



GRANT SUMMARY

MOVING WOMEN OUT OF VIOLENCE

Like you, we want to end violence against women and girls. In 2012, thanks to your generous support, we invested \$1.4 million in emergency services that help women move out of violence, supportive programs that help survivors rebuild their lives, and prevention programs that stop the violence before it starts.

OUR APPROACH

SHELTERS—We support more than 450 emergency shelters across Canada, helping women and children who are in immediate danger from domestic violence.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION—In 2012, we supported 60 violence prevention programs across Canada, reaching more than 30,000 women and girls. We invest in seven different types of programs:

- HR HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS** – These school-based projects help to stop the intergenerational cycle of violence by teaching young people about dating violence, gender stereotypes, sexual harassment, and how to create safe and healthy relationships.
- RB REBUILDING LIVES** - Women who have escaped domestic violence begin to rebuild their lives through counselling, legal advice, and safety planning. They receive help finding a new place to live. Their children receive counselling that helps them cope with the aftermath of trauma and avoid becoming future victims or abusers.
- SS SECOND STAGE** - When women move out of an emergency shelter, they often need help to stabilize their life and become economically self-sufficient. These safe housing facilities are designed especially for them. Women and their children live in affordable apartments while attending free on-site services such as job search workshops and counselling. Typical stays range from six to eighteen months.
- LN LOAN FUND** - Many women stay with an abuser because they cannot afford to live on their own. With these small interest-free loans—often called “micro-credit”—women can pay first and last month’s rent, cover security deposits for heat, hydro, and phone, and cover other essential housing costs so they can escape the violence.
- EMP EMPOWERMENT** - These programs help women and girls who are at risk of violence or sexual assault to improve their safety and build their confidence. They learn about violence prevention strategies, setting personal boundaries, gender stereotypes, healthy relationships, body image and eating disorders, substance abuse, stress management, diversity, and media awareness.
- SE/ST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION / SEX TRAFFICKING** – Young women who are being sexually exploited can access services to improve their safety and make lifestyle changes. Groups working to address the growing problem of sex trafficking in Canada can offer educational seminars and create new community partnerships.
- COM COMMUNITY BUILDING** – A growing number of community organizations are building networks to help them coordinate the delivery of services, share their knowledge of

promising practices, research new violence prevention approaches, and collaborating on strategies to end violence against women and girls.

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Thank you for helping to stop the violence.

NATIONAL

COM Mapping Policy Opportunities **\$28,000**
Canadian Network of Women's Shelters & Transition Houses, *Ottawa*

This project is working toward developing national legislation addressing violence against women (VAW) in Canada. The funds will be used to gather information to identify and map the legislative and policy structures in provincial, territorial and federal jurisdictions that would link to, or be impacted by, the development of national VAW legislation. The work proposed will build on and advance the high-level Scan on Funding and Policy Initiatives to Respond to Violence Against Women that the Network undertook in 2011 on behalf of the Foundation. With full support from all provincial/territorial, national and regional sheltering associations and linkages with VAW legislation experts in other countries, this project is led by a core group of volunteers who are experienced leaders in the violence against women sector from British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec and Yukon.

COM Train the Trainer: Financial Skills and Literacy Workbook **\$25,000**
National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence (NACAFV), *Kahnawake*

Using its existing Financial Skills and Literacy Workbook, the NACAFV plans to develop a training kit that includes this workbook and a train-the-trainer manual for on-reserve shelter supervisors and front-line workers to deliver Financial Skills and Literacy Workshops to shelter clients. This grant will fund the first stage of gathering feedback from focus group sessions in four on-reserve shelters from the Atlantic. The following phases will seek input from each province and territory which will be used to finalize the instructor's guide, in order to strengthen the workbook and develop shared practices.

ALBERTA

HR Immigrant Girls Against Gender Violence Phase II **\$25,000**
Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, *Calgary*

The project enhances the knowledge and skills of immigrant girls so that they are able to advocate against gender violence, balance cross-cultural differences, develop healthy relationships and become leaders in their communities. This stage of the project will add culturally sensitive educational activities and tools, leadership opportunities for youth, follow-up individual support for youth who choose to make their own mark in the community, expressive arts therapy to raise awareness of gender violence, and a co-educational component (occasional sessions with male youth and joint male & female sessions) to raise awareness about the importance of including male youth in preventing gender violence.

