



# Shockproofing Communities

Gender-Based Violence COVID Emergency Funds Renewals &  
Impact of Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence Recovery Projects and Collaborations

In order to both meet the need for immediate emergency funds renewals and provide time to consider and plan for recovery project proposals we will be accepting applications in two stages

**STAGE 1 - DUE NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

**Renewal Requests AND Expression of Interest for Recovery Projects & Collaborations**

**STAGE 2 - DUE JANUARY 5, 2022**

Detailed Proposal for **Recovery** Projects & Collaborations

All requests must be received by 11:59 p.m. PT on the deadline date to be considered

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=35343](https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5647?SA=SNA&FID=35343)

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, PLEASE CONTACT: [gbvgrants@canadianwomen.org](mailto:gbvgrants@canadianwomen.org)

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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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- ✓ **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 related to women, trans, Two Spirit, and non-binary people to:

1. **Renew emergency funds** for sexual assault centres and gender-based violence organizations (grant reference numbers SA20, SAC20, GBV20 or GBV21) to continue to reduce the impact of issues arising from the pandemic, to help address, prevent and reduce gender-based violence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Organizations are eligible to receive between \$5,000 and \$50,000 for the renewal, to help offset some of the expenses related to COVID-19.

2. Support **Recovery projects and collaborations** that move beyond immediate emergency needs to responding to issues and changes brought on by the pandemic. Eligible activities might include:
  - Adapting or re-designing programs and service approaches
  - Reviewing and adapting service approaches to fill gaps identified during the pandemic (for example, to ensure service approaches are accessible and culturally appropriate for marginalized or underserved communities).
  - Testing and evaluating programs and service approaches adapted in response to the pandemic.
  - Developing strategies and approaches to prepare for a post-pandemic environment (e.g., human resources, outreach and communications approaches, partnerships, future emergency preparedness policies and procedures).
  - Developing and coordinating sector approaches to transition to a post-pandemic environment, such as through convening, research, knowledge mobilization and exchange on best practices and lessons learned.
  - Addressing long-term technology infrastructure needs, through updates to existing technology systems/tools or upgrades to new systems/tools, as well as training for staff on online tools.

Organizations are eligible to receive between \$5,000 and \$100,000, *in addition to the renewal*, depending on need and number of requests.

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

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 and amounts awarded will depend on the size and number of eligible requests for this funding envelope.

### ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS:

1. **Women's organizations and other organizations offering significant gender-based violence supports and services to women, trans, Two Spirit, and non-binary people**, with the exception of shelters and transition houses and those funded by Indigenous Services Canada.

*If your organization is a Violence Against Women Shelter or Transition House*, please contact Kaitlin Geiger-Bardswich at [kbardswich@endvaw.ca](mailto:kbardswich@endvaw.ca) from Women's Shelters Canada. Women's Shelters Canada are responsible for distributing funding to eligible VAW shelters and transition houses (in all provinces and territories, except Quebec and those funded by Indigenous Services Canada). For the purposes of this funding, eligible VAW shelters/transition houses are defined as facilities whose primary mandate is to provide 24/7 residential services for women and children fleeing domestic violence

*If your organization is funded by Indigenous Services Canada*, please contact [fypp-ppv@sc-isc.gc.ca](mailto:fypp-ppv@sc-isc.gc.ca). Indigenous Services Canada is responsible for distributing funding to eligible First Nations Shelters and on-reserve gender-based violence services in order to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID 19.

2. **Who have received emergency COVID funding from the Canadian Women's Foundation related to addressing and preventing gender-based violence** (grant reference numbers SA20, SAC20, GBV20 or GBV21)

*If you have not received an emergency COVID grant from the Canadian Women's Foundation*, please do not apply for a renewal grant. We will have an open request for proposals in early 2022. If you email [gbvgrants@canadianwomen.org](mailto:gbvgrants@canadianwomen.org) we will put you on the announcement list for those grants.

