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## *News Release*

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Hello everyone,

This is the April 2024 news release from your federal MP that updates you on programs and funding that may be relevant to members of your community. In this issue we discuss programs:

1. To better support 2SLGBTQI+ communities.
2. To support training projects for jobs in the low-carbon economy.
3. To help young Canadians lead the charge toward a cleaner future.
4. To help young Canadians promote healthy living in their schools.
5. To better support the wine sector (launching April 8th).
6. REMINDER: The Tourism Growth Program (TGP) is accepting applications!

*Please share relevant information with members of your communities.*

### **1. To better support 2SLGBTQI+ communities (Canada)**

The [2SLGBTQI+ Project Fund 2024 Call for Proposals](#) will allow 2SLGBTQI+ organizations to support community-informed initiatives that address barriers to equality. This includes projects that facilitate systemic change as well as the development of knowledge, tools, and support for the community. The allocated funds will be determined following the type of project:

- Local reach project could be funded up to \$400 000; and,
- Regional, provincial, territorial, and national reach project could be funded up to \$1 200 000.

*Who is it for?* Not-for-profit organizations that work primarily or entirely with 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

*When to apply?* The deadline to submit applications is **April 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Pacific Time.**

*How to apply?* By creating an account in the [Online Application and Intake System \(ONAIS\)](#) and following the instructions listed in the [ONAIS system user guide](#) or the [ONAIS instructional video](#).

[For more information click here...](#)

***Share the info about this program throughout your network!***

### **2. To support training projects for jobs in the low-carbon economy (Canada)**

The [Sustainable Jobs Training Fund](#) aims to support a series of training projects that will help workers upgrade or gain new skills for jobs in the low-carbon economy. The fund will focus on low-carbon energy and carbon management, green buildings and retrofits, as well as electric vehicle maintenance and charging infrastructure.

*Who is it for?* Not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations, Indigenous organizations, and provincial and territorial governments.

*When to apply?* The call for proposals will close **on May 15, 2024, at 3pm EDT.**

*How to apply?* By following the steps listed [here](#).

[Sign up for the April 11<sup>th</sup> information session here](#). NOTE: Registration for this session ends on **April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm EDT.**

[For more information, click here...](#)

***Share this information with organizations in your area!***

### **3. To help young Canadians lead the charge toward a cleaner future (Canada)**

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is looking for young people in Canada between the ages of 18 and 29 to become a member of the next [Environment and Climate Change Youth Council \(ECCYC\)](#) by applying to an anticipatory selection process. The Youth Council will be an excellent opportunity for passionate young people in Canada to help drive change on some of the country's most important environment and climate issues.

Members of the ECCYC have the unique opportunity to provide non-partisan advice to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and the department.

*Who is it for?* Canadian citizens or permanent residents between the ages of 18 and 29 on October 1, 2024.

*When to apply?* The call for applications will close on **April 26, 2024.**

*How to apply?* By following the steps listed [here](#).

[For more information click here...](#)

***Share with youth in your community today!***

### **4. To help young Canadians promote healthy living in their schools (Canada)**

The [School Health Grant for Youth](#) provides Canadian youth, ages 13 to 19 and enrolled in grades 9 to 12 or Secondary 3 to 6 in Quebec, the opportunity to apply for up to \$1500 of grant funding. The goal of the grant is to empower youth to develop their own initiatives that encourage and promote healthy living in their schools and communities.

*Who is it for?* Canadian citizens or permanent residents between the ages of 13-19 who are enrolled in Secondary 3 to 6 in Quebec. **Note:** Teachers and school administrators are not eligible to submit a grant application. However, they can act as a mentor and a youth ally.

When to apply? By **Monday, April 15, 2024 (5:00pm, EDT)**.

How to apply? By reading the [Youth Grant Applicant Guide](#) and following the steps listed [here](#).

[For more information click here...](#)

***Share with youth organizations and schools within your community!***

## **5. To better support the wine sector (Canada – launching April 8<sup>th</sup>)**

The [Wine Sector Support Program](#) aims to provide short-term financial support to licensed Canadian wineries as they transition and adapt to ongoing and emerging challenges impacting the financial resilience and competitiveness of the wine industry. The program provides non-repayable grant payments to licensed Canadian wineries based on their production of bulk wine fermented in Canada from domestic and/or imported primary agricultural products.

*Who is it for?* Not-for-profit academic institutions and for-profit organizations that produce wine in Canada for commercial sale.

*When to apply?* Applications for 2024-25 will be accepted from **April 8, 2024, until May 24, 2024**.

**NOTE: The application form will be available on April 8, 2024.**

How to apply? By following the steps listed [here](#).

[For more information click here...](#)

***Share with organizations and businesses within the wine sector in your region!***

## **6. REMINDER: The Tourism Growth Program (TGP) is accepting applications!**

The [Tourism Growth Program](#) aims to increase the capacity of local tourist attractions, so they can attract more visitors from outside Quebec. Funds will help develop tourism products and experiences, particularly in rural and remote areas. It's important to note that approximately 15% of TGP funding is dedicated to Indigenous-led tourism initiatives.

*Who is it for?* SMEs, not-for-profit organizations, social economy businesses active in the tourism industry and Indigenous-owned businesses (including sole proprietors, band councils, and Nunavik municipalities) or Indigenous tourism organizations.

*When to apply?* Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

*How to apply?* By following the link most applicable to your project:

- Does your project involve an **Indigenous-led tourism initiative**? Visit the website of our delivery partner, [Tourisme Autochtone Québec](#).

- Does your project require financial support of **more than \$60,000 and up to \$250,000**? [Contact us directly](#).
- Does your project require a contribution of **\$60,000 or less**? Visit the website of the EDC's delivery partner, the [Société des attractions touristiques du Québec](#).

[For more information click here...](#)