



GRANT SUMMARY

MOVING WOMEN OUT OF VIOLENCE

Like you, we want to end violence against women and girls. Thanks to your support, in 2015 we invested \$2.6 million in a wide range of community programs across Canada, including 455 women's shelters and 68 violence prevention programs.

OUR APPROACH

SHELTERS – Through our Campaign to End Violence, we support 454 emergency shelters across Canada that provide a safe place for women and children escaping domestic violence.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION – In 2015, we supported 68 violence prevention programs across Canada. We invest in seven different types of programs:

- HR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS** - These school-based projects help to stop the intergenerational cycle of violence by teaching young people about dating violence, gender stereotypes, sexual harassment, and how to create safe and healthy relationships.
- RB REBUILDING LIVES** - Women who have escaped domestic violence begin to rebuild their lives through counselling, legal advice, and safety planning. They receive help finding a new place to live, and their children receive counselling to help them cope with the aftermath of trauma and avoid becoming future victims or abusers.
- SS SECOND STAGE** - When women move out of an emergency shelter, they often need help to stabilize their lives and become economically self-sufficient. These safe housing facilities are designed especially for them. Women and their children live in affordable apartments while attending free on-site services such as job search workshops and counselling. Typical stays range from six to eighteen months.
- LN LOAN FUND** - Many women stay with an abuser because they cannot afford to live on their own. With these small interest-free loans - often called "micro-credit" - women can pay first and last month's rent; cover security deposits for heat, hydro, and phone; and cover other essential housing costs so they can escape the violence.
- EMP EMPOWERMENT** - These programs help women and girls who are at risk of violence or sexual assault to improve their safety and build their confidence. They learn about violence prevention strategies, setting personal boundaries, gender stereotypes, healthy relationships, body image and eating disorders, substance abuse, stress management, diversity, and media awareness.
- SE/ST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION / SEX TRAFFICKING** - Young women who are being sexually exploited can access services to improve their safety and make lifestyle changes. Groups working to address the growing problem of sex trafficking in Canada can offer educational seminars and create new community partnerships.
- COM COMMUNITY BUILDING** - A growing number of community organizations are building networks to help them coordinate the delivery of services, share their knowledge of promising practices, research new violence prevention approaches, and collaborate on strategies to end violence against women and girls.

OUR DONORS AND PARTNERS

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ALBERTA

RB	The Court Support Program Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, <i>Calgary</i>	\$25,000
	<p>Through the Court Support Program, survivors of abuse get the help they need to navigate the justice system. Women receive assistance with legal paperwork, and receive referrals that help them explore their options. When clients need to appear in court, the program can provide someone to accompany and support them. Other services include safety-planning advice and much-needed emotional support. The Court Support Program serves clients of the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, as well as clients referred by other agencies.</p>	
RB	Peer Support for Abused Women Calgary Association for Peer Support Services for Abused Women, <i>Calgary</i>	\$28,000
	<p>This is a support program for women who have experienced, or are at risk of experiencing, domestic violence. Peer groups meet weekly to discuss self-care, communication skills, domestic violence and its effects, as well as healthy relationships. Some of the program's volunteer facilitators have experienced abuse and can help mentor participants on their journeys. In 2015/16, the program will expand its reach in four rural Alberta communities.</p>	
RB	Building Empowered Futures With Hope Hope Resource Centre, <i>Westlock</i>	\$28,000
	<p>This project supports women and girls as they rebuild their lives after experiences of violence. Staff members develop long-term, confidential relationships with women experiencing abuse and try to provide options tailored to each situation. There are specific cultural supports for Aboriginal women within the community. The project's services include education on abuse, safety planning and risk assessment, transportation to shelters, and support during legal appointments.</p>	
RB	Third Option Program Calgary Sexual Assault Response Team (CSART), <i>Calgary</i>	\$25,000
	<p>This program provides survivors of sexual assault a third choice when it comes to deciding whether or not to report the incident to police. Typically, sexual assault survivors who visit a hospital within 72 hours of the assault have the option of having forensic evidence collected and immediately reporting the incident to police, or not having the evidence collected and released to the police. For survivors who are not ready to report the assault in that 72-hour time frame, the Third Option Program covers the cost of evidence collection, as well as the completion of a medical report that can be used in court. The evidence is stored and turned over to police only if written consent is provided by the victim.</p>	
RB	Traditional Teaching and Support Circle Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE), <i>Edmonton</i>	\$17,500
	<p>At the Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton, there is a safe house for senior women who are fleeing abuse. Women at the safe house have the opportunity to meet with an indigenous Elder through the weekly Traditional Teaching and Support Circle. In group and one-on-one settings, the Elder uses traditional teachings to help women share, heal, and rebuild their lives.</p>	
HR	Healthy Youth Relationships (HYR) and Beyond the Hurt (BTH) Canadian Red Cross Society, <i>Red Deer</i>	\$100,000 over 4 years
	<p>This program offers a series of interactive workshops for participants aged 12-17, held both during and after school, and reaches students in Red Deer and the surrounding area (including both Aboriginal and francophone communities). Volunteers facilitate the workshops, and also train adult and youth facilitators to</p>	

deliver prevention education through the Healthy Youth Relationships (HYR) and Beyond the Hurt (BTH) workshops. HYR explores peer and romantic relationships and builds communication and abuse prevention skills. BTH focuses on strategies to address and prevent bullying and harassment. The use and abuse of power and other issues such as racism and discrimination are also addressed through the workshops.

