



# Safer + Stronger Grants

Challenge the Rising Risk of Gender-Based Violence in the Pandemic

We will accept applications on a continuous basis until February 15, 2021 or until the funds are fully distributed. Applications that are received on or before the deadline for a cycle will be reviewed and approved together.

## CYCLE PROCESSING DEADLINES:

January 8, 2021  
January 18, 2021  
February 1, 2021  
February 15, 2021

Proposals must be received by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date to be considered for that cycle.

The Covid-19 Emergency Grants are made possible by:



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For Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and to find more information on these grants visit:  
[www.canadianwomen.org/safer-stronger-grants](http://www.canadianwomen.org/safer-stronger-grants)

*Ces documents sont disponibles en français :*  
[www.canadianwomen.org/fr/subventions-securite-fortes](http://www.canadianwomen.org/fr/subventions-securite-fortes)

**START BY REGISTERING ON OUR ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL**

Use this link to **register** for the online application portal:

[https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\\_5647?SA=SNA&FID=35263](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5647?SA=SNA&FID=35263)

Use this link to access **my account** and your application in progress:

[https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\\_5647?SA=AM](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_5647?SA=AM)

**If you have questions, contact the Grants Advisor for your region:**

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## ABOUT THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

The Canadian Women's Foundation is a national leader in the movement for gender equality in Canada. Through funding, research, advocacy, and knowledge sharing, the Foundation works to achieve systemic change that includes all women. By supporting community programs, the Foundation empowers women and girls to move themselves out of violence, out of poverty, and into confidence and leadership.

Launched in 1991 to address a critical need for philanthropy focused on women, the Canadian Women's Foundation is one of the largest women's foundations in the world. With the support of donors, the Foundation has raised more than \$100 million and funded over 2,000 programs across the country. These programs focus on addressing the root causes of the most critical issues and helping women and girls who face the greatest barriers.

The Canadian Women's Foundation aims to be inclusive of diverse people across gender and sexuality spectrums. We focus our efforts on supporting those who face the most barriers and have least access to relevant services. This includes people who identify as women, girls, trans, genderqueer, non-binary, and 2SLGBTQI+.

### OUR APPROACH TO FUNDING

The Canadian Women's Foundation prioritizes inclusion and addressing barriers to access. Our vision of gender equality for all in our grantmaking is expressed in our prioritization of women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples who face multiple challenges.

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**“Until all of us have made it,  
none of us have made it”**

*Rosemary Brown*  
*Founding Mother, Canadian Women's Foundation*

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In recognition of the long histories and ongoing effects of colonization, racism, violence and exclusion, the Canadian Women's Foundation has increased our focus on the following communities:

- ✓ **First Nations, Métis, and Inuit** women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
- ✓ **Black** women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
- ✓ Women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples **living with disabilities**
- ✓ Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, pansexual, androgynous, and asexual (**2SLGBTQI+**) peoples

## CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY

The Canadian Women's Foundation has received funding from the Department for Women and Gender Equality to support women's organizations and other organizations offering significant gender-based violence supports and services to women to:

- Prepare surge capacity to deal with an anticipated influx seeking support as a result of increased gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Support their ability to help address, prevent and reduce gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding is a portion of the federal government's recent announcement.

This funding will be available beginning December 17, 2020 and applications will be accepted on a continuous basis until February 15, 2021.

Given the significant need for funds to help organizations respond to the pandemic, we are expecting 400-600 applications, and as a result the exact number of grants available will depend on the size and number of requests for this funding envelope.

### ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS:

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- Support their ability to help address, prevent and reduce gender-based violence

Applicants must be:

- **Incorporated non-profit organizations with a valid charitable number** from Canada Revenue Agency, or a **First Nation or other organization/hamlet that is designated as a [qualified donee](#)** by Canada Revenue Agency
- **Incorporated non-profit organizations without charitable status** which are not qualified donees will be considered **if they are working with a partner who is a qualified donee** and has a mandate relevant to the project. Please discuss with a [Grants Advisor at the Foundation](#) prior to submitting your application.

### ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

**Requests will be considered from across the continuum of approaches to addressing gender-based violence in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.** Funding must be used for **COVID-19 related costs** incurred by the organization to deal with the emergency, prepare for surges in demand for services, and/or prepare for post-pandemic services, including ongoing operating expenses.

Examples of eligible **activities** include but are not limited to:

- Counselling support
- Crisis intervention
- Digital and telephone-based resources
- Coordination of services and/or supplies

- Prevention of and supports for those that have experienced sexual violence, including in the workplace and on-campus
- Capacity building for the sector through resource sharing, training opportunities or knowledge mobilization by regional, provincial, or national groups
- Broader prevention work such as advocacy, policy development, research and public engagement in the context of the pandemic.

Examples of eligible **expenses** include but are not limited to:

- Staffing
- Organization's administrative/operating costs (rent, hydro, heating etc.)
- Program delivery including supplies, furniture or equipment
- Infection control/COVID prevention (i.e: protective equipment, plexiglass, etc.) Including cleaning supplies
- Rental expense for additional spaces
- Knowledge exchange (meetings, communities of practice to share lessons learned, etc.)
- Volunteer recruitment/training

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Activities must clearly address gender-based violence in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Activities must be completed, including all funds spent, by September 30, 2021.** It is preferred that organizations plan to spend most of the funds by March 31st, 2021, however there is some flexibility for expenses to be incurred after March 31st until September 30, 2021. Expenses beginning October 21, 2020 may be included.
- **Demonstrated experience in gender-based violence work and the community proposed to be served**
- **Clearly targeted community to be served**
- **Requests can range from \$10,000 - \$200,000.** Larger grants may be appropriate for national or regional activities, or when a coalition of organizations come together to jointly undertake activities. If you are a single organization requesting a large size grant over \$75,000, please reach out to your [Regional Grants Advisor](#) to discuss your ideas first (see contact information on page 2 of these Guidelines).

As noted above, in recognition of the long histories and ongoing effects of colonization, racism, violence and exclusion, we have increased our focus on the following communities:

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- **Black** women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples
- Women, girls, Two-Spirit, trans, and non-binary peoples **living with disabilities**
- Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning, intersex, pansexual, androgynous, and asexual (**2SLGBTQI+**) peoples.

## INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Those ineligible to apply include:

- Individuals
- Profit-based organizations
- Unincorporated organizations
- Government of Canada
- Provincial and territorial governments
- The Crown
- The United Nations

Activities that are not eligible include:

- Sub-granting to other organizations
- Expenditures already covered by other government funding
- Fundraising events
- Projects outside of Canada
- Projects not solely or primarily focused on women, girls, trans, two-spirit, and non-binary peoples
- Films or videos (unless this is part of a larger project)
- Capital expenditures
- Self-defense training (if it is the only component of the project)

## PROCESS AND TIMING

To expedite funding, there will be a series of rolling deadlines. Applications that are received on or before the deadline for particular cycle will be reviewed and approved together. We will strive to inform applicants of decisions no later than three weeks after each deadline. Successful applicants will be asked to log into the application portal and fill out their grants funding agreement and provide banking information. Funding will be released within one week of receipt of this information by the Foundation.

A Grants Committee of reviewers with experience in gender-based violence issues will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Foundation, which will approve all grants.

### TIMELINE

Deadline date	Full proposals due by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date
Deadline + 1 week	Proposals are reviewed and Grants Selection Committee meeting is held
Deadline + 2 weeks	Recommendations are reviewed by Foundation staff and grants approved
	Applicants are informed of results by email and asked to complete grants agreement and provide banking information
Deadline + 3-4 weeks	Funding released upon receipt of completed grant agreement and banking information.
October 29, 2021	Final reports submitted through the portal to the Foundation

## FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about your application, please check the FAQ section on our website or contact your grants advisor: [www.canadianwomen.org/safer-stronger-grants](http://www.canadianwomen.org/safer-stronger-grants)

## REGISTER FOR OUR WEBINARS

All webinars will have live English/French interpretation so feel free to join any session and ask questions in the language of your choice.

- Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm EST (in English) - [register here](#)
- Monday, January 18, 2021 at 1:00pm EST (in French) - [register here](#)
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 1:00pm EST (in English) - [register here](#)