



Breaking the Silence

A Coordinated Response to Sexual Violence in Nova Scotia

December 2015 Update

Hello everyone. How the fall has flown by! It has been a busy one with lots more excitement to come in the New Year.

Each of the 9 Community Support Networks have submitted their grant applications and DCS is now in the process of reviewing them. The proposals radiate passion, dedication and a commitment to putting survivors at the centre of the work. A big thank you for all of your hard work!

All regions should hear by the end of January on the status of their application.

Both of the Provincial Committees – one on Public Awareness and the other on Training – continue to meet monthly and are hard at work. A big thank you to all committee members for their efforts!

As many of you will have heard by now, the Prevention Innovation Grants were launched on November 24th. The [applications and guidelines are available on our website](#), and the deadline to apply is January 15, 2016.

There is \$600,000 in one-time grants, which will be available this year and next, for a total investment of \$1.2 million.

Through this fund, we hope to contribute to a cultural shift, to where sexualized violence is no longer considered okay or just a part of growing up. We need to move to a consent culture, where healthy relationships are the norm. We need to continue challenging myths and stereotypes about sexualized violence.

Sexualized violence is a complex issue and preventing it requires a collective effort. With multiple organizations, groups and communities directing prevention initiatives, the responsibility of preventing sexualized violence is shared by the collective community. Do you have an idea? Apply today!

A big shout out to Heartwood and their amazing team who hosted 8 project development workshops for youth across Nova Scotia this December. These workshops helped young people brainstorm their ideas for sexual violence prevention initiatives and shape them into grant proposals. We can't wait to see what they came up with! Thanks to all of you who helped mobilize our youth. Next time around we'll give more notice to get the most participation possible.

Sexual Violence Strategy
Prevention Innovation Grants
Grants up to \$50,000 available
\$600,000 in total

**HELP STOP
SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Together we can prevent sexual violence from happening in our communities.

Do you have a creative way to reach out to your peers?
Do you have a new idea for how to prevent sexual violence?
We want to fund it!

Deadline is January 15, 2016

Download the application form:
novascotia.ca/com/nsv/prevention_innovation_fund.asp
Questions? Email strategy@novascotia.ca

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PREVENTION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

INNOVATION

GRANTS

When will recipients be awarded the funding?

Before March 31st 2016.

When does the funding need to be used by?

The funds are expected to be used by March 31st, 2017. They cannot be used over a longer period of time.

Funding is for 1 year only. Can we reapply next year if we are successful applicants?

Certainly! All those interested are welcome to apply this year and next. However, receiving a grant one year does not guarantee receiving it again the next.

My computer can't open the grant applications, is there a different form?

We have been having some technical challenges with these grants. They are PDF fillable that expand as you type so that you have as much space as you need. For Mac users, please use the Firefox internet browser to complete the forms. If you experience issues, ensure your software is up-to-date. These PDFs will not open properly in Preview, it has to be opened with Adobe.

Additional applications have now been uploaded for those of you that are still having trouble. They are more compatible and are still fillable online.

We will be away for the holidays until January 4th
and will respond to any inquiries as soon as possible upon return.

Hope you get some rest and are able to take some time for self/community care.

Happy winter and see you in 2016!