HR RESPECT **\$90,000 over 4 years**
Immigrant Services Calgary (ISC), *Calgary*

RESPECT is an extension of the Mosaic Afterschool Program and focuses on healthy relationships for immigrant and refugee youth, aged 11-13. Immigrant and refugee youth are often faced with confusing and difficult decisions as a result of their desire to "fit in." RESPECT helps address these challenges through a series of workshop/activity sessions that explore bullying, gender stereotyping, and sexism in a safe and engaging environment. The program is offered in two schools with high immigrant populations, and will be extended to include a third school as well.

SE/ST Preventing Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls and Preventing Vicarious Trauma **\$15,000**
Action Coalition on Human Trafficking Alberta Association (ACT Alberta), *Edmonton*

Preventing Sex Trafficking of Women and Girls and Preventing Vicarious Trauma aims to develop and implement a community action plan to address the sex trafficking of women and girls in Edmonton. The primary target population of this project is women and girls who have been trafficked for sexual exploitation or who are at risk. A secondary target population is City of Edmonton administration and council, law enforcement, policy makers and others organizations who may also be identifying and responding to human trafficking. A tertiary target is the population of Alberta and Canada as a whole, with the understanding that this project will be a model of human trafficking prevention through collaboration. This project is engaging approximately 50-60 women and girls in the needs assessment component via interviews, focus groups and workshops. Indirectly, this project will impact approximately 400,000 girls and women in Edmonton by fostering a community whereby human trafficking for sexual exploitation is prevented and reduced.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

SS Women's Second Stage/Supportive Housing Program **\$25,000**
Elizabeth Fry Society Kamloops and District, *Kamloops*

This is the first program of its kind for women and children in Kamloops, where there is an urgent need for affordable housing. The program offers long-term housing and support for women and children who have experienced abuse. Services including crisis intervention, addiction support, mental health and parenting support are tailored to each woman's needs. Clients are also connected to a network of services available in the Kamloops community. The program aims to help women establish independent and healthy lives.

RB Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) **\$25,000**
Howe Sound Women's Centre Society, *Squamish*

The Sexual Assault Response Team is being created to develop a coordinated approach to assault in B.C.'s Sea to Sky corridor. The area includes Squamish, Pemberton, Whistler, and Mount Currie. The Response Team will bring together representatives from health services, law enforcement, Aboriginal and First Nations organizations, as well as community service providers. The team will also train entertainment industry employees in the area on how to help prevent sexual assaults.

RB Jane Doe Legal Network and Advice Clinic **\$28,000**
West Coast LEAF Association, *Vancouver*

This service helps women and girls navigate the legal system after experiences of violence and abuse. The Clinic offers free advice on immigration/refugee law, child protection law, poverty law, family law, and criminal law. The program also provides workshops and online education on legal issues to women-serving organizations. These 'train the trainer' initiatives help to transfer legal skills and knowledge to front-line workers, who are usually women's primary source of legal support. The program also hosts monthly meetings

between legal advocates and other comparable service providers; this provides a valuable networking opportunity and also helps to shape the priorities for West Coast LEAF's systemic change work.

HR **Respectful Relationships** **\$25,000**
 Quesnel Women's Resource Centre, *Quesnel*

Through interactive workshops, the Respectful Relationships Program teaches students strategies for dealing with bullying, sexism, racism, and homophobia. The goal is to help boys and girls in middle and high school develop healthy, non-violent relationships. Older program participants are trained to mentor their younger peers.

EMP **Breaking Isolation: Engaging and Empowering Older Women Against Violence and Abuse** **\$27,834**
 British Columbia Centre for Elder Advocacy and Support, *Vancouver*

Older women of colour, newcomers, and women with disabilities are often isolated and vulnerable to abuse. This program helps participants to learn about violence against women, improve their financial literacy, and find out about community resources and government benefits. Through interactive workshops and group discussions, participants connect with other women and with the services they need to maintain independent lives as they age.

LN **Violence Prevention Fund** **\$25,000**
 Network of Inner City Community Services, *Vancouver*

This fund offers accessible financial help to women who are either fleeing abuse or rebuilding their lives after experiencing violence. The fund also helps women connect with community services and navigate the bureaucratic systems that they encounter. The goal of the fund is to help women establish a safe and financially sustainable home, and to connect them to the resources they need to maintain housing and successfully repay their loans.

HR ***Project Respect** **\$100,000 over 4 years**
 Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre, *Victoria*

Project Respect was collaboratively designed by youth leaders and program staff, and engages youth of all genders in a participatory, arts-based process of engagement and transformation. Participants explore topics such as gender, intersecting identities and constructions, power, oppression, inequity, privilege and responsibility, and they learn how these social contexts shape their personal lives (including dating, relationships, and sex). They also learn about non-violent alternatives, and are empowered to take responsibility for creating change to promote respectful relationships and inclusive communities. Participants from each year of the program often become youth facilitators for the program in the following year.

