

National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence (NAP) Allocations for Initiatives under Safe and Supported: BC's Gender-Based Violence Action Plan

SAFE AND SUPPORTED: B.C.'S GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE ACTION PLAN			NAP Funding Allocations (\$M)		
Initiative Name	Initiative Details	Partner Ministry	Year 1 - 2023/24	Year 2 - 2024/25	Year 3 - 2025/26
Priority 1 - Increasing Safety and Supports for Survivors					
Stabilizing Intimate Partner Violence Units and the Human Trafficking Unit	Support Intimate Partner Violence Units (also called domestic violence units or DVUs), which are specialized teams of community-based victim service workers, child protection workers, and police officers who work together to coordinate responses when the risk of violence is high. Three community organizations in Abbotsford, Surrey and Kelowna have used NAP funding to offer more than 1,700 additional clients to date quicker service, counselling, and rental subsidies. Funding has also been provided to Family Services of Greater Vancouver to support the Human Trafficking Unit, a partnership between victim service workers and police, which has enabled them to help more than 100 victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking and train more than 2,300 service providers to recognize and respond to the signs of human trafficking.	Public Safety and Solicitor General	0.450	0.450	0.450
Increase capacity of Victim Services/Violence Against Women Programs	Help address waitlists and build capacity for approximately 180 community-based service providers delivering Stopping the Violence programs, Community Based Victim Services, Police-based Victim Services, Outreach Services, Multicultural Outreach Services, Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence Unit programs, and Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling and Empowerment (PEACE) programs. Investments supported organizations to address important pressures and service gaps, including supporting underserved groups, staffing needs, and additional practical supports to survivors.	Public Safety and Solicitor General		3.998	
Critical Response Grants for Women's Shelters and Transition Housing	Support 100 non-profit providers of women’s shelters and transition housing across BC to enhance providers' capacity to support survivors through one-time grants for the purchasing of supplies, making accessibility upgrades and minor capital improvements, and supporting survivors’ financial independence. Organizations have reported funding has led to improved safety and stability for survivors, increased organizational capacity to address and prevent gender-based violence, and enhanced resources, facilities and security across supported programs.	Housing and Municipal Affairs			4.300
Increase Access to Counselling for Underserved Communities	Provide funding for Ending Violence Association of BC (EVABC) to support 91 Stopping the Violence counselling programs across BC to build capacity, improve infrastructure and technology, and increase access to both in-person and virtual counselling for equity-deserving and underserved populations, including seniors, people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ people and people in rural and remote areas. By mid 2026, more than 160 counsellors have accessed new training and 85 service providers have received one-time grants to increase access to counselling.	Public Safety and Solicitor General		1.000	0.500
Develop Training for Transition Housing Staff	Develop new training to support shelter, social housing and homelessness service providers to identify and address gender-based violence, with particular attention to the higher risks faced by Indigenous women, supporting 2SLGBTQQIA+ community members, and the connection between gender-based violence and brain injuries. Funding was provided to Supporting Survivors of Abuse and Brain Injury through Research (SOAR) to lead development of the training in partnership with BC Society of Transition Houses, Aboriginal Housing Management Association, and Homelessness Services Association of BC.	Housing and Municipal Affairs		0.300	
Increase Service Referral for Francophone Women and Gender-Diverse People	Support Francophone service provider Inform'Elles to partner with Santé-Ouest to hire a new French-speaking social worker to support Francophone women and gender-diverse people, including newcomers, who are experiencing gender-based violence. The position is supporting Inform’Elles’ provincial helpline (an information, navigation and referral service), provides in-person supports at Santé-Ouest and other Vancouver community centres/organizations, and has provided presentations to immigrant services which connect with Francophone newcomers. The funding is also supporting outreach activities to the broader gender-based violence network to facilitate service referral.	Public Safety and Solicitor General			0.100
Priority 2 - Lifting Up Indigenous-Led Approaches					
Support for the Path Forward	Provide funding for the Path Forward, the Province's response to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, that includes actions to prevent, protect, and respond to violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people. Since the beginning of the plan NAP funding has supported over 70 Indigenous-led, community-based anti-violence programs through the Path Forward Community Fund, and is supporting development of a new Missing Indigenous Person Notification pilot project, as well as commemoration and public awareness activities.	Public Safety and Solicitor General	5.000	5.000	3.100
Support the BC First Nations Justice Strategy	Support the BC First Nations Justice Council (BCFNJC) to advance Strategy 11 of the First Nations Justice Strategy through the development and implementation of the Indigenous Women’s Justice Plan, and cultural competency training with the Surrey Police Service. The Council is also piloting the Indigenous Justice Centre Aunties Program, which provides culturally grounded, wraparound support to Indigenous survivors as they navigate justice-related systems and services. In 2025/26, the Aunties supported 200 individuals.	Attorney General		0.600	1.050