SE/ST Living Well: Body, Mind & Spirit Services **\$12,500**
Servants Anonymous Society of Calgary, *Calgary*

The Living Well Program is designed to support the emotional and physical recovery of women who have experienced the trauma of sexual exploitation and intersecting issues including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression, Substance Misuse, and additional challenges including the disconnect from healthy community and cultural involvement, low self-esteem and self-efficacy, and intergenerational cycles of violence. Through trauma-informed counselling and group work, women who have been exploited, victimized, and marginalized are supported in addressing challenges and barriers to healthy living and relationships with others, and in improving their well-being and connection to communities.

SS Liberty Group **\$14,095**
Yellowhead Emergency Shelter for Women Society, *Hinton*

Liberty group provides a safe place for women who have been abused by their partners in relationships. They are brought together to discuss and share their experience of being abused. Through Liberty group, they support and validate one another. The women are empowered by hearing about and discussing family relationships, the use of power and control, why women stay with abusive partners, how to set good boundaries and limits on relationships, and how to be good to themselves.

RB Community Housing Program \$14,000
Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society, *Calgary*

The Community Housing program guarantees women with children leaving domestic violence a home in the community, case management services and mental health support. This allows them to make positive changes in their lives and break the cycle of violence. The stability and connection to the community these families gain helps to minimize the risk of returning to the abusive environment, or homelessness. The Community Housing team, composed of case managers, adult mental health specialists and child and youth support specialists, provides each family with home-based services tailored to their needs through regular visits.

HR Teen Violence Prevention \$27,000
Islamic Family & Social Services Association, *Edmonton*

Funding will enhance agency services and provide an expansion in youth services to support victims of violence and those at high risk of domestic violence in the Edmonton immigrant community through implementing teen-focused prevention-based programming. The focus of this work is immigrant and second-generation girls and teens aged 11 to 19 with a particular focus on the Somali, South Asian and Middle Eastern communities. The proposed project meets current needs identified in the community through work already underway.

RB Children's Project \$16,000
Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, *Edmonton*

The Children's Project is aimed to support the development, integration, and evaluation of promising child support practices in women's shelters across Alberta. Given research citing the first five years to be the most vulnerable and significant in a child's development, high incidence of children in shelter witnessing domestic violence, and the fact that over 56% of children in Alberta women's shelters are less than six years of age, the project seeks to develop staff capacity to work with women in shelters and their pre-school children. The project components include: project curriculum, staff training focusing on intervention and assessment approaches, evaluation and access to ongoing implementation support.

COM Sexual Assault Binder \$28,000
Lac La Biche Society Victim Services, *Lac La Biche*

This project will provide community-led information sessions that focus on the topic of women who were sexually assaulted during childhood, with other survivors. The project is intended to offer a resource to distribute basic information about sexual assault to the public. The information sessions are not intended to function as a support group or therapy sessions, but to provide a first step in referral for women who attend the information sessions. Two local women, both whom have experience with sexual abuse, will lead the sessions.

SS Rebuilding Lives for Women with Mental Health and Addictions Challenges \$12,500
Sonshine Community Services, *Calgary*

The Sonshine Centre is a second-stage shelter that serves a growing number of women who are experiencing domestic violence and mental health and/or substance-abuse disorders. This program is an evolving continuation of a successful program. This project will continue providing clients one year of safe housing, counselling, advocacy, parenting education, life-skills training, as well as connection to community resources, such as day-time rehabilitation programs and other relevant programs. This year the program will also seek to increase interventions for this population through a newly-formed partnership with Alberta Health Services Addictions and Mental Health.

SS	Julietta's Place Central Alberta Women's Outreach Society, <i>Red Deer</i>	\$20,000
	<p>This program will ensure a safe, secure, supportive and healthy environment for women and their children, during the transition from shelter to permanent housing at Julietta's Place, a ten-unit second stage transition housing facility. Families can reside here for a maximum of 18 months and will receive intensive support along with their children. Long-term support is critical toward maintaining a safer life, and through a sustainable resource network the Women's Outreach will provide access to those programs and services that will assist them in living an independent life.</p>	
COM	The Project to End Domestic Violence Brenda Strafford Chair in the Prevention of Domestic Violence, <i>Calgary</i>	\$25,000
	<p>This is a pilot project being developed in partnership with SHIFT: The Project to End Domestic Violence in Alberta. The project will synthesize emergent research, host consultations with a variety of stakeholders throughout the province and identify future priorities that the government and community will support to reduce domestic violence in Alberta. Together with the Government of Alberta's Ministry of Human Services, the Brenda Strafford Chair has been working on redesigning the GOA Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Strategy; this project will allow the prevention elements in this strategy to be actualized at the local level with a focus on preventing the first time victimization and perpetration of domestic violence.</p>	