HR **Respectful Relationships (R+R)** **\$160,000 over 4 years**
 SWOVA Community Development and Research Society, *Salt Spring Island*

Respectful Relationships (R+R) is an award-winning program that has been adopted in different communities and has received UN recognition for youth violence prevention. All students in grades 7-10 in the school district participate in 12 workshops, which are repeated in each grade with tailored content. The program provides youth with the awareness and skills to develop and maintain healthy, respectful, and safe interpersonal relationships. This includes creating awareness around dating violence, systemic violence, bullying, racism, homophobia, the influence of the media, the roots of violence, restrictive gender norms, and peer pressure. Self-respect, assertiveness, empathy, and positive two-way communication are encouraged, enabling students to deal with anger, to think critically, and to resolve conflicts. Trained community-based adult facilitators, comprised of a female and male team, bring these interactive workshops into school classrooms. High school students are also trained and mentored to co-facilitate the workshops and become peer leaders.

HR ***Strengthening Youth** **\$100,000 over 4 years**
 Cowichan Women Against Violence Society, *Duncan*

The Strengthening Youth Initiative helps prevent violence against young women and girls by creating a culture of healthy relationships. Through partnerships with local secondary schools and Cowichan Tribes, participants receive a 12-week, youth-directed, interactive curriculum. Topics include gender violence, systemic power, violence in relationships, cyber safety, healthy relationship skills, managing stress, emotions, and global peace. The program relies upon extensive youth consultation, dialogue, and partnership-building. Youth leaders are identified in the first year of the program to assist in the following three years of the program.

SE/ST **Our Circle to Protect Sacred Lives (Phase II)** **\$25,000**
 Saulteau First Nations, *Moberly Lake*

Our Circle to Protect Sacred Lives partners urban-based community organizations with rural, isolated or remote First Nation communities, and other community based organizations, for a three-day training session to help each community build knowledge; a community-based anti-trafficking plan; and a strong sustainable network for information sharing, training and partnerships. The program model builds on community knowledge and strengths, and is specifically designed to honor the values and diversity of First Nation communities in which it operates. For example, community planning techniques involve Elders as wisdom keepers, Chief and Council for leadership, community members as helpers, and the use of culture, language and the land for healing.

MANITOBA

RB **Our Commitment to Rebuilding Lives in North Eastern Manitoba** **\$25,000**
 Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre, *Pinawa*

This project aims to improve access to services for women and children who have experienced sexual assault or violence in rural northeastern Manitoba. Through a satellite office at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre, this project focuses its services on the town of Powerview-Pine Falls and the surrounding First Nations communities. The office space acts as a resource and support centre for victims, service providers, and community members. The project also raises awareness about issues affecting women and children, and provides crisis support, referrals, and other services.

HR **Newcomer Youth & Healthy Relationships** **\$157,190 over 4 years**
 Sexuality Education Resource Centre, *Winnipeg*

Newcomer Youth & Healthy Relationships offers a co-ed, school-based healthy relationships program targeted to newcomer refugee youth, aged 12-17. Project partners include two inner-city schools in Winnipeg and the innovative Peaceful Village Program which provides after-school supports for newcomer youth and families. The program offers 12 weekly educational workshops on healthy relationships. Graduates can then attend 10 workshops to develop peer-led projects which they present to classmates. Parents of participants receive three presentations yearly to help build their trust and support for youth involved. The program also helps families negotiate their different roles in their community by supporting youth who are often put in the position of cultural translator for their families. Following Year One, a multi-generational group of daughters, mothers, and grandmothers is started to build solidarity for violence prevention in families and the community. An Advisory Committee including partners and youth reps guides the project.

HR **Sacred Seven Healthy Relationship Program** **\$90,000 over 4 years**
 Wii Chiiwaakanak Learning Centre, The University of Winnipeg Foundation, *Winnipeg*

The Sacred Seven Healthy Relationship Program serves 320 youth and reaches out to hundreds more each year. This after-school program uses culturally-appropriate teaching tools to explore cultural identity, increase engagement, foster empowerment, and help teens establish healthy relationships. Using instructional tools such as the seven sacred and medicine wheel teachings, youth are empowered to develop their own code of honour principles that focus on violence prevention, building confidence, self-esteem and

discovering their cultural identity, so that they can embrace relationships with hope and optimism. Youth are also offered leadership development training in order to share their code of honour with partnering schools.

SE/ST **Ndianwe Transitions Program** \$25,000
 Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad (Nidnawe), *Winnipeg*

This is a peer-driven support program that provides aftercare to the graduates of Ndinawe’s Child and Youth Care Certificate Program. Over the last 3 years, program participants have selected alumni to coordinate and facilitate the weekly meetings from September to June each year. On average there are 8-12 participants per meeting. The facilitators and alumni assemble a list of topics and presentations that they feel would be useful for both professional and personal development. The facilitators’ task is to find speakers, plan activities, shop for supplies and communicate weekly information. Much discussion centers on supporting each other’s struggles in the workplace and with issues that arise due to being an experiential individual in the potentially triggering field of child and youth care.