Support First Nations Cultural Practices and Ceremony	Fund the First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC) to establish the Cultural Practices Grant program to support First Nations' cultural practices and coming of age ceremonies as a way to prevent and heal from gender-based violence. This includes planning, carrying out and documenting community-based cultural practices and events that celebrate the roles, relationships and responsibilities within a community, and help to create a sense of belonging and build relationships to take action against gender-based violence that disproportionately affects Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people. To date, more than 135 projects have received NAP funding to support First Nations cultural practices and coming of age ceremonies in recognition that <u>culture is an important protective factor in preventing and healing from gender-based violence.</u>	Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation		2.000	2.000
Support for Métis Nation BC's Gender-Based Violence Programming	Support Métis Nation BC to expand access to gender-based violence supports for Métis people across the province. This includes culturally safe counselling, supporting regional events focused on community healing, providing survivors with comfort kits that contain personal hygiene, safety, and cultural comfort materials, and a project on prevention and breaking the cycle of violence by focusing on services for Métis men who are survivors and/or perpetrators of gender-based violence.	Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation		2.000	2.000
Funding for Indigenous-led Community-Driven Healing	Support Indigenous community-driven healing through the Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women's (MACIW's) Giving Voice Project, a grant program for community-led projects that provide opportunities for healing and aim to stop violence by changing behaviours and attitudes and mobilizing communities. To date, funding has supported 78 projects led by First Nations governments, Métis chartered communities, Indigenous non-profits, and Indigenous friendship centres received Giving Voice Grants to deliver culturally safe healing and prevention programs that respond to the needs of Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit and gender-diverse kin impacted by GBV.	Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation		1.000	1.500
Priority 3 - Breaking Cycles of Violence Through Prevention, Healing and Accountability					
Expanding the Violence is Preventable Program in Schools	Fund BC Society of Transition Houses to expand the K-12 school-based Violence is Preventable (VIP) program from 51 to 77 programs offering presentations in schools across the province, and address immediate waitlists for counselling for children and youth who have experienced/witnessed domestic violence through the Prevention, Education, Advocacy, Counselling and Empowerment (PEACE) program. The VIP program brings PEACE counsellors to schools to deliver presentations about intimate partner violence and connects K-12 students experiencing or witnessing violence to counsellors. In the 2024/25 school year, NAP funding supported VIP programs to reach more than 13,000 students and staff (a 29% increase over the previous year).	Public Safety and Solicitor General	1.398		1.573
Expanding the Reach of Domestic Violence Intervention Programs	Expand capacity of the "Caring Dads" Domestic Violence Intervention Program operated by Options Community Services in the South Fraser Region. Caring Dads engages perpetrators of domestic violence in therapeutic intervention strategies to increase their awareness of the effects of domestic violence and skill-building strategies to end their abusive behaviour towards their intimate partners and children. Funding has enabled the program to expand delivery in the Punjabi language and to create a Mom's Empowerment Group for non-offending parents. In 2025/26, NAP funding enabled the <u>program to offer 76 sessions to four Caring Dads groups and 21 Mom's Empowerment Group facilitated sessions.</u>	Children and Family Development	0.150	0.150	0.150
	Support 14 community organizations across BC to expand 17 Domestic Violence Intervention Programs and enhance existing services by delivering additional sessions of the program to address waitlist times, increase access, and provide timely intervention. In 2025/26, funding supported 746 individuals to access 1,109 additional group and one-on-one counselling sessions. Funding also enabled organizations to provide culturally responsive <u>service in additional languages which improved accessibility and inclusivity for the program.</u>				0.600
Enhance funding to strengthen Sexual Abuse Intervention Program	Support 41 community-based Sexual Abuse Intervention Program (SAIP) service providers to increase their capacity to deliver staff training, develop new resources, and implement awareness and preventative education initiatives for children and youth who have been sexually abused and youth with sexual behaviour problems. Funding also supported an evaluation which resulted in recommendations for updating current SAIP standards, developing <u>comprehensive SAIP-specific training, and creating more effective accountability measures.</u>	Children and Family Development	0.600	0.600	
Online Gender-Based Violence Resources for Youth Leaving Care	Support the Belonging Network to enhance the Agedout.com, a website with information and experiential learning (quests) for young people in and from government care who are transitioning into adulthood. Funding enabled creation of new materials that focus on gender-based violence and intimate partner violence-related issues involving youth/young adults. Between September 2025 and June 2026, three new online interactive gender based violence quests ("Navigating Safety in Relationships", "Consent Your Voice Your Choice", and "Understand and Respond to Gender Based Violence") were, in total, accessed approximately 500 times and completed more than 200 times by 19-29 year olds. As well, 11 gender-based violence information pages were <u>created and accessed 905 times.</u>	Children and Family Development		0.300	
