



## Community Foundation of Nova Scotia accepting applications for Gender Equality funding until October 31

*\$320,000 in funding available for organizations advancing gender equality in Nova Scotia.*

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**HALIFAX, NS** – The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is providing \$320,000 to Nova Scotia organizations supporting women, girls, Two-Spirit and gender-diverse individuals working towards a future grounded in equity, inclusion and justice. The funding is for organizations at the heart of the women’s movement - those that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to empowerment through their mission, activities or partnerships.

Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, such as piloting new initiatives, addressing long-standing community needs or supporting a just recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiatives may touch on a wide range of areas affected by gender equality, including food insecurity, income inequality, racial injustice, domestic violence, and many more. In particular, the Fund will prioritize initiatives and organizations that are “self-led”—those led by the same groups they focus on serving.

Applications for funding will be accepted until October 31, 2022. They will be reviewed in November with funding expected to be issued in January 2023. To learn more and to apply: [CFNS – Communities for Gender Equality](#).

A five-year initiative to advance gender equality and systemic change in Canada, the Fund for Gender Equality, part of Communities for Gender Equality, is a partnership with Community Foundations of Canada and the Equality Fund, with support from the Government of Canada.

### Quick facts

- From health to the economy and social protection, the impacts of COVID-19 are exacerbated for women and girls simply by virtue of their sex. Since 2020, 10 times more women than men have fallen out of the labour force in Canada.\*

- For every dollar men make, the average earned by full-time working women is 76.8 cents. The gender pay gap is worse for those who face multiple barriers, including racialized women, Indigenous women, and women with disabilities.\*
- Approximately every six days, a women in Canada is killed by her intimate partner.\*
- Women’s rights organizations have been hit harder by funding cuts and left out of COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.\*\*

### Quotes

In Canada today, too many women, girls, Two-Spirit and gender-diverse individuals still face barriers and discrimination of all kinds, including economic and social inequalities. To create communities of true belonging, we need to advance gender equality across our province and country. We’re pleased to be part of a funding initiative that aligns with our purpose of building communities of respect, belonging and possibility throughout Nova Scotia.

--Daniel Holland, CEO, Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

“Investing in women, girls, Two-Spirit people and gender-diverse people is not just the right thing to do, it is the strategic choice. By funding organizations led by these communities or organizations that serve them, we can make an incredible impact. We’re grateful for the financial support from the Government of Canada and the leadership of local community foundations like Community Foundation of Nova Scotia who are taking part in these efforts.”

--Andrea Dicks, President, Community Foundations of Canada

### Associated links

[CFNS Communities for Gender Equality](#)

[Community Foundations of Canada](#)

[\\*Canadian Women’s Foundation](#)

[\\*\\* Oxfam International](#)

### About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) is a charitable giving facilitator. Our purpose is to inspire giving and steward funds to help build Nova Scotia communities of respect, belonging and possibility. We help donors make sustainable philanthropic impact on causes they care about at the grassroots level. We do this by endowing funds for donors, managing donation programs and convening conversations that make a positive difference in our communities.

Established in 2008, CFNS has more than \$18 million in philanthropic investment under management, including 120 funds and 22 scholarship and award funds. We're part of Community Foundations of

Canada (CFC), the national network for Canada's 200 community foundations that, combined, holds \$8 billion in assets and reaches 90 percent of the country's communities.

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