NEW BRUNSWICK

RB **“It shouldn’t be so hard”: A recovery and support program for female victims of violence experiencing mental health and substance use issues** \$27,440
 Beausejour Family Crisis Resource Centre, Inc., *Shediac*

It’s not uncommon for survivors of abuse to struggle with mental health and substance abuse issues as a result of their experience. Yet women struggling with mental health and addiction are often screened out of traditional domestic violence services. This project provides much-needed support and specialized services to women who are dealing with multiple obstacles. Through an eight-week support group and individual counselling program, the project provides an integrated approach to these interconnected issues.

HR **Making Waves / Vague par vague** \$160,000 over 4 years
 Partners for Youth, *Fredericton*

Making Waves is a youth-driven dating violence prevention program that reaches all schools in New Brunswick. This innovative and successful program has been running since 1995, and is guided by principles of equality, equity, and diversity; it engages young people as leaders and active partners in creating a world in which violence is not tolerated. An intensive training weekend is the starting point for this program in which a year-long action plan is developed for each school. Youth run, develop, and create the retreat curriculum and also select the next team of youth leaders. Partners for Youth is also working with New Brunswick First Nations communities to customize the program. They hope to have six First Nations communities involved in the program over the next four years.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

RB **Increasing Community Capacity to Support Older Women Who Have Experienced Abuse** \$25,000
 Seniors Resource Centre of Newfoundland and Labrador, *St. John’s*

This program addresses the abuse of older women in rural communities where there are few or no formal support services. The program has a network of 150 peer support volunteers, many of whom live in rural and/or Aboriginal communities. These volunteers can deliver information tailored to the needs of older women either in person or in small group presentations. The project aims to increase the community’s capacity to support older women who are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, abuse.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

- EMP** **Young Women’s Gathering Circles on Sexual Violence** **\$10,000**
YWCA Yellowknife, *Yellowknife*
- The YWCA offers two Gathering Circles in Yellowknife and one in Inuvik. The Circles give young women aged 13 to 21 the opportunity to talk about their experiences with sexual violence. Discussion focuses on prevention, raising community awareness, and identifying service gaps in the area. The Circles are facilitated by an Aboriginal healer and by a non-Aboriginal facilitator. In Inuvik, participants will also be encouraged to take part in a community art project on the theme of sexual violence.
- EMP** **A Relationship to Die For** **\$16,425**
Aklavik Literacy Group and Elders Committee, *Aklavik*
- This violence prevention program targets teen girls, young women, and mothers in an Aboriginal community of 700 people. During small group sessions, elder women in the community use traditional teachings to empower girls and young women.

NOVA SCOTIA

- HR** **Healthy Relationships for Youth** **\$24,963**
Second Story Women’s Centre, *Lunenburg*
- This is a peer-facilitated, school-based violence prevention program delivered in two mostly rural counties in southwestern Nova Scotia. The program consists of 12 sessions delivered in the Grade 9 health curriculum by trained senior high school student facilitators and the classroom teacher. The sessions help to prevent violence by increasing students’ knowledge about healthy relationships, as well as the skills needed to create and maintain them. Students also understand connections between different forms of oppression, exclusion, and violence. The program is developed by the Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre and Sexual Assault Services Association, and is delivered by Second Story Women’s Centre in partnership with the South Shore Regional School Board.
- HR** **Healthy Relationships for Youth** **\$160,000 over 4 years**
Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre, *Antigonish*
- Healthy Relationships for Youth is a peer-facilitated, school-based violence prevention program designed to reduce violence against youth (especially girls and young women). The program offers a series of 12 interactive sessions designed to reduce the risk of violence for youth by developing skills and knowledge about creating and maintaining healthy relationships. The program encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of diversity, and to recognize sexism, racism, and homophobia as forms of violence that impact both intimate and social relationships. It also helps students understand and make the links between oppression, exclusion and the prevalence of violence. Healthy Relationships for Youth models healthy adult-youth relationships and empowers youth as leaders by matching teachers with youth facilitators and community partners. Each adult and youth team strives to reflect gender as well as other forms of diversity such as race, culture, and ability. In each school, youth teams are recruited from Grades 10 to 12 and trained in leadership, facilitation, and issues discussed in the curriculum. This program is offered in partnership with the Strait Regional School Board and is pursuing expansion to other school boards with the goal of provincial coverage.
- HR** **Leave Out Violence (LOVE)** **\$90,000 over 4 years**
Leave Out Violence (LOVE), *Halifax*
- Leave Out Violence (LOVE) is a violence prevention and intervention organization that works with youth who have experienced violence as victims, witnesses, or perpetrators. At LOVE, the belief is that violence—defined by participants as “anything that hurts”—is learned and cyclical. Participants learn and practice leadership and life skills while they create art—writing, photography, video, and spoken word. Their

creations become powerful education tools to help community members learn about root causes and effects and alternatives to violence. LOVE's programs in Indian Brook and Membertou First Nations respect and embrace local culture and traditions, while fostering youth voice and leadership in the community.

