

New federal funding will help improve women's economic security in Prince Edward Island ^[1]

Project will help find daycare solutions for women who work irregular hours

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The Government is committed to advancing gender equality and understands the important role that creating more opportunities for women in all aspects of Canadian life can play in promoting women's empowerment. By investing in projects that improve women's economic security, we are helping to ensure that women, their families and communities can prosper.

Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary for Status of Women, today announced Government of Canada funding for a project that will increase women's economic security in Prince Edward Island.

The Adventure Group of PEI will receive \$305,750 in funding for their project, "Working Together – Planting Seeds for Change". This project will help vulnerable women with children who are obliged to work irregular hours in different areas of the economy. Through this 36-month project, the Adventure Group will collaborate with key partners to identify gaps, priorities and opportunities to implement childcare solutions for women in the agriculture, health and retail sectors. The Adventure Group has been an active supporter of women's social and economic inclusion for many years, and they have been particularly effective in providing opportunities for women to learn and develop the skills they need to find employment and build economic security.

Women continue to be disproportionately affected by economic insecurity. In 2015, women in Canada earned just 87 cents for every dollar earned by men. They are also much more likely to work on a part-time basis, making up 76% of all part-time workers, with 25% of women reporting child care responsibilities as their reason for working part-time.

In October 2017, Status of Women Canada invited organizations to propose projects that support women's economic security across Canada by addressing some of the root causes of inequality, including barriers such as access to childcare, unequal pay and the gender wage gap. Through this call for proposals, entitled Support for Women's Economic Security, more than 30 projects have been approved for a total of \$10 million in funding. These projects will unfold over a period of three years, and funding builds on our ongoing efforts to support women's economic empowerment and advance gender equality for all Canadians.

Quotes

"Our government knows that when we invest in women, we strengthen the economy for everyone, and that's why these projects are so important: they are creating the right conditions for women to thrive in their careers – and their lives. By funding organizations that will target the barriers holding women back, we are ensuring that all Canadians – regardless of gender – have a real and fair chance at success."

The Honourable Maryam Monsef, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Status of Women

"I am pleased to announce federal funding to the Adventure Group for this very innovative project. This is going to help women who have precarious work hours ensure that their children are taken care of. In so doing, they can provide opportunity and security for their children. Our government is firmly dedicated to making sure that everyone in this country is able to live up to their full potential, and I am confident that this project will help many more women do just that."

Terry Duguid
Parliamentary Secretary for Status of Women and
Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South

"It is my pleasure to be on hand to announce support for the Adventure Group. This organization has been a strong supporter of women's social and economic social inclusion and their new project will have a very positive impact on the people and communities across Prince Edward Island."

Sean Casey
Parliamentary Secretary for Canadian Heritage and
Member of Parliament for Charlottetown

"We are delighted that the Government of Canada is supporting this project and is supporting our efforts to help improve the economic security of vulnerable women and their children in this province. We believe that each individual is a gift to their community, and we believe it is important to work with young people and their parents to help our citizens and our communities flourish and grow."

Roxanna Carter-Thompson
Executive Director
The Adventure Group

Quick Facts

RBC Economics estimates that adding more women to the workforce could boost the level of Canada's GDP by as much as 4 per cent.

McKinsey Global Institute estimates that by taking steps to advance equality for women—such as employing more women in technology and boosting women's participation in the workforce—Canada could add \$150 billion to its economy by 2026.

Projects are being funded through the call for proposals, Support for Women's Economic Security, which was announced in October 2017.

Economic security is composed of basic social security, defined by access to basic needs such as health, education and housing.

More than 30 projects will receive a total of approximately \$10 million in funding under this call for proposals.

Funded projects address institutional barriers to women's economic security including access to childcare, pay inequity and the gender wage gap.

The Women's Program at Status of Women Canada supports eligible organizations to carry out projects to advance equality by addressing systemic barriers.

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