



# GIVING VOICE 2024 - 2025 APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**\*The deadline of June 28, 2024 has been extended to**

**Monday July 8, 2024**

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The [Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women](#) (MACIW) was established in 2011 to provide advice to government on how to improve the quality of life for Indigenous<sup>1</sup> women in British Columbia.

## Guiding Principles and Purpose

MACIW emphasizes the safety of women, reflected in their **Guiding Principles**:

- **Community driven and community-based**: the voices of Indigenous women and children must be heard, and this will ensure that strategies and initiatives are truly responsive; services are accessible and where appropriate community-based.
- **Integrity**: drawing on Indigenous cultures and traditions is essential to creating culturally appropriate policies and programs.
- **Partnership**: collaboration, partnership and coordination at the community, regional, provincial and federal levels are needed to end violence.
- **Awareness**: sharing our knowledge, history, skills and understanding well-built support and momentum for ending violence.
- **Safety**: special attention must be made to ensure that all services and supports for Indigenous women and girls are provided in ways that support their physical and emotional safety.

The **Purpose** of Giving Voice project is to:

- Support groups, organizations and individuals working at the community level to learn from stories of resilience and strength and create new strategies to address the issues of violence.
- Create an opportunity to bring Indigenous women and girls including other community members, together in a safe environment to give voice to issues of violence and abuse within their lives, their families, and communities and, inspire change.

Giving Voice places emphasis on Indigenous people's right to cultural self-determination and aligns with the Province's efforts to strengthen relationships with Indigenous people, the Truth

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<sup>1</sup> Indigenous includes First Nations, Métis and Inuit living on or off-reserve.

and Reconciliation Calls to Action, the National Inquiry into the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. For details on past Giving Voice initiatives, look at the [Giving Voice 2019-21 Report](#).

## Who can Apply?

An authorized representative(s) of a British Columbia-based:

- **First Nations Government** (First Nations Band Council, Tribal Council, or government authority established by a self-government agreement or a comprehensive land claim agreement).
- **Indigenous Non-Profit Group** (First Nations, Métis or Inuit; including sports, arts and other societies).
- **Métis Chartered Community**
- **Indigenous Friendship Centre** (associated with the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres).

## Eligible Activities

Giving Voice is based on the underlying approach that Indigenous communities know how to heal themselves. To reflect this, applicants are encouraged to choose activities that will be meaningful to the participants as well as reflect the purpose of Giving Voice noted above.

- Activities include those that bring women, and/or their families, and/or other members of the community together in a safe and supportive way. This may include cultural practices (e.g. making cultural items, land-based activities), learning opportunities (e.g. violence prevention workshops), and training and skills development (e.g. communications and conflict resolution training).
- Eligible expenses may include meeting room rentals, refreshments, honoraria, childcare, cultural protocol expenses, facilitator fees, and travel expenses.
- Activities can be connected to initiatives that are currently underway.

## Funding Criteria

- Up to **\$30,000** per project is available.
- Costs must be specific to the project.
- Partnerships and in-kind contributions are encouraged.
- The deadline for your submission is **Monday July 8, 2024**, at 12:00 am (midnight) PST.
- Projects must be completed by **Monday June 30, 2025**.

## Ineligible Activities and Expenses

- Regular employees' salaries.
- Corporate/business projects intended to make a profit.
- Out-of-province travel.
- Infrastructure of any kind (including new buildings, repairs, upgrades, specialized equipment).
- Applicants are responsible for any cost over-runs.

## Evaluation Criteria

Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria. The exploratory questions are prompts and are not meant to limit any project ideas.

Criteria	Exploratory questions
Purpose of Giving Voice	Does your project reflect the purpose of the Giving Voice initiative?
Safe spaces	Does your project provide safe space(s) (physical/digital), leadership opportunities and/or safety planning?
Change	Does your project inspire change in behaviour and attitudes, and/or in decolonizing systems?
Indigenous-led approaches	Does your project provide Indigenous-led healing supports through traditional and/or present-day cultural teachings and practices?
Clear budget	Can the project be successful with the funding and resources available?

Objectives	Are the objectives clear and achievable?
Level of impact	Can the impact be measured and/or the project evaluated?
Community based	How is the project designed around the needs of your community?
Partners/Collaborators	Are there opportunities to engage partners and community networks?
Inclusivity	Is your project inclusive of Indigenous women, girls, Two-Spirit and other gender diverse people? (NOTE: Funding priority may be given to projects that include Indigenous youth)
Geographic representation	Which region of the province is the project being carried out? Is the project is being carried out in an urban, rural, on-reserve, or off-reserve location? Is the project being carried out in more than one community? (NOTE: Funding priority may be given to applicants who are rural and remote and who have limited access to services)

## Important Dates

Proposal deadline closes by midnight on:	<b>Monday July 8, 2024, at 12:00 am (midnight) PST</b>
Applicants notified in:	<b>August 2024</b>
Projects must be completed by:	<b>June 30 2025</b>

## Applying for Funding

Before you start the online application process, make sure that you:

- Fit the WHO CAN APPLY criteria.
- Know the details and title of your organization's **signing authority**.
  - The Signing Authority is the person in your organization who has the legal authority to sign a binding agreement.
- Have your PROJECT DESCRIPTION (of no more than 800 words) ready to upload to the **ONLINE APPLICATION found [HERE](#)**.
- Use the map on page 7 of this document to determine which region your organization is located.

- The online application will give you the following error message when information needs to be re-entered using the correct format.

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- Have a budget that does not exceed 30000. **Use this format: 00000**
- Have your BASIC BUDGET ready, using these line items:

Space rental	
Professional fees	
Honoraria or in-kind expenses	
Materials/equipment rental	
Travel	
Other (Specify)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

## Agreement Terms

If your funding application is successful:

- The funding administrator will contact you if your application is successful.
- These terms will be described in greater detail in the Grant Letter.

## Contact Information

- If you have questions about Giving Voice or the application process, please contact [givingvoice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:givingvoice@gov.bc.ca) or Souie at 778-698-8520.
- Applicants who cannot access the online link to apply and would like a paper application form, or to discuss other submission options such as an oral or recorded submission, please contact [givingvoice@gov.bc.ca](mailto:givingvoice@gov.bc.ca) no later than **June 26, 2024**.

## Regional Map

- Interior Region
- Fraser Region
- Vancouver Coastal Region
- Vancouver Island Region
- Northern Region