Update Sexualized Violence Awareness Campaign for Post-Secondary Sector	Fund the Ending Violence Association of BC (EVABC) to develop a sexualized violence campaign that is responsive to prevention and response efforts within the post-secondary sector. The campaign will be launched fall 2026 and will be used by post-secondary institutions, students, and student associations to encourage people to engage in learning (and unlearning) related to consent and sexualized violence.	Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills			0.275

Develop Guidelines on Investigations and Accountability Mechanisms for Post-Secondary Institutions	Develop and implement guidelines on investigations and accountability mechanisms to improve consistency and accountability across the post-secondary system, and decrease barriers for survivors to report experiences of sexual violence. Guidelines will include non-adjudicative measures, such as restorative or transformative justice approaches, and options to increase accountability for persons who have caused harm.	Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills			0.250
Priority 4 - Learning From and Monitoring Our Progress					
Enhance Data Collection, Training and Coordination for Situation Tables Responding to Gender-Based Violence	Evaluate the effectiveness of Situation Tables and the links between gender-based violence, crime data and misogynist and anti-2SLGBTQIA+ violence. Situation Tables bring together front-line staff from the public safety, health, and social service sectors to identify high-risk individuals and rapidly connect them to services and supports they need, before they experience a negative event. 180 frontline workers across BC were engaged in the research and evaluation process, which looked at successes and challenges in identifying gender-based violence risks, supporting individuals with relevant interventions, and collaborating with various service providers to mitigate gender-based violence risks. As an result, Situation Tables updated monitoring systems to include gender-based violence specific indicators. Funding also supported a partnership between the City of Campbell River and SHIFT-BC, a program to counter radicalization to violence, to host a day of dialogue and training for Situation Table practitioners on violent misogyny, gender-based violence, hate and extremism, which was attended by over 100 Situation Table members from across Vancouver Island.	Public Safety and Solicitor General		0.200	
Improve Data Collection for Victim Services Programs	Improve data collection (through the Client Operational Access System (COAST)) from victim services and violence against women (VW/VAW) programs. The COAST system is a client management system to facilitate reporting and contract management for more than 475 service providers, and is used by Ministry staff delivering frontline services to victims of crime (Crime Victim Assistance Program, Victim Services Unit, Court Support Unit, Restitution Program, and Intimate Images Protection Service). Funds were used to modernize the data system to enhance the data collection capabilities and standardize collection of race-based (including Indigenous self-identification) and gender identity data, in accordance with current BC government data standards. Changes will also make the system more user-friendly for service providers.	Public Safety and Solicitor General		0.200	
Convene Death Review Panel on Deaths from Intimate Partner Violence	Complete a Death Review Panel to review intimate partner violence related deaths that occurred in BC between 2016 and 2024. The BC Coroners Service convened 24 subject matter experts to review mortality data derived from coroner investigations and make recommendations to prevent future intimate partner violence-related deaths. The report was publicly released April 2026.	Public Safety and Solicitor General			0.050
Incorporate Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Mitigation in Environmental Assessment	Support the Environmental Assessment Office's research and consultation and cooperation process with First Nations to look at potential gender-based violence-related prevention and mitigation initiatives that can be applied to industrial projects that undergo environmental assessment in BC. This includes development of a standard template condition for environmental assessment certificate holders to prevent and mitigate the risk of gender-based violence with projects where risk factors have been identified during the environmental assessment process.	Environment and Parks	0.100	0.150	0.150
Gender-Based Violence Compliance and Enforcement Training Program for Environmental Assessment Process	Develop policies, tools, and training for the purposes of building staff capacity to better address and mitigate gender-based violence on industrial projects. The Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) contracted with the Ending the Violence Association of BC (EVABC) to train EAO compliance and enforcement officers on gender-based violence risks and mitigation strategies at industrial work camps and participants reported that they now feel more confident and knowledgeable on this topic.	Environment and Parks		0.100	
Engagement on Sexualized Violence in Post-Secondary Settings	Conduct a series of engagements with post secondary students and other members of the campus community, including distinctions-based sessions with Indigenous participants, to inform the development of a new action plan to prevent, address and respond to sexualized violence at post-secondary institutions across the province. "B.C.'s Sexual Violence Action Plan: A Plan to Address Sexual Violence within Post-Secondary Communities" was announced on October 2025.	Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills	0.150		
TOTAL			7.848	18.048	18.048