

Stopping the Violence Counselling Enhancement Project

One-Time Grant Application Guide

Deadline to apply: **February 20, 2026 at 5:00 PM PST**

Background and context

EVA BC is distributing one-time grants to Stopping the Violence Counselling (STVC) programs with the aim of increasing access to virtual counselling and/or counselling for equity-deserving groups and underserved communities. These funds are available at this time through our Stopping the Violence Counselling Enhancement Project (STVCEP).

The STVCEP is funded by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG) through Canada's *National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence* and *Safe and Supported: British Columbia's Gender-Based Violence Action Plan*. The action, led by EVA BC, aims to improve access to counselling for people from underserved communities who have experienced intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence.

STVCEP Advisory Committee

As part of the STVCEP, EVA BC has been consulting with an Advisory Committee, comprised of STVC counsellors and program managers from across BC. The Advisory Committee shared information with EVA BC about the common barriers that survivors face when attempting to access counselling services. The Committee also shared their thoughts on how this one-time grant could best be used to address these barriers. EVA BC was guided by the Committee's suggestions when developing grant distribution guidelines.

Eligible programs

- All STVC programs that are contracted by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (MPSSG) are eligible to apply for a one-time grant.

Ineligible programs

- STVC programs that are not contracted by MPSSG are ineligible.
- Other anti-violence programs contracted by MPSSG or other funders are ineligible. The following programs are not eligible to apply for a one-time STVC program grant:
 - Community-Based Victim Services (CBVS) programs
 - Stopping the Violence Outreach Services (STV ORS) programs
 - Multicultural Outreach Services (MORS) programs
 - Sexual Assault Services (SAS) programs
 - Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling and Empowerment (PEACE) programs
 - Transition house and safe home programs
 - Second and third stage housing programs

Eligible expenditures

- Program staff capacity building
 - Includes staff time and/or training costs for STV counsellors to attend training related to increasing access to virtual counselling and/or counselling for equity-deserving groups and underserved communities
- Program technology
 - Includes items such as telephones, computers, and other technology that are not already owned by the organization and are required to increase access to virtual counselling and/or counselling for equity-deserving groups and underserved communities
- Program promotion and outreach
 - Includes costs to translate STVC marketing materials and/or client-facing forms into various languages, or costs to adapt STVC marketing materials for additional underserved communities
- Other
 - Includes other items required to increase access to virtual counselling and/or counselling for equity-deserving groups and underserved communities

Ineligible expenditures

- Activities that are not aimed at increasing access to virtual STV counselling and/or STV counselling are ineligible.

Application process

- Please read through the entire application guide prior to completing the application form. If you have a question, please see the *Frequently Asked Questions* section. If the answer to your question is not addressed in the FAQ section, please contact us at: programsupport@endingviolence.org
- Complete all sections of the application form. Incomplete sections will adversely affect your score and may result in your application being unsuccessful.
- Please do not exceed the word limits within the application.
- Do not provide any additional information, external links, and/or attachments with the application, as these will not be considered.
- Please write out all acronyms when introducing a term.
- If you experience any technical difficulties, please contact: programsupport@endingviolence.org

Review and selection process

- A committee review process will be undertaken to assess all eligible applications received. Applications will be individually reviewed and assessed against the criteria outlined in the application form.
- All applicants will receive the results of their application by **March 10, 2026**.
- All grant decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Reporting

- Upon completion of the activities, grant recipients will be required to submit a brief report on the use of funds to EVA BC for the purposes of our own evaluation and future advocacy.