BRITISH COLUMBIA

RB	Rebuilding Lives Alberni Community and Women's Services Society, <i>Port Alberni</i>	\$28,000
	<p>The focus of this work is on rebuilding the lives of Aboriginal women in the Port Alberni district who have experienced violence and helping them reconnect with Aboriginal culture from the perspective of the seven sacred teachings. These teachings are: Wisdom, Love, Honesty, Humility, Bravery, Courage, and Truth. They will be applied to deal with physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual aspects of each woman, applying them to their home environment and place in society, job search and retention, social networking, family and friends, spiritual connectivity to culture and healing from shame.</p>	
HR	Respect Revolution: Youth-led Social Action Project Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre, <i>Victoria</i>	\$25,000
	<p>This project will engage girls and youth living diverse realities (especially youth experiencing the marginalizing effects of racism, poverty, homophobia, and transphobia) to develop social actions that address gender-based sexualized violence in their communities. The project will involve a youth and adult facilitation team working together to develop and facilitate a five-day participatory action camp using a popular education model that is grounded in an anti-oppression framework. Through this design, the 30 youth participants at the camp will take ownership of the process, choosing the focus of exploration and developing social actions. After the camp, the staff team will support the further development of social action by the youth participants. The dissemination of these social actions by youth participants will take place in the six months following the camp and will include youth-led workshops for youth and adult community members across Greater Victoria, with the aim of reaching 300 girls and youth directly and many more indirectly through social media and other forms of communications.</p>	
LN	Emergency Small Loan Fund Program Howe Sound Women's Centre Society (HSWC), <i>Squamish</i>	\$25,000
	<p>The Howe Sound Women's Society Centre's would like to expand its Second Stage Housing strategy by offering the services of a rent bank/loan fund to women in financial need. It is well known that raising the funds for independent housing is one of the most significant obstacles for women leaving abusive relationships. The HSWC would like to lower that barrier and make safe, affordable housing more easily available to women in our community.</p>	
COM	Making Connections	\$27,990

Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society (SSICS),
Salt Spring Island

The partners in this collaborative project are three rural and remote communities located in the Vancouver Island Health Authority Region, British Columbia. This project is unique because it will have an impact on three levels- By offering low-barrier support groups for women impacted by the intersecting issues of mental health, addictions and violence, by developing a coordinating committee for each community to improve community collaboration and coordination across mental health, addictions and anti-violence sectors and by advocating for system changes by meeting with community and health leaders to share outcomes from the project. The Woman Abuse Response Program, a provincial leader in women's health and violence, will be a collaborator, bringing women and service provider voices to the project through their recently completed research.

HR **Respectful Relationships (R+R)** **\$25,000**
SWOVA Community Development & Research Society, *Salt Spring Island*

The Respectful Relationships (R+R) program provides youth in grades 7, 8, 9, and 10 with the awareness and skills necessary to develop and maintain healthy, respectful and safe interpersonal relationships. This includes creating awareness around issues such as bullying, sexism, racism, influence of the media, dating violence, systemic violence, homophobia, and peer pressure. Through the encouragement of self-respect, assertiveness, empathy and positive two-way communication, students gain the skills to deal with anger, to think critically, and to resolve conflicts. Trained community-based adult facilitators, comprised of a female and male team, bring these interactive workshops into school classrooms. They provide a model of healthy and respectful gender relationships. A team of high school students are also trained and mentored to co-facilitate the workshops and become peer leaders.

RB **Rowing On** **\$4,000**
Kelowna Family Service Centre Society, *Kelowna*

Rowing On is a follow-up service for graduates of the eight-week Reaching Older Women (ROW)) group. ROW is provided to women over 50 who are or have been in abusive relationships. Rowing On is provided to those who wish to connect with other women, learn to develop lasting friendships, and gain confidence to integrate into community groups.

