

Giving Voice Grant Opportunities
Stopping Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls in BC
Deadline for Applications: 2 PM, Friday, November 14th, 2014

The Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women (MACAW) is pleased to announce this call for grant applications for the Giving Voice Project. Funding is available for community groups and organizations who want to host or participate in community based events that would "Give Voice" to stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls, as well as assist with community mobilization and implementation.

MACAW: The Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation created the MACAW in June 2011 to provide advice to the Government of British Columbia on how to improve the quality of life for Aboriginal women across BC. Additional information, including the Terms of Reference, is available at:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=6E3FBA83092947B4BC42BC71A0A19B48>.

Purpose of the Giving Voice Project: The purpose of the Giving Voice Project is to support community groups and organizations to bring Aboriginal women and girls together in a safe environment to give voice to issues of violence and abuse within their lives, their families and communities, as well as learn from stories of resilience and strength. Grants are available in two funding streams:

- Funding Stream #1: Giving Voice – up to \$7,500 (projects up to one year in duration)
- Funding Stream #2: Community Mobilization and Implementation – up to \$15,000 (projects up to two years in duration)

Application Process: The deadline for submitting an application is **2 pm, Friday, November 14th, 2014**. To be considered, all applications must include: completed application form; one page letter that outlines the project and how it meets the criteria, and a basic budget. Successful applicants will be required to complete a short evaluation at the end of the project.

Eligible activities:

- Funding Stream #1: Giving Voice (completed by November 30th, 2015): Activities that bring participants together in a safe and supportive way will be considered, including traditional activities, guest speakers, and use of social media. Activities can be connected to existing gatherings or events. Applicants are encouraged to choose activities that will be meaningful to the participants, as well as reflective of MACAW's principles.
- Funding Stream #2: Community Mobilization and Implementation (completed by November 30th, 2016): This stream provides funding for communities ready to mobilize themselves to a deeper level of planning and action. Some examples of potential opportunities are attached in Appendix A (note: these are only suggestions for your information; communities are encouraged to use approaches that are most suitable to their community). Preference will be given to applications who demonstrate community support.

***Note: Proposed projects may be designed for women only, men only, or women and men together.*

Principles of MACAW:

- Community Driven and Community Based: The voices of Aboriginal women, men 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 Aboriginal cultures and traditions is essential to creating culturally appropriate policy and programs.
- Partnership: Collaboration, partnership and coordination at the community, regional, provincial and federal levels is needed to end violence.
- Awareness: Sharing our knowledge, history, skills and understanding will build support and momentum for ending violence.
- Safety: special attention must be made to ensure that all services and supports for Aboriginal women and girls are provided in ways that support their physical and emotional safety.

Important dates:

Funding Stream #1: Giving Voice

- Grant application deadline: 2 pm, Friday, November 14th, 2014
- Grant evaluation dates: November 17th -28th, 2014
- Successful applicants notified by: Thursday, December 4th, 2014
- Project completed no later than: November 30th, 2015 (Giving Voice)

Funding Stream #2: Community Mobilization and Implementation

- Grant application deadline: 2 pm, Friday, November 14th, 2014
- Grant evaluation dates: November 17th – 28th, 2014
- Successful applicants notified by: Thursday, December 4th, 2014
- Project completed no later than: November 30th, 2016 (Community Mobilization)

If approved for funding, your community/organization's name, the approved amount of your grant and a summary of your approved project is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and may be included in the final report and evaluation for MACAW.

For questions about the process or to apply, please feel free to contact:

Connie Larochelle, Senior Operations Advisor
Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation
Phone: (250) 356-0174 or Email: Connie.Larochelle@gov.bc.ca

NOTE: TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- 1. A completed Giving Voice Project Grant Application**
- 2. A brief ONE PAGE letter describing your project and how the MACAW principles will be reflected in the project activities**
- 3. A basic budget**

GRANT APPLICATION: DUE 2 PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2014

(Attention: Connie Larochelle, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation)

Fax: (250) 356-9467 or Email: Connie.Larochelle@gov.bc.ca

PART A:

Project Title:
Proposed project date:

PART B:

Please check one and write requested Amount:

() Funding Stream 1 - Giving Voice: \$_____ (up to \$7,500)

() Funding Stream 2 - Community Mobilization and Implementation: \$_____ (up to \$15,000)

PART C:

Contact name:
Organization:
Telephone/Fax/Email:
Mailing Address & postal code:
Proposed location:
Number of proposed participants and who is invited (i.e., youth, elders, men, women):
Name, telephone and email of project manager:
Partners:
Signature:

Please note that your grant application will be evaluated based upon:

1. Availability of key people to manage the project AND a plan for accountability
2. Clear budget: can the project happen with the funding and resources available?
3. Realistic timelines and impacts: Do you have a clear plan on how the project will be completed by the grant deadlines? Can you anticipate long-term benefits for the community because of the project?
4. Collaboration: Are there opportunities for diverse community networks, stakeholders, and partners to be actively engaged? Is the project part of a larger or ongoing initiative?
5. Principles: did you demonstrate how the MACAW principles are part of your project?
6. Geographic representation

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PART D:

Please check at least one of these that apply to your activities:

- () Gives Aboriginal women and girls a safe opportunity to give voice to issues of violence and abuse within their lives, their families and communities
- () Allows community members to learn from each other about what's worked to address issues of violence; and to be inspired to create change and build safe communities
- () Provides information about currently available services and build relationships with each other
- () Supports next steps for community or regional planning and action for stopping violence towards Aboriginal women and girls
- () Supports a planned event related to stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls (name and date of event:
_____)

Examples of eligible expenses may include: meeting room rental, refreshments, honoraria, childcare, cultural protocol expenses, facilitator fees, travel expenses, administration.

APPENDIX A

For applicants considering *Funding Stream #2: Community Mobilization and Implementation*, we also have a list of additional resources that you may wish to consider. This list is for your information and optional use only. Choosing to work with a project or program from the list or to use one of these themes/approaches is **NOT** a pre-requisite of funding; communities are encouraged to develop a proposal that is most suitable to their community. Suggested themes/approaches include:

1. Community planning for action on addressing violence
2. Aboriginal Community Safety Project(s)
3. Intergenerational education initiatives on respectful relationships
4. Recognizing types or patterns of violence/changing responses at a community level
5. Raising awareness and provide training and education about violence against Aboriginal Women and girls
6. Inter-agency planning on developing policies and tools for addressing violence in a community
7. Identifying gaps and barriers in services, policies and legislation that impede stopping violence

For additional optional information, please email Connie.Larochelle@gov.bc.ca for a database of existing services or projects that may support your efforts.