



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Justice Partnership and Innovation Fund – Family Violence Initiative

The objective of the federal Family Violence Initiative (“FVI”) is to prevent and reduce family violence in Canada. This objective is achieved through several approaches: promoting continued public awareness of the problem as well as public involvement in the response to family violence; strengthening the criminal justice and housing systems’ responses to family violence; and undertaking data collection, research and evaluation measures that will enable the identification of effective interventions.

The Department of Justice Canada’s activities addressing family violence are concentrated in four areas: policy; research; project funding; and public legal education and information (PLEI).

Project funding will be used to develop sustainable long-term programming in support of criminal law and policy development and implementation as well as the identification of best practices/models to reduce the problem and effects of family violence.

Funding will seek to support identified priorities including projects that:

- Assess the criminal justice system’s and professionals’ responses to family violence;
- Develop new strategies, models, service and program delivery to family violence victims in crisis;
- Support child victims/witnesses of family violence in the criminal justice process;

- Develop resource tools related to family violence for hard to reach communities such as rural and Aboriginal communities; and
- Support the development of information and program services related to elder abuse.

Projects assisted through the Public Legal Education and Information (PLEI) Family Violence resources are intended to promote public access to family violence information, to promote public awareness of the factors contributing to family violence, and to advance public involvement in the responses to family violence.

Example of PLEI activities that could be supported include:

- Development of information materials and information sessions on family violence for hard to reach communities;
- Revision, reprint and dissemination of existing PLEI materials;
- Assessment of PLEI activities in the area of family violence;
- Updating and translation of family violence PLEI materials into additional languages; and
- Development of information materials (e.g., fact sheets) for the Department’s family violence Web site.



Funding Application

All requests for financial assistance must be consistent with both the objectives of the Government of Canada's Family Violence Initiative and the following objectives:

- To enhance knowledge, promote development, and inform Canadians and the legal community about family violence issues;
- To promote access to justice, equality and human rights in Canada by supporting consultations, research, partnerships and the development and dissemination of information, as well as the development, testing and implementation of new cost-effective, multi-disciplinary approaches, models and pilot projects regarding the delivery and administration of services, as they relate to Department of Justice policy areas, to families, and more particularly to women and children who have been victims of family violence; and
- To promote the development and implementation of legislative and socio-legal reforms, and to support the development, testing and implementation of innovative program options, new and multi-disciplinary approaches and models as they relate to Department of Justice policy areas, in regard to community involvement and protection from family violence.

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