to launch a small business by learning to develop their business idea, write a business plan, learn essential skills like marketing and sales, find a mentor, secure a loan, and much more.

### OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS

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## ALBERTA

<b>SE</b>	<b>The Women's Venture Program</b> <i>Momentum, Calgary</i>	<b>\$50,000</b>
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The Women's Venture Program is a part-time 6-month self-employment program that assists Calgary women who are either unemployed or underemployed, and may face multiple barriers to employment. Through classroom facilitation and one-to-one coaching, women learn how to start a business, write a comprehensive business plan and launch their business. The program is free and removes additional barriers to participation through transportation and child-minding subsidies. As participants of the program, each woman also has access to Momentum's microloans and Momentum's Peer Support Coaching program, which provides mental health coaching. It is anticipated that 24 women will participate in the program over the year.

<b>ST</b>	<b>Student Employment and Retention Support Program</b> <i>Women Building Futures Society, Edmonton</i>	<b>\$40,000</b>
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Women Building Futures (WBF) provides assessment, training, job placement and retention support for women interested in construction careers. Funding from the Foundation this year will sustain the work of the Student Employment Advisor, who works with women who have completed WBF training to secure employment in industry and ensure their ongoing retention and success, including apprenticeship completion where applicable. The Advisor nurtures relationships with employers, industry associations, recruiters and HR personnel to identify employment opportunities and match those with the ideal WBF candidate. This year 247 women will receive support from the Student Employment Advisor.

## ONTARIO

<b>ST</b>	<b>The Enhanced General Carpentry for Women Program</b> <i>Centre for Skills Development &amp; Training, Burlington</i>	<b>\$40,000</b>
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The Enhanced General Carpentry for Women Program is a full-time program that provides 29 weeks of in-class instruction and an 18-week paid work placement in the residential construction industry. The program provides trade-specific training including enhanced mathematics, computer competencies, and also provides 20 hours of self-employment training, to prepare women for the possibility of operating their own small business in home renovation. The grant will enable The Centre to continue to offer enhanced supports and services for women in the program, including counselling services, psycho-educational assessments, childcare and transportation, safety supplies, and tools needed for employment. It is anticipated that 20 women will benefit from these additional wrap-around services needed to fully participate in and complete the program.

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SE	Espace de travail collaboratif et accompagnement <i>Fonds d'Emprunt des Laurentides, Lachute</i>	<b>\$40,000</b>
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The new "Espace de travail collaboratif et accompagnement" is a professional co-working space available free of charge to women who have completed the self-employment program at Fonds d'Emprunt des Laurentides. Women will have access to space and equipment for meetings including a board room equipped with cutting-edge technology, ongoing staff support, access to new training opportunities, networking with peers and other activities to combat the isolation of self-employment in a rural location. Foundation funding will provide staffing for the co-working space where a total of 45 women are expected to receive support over the next year.

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ST	Women Unlimited <i>Women's CED Network Society Halifax, Lunenburg and Queens Counties</i>	<b>\$40,000</b>
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Women Unlimited is designed to assist diverse, unemployed and underemployed women to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment in the trades and technology fields. The Women Unlimited model provides a safe and respectful, women-centred learning environment where participants explore career opportunities in those fields and bring their portfolio of skills to the table. The grant will enable Women Unlimited to continue to offer enhanced supports and services for women in the program, including counselling services, psycho-educational assessments, childcare and transportation, safety supplies and tools needed for employment. It is anticipated that 75 women will benefit from these additional wrap-around services to fully participate in and complete the program.