NUNAVUT

HR **RespectED: Violence and Abuse Prevention Program** **\$28,000**
 Isaksimagit Inuusirmi Katujjigatigiit Embrace Life Council, *Kimmirut*

In this project, the Embrace Life Council provides the RespectED program to the community of Kimmirut. The RespectED program, developed by the Canadian Red Cross, uses a holistic wellness model based on a sustainable 10-step plan. The project supports an action plan that was developed as part of the 10-steps process with the community: it includes violence prevention training and the creation of a Community Prevention Team. In addition to preventing violence, the program also equips key community members with the skills to create healthier communities. Approximately four training sessions lasting 3-5 days will be held in Kimmirut throughout the year. Continued support will be provided to achieve the action items that have been set out to make the community safer for children and youth.

ONTARIO

RB **Violence Against Women Court Support Program** **\$25,000**
 Elizabeth Fry Society Ottawa, *Ottawa*

In an increasing number of domestic violence cases, women are being counter-charged for violence. A disproportionate number of these women are Aboriginal or racialized women. This program provides legal support, counselling, cultural supports, peer support, and advocacy for women who have experienced abuse, and who have also been criminalized.

RB **Family Law Literacy for Abused Women** **\$26,540**
 Luke's Place Support and Resource Centre for Women and Children, *Oshawa*

Building on the success of its "Legal Information for Women" workshop series, Luke's Place is developing two new family law workshops. The new workshop topics include "Managing a legal bully to get the best possible court outcomes" and "Working effectively with family court-related services." Luke's Place will also update its four existing workshops, with the goal of providing women the information they need to make strategic decisions about their cases. Workshops are being piloted in the Durham region and will be shared across Ontario by trained front-line workers.

RB **Durham Region's Intimate Relationships Violence Empowerment Network (DRIVEN) - Reducing transportation barriers for women who are seeking support for intimate relationship violence** **\$2,500**
 Bethesda House Shelter and Outreach Services, *Oshawa*

Women in abusive relationships may not be able to access the support they need because of barriers to transportation. If a woman is being monitored by an abuser, she might not have the resources or freedom to get to a shelter or service provider. DRIVEN provides transportation assistance so that women can get to Bethesda House. Partner agencies can also refer women to DRIVEN.

HR **Safe Dates: An Adolescent Dating Violence Prevention Program** **\$16,476**
 Community Organized Support and Prevention, *Belleville*

Safe Dates is a nine-session dating abuse prevention program. It is designed to help students identify healthy relationships, as well as the causes and consequences of dating abuse. It helps change teens' perceptions of

dating violence and teaches them conflict-resolution tools. The project targets Grade 8 students in Tyendinaga, at the Quinte Mohawk School, in Picton, Prince Edward County, and at Queen Elizabeth School.

SS Second Stage Housing Support \$26,372
People in Transition (My Sister's Place), *Alliston*

This facility consists of five one-bedroom units connected to an existing shelter and is designed to be a "next step" for women who are leaving the shelter and preparing to rebuild their lives. The women are provided with on-site outreach support. Support from the Canadian Women's Foundation offsets the women's living expenses, allowing them to save the necessary funds for the next phase of their journey to independence.

COM A National Voice: Navigating the Diversity of Provincial/Territorial Women's Shelters and VAW Services \$28,000
Canadian Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses, *Ottawa*

This collaborative project supports the national Network of Women's Shelters and Transition Houses in developing a tool that maps the landscape of women's shelters and Violence Against Women (VAW) service providers across Canada. The goal of the mapping tool is to get a better understanding of how shelters and VAW services function in their provinces/territories. The tool will help service workers, advocates, researchers, and policy makers to identify gaps in services and opportunities for improvement. In addition to collecting information on a provincial/territorial level, the tool will include information about shelters on reserves. The tool will be available in French and English.

EMP Safety Includes Me! Violence prevention for women with intellectual disabilities \$19,400
Community Living Toronto, *Toronto*

This is a safety initiative for women with intellectual disabilities who live independently in the community. Through a series of eight workshops, the program addresses violence prevention and includes individual risk assessments and personalized safety plans for participants. Upon completion, participants can identify unsafe situations and locations, as well as people and resources available for help in their community. Individual risk assessments look at each participant's home and neighbourhood. Program staff explore each woman's surroundings and provide coaching to reduce risk in terms of their daily travel routes, habits, and personal security.

EMP Girl-led Community Education Program \$24,845
South Asian Women's Rights Organization, *Scarborough*

This girl-led community education program aims to reduce gender-based abuse and violence against teen and pre-teen girls. It focuses on intergenerational conflicts over gender roles in South Asian immigrant families, because these conflicts can make girls vulnerable to violence. Discussions address sexuality and transgender issues. A lead group of teen and pre-teen girls investigate and analyze how gender violence arises in the community, and the girls are supported in delivering culturally sensitive educational programs to other girls and the greater community. The project builds on the successful work carried out by the women and girls of the South Asian Women's Rights Organization in collaboration with COSTI Immigrant Services.

EMP Iskwatewizaagegan Independent First Nation Girls and Teens Violence Prevention Project \$25,000
Isobel Pinesse Memorial Health Centre, *Shoal Lake*

This project aims to prevent violence against women and girls through a series of workshops for First Nations girls aged 11 to 19. The workshops focus on violence against women and girls, healthy relationships, sexuality, sexual exploitation, trafficking, and substance abuse. The project looks to community elders, cultural teachings, and self-expression to help girls develop critical-thinking and decision-making skills.