3. **In all provinces and territories, except Quebec**

*If your organization is in Quebec*, please contact [egalite@scf.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:egalite@scf.gouv.qc.ca). The government of Quebec is responsible for distributing funding to eligible organizations in the province.

4. **Incorporated non-profit organizations with a valid charitable number** from Canada Revenue Agency, or a **First Nation or other organization/municipality that is designated as a qualified donee** by Canada Revenue Agency

Note: Qualified donees are typically defined under the Income Tax Act as, "[organizations that can issue official donation receipts for gifts they receive from individuals and corporations. Registered charities can also make gifts to them](#)". Some First Nations have qualified donee status, to search if your nation has [QD status please see the CRA website](#)

*Incorporated non-profit organizations without charitable status* which are not qualified donees will be considered if **they are working with a partner who has charitable status or 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:

### 1. Gender-Based Violence COVID Emergency Funds Renewals

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 continue to reduce the impact of issues arising from the pandemic, help address, prevent and reduce gender-based violence, and deal with the emergency, surges in demand for services, including ongoing operating expenses.

Organizations are eligible to receive between \$5,000 and \$50,000 for the renewal, to help offset some of the expenses related to COVID-19.

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

### 2. Impact of Pandemic on Gender-Based Violence Recovery Projects and Collaborations

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Eligible activities include but are not limited to:

- Adapting or re-designing programs and service approaches

- Reviewing and adapting service approaches to fill gaps identified during the pandemic (for example, to ensure service approaches are accessible and culturally appropriate for marginalized or underserved communities).
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### INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND ACTIVITIES:

*Organizations* ineligible to apply include:

- Violence Against Women Shelters and Transition Houses
- Organizations located in Quebec
- Those funded by Indigenous Services Canada
- 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)

### 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 March 31, 2023.** It is preferred that organizations plan to spend most of the funds received in the first payment by March 31st, 2022. Funds received in the second payment can be spent until March 31, 2023. Expenses beginning July 19, 2021, may be included.
- Demonstrated **experience in gender-based violence** work
- Demonstrated **experience working with the community** to be served

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### PROCESS AND TIMING

The deadline for **Renewal requests** and **Expressions of Interest in Recovery funds** is November 21 at 11:59pm PST.

Note: **This call involves a two-stage process.** In order to both meet the need for immediate emergency funds renewals and provide time to consider and plan for recovery project proposals we will be accepting and processing Renewal requests before the end of the year and will send all organizations that expressed interest in Recovery funding a detailed form to be completed by January 5, 2022.

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. We will strive to inform applicants of decisions no later than one month after each deadline.

### TIMELINE

Nov 21, 2021	Renewal requests and Recovery Expressions of Interest (EOI) due by 11:59 p.m. PT
Nov 21 - Dec 17, 2021	Requests are reviewed and Recovery detailed request form sent to those that expressed interest
Dec 15 - 31, 2021	Recommendations are reviewed by Foundation staff and grants approved Applicants are informed of results by email and first payment of RENEWAL funding released upon confirmation of agreement & banking information
Jan 5, 2022	Recovery detailed requests due by 11:59 p.m. PT
Jan 5 - Feb 4, 2022	Renewal Detailed Requests are reviewed, and Grants Selection Committee meeting is held
Feb 7 - 28, 2022	Recommendations are reviewed by Foundation staff and grants approved

## SHOCKPROOFING COMMUNITIES: Emergency COVID-19 Grants Renewals & Expressions of Interest in GBV Pandemic Recovery Funding

	Applicants are informed of results by email and asked to complete grants agreement and confirm banking information
	First payment for RECOVERY funding released upon receipt of completed grant agreement and banking information.
Spring 2022	Interim spending report due and second payment of both RENEWAL and RECOVERY funding released upon receipt of report
Spring 2023	Final reports submitted through the portal to the Foundation

### FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions about your application, please contact us at [gbvgrants@canadianwomen.org](mailto:gbvgrants@canadianwomen.org)

### REGISTER FOR OUR WEBINAR

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 12:00 pm EST (in English) - [register here](#)

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