



Backgrounder: Vancouver - New funding will help support a vibrant gender equality movement across Canada

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Ending Violence Association of BC (EVA BC) — \$290,000

EVA BC works to coordinate and support the work of victim-serving and other anti-violence programs in British Columbia through the provision of issue-based consultation and analysis, resource development, training, research and education.

Through this three-year project, EVA BC will work to improve the way workplaces in BC respond to gender-based violence and support survivors. The organization and its partners will collaborate to design and implement policies to prevent and respond to women who experience sexual violence and harassment. The results of the project will be shared with stakeholders, including professional associations.

Inform'elles Society — \$270,000

Since 1998, Inform'elles has provided British Columbians French-language information, awareness and support services on violence against women and girls.

This three-year project will improve the coordination of support for francophone women who experience violence in British Columbia and the Yukon. An advisory committee will identify best practices and make recommendations to address current support gaps. Working with its partners, the organization will design, test and share a framework to ensure that francophone women of diverse backgrounds have access to culturally appropriate French-language services.

Minerva Foundation for BC Women — \$337,076

The Minerva Foundation is a registered, non-profit charitable organization that supports women and girls throughout British Columbia to gain the confidence and skills they need to reach their leadership potential through initiatives like leadership programs, education awards, and culturally relevant programming developed in partnership with Indigenous women.

This three-year project will increase the representation of women in leadership roles in British Columbia's technology sector. The organization will work with industry stakeholders to address the representation of women executives in the sector by identifying barriers, adopting promising practices to address them and creating a gender diversity assessment tool.

Multilingual Orientation Service Association for Immigrant Communities (MOSAIC) — \$275,132

MOSAIC is a registered charity serving immigrant, newcomer and refugee communities in Greater Vancouver for the past 40 years.

Through this project, MOSAIC will work to increase gender diversity in Vancouver's news media by addressing such issues as discrimination, stereotyping and lack of representation of female experts. It will develop and pilot a culturally sensitive gender framework for media content and coverage for news media organizations when reporting on violence against women, which will include a self-assessment standards booklet and a gender equality charter for the media.

Rise Women's Legal Centre — \$375,000

Rise Women's Legal Centre is a community legal centre striving to create accessible legal services that are responsive to the unique needs of self-identifying women, particularly those who are victims of violence, abuse and unequal power dynamics.

Through this three-year project, the organization will work to improve women's access to legal services in British Columbia, particularly in a family law setting. The organization will work with partners in the community, including women who have experienced violence, to identify and implement promising practices for providing legal assistance to survivors of violence. Findings will be shared with community organizations and policy makers.

Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST) — \$345,190

SCWIST is a non-profit association that promotes, encourages and empowers women and girls in science, engineering and technology.

This three-year project will increase and promote gender diversity in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields in Vancouver. Working with its partners, SCWIST will address barriers to women's inclusion and advancement in the sector, such as human resources and workplace practices that do not meet the diverse needs of women. Results will be shared broadly among sector stakeholders.

WAWAW Rape Crisis Centre — \$320,000

WAWAW Rape Crisis Centre works to end all forms of violence against women. It provides all women who have experienced any form of sexualized violence with support and healing, and engages with youth to develop leadership for prevention of future violence.

Through this three-year project, the organization will work to improve the response of the B.C. Justice System to survivors of sexual violence. The organization will bring the voices of survivors and those that work with them forward and work with partners to develop a strategy to increase survivors' confidence in the justice system.

Call for proposals: Funding to Advance Gender Equality in Canada – Over \$18 million

In October 2016, Status of Women Canada invited organizations to propose projects that advance gender equality across Canada. As of June 2017, some 50 projects have been approved for over \$18 million in [Funding to Advance Gender Equality](#).

Over the course of 36-months, the projects will address systemic barriers in Status of Women Canada's three areas of focus: increasing women's economic security and prosperity; encouraging women and girls to be better represented in leadership and decision-making roles; and ending violence against women and girls.

The Canadian Women's Foundation will convene a strong, independent, pan-Canadian network of women leaders to support feminist action for gender equality at the national level. These leaders have been chosen for their remarkable efforts at the local level to advance gender equality with women, girls and gender non-conforming people. By creating a network of visionary women, we will broaden the reach of their efforts beyond their communities – inspiring others from across the country to add their voices and contribute their ideas towards achieving real progress.

It's Time: Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence

It's Time: Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence is the Government of Canada's [response to gender-based violence](#) (GBV). It builds on current federal initiatives, coordinates existing programs and lays the foundation for greater action on GBV.

The Strategy is based on three pillars:

- Prevention;
- Support for survivors and their families; and
- Promotion of responsive legal and justice systems.

Il est temps : La stratégie du Canada pour prévenir et contrer la violence fondée sur le sexe

En [réponse à la violence fondée sur le sexe](#) (VFS), le gouvernement du Canada a adopté *Il est temps : La stratégie du Canada pour prévenir et contrer la violence fondée sur le sexe*. *Il est temps* s'inscrit dans la foulée d'initiatives fédérales déjà en cours et coordonne les programmes existants. Elle jette aussi les bases pour d'autres interventions.

Cette stratégie comporte trois piliers :

- Prévention;
- Soutien aux personnes survivantes et à leur famille;
- Réactivité du système juridique et judiciaire aux besoins.

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