SE/ST SWEET (Sexual Wellness Empowerment and Education Team) \$24,998
East Metro Youth Services, *Scarborough*

SWEET provides trauma treatment to survivors of human trafficking. Services are tailored to the needs of the young women involved. The goal of the program is to help participants identify barriers to independence; to

enable them to leave abusive situations; and to move on with their lives in positive ways. In addition to trauma support, the program offers peer mentoring and connects participants with women who have experienced trafficking. These experiential women collaborate with therapeutic staff to train service providers about human trafficking. The training addresses ways to identify survivors, and offers suggestions on how to connect them with specific resources.

SE/ST Transitional Housing Program for Victims of Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation \$14,978
Covenant House, *Toronto*

Covenant House offers support and services to youth victims of exploitation and trafficking. The organization has staff with expertise who works with these victims through counselling, housing, legal aid coordination and courtroom support. They work with police, crown attorneys and other community partners to provide support for these young women. Covenant House opened a Transitional Housing program in January 2016 for female and transgendered female victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation ages 16-24. They have developed program infrastructure; created a comprehensive work plan including policies and procedures, safety and security measures, activities, evaluation; and formalized partners for the program. The program houses up to seven girls at a time for up to two years and is based on a trauma-informed model with trauma-specific community services.

SE/ST Safe Passages \$28,000
Women’s Support Network (WSN) of York Region, *Toronto*

Safe Passages is designed to address risk factors that contribute to further victimization of women and girls who have been trafficked and sexually exploited. These risk factors can include violent victimization, lack of accessibility to a continuum of services, and limited connection to the community. Through a case worker, the program provides female victims/survivors with a continuum of care, including crisis support through WSN’s Human Trafficking crisis line; support with immediate needs; specialized case management; and referrals to relevant community partners. In addition, the case worker also responds to case referrals and collaborates with York Regional Police, Victim Services of York Region, and other community service providers.

RB Regional Assault Care Program (RACP) \$28,000
Renfrew Victoria Hospital, *Renfrew*

Older women in rural areas face a complex set of barriers when it comes to leaving violent relationships and rebuilding their lives. The Regional Assault Care Program empowers older women, helping them move on after leaving neglectful or violent home environments. The program focuses on four pillars of need for older women in rural areas: transportation, relocation, aids for daily activities, and a crisis shelter that meets their specific needs. This program helps identify key risk factors for this under-served population of women.

LN « Second Souffle » \$28,000
Oasis Centre des femmes, *Toronto*

This program supports low-income francophone women and children as they rebuild their lives after experiencing abuse. The program aims to help women find their “second wind.” Services are tailored to the specific barriers these women face: language, isolation, limited social network, and little knowledge of the social and economic environment in Ontario. Participants receive an interest-free loan that allows them to access housing, childcare, and transportation. They also benefit from personalized support, peer support, as well as workshops on topics like financial literacy and active living.

HR Afterschool ReAct Program \$160,000 over 4 years
Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC), *Toronto*

METRAC’s Afterschool ReAct Program is a co-ed peer education youth initiative aimed at preventing violence against women and girls. This program serves marginalized teens, aged 14-19, in four high-need schools in Toronto. Youth-led training, planning, implementation and evaluation help youth gain tools for building healthy relationships. Program outcomes include building youth skills in peer facilitation, mentorship, self-reflection, youth leadership, healthy relationships, and community engagement to work towards ending

gendered violence. The young people who participate in this program build the skills, confidence and knowledge required to become violence prevention leaders in their schools and communities.

HR **Be the Change: Educational Modules to End Violence** **\$90,000 over 4 years**
Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services of Halton, *Oakville*

BE THE CHANGE: Educational Modules to End Violence is developing two e-learning modules for students in grades 9-12 that teach them to challenge gender stereotypes and social norms that perpetuate violence. Youth empowerment, long-term social change, peaceful conflict resolution, and problem-solving are emphasized, and additional resources are available for students who have experienced violence.

HR **Fourth R** **\$160,000 over 4 years**
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, *London (working in Nunavut & Northwest Territories)*

The Fourth R is a comprehensive prevention program currently being offered in over 2,000 schools across Canada. The program promotes healthy relationships and explores topics such as bullying and peer and dating violence, as well as high-risk sexual behaviour and substance use among adolescents. Funding from the Canadian Women's Foundation is helping the organization offer the Fourth R to Grades 7, 8 and 9 in Yellowknife Catholic Schools Divisions, as well as in the Tlicho Region in the Northwest Territories, and Arviat, Nunavut. Curricula are being adapted for each community so that they are culturally relevant.

HR **TAG-V: Teens Against Gender Violence** **\$160,000 over 4 years**
Abrigo Centre, *Toronto*

This program connects Abrigo Centre with four school communities to target gender-based violence through an anti-abuse, healthy relationship initiative. In Phase One, 15 students in each school are recruited as youth leaders, and are trained on the issue of violence and building healthy relationships. In Phase Two these youth leaders launch an educational campaign focused on gender-based violence and abuse with the intention of building awareness of abuse, dating violence, peer violence, family violence, and healthy relationships. The youth-led educational campaign includes workshops delivered to school peers and a school-wide informational fair.

