
THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN TO END GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Manitoba's implementation plan for the first year of the *National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence* focuses on the following 14 initiatives:

Foundation

- \$200,000 to develop a gender-based violence (GBV) continuum of healing support organization, focused on stabilizing the GBV sector, working towards systems change and alignment, building capacity and working toward a seamless service delivery experience for Manitobans.
- \$150,000 to develop a data collection strategy to inform progress on Manitoba's Framework: Addressing gender-based violence and the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- \$48,000 to conduct an engagement process focused on better understanding the experience of GBV and identifying the needs related to GBV services in the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community.

Pillar One – Supports for Victims, Survivors and their Families

- \$400,000 to Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad to support the continued operation of Tina's Safe Haven, an Indigenous 24-7 safe space that provides support and services for youth experiencing or at risk of, homelessness, sexual exploitation, family conflict, placement breakdown or mental health crises.
- \$300,000 to develop additional supports within funded GBV shelters for children and youth who have witnessed or experienced GBV.
- \$300,000 to create additional access to the Red Road to Healing Program (RRH) for agencies within Manitoba's GBV sector. RRH centres on Indigenous teachings and ceremonies to facilitate healing for women and those who identify as women and who have experienced GBV.
- \$250,000 to support the Toba Centre Forensic Nursing Services. This funding will support creating and resourcing a space where children and youth who have experienced physical or sexual violence can access forensic nursing services, in addition to other support and healing services.

Pillar Two – Prevention

- \$550,000 for public awareness activities that focus on preventing and addressing GBV in Manitoba.
- \$150,000 to YMCA Winnipeg to support the 'Power of Being You' program, a violence prevention conference for youth aged 12 to 14 that focuses on discussion and dialogue about issues young people may experience including healthy relationships, self-esteem, inclusion, consent, Internet safety and building confidence.
- \$60,000 to The Pas Family Resource Centre to support Indigenous cultural education for young men in northern Manitoba focused on healthy relationships, addressing toxic masculinity and power.
- \$50,000 to the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation to support programming for community-based services, focused on GBV prevention and support in larger public housing developments.

Pillar Three – Responsive Justice System

The existing supports the Department of Justice currently employs to support Manitobans who have experienced GBV include:

- Victim Services provides support for individuals who have experienced serious crimes, including gender-based violence, who require assistance navigating the justice system, information, court preparation support, counselling and referrals for individuals who have experienced serious crimes. Victim Services also offers support for child victims, witnesses, and families of murdered and missing Indigenous people.
- The Family Resolution Service employs Domestic Violence Specialists to provide individuals support and guidance as they navigate family law systems and processes. They can also help with safety planning for individuals experiencing intimate partner violence while going through separation or divorce. The program is integrated with Manitoba Justice's Victim Services branch so victims can receive co-ordinated services across court systems and beyond the conclusion of their legal matters.

Gender Equity Manitoba has focused the first year of funding for the *National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence* on the remaining four pillars and foundation rather than Pillar Three plans for subsequent years can include initiatives that fall under this pillar.

Pillar Four – Implementing Indigenous-Led Approaches

- \$450,000 in operational funding for Clan Mother’s Healing Village and Knowledge Centre, a self-governed land-based innovative village model that supports a community living environment, Indigenous healing and spiritual mentorship supports through long-term programming, training, and social enterprise.
- \$500,000 to support the Clan Mother’s Healing Village skilled-labour training program for Indigenous individuals who have experienced violence and/or sexual exploitation.

Pillar Five – Social Infrastructure and Enabling Environment

- \$140,000 to the Manitoba Association of Women’s Shelters to support an additional cohort of students for the Shelter Support Foundations micro-credential training program. This program focuses on training individuals working in the shelter sector and individuals interested in gaining employment.