

Breaking the Silence: A Coordinated Response to Sexual Violence in Nova Scotia

Prevention Innovation Fund Grant Guidelines - Small

Introduction

Sexual violence continues to remain hidden and victims are frequently blamed and stigmatized. Through the Sexual Violence Strategy we are working on raising public awareness, enhancing services and supports and also stopping sexual violence from happening in the first place.

Although it can sometimes seem too large to solve, we know that sexual violence is preventable. With multiple organizations, groups and communities directing prevention initiatives, the responsibility of preventing sexual violence is shared by the collective community. With the long-term goal of reducing sexual violence, we must focus our approaches on ways to stop sexual violence from happening in the first place. This is called primary prevention.

Primary prevention approaches work to change environmental factors and social norms known to contribute to sexual violence (ex. sexism, media and marketing practices, technology, harmful use of alcohol, etc.), while also promoting healthy relationships, consent and fostering safer spaces and strong communities.

Innovation is about bringing fresh ideas and creativity into sexual violence prevention work. Let's experiment with new ideas, use technology, and try things that have not been done before. Get your creative juices flowing!

Grants Basics

- These grant guidelines are for requests up to \$5,000.
- This is a one year grant only; it is not renewable.
- Groups that have funding through other initiatives of the Sexual Violence Strategy are welcome to apply for the Prevention Innovation Grants.

About your proposal

You will have a better chance of getting a grant if your idea does at least one of the following:

- Supports the work of the following communities: African Nova Scotian, Indigenous, Immigrant, Persons with Disabilities, LGBTIQ+

- Uses technology.
- Includes peer-to-peer approaches.
- Engages youth, where youth are involved in leadership, decision making, planning and organizing.

When you apply

Make sure that your grant application:

1. Describes your idea for your sexual violence prevention project using the Prevention Innovation Fund Small Grant Application Form and shows how it will help prevent sexual violence in your community or at your school.
2. Shows that your idea is new, has never been tried before in your area and/or has never happened before at all.
3. Includes a budget of how the funds would be spent.

Note : Please only use the PDF forms provided. Word documents will not be considered.

Organizational Support

If you are NOT a registered organization, please include:

- 2 letters of support from a community leader, teacher, mentor, etc.
- The signature and contact information of a community partner who will support the work of the project and administer the funding.

Roles and Responsibilities

Each group receiving funding will:

- Receive, sign and return 2 copies of a Funding Agreement with the Department of Community Services, agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Grant.
- Submit a year-end report to demonstrate activity outcomes. A report template will be provided by the Department of Community Services.
- The project leader(s) and community partner will develop a work plan and meet at least once every three months to ensure the project is on track and provide any necessary support.

Information for Community Partners

- The community partner must be registered and in good standing with the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks Companies.
- Where community partners are involved, the liability for the funds rests with the community partner.
- Heartwood will be available to provide support to both community partners and youth leaders throughout the entire project.
- There is no conflict if an organization wishes to submit an application as well as be a community partner to youth or a non-registered group. All applications will be evaluated based on merit.

Application Review

All applications will be read and evaluated by an internal panel and you will know if you get a grant by March 31st, 2017.

Just to note, we may need to call and ask questions to learn more about the activities submitted in your application.

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted by **December 16th, 2016, 4 pm.**

Completed applications can be submitted via:

1. Mail, care of Sarah Granke – Specialist, Sexual Violence Prevention & Supports
Nova Scotia Department of Community Services
PO Box 696
Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 2T7

Note: Mail must be post marked by December 16th, 2016.

OR

2. Email as an attachment to strategy@novascotia.ca

*Note: Email submissions in PDF format. File title should include your organization name and be written in the following format: **ORGANIZATION_SVS_PI_1617.pdf***

If you are submitting more than one application, please delineate using numbers in the file name.