HR **The Relationship ARC** **\$24,758**
The Students' Commission of Canada, *Toronto and Saskatoon*

In this project, groups of teens aged 12-19 meet weekly in Toronto and Saskatoon to discuss healthy relationships, violence prevention, and cyber safety. During each session, participants practise skills related to healthy relationships, create social media products, and pitch their ideas to an audience. As youth knowledge and skills expand, the participants facilitate a 4-day session at a residential camp for 150 potential youth leaders, and identify other opportunities to deliver training to other youth conferences, organizations and schools. With the help of professionals, the training will be packaged in an online resource for other youth.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

RB **ASPIRE** **\$25,000**
PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, *Charlottetown*

ASPIRE aims to provide women who have experienced domestic abuse and/or poverty with the tools they need to break the cycle of domestic violence and homelessness. The program offers various wrap-around support services in a respectful, non-stigmatizing environment. Building on each woman's strengths, the program focuses on advocacy, poverty, education, employment, mental wellness, crisis intervention strategies, housing, substance abuse, and parenting.

HR **PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Inc.** **\$92,750 over 4 years**
PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, *Charlottetown*

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services is providing a brand new anti-violence, healthy relationship program in two urban and two rural schools (Grades 6-8). This program is in partnership with the only school board on the island, and therefore has the potential to become provincial. Activities focus on increasing students' knowledge of gender-based discrimination and violence. The goal is to educate and change existing social norms that contribute to violence against girls and women.

QUÉBEC

SS Ensemble, mettons fin à la violence! (Working together to eliminate violence) \$20,000
Maison d'hébergement et de transition L'Égide, *La Prairie*

This housing facility provides temporary, affordable, and safe housing to women and children who have experienced abuse. During their stay for up to 12 months, the families also receive personalized counselling. The project design is unique: it is a "de-victimization" program consisting of thematic workshops facilitated by partners with expertise in popular education. This process engages participants in the planning of the program and encourages them to take part in social change. The workshops focus on tools that can be used to increase autonomy, with special emphasis on self-esteem, empowerment, and building a life free of violence. Each workshop is followed by a group discussion focusing on reflection, awareness-raising, learning, and discussion in a non-judgmental environment. Phase 2 invites former residents to share their new experiences and skills with the current group.

EMP South Asian Girls Taking the Lead: A youth-led violence prevention program \$25,000
South Asian Women's Community Centre, *Montreal*

This program creates safe spaces for South Asian girls aged 15-18 to talk about violence in their relationships. They may be experiencing violence with an intimate partner, family member or in their social network. The goal of the program is to provide the girls peer support and help them develop strategies for preventing violence. The program has older girls facilitate workshops where participants can share their stories and skills. This model fosters young feminist leadership and builds the community's capacity for preventing violence.

SE/ST PIQ \$25,000
Projet intervention prostitution Québec, *Québec*

This project aims to prevent the recruitment of teenage girls into sexually exploitative situations. Through screening, education, and peer leadership, teen girls learn how to recognize the risks of being recruited. A group of high school students in Quebec City is trained by qualified practitioners to advocate for the prevention of sexual exploitation, and are supported by experienced facilitators. The project also develops tools for screening incidents of sexual exploitation, whether among peers, at school, in the community, or through social media.

EMP Creation d'un Comité filles YWCA Québec : les filles au Coeur des actions \$15,000
YWCA Québec, *Québec*

The YWCA Québec has set up a girls' committee to look at various forms of violence against women and to promote healthy relationships. The committee brings together girls aged 11-15 from various backgrounds and neighbourhoods. The girls' committee has two main roles: to organize activities by and for girls, and to spread information, both on and offline. The goal of the program is to help girls develop self-confidence, critical thinking, and strategies for preventing toxic relationships, and to help girls reach their full potential.

EMP Portail sur le cyber violence \$25,000
Antre-Hulloises, *Gatineau*

This project aims to prevent cyber violence directed at girls. A tour of high schools in the Gatineau region will help develop a better understanding of the issues and pinpoint girls' needs. Through the tour, Portail sur le cyber violence will reach out to girls to help them identify strategies to avoid cyber violence. Project staff

also work with police, schools, and community groups to share knowledge and collaborate on prevention strategies.

EMP **Une caravane féministe pour la libération de nos corps, notre Terre et nos territoires!** **\$28,000**
Fédération des Femmes du Québec, *Montreal*

The World March of Women is an international feminist network that aims to eliminate violence against women and women's poverty. With the theme of "We Will Keep Marching until We Are All Free," the network will organize activities across the province to address violence and injustice against women and girls. The caravan will launch a series of activities around International Women's Day, including local actions in all regions of Québec to highlight violence related to the exploitation of women's work. Finally, this project will organize a month of activities addressing the various forms of resistance and feminist alternatives to the current violence. The month of resistance will culminate in a Québec-wide gathering in Trois-Rivières.

