

Federal Government Policy Update May 2008

Aboriginal Issues

\$54,560 for educational and networking opportunities for Aboriginal youth at the *Vision Quest* 2008 annual economic development conference ([hyperlink](#)).

\$4.5 million for an Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnership project in Alberta. Trade Winds to Success will provide Aboriginal participants with career decision-making, pre-apprenticeship interventions, and supports leading to employment in the trades – e.g., carpenter, boilermaker, ironworker, steam/pipe fitter and electrician.

Homelessness

Projects funded under the *Homelessness Partnering Strategy* ([hyperlink](#)):

- \$600,000 for *Gîte Jeunesse*, a shelter in Québec City for young boys aged 12 to 17, for a continuum of services to help prevent homelessness.
- Front-line mobile service in Saint-Pamphile will offer assistance and referrals.
- \$40,000 for the Centre Multi-Services Le Complice for transitional housing and services that lead to employment, education and more permanent housing.
- \$110,000 for four projects for homelessness and supports in the Outaouais: *Ressource d'aide et de dépannage pour alcooliques et toxicomanes de Luskville*, *La Manne de l'Île*, *Logemen'Occupe* and *Le Gîte Ami*.

Newcomer services

- \$700,000 for the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre for settlement services – i.e., language training, referrals to community resources and employment search.
- \$5.5 million for the Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning for settlement services in Oakville and Brampton for internationally trained individuals.
- \$8.4 million for five organizations deliver settlement services to an estimated 1,200 immigrants in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Older Workers

Governments of Québec and Canada contribute \$1.7 million under the *Targeted Initiative for Older Workers* ([hyperlink](#)) for four projects in Gaspésie to help older laid-off workers reintegrate into the labour market.

Persons with Disabilities

Projects supported under the *Opportunities Fund* ([hyperlink](#)):

- \$20,024 to the Regina Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association for job coaching to help 30 clients find work or become self-employed.

- \$93,306 to Crocus Co-operative in Saskatoon for Feed and Fuel with Food project. Participants will learn work readiness skills, participate in workshops on kitchen familiarity and food safety, and receive help with job search.

Seniors

New partnership with Community Food Sharing Association, representing 58 food banks in Newfoundland and Labrador, to improve services to seniors. Food bank staff will receive training from federal Outreach Officers, on benefits for seniors and will disseminate this information to clients.

*Projects supported under New Horizons for Seniors** ([hyperlink](#))

- \$1.1 million for 88 projects in Alberta
- \$25,000 for the Old Age Pensioners' Organization in Keremeos, Alberta**
- \$20,596 in funding for the Wetaskiwin Senior Citizen's Society (Alberta)**
- \$793,341 for 68 projects in Saskatchewan for improvements to facilities and equipment
- \$24,265 to the Centre Communautaire Bénévole Matawinie
- \$12,240 and \$17,300 for two projects in Charlesbourg
- \$8,000 to support a project in Buckland
- \$10,000 for the *Club de l'âge d'or de La Durantaye*.

Skills

\$378,788 to the Community Futures Chinook Development Corporation (Alberta) for the Rural Workforce Training Strategy for Literacy and Essential Skills project.

Student Loans

New federal-provincial-territorial partnership announced to provide students with easier access to financial assistance ([hyperlink](#)).

- * Future monthly templates will not provide this level of detail for specific projects.
- ** Government updates unclear as to whether these were projects in addition to the 88 announced for the province.