SE/ST **Peer Safety Patrol** **\$20,000**
WISH Drop-In Centre Society, *Vancouver*

WISH's Peer Safety Patrol is a supported-employment program for women in survival sex work that includes skill development as well as transformative anti-violence training. Women who complete the training are hired by WISH to provide security services for the WISH Drop-In Centre, from a non-enforcement model that emphasizes de-escalation of violence, conflict resolution and peer support. In addition, women in the program acquire life skills that are essential to finding and maintaining employment that can lessen their reliance on sex work. In 2012, WISH hopes to develop new training curriculum for existing Peer Safety Patrollers who are ready to move on to employment elsewhere in the community.

SS **Helping Mothers Thrive** **\$12,888**
Northern Society for Domestic Peace, *Smithers*

The goal of the proposed program is to support the unique long-term needs of mothers who have experienced domestic abuse. This program focuses on countering the various ways in which domestic abuse can attack a woman's perception of her parenting abilities. By exploring motherhood as a source of resilience and positive self-identity for women who have experienced abuse, this program aims to increase maternal confidence through empowerment and strength-based practices as an integral component of supporting her and her family's recovery from domestic abuse.

SE/ST **Stepping Out** **\$25,000**
Nanaimo Women's Resources Society, *Nanaimo*

The Nanaimo Women's Resources Society, working with Haven Society, has been providing a continuum of care through the Stepping Out program which is intended to assist women engaged in the survival sex trade. Stepping Out focuses on supporting women in self-directed access to support, information, skills building and advocacy that promote increased safety and opportunities to address personal potential. Initially run as a pilot project three years ago, the program has seen increased usage, and has become an integral part of the lives of the women it serves.

MANITOBA

SS **Chriss Tetlock Place** **\$25,000**
 North End Women's Centre (NEWC), *Winnipeg*

This project will provide transitional housing and a continuum of support to women impacted by violence to assist them in rebuilding their lives. The project will employ a Social Change Agent to provide services to women living in the North End Women's Centre's new second stage housing facility Chriss Tetlock Place.

RB **Furniture Collection/Distribution & Volunteer Program** **\$25,000**
 Oyate Tipi Cumini Yape, *Winnipeg*

Oyate Tipi Cumini Yape provides two types of services to assist women in rebuilding a safe home after leaving a violent situation. The first, furniture collection and distribution service, provides basic necessities for their home, delivered free-of-charge to their home the day they are chosen. The second, a volunteer program, provides opportunities for the women to develop employability skills. The volunteers are mainly community members or past clients who are low-income individuals seeking opportunities to move forward. Many volunteers leave the agency once they have secured employment or made plans to return to school.

NEW BRUNSWICK

HR **Making Waves/Vague par vague** **\$25,000**
 Partners for Youth Inc., *Fredricton*

Making Waves/Vague par vague is a youth-driven innovative and successful provincial dating violence prevention program in operation since 1995. Guided by principles of equality, equity, and diversity, they engage young people in a peer process to explore and raise awareness of relationship violence issues. Young people become active partners in creating a world in which violence is not tolerated. There is considerable interest in bringing Making Waves to Prince Edward Island, with a team of youth and adults from Prince Edward Island invited to take part in a training weekend in order to work toward expanding the program to this new locality.

SE/ST **Sex Trade Outreach Project** **\$25,000**
 AIDS Saint John, *Saint John*

The project will facilitate hiring a Sex Trade Outreach Coordinator who will work at the grassroots, in collaboration with other community organizations; to assist female sex workers who have faced violence rebuild their lives on their terms. There will be a particular focus on those involved in survival sex who have less control over their working conditions. The coordinator's two main duties will be: 1) to serve as a resource for sex trade workers who, in order to rebuild, need assistance with various issues; and 2) to develop a peer support group for sex workers.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

HR **Momentum** **\$24,670**
 St. Anthony & Area Boys & Girls Club, *St. Anthony*

Continuing the work established through the Girls Initiative Regarding Life Skills Program in Northern Newfoundland, 146 girls were introduced to healthy relationship work and girls' empowerment programming.

This work will build "Momentum" by focusing on three key areas - outreach, fostering girls' empowerment for social change and addressing violence against young girls. There will also be workshops bringing young men into the work so that they will also benefit from learning about healthy relationships.