HR **Contre la violence dans les relations amoureuses chez les adolescentes** **\$10,263**
(Countering violence in intimate relationships)
Maison des jeunes de Lac-à-la-Croix, *Metabetchouan-Lac-à-la-Croix*

This program targets youth aged 11 to 19, raising their awareness of different forms and the cyclical nature of violence. In the first phase of the program, participants take part in a multimedia experience that illustrates how violence can develop in intimate relationships. In the second phase, workshops focus on strategies for preventing violence. The program aims to help youth deal with verbal harassment, as well as physical and psychological violence in intimate relationships.

SE/ST **Déclis Sans P ni E** **\$75,000 over 3 years**
Action jeunesse St-Pie X de Longueuil Inc., *Longueuil*

Sans P ni E is a prevention and education project designed to prevent vulnerable girls aged 12 to 17 from being sexually exploited. The girls attend workshops that help them to explore their identity and foster personal development, self-reliance, and self-esteem.

SE/ST **Juste pour elles (Just for the Girls)** **\$150,000 over 3 years**
Maison d'Haïti, *Montreal*

This organization provides services to address social integration for Haitian and other newcomer communities in Montreal's Saint Michel area. The Juste pour elles (Just for the Girls) program raises awareness around sexual exploitation and helps foster self-esteem so young women can face the challenges of peer pressure. Using skill-building activities, girls learn to recognize sexual predators and gang recruiters, and learn to think critically about sexual exploitation. Consideration is given to Internet use, sexting, and webcam chats. The program also works to inform parents of the risks of recruitment. The program impacts approximately 60 girls.

SE/ST **Preventing Sexual Exploitation** **\$75,000 over 3 years**
YWCA Montreal, *Montreal*

The Preventing Sexual Exploitation program works to reduce the risk factors, and increase the protective factors for girls at risk of sexual exploitation. The program takes place in group settings within the school environment. Because of the intense nature of the work, the groups are relatively small, with between 18 and 24 girls participating. Class presentations also raise awareness for a larger number of students.

SE/ST **Filles averties, engagées et hors danger** **\$84,000 over 3 years**
(Girls Informed, Engaged, and Out of Danger)
Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle (CLES), *Montreal*

This project enables trained young women, aged 14 to 19, to facilitate awareness workshops on violence against women and girls using—among other educational tools and activities—a documentary created by CLES titled "The Oldest Lie." They present their work to communities in the Montreal area, becoming change-

makers as they engage their peers around the question of sexual exploitation. The organization relies upon established partnerships with ethno-cultural organizations in the targeted neighbourhoods.

HR **À l'action!** **\$160,000 over 4 years**
 Y des femmes de Montreal, *Montreal*

À l'action! supports youth agency by helping participants develop critical thinking skills around gender, leadership skills, and social capacity. Delivered through workshops, and media and arts-based team projects, the program gives young people the opportunity to take concrete action by giving voice to their understanding of gender and exploring alternatives to traditional power dynamics among youth. Young women and men are partnered together on team projects to encourage constructive and open dialogue and an understanding of equal and shared power relationships.

HR **Building Healthy Relationships** **\$90,000 over 4 years**
 Bureau de la Communauté Haïtienne de Montreal (BCHM), *Montreal*

Building Healthy Relationships offers workshops to help young women and men gain self-esteem and a strong sense of their own worth, and provides tools for developing harmonious and healthy relationships. Participants learn about available resources; how to reduce the impact of violence in their lives; how to develop a greater sense of control over their own future; and how to make positive changes in their communities.

SASKATCHEWAN

EMP **Teen Parent Violence Prevention** **\$25,000**
 YMCA Moose Jaw, *Moose Jaw*

The goal of this project is to prevent violence against teenage mothers in the school environment. A support worker in the School-Aged Parent Program will work in the school with pregnant and parenting teens aged 14-19. Through group programming, the support worker will help develop skills in conflict resolution, critical thinking, healthy anger expression, accessing support, recognizing different forms of violence, healthy relationships, media literacy, and stereotypes. The support worker will also help individual participants create action plans to establish physical, emotional, and financial security. The project aims to help each participant overcome barriers to success, explore future opportunities, and ensure they know how to access the resources they need along the way.

SE/ST **Cyber Outreach** **\$20,000**
 EGADZ Youth Centre, *Saskatoon*

The Cyber Outreach focuses on women, children, and youth who are being sexually exploited via social Media. During their work with sexually exploited youth, staff have found very unique characteristics on how youth are recruited and lured for the purposes of sexual exploitation. Youth with lived experience of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking are the best intelligence on how to navigate the complex online and social media systems. The goal of this project is to establish an experiential youth committee to oversee and develop a website and a phone application (app) that will allow an avenue to access assistance and links for life saving services and support within Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan. A Youth Committee is supported by the Sexual Exploitation Intervention Committee consisting of Police, Addictions and Mental Health, Saskatoon Tribal Council, Ministry of Social Services, Education, Housing, Street Outreach, Operation Help, and other valuable programs within EGADZ Youth Centre.

YUKON

COM **Girls North Network** **\$27,770**
 Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre, *Whitehorse*

The Girls North Network aims to form a long-term plan for services that support the needs of girls and young women in Whitehorse and rural Yukon communities. The Network will bring together organizations that provide girl-specific programming, and assess where services need to expand. The goal is to share ideas for activities, events, and best practices between organizations. The Network will also support the formation of a pilot inter-agency girls' group at Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre.