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News Release

Hello everyone,

This is the January 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 support distress lines and organizations providing crisis services.
2. To support Black-led, Black-serving, and Black-focused organizations.
3. To help local groups celebrate community anniversaries.
4. To support official language minority communities.
5. To help support Indigenous projects and partnerships.

Please share relevant information with members of your communities.

1. To support distress lines and organizations providing crisis services (Canada)

The Public Health Agency of Canada launched a second [Call for Proposals: Distress Line Equity Fund 2023-2024](#) to support eligible distress lines and centres that provide crisis services to help address distress line sector gaps in equity, diversity, and inclusion. For the purpose of this funding opportunity, a distress line or centre is an organization that has as its principal mandate the provision of immediate crisis services via phone, text, and/or chat to the general public or specific priority population(s) with a focus on mental health.

Who is it for? Canadian not-for-profit voluntary organizations or corporations, unincorporated groups, societies, or coalitions, Indigenous organizations working with First Nations, Inuit, or Métis peoples, including Modern Treaty Rights Holders, organizations or institutions supported primarily by provincial or territorial governments (such as regional health authority, school, post-secondary institution).

When to apply? **By 3:00 pm EST on January 22, 2024.**

How to apply? By requesting an Invitation to Submit a Funding Request (ISFR). Included within the ISFR is the Funding Request Form. **To obtain a copy of the ISFR template, please email suicideprevention@phac-aspc.gc.ca** with the subject line "Invitation to Submit a Funding Request – Distress Line Equity Fund".

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

Share info about this program with distress lines and organizations in your community!

2. To support Black-led, Black-serving, and Black-focused organizations (Canada funded)

The [Foundation for Black Communities \(FFBC\)](#) launched a call for proposals for [the B.I.G. Black Ideas Grant: Bridge and Build 2023](#). Launched under the [Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund](#), established by the Government of Canada in Budget 2021, the FFBC has allocated \$5.88 million to fund an estimated 120 projects. Eligible organizations will receive funding for projects that support the fight against anti-Black racism or that work toward improving social and economic outcomes for Black communities in Canada.

Who is it for? Black-led, Black-focused, and Black-serving organizations that are either a registered charity, incorporated non-profit, or an unincorporated non-profit or group working with an incorporated partner that is located in Canada.

When to apply? By **February 1, 2024, at 11:59 PM PT.**

How to apply? By reading the [Applicant Guide](#) and applying [here](#).

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

Share this information with organizations in your region!

3. To help local groups celebrate community anniversaries (Canada)

The [Building Communities through Arts and Heritage – Community Anniversaries](#) component provides funding to local groups for non-recurring local events, with or without a minor capital project.

Who is it for? a local, non-profit organization or group; a local band council, local tribal council or other local Indigenous government or equivalent organizations (First Nations, Inuit or Métis); or a municipal administration, a municipal agency or a public authority of the municipality.

When to apply? April 30 for events that will occur during the next calendar year. For example, if your anniversary is in August 2025, you must apply by April 30, 2024.

How to apply? Contact the nearest [regional office of the Department of Canadian Heritage](#) to request the Community Anniversaries Guidelines and application form.

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

Share this with local organizations in your community!

4. To support official language minority communities (Canada)

The [Economic Development Initiative – Official Languages](#) aims to foster the economic development of official language minority communities (OLMCs). The funding may serve to kickstart innovative or entrepreneurial projects, solidify partnerships or diversify economic activities in these communities.

Who is it for? SMEs in an RCM outside the Greater Montréal region where English-speakers make up more than 5% of the total population and NPOs in an RCM whose population includes more than 500 English-speakers.

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

How to apply? By reading the [program submission guide](#).

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

Take advantage of this program or share the information around you without delay.

5. To help support Indigenous projects and partnerships (Quebec)

The [Indigenous Projects](#) seeks to enable the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Premières Nations et les Inuit (SRPNI) to support the carrying out of specific initiatives focused on Québec's Indigenous milieu, in complementarity with measures offered by other Government of Québec departments and bodies. The program targets the following specific objectives:

- Help to establish and further develop harmonious relations and partnerships between Indigenous and the Government of Québec, as well as between Indigenous and the public, particularly by providing information and raising awareness;
- Support the carrying out of one-time initiatives, projects, and events that are significant in scope and that foster the social, community, or cultural development of Québec's Indigenous milieu.

Who is it for? Indigenous communities (band councils, tribal councils, northern villages); non-profit Indigenous organizations (Indigenous NPOs); non-profit organizations; groupings of Indigenous NPOs, nations, or communities.

When to apply? For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, projects may be submitted until **March 31, 2024**.

How to apply? By completing the [funding applications](#) and submitting them either electronically or by mail.

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

Invite Indigenous communities and organizations to apply!