NOVA SCOTIA

HR	Healthy Relationships for Youth Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, <i>Antigonish</i>	\$25,000
	<p>The Healthy Relationships for Youth (HRY) program is a school-based violence prevention program offered in partnership with the Strait Regional School Board. The interactive sessions are designed to reduce the risk of violence for youth, especially violence against girls and young women, through developing skills and knowledge about creating and maintaining healthy relationships. HRY has a diversity focus which helps students understand and make the links among issues related to different forms of oppression, exclusion and violence prevalence. It uses a strength-based approach which encourages students to develop a deeper understanding of diversity and to both recognize and challenge sexism, racism and homophobia as forms of violence that impact personal and social relationships.</p>	
LN	December 6 Fund YWCA of Halifax, <i>Halifax</i>	\$25,000
	<p>YWCA Halifax will continue to develop the December 6 Fund micro-loan program, which supports women as they make the transition from abusive situations to safety and self-reliance. Since launching the program in 2010, the project has quickly gained respect as evidenced through the maintenance and development of referral networks with the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services and Victim Services teams at Halifax Regional Police, Nova Scotia Department of Justice and Military Police. In 2011 the YWCA and the Transition House Association of Nova Scotia formed a partnership along with YWCA Moncton to develop additional intake sites in order to reach rural and francophone women. While the capital loan fund is still managed centrally, additional intake sites across the region increase access for rural, francophone, and newcomer women that adds depth and breadth to the range of women helped.</p>	
HR	Sexual Assault Youth Outreach Education Project Avalon Sexual Assault Centre, <i>Halifax</i>	\$28,000
	<p>Avalon Centre will provide a sexual assault awareness and prevention youth outreach program based on the Stop It ASAP Model. Working with service providers who work to address issues regarding youth hyper-sexualization, sexual exploitation, harassment and violence, staff will engage in interactive educational sessions, resource development and distribution, and public awareness campaigns. Through the use of multi-medium options such as drama, art, spoken word, and social networking, this project will continue to support youth empowerment and mobilization activities initiated by youth participants.</p>	
HR	Nova Scotia Gay Straight Alliance Network and Skill Building The Youth Project, <i>Halifax</i>	\$14,106
	<p>This project would take the skill-building aspects of our annual Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) conference, collapse them into a day long series of workshops and take them to different regions of the province. These day long workshops, including lunch, would be open to students and staff who are involved or wish to be involved in GSAs. Participants would have the opportunity to gain new skills for their GSA such as creating an inclusive GSA, starting a homophobia/transphobia bullying awareness campaign in your school, running effective meetings, planning events, and working with your administration. We propose to offer this workshop in seven regions of the province, utilizing and incorporating local resources. Another aspect of this project is to build capacity and support for GSAs through a resource, leadership, and skill section on our GSA Network website.</p>	

NUNAVUT

COM	Baker Lake Case Study Pauktutit Inuit Women of Canada, <i>Baker Lake & Ottawa</i>	\$28,000
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The purpose of this project is to conduct a qualitative research project in Baker Lake, Nunavut, to inform an initial gender-based analysis of the impact of resource extraction activities on the social determinants of Inuit women's health and well-being. Research specific to Inuit women is not currently available - despite the increasing gendered research in this area around the world. This initial case study from Baker Lake will help support Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada, as the national representative of Inuit women, to engage in the necessary dialogue with resource extraction companies; federal, provincial and territorial governments; land claim organizations; and regulatory bodies such as the Nunavut Impact Review Board. This will help ensure that Inuit women are effectively consulted in any assessment, approval, or regulatory process. There is a need to start collecting and recording the stories of women's experiences in mining communities; to learn from current experiences to inform risk prevention measures; to build Inuit women's capacity; and ensure that Inuit women's voices are heard.

ONTARIO

HR	In Love...and In Danger Family Services à la Famille Ottawa (FSFO)/Family Services Ottawa (FSO), <i>Ottawa</i>	\$26,000
	<p>In Love...and In Danger (ILID) is a student-led intimate partner violence prevention program that was developed to raise awareness and prevent dating violence among young people. The ILID model is built around the delivery of two intense annual conferences for high school students. At the conferences, students learn about the dynamics of intimate partner violence, the long-term effects of abuse in relationships, the importance of respecting the ideas and beliefs of others, and the skills, awareness and sensitivity needed to take an active role in preventing dating violence. This interactive conference challenges students to get involved by developing and implementing school-based violence prevention projects.</p>	
SS	Second Stage Housing Program YWCA Durham, <i>Oshawa</i>	\$25,000
	<p>The YWCA Durham operates the only Second Stage Transitional Housing program in the Durham Region. This program provides the next step for women and their families after an emergency shelter. Second Stage Housing aids single women who are statistically more likely to re-enter into a cycle of abuse.</p>	
HR	Schools for Change Project Hostel o/a Yellow Brick House, <i>Richmond Hill</i>	\$25,000
	<p>Schools For Change is a violence prevention program that targets students in grades 4 to 6, before they begin dating. The program addresses the issues of violence, stereotypes, gender role expectations, and conflict resolution. It teaches new skills and new ways of thinking. Parents and teachers are informed about the key messages, which allow them to support the students as they change their thoughts and behaviours. The aim is to prevent all forms of relational aggression by promoting the development of healthy relationships and infusing the students' environments with new supports.</p>	
RB	PROS (Providing Resources, Outreach and Safety) Regent Park Community Health Centre, <i>Toronto</i>	\$25,000
	<p>This project will address violence against women who are homeless and/or street involved through a collaborative coalition of community-based organizations in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). This project will have three main components: 1) a coalition of six organizations and community membership from homeless and/or street involved women will come together to identify and to begin to address systemic issues; 2) a training series in violence prevention, with resources and peer outreach sessions developed and implemented with women with experience; and 3) a team of women of experience trained and paid through this project to co-facilitate women's drop-ins and to provide training to community-based organizations around supporting homeless and street-involved women experiencing violence.</p>	
HR	Transforming our Truths Springtide Resources, <i>Toronto</i>	\$28,000

their lives and reduce high-risk behaviours.

SS People in Transition Second-Stage Housing Support **\$27,572**
My Sister's Place, *Alliston*

This funding will offset the expenses for women in the second stage program, to enable them to save so they can move onto a more permanent housing solution when they are ready. The second stage facility was built as an extension to existing services. It consists of five one-bedroom units designed for independence, as the 'next step' from shelter living. The units are on the same site as the shelter and on-site and outreach support is offered to the women in this program. The building had its first occupant in June of 2011 and women (with a maximum of 1 young child) are able to live independently and access services at that location for up to a maximum of 1 year.

RB Young Women at Risk (YWAR) **\$25,500**
Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa, *Ottawa*

The YWAR program provides confidential support and advocacy to young women (14 -24) who are survivors of violence. YWAR supports women around many issues including physical and sexual abuse, substance abuse, sexual exploitation, anger and anger solutions, homelessness/street involvement, criminalization and conflict with the law, pregnancy and parenting, and healthy relationships and families. The YWAR Program provides outreach support to young women connected with various youth services including the following three agencies: Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, Talitha House (open-custody facility) and St. Mary's Home. This grant specifically focuses on YWAR's outreach with young parenting women who have experienced violence.

HR TAG-V: Teens Against Gender Violence **\$21,650**
Abrigo Centre, *Toronto*

Through this project, Abrigo Centre will work with two school communities on targeting gender based violence through a three-phase anti-abuse/healthy relationship initiative. During Phase One fifteen youth in each school community will be recruited to take on the role of youth leaders, through intensive training with an Abrigo Facilitator. In Phase Two these youth leaders will launch a two-pronged education campaign within their school community focused on gender-based violence and abuse with the objective of building awareness of woman abuse, dating violence, peer violence, family violence and the development of healthy relationships. This will be done through a school-wide information fair and a two-part workshop delivered to school peers. They will also outreach to the local elementary school. Phase Three will see the TAG-V team create a youth-friendly manual that will be a "how to" create a similar school-based program with the objective of promoting project self-sustainability and long-term impact in the school community.

LN December 6th Fund **\$25,000**
Community YWCA of Muskoka, *Bracebridge*

The December 6th Fund provides loans for rent deposits; moving expenses; basic furniture; storage expenses; utility deposits; and other expenses incurred as a direct result of the applicant's recent experience of abuse. Loan applicants are eligible for loans to cover the costs of outstanding rent and utilities for up to three months prior to loan negotiation when the abuser is no longer living with the woman and for loans for outstanding expenses that impact on their current safety including: a) outstanding phone bills b) outstanding hydro bill and/or c) outstanding rent. Loan applicants are eligible for loans to cover the cost of childcare expenses in arrears if the loan applicant is currently employed or searching for employment, and are at risk of losing a space in subsidized childcare services.

COM Asinike Giinawind Aawin (Rebuilding Our Communities) **\$28,000**
Nimkii Naabkawagan Family Crisis Shelter, *Sault Ste Marie*

The purpose of this project is to implement a holistic strategy that is a culturally appropriate in order to build community awareness on violence and how to prevent it. This strategy will include the residential and non-residential services available to all members of the Batchewana First Nation community. Healing initiatives will be geared towards victims of family violence and sexual assault trauma through a shared

community responsibility for mental, emotional, spiritual and physical wellness.

PEI

RB ASPIRE **\$25,000**
PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Inc., *Charlottetown*

ASPIRE will provide women affected by poverty and domestic abuse an opportunity to improve their lives. Family Violence Prevention Services staff will identify marginalized women survivors of abuse, who have experienced poverty and oppression, to become candidates of this empowerment and strength-based program. The program can be adapted to be short-term, long-term, individualized or group focused. Added resources will enable staff to mentor women through a program that will foster and maintain their dignity and self worth, enabling success in furthering their education and/or career prospects.

QUÉBEC

HR Youth Zone **\$25,000**
South Asian Women's Community Centre, *Montreal*

With the understanding that a safe space is fluid because it can shift according to the needs of a community, Youth Zone will move outside of a school context to integrate within communities. This project aims to address many of the issues concerning public safety, sexual and racial harassment, and bullying, topics brought up by the girls in current programming. To help develop critical thinking and tools to fight violence against women, Youth Zone will continue these discussions in community spaces, complemented with self expression, self defense, teen dating violence workshops, and street campaigns facilitated by a cohort of youth worker, volunteers, and facilitators. By engaging young girls as well as boys, men, and the wider community in intergenerational conversations, the project will help build a better understanding of the realities of gender-based violence in local, national, and international contexts.

LN Loan Fund **\$15,000**
Maison Mirepi, *Quebec City*

This funding will build on the small emergency loan fund in existence so that larger loans can be offered to women in the shelter and from external services. The loans can be used for first month rent, moving costs, childcare and training for those who are updating skills for a return to work. The goal is to help women achieve their potential and take control of their lives by making choices and taking an asset-based approach to building a new life free from violence.

EMP Support for Women with Disabilities **\$17,650**
A Tire d'aile CALACS (Sexual Assault Centre), *Levis*

This project prioritizes support for women living with disabilities as they are more vulnerable to violence, according to statistics, 83% have experienced sexual abuse in their lifetimes. This projects aims to address their feeling of isolation by having specially trained staff dedicated to working with women with intellectual disabilities. The goal is to serve the women who have come to the centre within the context of specialized service related to the experience of sexual violence, rather than refer them to services that might not have this specialization, such as the local health clinic.

HR I Can Protect Myself ... MORE! **\$25,000**
La Passerelle Women's Centre, *Weedon*

La Passerelle will offer workshops for young women with physical or intellectual disabilities to prevent relationship violence, incest, sexualized aggression, harassment, and other forms of violence against women. The project aims to break isolation, develop critical thinking skills and provide tools that will help in the case that they experience violence. To provide guidance and support for this project, a facilitator with specialized training on women with disabilities will be hired.

HR	ViRAJ Entraide Jeunesse Quebec, <i>Quebec City</i>	\$10,516
	This project would extend the time available to provide the ViRAJ program to high school students in Grade 9 so adding capacity to reach more young people and increase the impact of the program.	
COM	Meeting Our Members L'Alliance des Maisons d'Hébergement de 2eme étape pour Femmes et Enfants Victimes de Violence Conjugale (Alliance of Second Stage Housing for Women Victims of Domestic Violence and their Children), <i>Montreal</i>	\$20,000
	This funding will allow the ten second stage shelters that are members of the first second stage shelter association to meet throughout the year. The organized conferences and association meetings will facilitate resource sharing and capacity building among the member agencies, and break down the sense of isolation. By gathering two or three times a year, shelter directors will be able to exchange ideas on their services, on how to engage the public, and on their different approaches. Specific training sessions will also be offered to front-line shelter workers on how to work with more complex clients with intersecting issues.	
HR	Young Women's Project Concertation des luttes contre l'exploitation sexuelle (CLES), <i>Montreal</i>	\$20,000
	This project will train young women 14 to 19 to facilitate awareness workshops on violence against women and girls using the documentary created by CLES "The Biggest Lie in the World". They will be invited to present this in their community and become change-makers as they engage their peers around the question of violence against women. This project builds on the prevention work already in place. This is the last stage of a three-year project and this funding completes the final part of the financial portrait.	
SS	Rebuilding Lives Healing Group Maison Flora Tristan Inc., <i>Montreal</i>	\$28,000
	This is to support the second stage program offered to residents of the housing units that are available to mothers and their families for up to 11 months. This project is a continuation of the 2011 program to offer violence prevention group work to women who are rebuilding their lives after violence in the home.	
EMP	Research on Young Women Y des femmes de Montréal (YWCA Montreal), <i>Montreal</i>	\$25,000
	Last year, YWCA Montreal began a two-year action research project looking specifically at emotional dependency and its effects on girls' ability and / or willingness to translate critical thinking into action. The project includes focus groups with girls, workshops for youth exploring emotional dependency and decision making, and the creation of short sensitization video clips. The project is an important part of the reflective practice that grounds our work with girls including current initiatives around sexualisation, sexual exploitation of minors, and dating violence. It employs a participatory, strength-based approach that promotes teen girls as media producers and when possible as facilitators.	
RB	Minaiku (Medicine Tree) Mani-Utenam Women's Centre, <i>Mani-Utenam</i>	\$25,000
	This project will hire a social worker to respond to women's and children's needs related to psychological, physical or sexual violence. With this staff at the centre, women will have access to counselling services. They will be able to access a safe space to be heard, to express their needs, to seek referrals and choose the next steps they wish to take. This staff person will also be able to provide public education and awareness-raising on violence against women.	

SASKATCHEWAN

HR	Girl Power Battlefords and Area Sexual Assault Centre, <i>North Battleford</i>	\$12,500
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Girl Power is an educational, skill-building and creative group designed to introduce girls ages 9 to 12 to concepts and skills that promote a positive self-image. Girl Power assists girls to challenge social rules and media messages that diminish a girl's sense of self as they move toward adolescence. The group activities raise self-esteem, self-worth and increase abilities to cope with the upcoming teen challenges. Through a connection to inner resources girls will explore ways to claim a healthy connection to themselves, peers, and the community.

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COM **Together for Justice** **\$28,000**
Liard Aboriginal Women's Society, *Watson Lake*

The Liard Aboriginal Women's Society's (LAWS) goal through the project - Together for Justice: on Language, Violence and Responsibility - is to promote a dialogue and improve relationships between the RCMP, Kaska women, Help and Hope for Families, government agencies, and women's organizations in Watson Lake and Whitehorse. RCMP participation, and their ongoing communication and cooperation with women's and community groups, is key to building trust among all participants, and improving safety for women. Building relationships between Yukon women, community members and the RCMP will allow all parties to better assist women who have experienced violence in accessing appropriate services and transitioning to violence-free lives. More than a dozen community agencies and women's groups, including a number of front-line service agencies, have participated in the workshop series so far, and will continue to share the knowledge, skills and tools resulting from this project with their coworkers and clients. These agreements and tools could be adapted for other northern communities, and potentially for other jurisdictions south of 60.

HR **The Girl Power Project** **\$4,500**
Dawson Women's Shelter, *Dawson City*

In partnership with Robert Service School, the T'rondek Hwech'in First Nation, The Dawson Recreation Department and Victim Services, Dawson Women's Shelter will reach out to young people to develop violence prevention activities around social issues in the community. This campaign aims to promote awareness and education of the many faces of violence; sexual, domestic, interpersonal, emotional, and physical. With younger groups of girls, they will work on a campaign, workshops and activities that identify gender and media stereotypes and inequalities, the importance of self-love and confidence, and how to stay safe, learn to identify harmful situations, and how to protect themselves. With high school aged young women, the aim is to educate teens about teen dating and violence, control and power in relationships, the dynamics of aggression, as well as gender inequalities and stereotyping, staying safe, and fighting fair. The project activities will also address the issue of lateral violence as experienced by women and girls, whether at home, at work, at school, or the community at large.

COM **Aboriginal Women's Expansion Project** **\$27,000**
Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council, *Whitehorse*

The Aboriginal Women's Expansion project will focus on working with a professional development consultant to create reference materials for governance documents (bylaws, policies, etc.), capacity development for new organizations, and leadership development. Through this project, the Yukon Aboriginal Women's Council will be able to develop these documents for dissemination in 14 Yukon communities for women who are interested in organizing Aboriginal women's groups as a mechanism for voicing concerns in their communities, especially around violence against Aboriginal women. Furthermore, this project will provide opportunities for established organizations to utilize these materials to strengthen and build their leadership and governance capacities.