

Domestic Violence Prevention/Intervention Programming *Application Information*

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch (CSCP), invites applications from community (not-for-profit) organizations for one-time grant funding of up to \$30,000 per organization.

Funding will support organizations to deliver domestic violence prevention/intervention programming to perpetrators prior to the charge, conviction or sentencing stage of the criminal justice process. With this funding, CSCP anticipates supporting 10 organizations. Successful organizations will be funded to deliver the programming over a period of 12-months.

Please note:

- Funding is limited and not all applicants will receive funding.
- Funding is one-time only.

Key Dates

Open Call Issue Date: December 17, 2018

Application Submission Deadline: **January 31st, 2019, 4:30pm**

Project Funding Duration: April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

Eligible Recipients

- Eligible recipients are restricted to British Columbia not-for-profit organizations.
- Eligible recipients are restricted to organizations with a history of delivery, or the capacity to deliver, domestic violence prevention/intervention programming(s) to perpetrators prior to the charge, conviction, or sentencing stage of the criminal justice process.

Eligible Activities

Funded organizations must:

- Deliver domestic violence prevention/intervention programming to perpetrators prior to the charge, conviction or sentencing stage of the criminal justice process.
- Submit an interim report by October 31, 2019 and final report by March 31, 2020. Reports will summarize all project activities and how grant funds were spent.

Funded organizations may:

- In addition to program delivery, organizations may also expand or enhance an existing program.
- Funding cannot be used for couples counselling.
- Funding may be used to reimburse participants for costs associated with program attendance (e.g., bus fare; child care), but cannot be provided to participants as payment for attendance.

Application Submission

Completed application forms must be submitted no later than **4:30pm on January 31st, 2019** by email to: Lorinda.Stoneman@gov.bc.ca.

Questions

Please contact Lorinda Stoneman with any questions no later than January 28th, 2019 at noon at 604-660-3854 or Lorinda.Stoneman@gov.bc.ca.

Funding Goals

Programs that are funded will:

1. Contribute to the safety and well-being of victims who have experienced, or are at-risk of experiencing, domestic violence; and
2. Support changes in behaviour for perpetrators of domestic violence and the fostering of healthy intimate relationships.

The 4 Mandatory Program Requirements

Eligible organizations must demonstrate that they deliver, or have the capacity to deliver, domestic violence prevention/intervention programming to perpetrators prior to the charge, conviction or sentencing stage of the criminal justice process. With this funding, organizations must:

1. Deliver a program that is structured with pre-planned curriculum, learning objectives and program outcomes;
2. Deliver the program in a group setting;
In unique circumstances where an organization needs or wants to deliver their programming in a non-group setting, an exception to this requirement may be made. Organizations wishing to be considered for this exception should clearly articulate why the group format is inappropriate in the context in which the program is delivered (e.g., community population is not large enough to gather enough clients for a group).
3. Deliver the program by one or more qualified practitioners; and
4. Offer the program at no cost to clients for the duration of this funding.

The 5 Preferred Criteria

Preference will be given to proposals that articulate how the program meets the following criteria:

1. Is **eclectic in its approach**, drawing on a blend of theoretical foundations that may include elements of social learning, feminist, response-based, and/or systems theory, and incorporating a variety of therapeutic techniques (e.g., psychoeducational, cognitive behavioural etc.).
2. Includes the following **topics**:
 - a. assertiveness and communication skills;
 - b. healthy relationships and their maintenance;
 - c. conflict resolution and management;
 - d. managing stress;

- e. empathy and accountability;
 - f. self-esteem;
 - g. impacts of substance use, trauma and mental health issues;
 - h. impacts of and types of abuse;
 - i. parenting skills;
 - j. controlling behaviours; and
 - k. thought patterns, attitudes and beliefs.
3. Includes careful **screening and intake assessments** that: determine suitability and/or readiness of applicants; provide some early insights into an applicant's behaviours, thinking and attitudes; and designate as ineligible applicants who:
- a. Have serious charges/highest risk individuals that may be better served by a different form or level of intervention;
 - b. Are assessed as having a high-level of denial/unwillingness to change;
 - c. Are found to have a serious mental health or substance use illness at levels contraindicating group therapy; and/or
 - d. Are determined to be openly hostile and disruptive to the group/cohort process.
4. Prioritizes and emphasizes the **values of anti-violence work and the safety of victims and children** in all aspects of program delivery which includes assisting victims/survivors to understand that the perpetrator's participation in a behaviour change program is not guaranteed to result in the perpetrator stopping violence. This may include:
- a. The use of safety assessments.
 - b. An established referral protocol to local community-based victim services/violence against women services.
 - c. Processes to invite contact with victims during initial intake, throughout program delivery and/or afterwards as funding permits (e.g., victims invited to remain connected with the program facilitator or other staff person from the organization).
 - d. Provision of information and resources on where to access support, referrals to appropriate services, and general information about the program to partners, family, and in particular victims and children.
5. Recognizes that the nature of domestic violence requires a **focus on prevention of relapse** to sustain behaviour change and prioritizes client retention and continued supports for clients after a program ends. For example:
- a. Strategies or incentives to improve client retention.
 - b. Resources and tools for clients upon completion.
 - c. After care groups for clients who have completed the program and/or processes that allow clients to participate as mentors.

Other Considerations

In addition, geographic distribution may also be considered when making decisions on funding.

Assessment Criteria

Applicants must complete and submit the application form available at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/download/674CBC22AD704ED0902CC65806C36221>

Evaluation and selection of proposals will be determined by a review committee against a rubric based on the following assessment criteria:

1. Proposal clearly demonstrates the experience and/or capacity of the organization in delivering domestic violence perpetrator prevention/intervention programming.
2. Proposal clearly establishes a compelling need for the program in the specific community of delivery and that the program is structured and delivered to meet that community need.
3. Proposal clearly identifies and comprehensively describes the program and demonstrates how the programming meets the goals of the funding. Proposal includes the following about the program:
 - a. Purposes, goals, and anticipated outcomes;
 - b. Theoretical and philosophical approach;
 - c. Therapeutic techniques;
 - d. Program topics;
 - e. Screening and assessment practices;
 - f. Group size, structure, and length;
 - g. Model of facilitation;
 - h. Victim resources and engagement; and
 - i. Client after care.
4. Proposal clearly articulates how the program meets each of the four mandatory program requirements.
5. Proposal clearly articulates whether and how the program meets any of the preferred criteria.
6. Proposal identifies the planned client reach and geographic area for program delivery.
7. Anticipated outcomes of the program are clearly and comprehensively described, realistic and attainable, and are well aligned with the goals of the funding and the program.
8. The plan for delivery as outlined in the work plan is clearly articulated, reasonably achievable, and consistent with the goals of the funding.
9. Proposed budget is reasonable (e.g., in relation to client reach, geographic area), complete, and accurate.