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Government of Canada investing \$169,261 to reduce and prevent homelessness in Quebec City

QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC—The Honourable Claudette Bradshaw, Minister of Labour and Federal Co-ordinator on Homelessness, announced today that the Maison de Lauberivière in Quebec City would receive a \$169,261 contribution to help young homeless people and individuals at risk of becoming homeless acquire valuable work experience.

This project will enable 15 people between the ages of 18 and 30 to become more employable with the help of a regularly evaluated personal action plan and practical work experience.

The contribution announced today is part of the youth component of the Government of Canada's homelessness initiative to help communities alleviate homelessness.

“This project with the Maison de Lauberivière will help 15 young people in Quebec City who must overcome multiple obstacles to employment by providing them with the experience and skills they need to get into the job market,” said Minister Bradshaw. “A project of this kind is particularly important for young people, whom we absolutely must provide with the knowledge they need to meet their most basic needs and stop living on the street.”

The Maison de Lauberivière is a well-known organization with a reputation for energetic devotion to the cause of providing shelter and food, rehabilitation and social reintegration services for young people in need.

“Day after day, week after week, we have noticed at Maison de Lauberivière, that more young adults in their twenties are funding themselves using out services and that they are facing exclusion at a younger age,” said Hugo Lépine, Director General. “Therefore, it is essential to act now and to ensure this very difficult period these youths are facing is temporary.”

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The Government of Canada and Quebec signed an agreement in February 2001 that respects both governments' areas of jurisdiction, directions and priorities regarding homelessness. A management committee is responsible for managing and co-ordinating the homelessness initiative in Quebec, with the support of an advisory committee composed of representatives of the two levels of government and local organizations.

The youth component is part of the \$753 million initiative launched by the Government of Canada to prevent and alleviate homelessness across Canada.

The funds allocated to this project come under the planned expenditures already set out in the February 2000 federal budget and are therefore part of the existing fiscal framework.

PROJECT SUMMARY

- Government of Canada funding:
\$169,261 under the Youth component of the National Homelessness Initiative
- Number of participants: 15
- Activity sector: homelessness and youth employment

For more information on the Government of Canada's Homelessness Initiative, visit our Web site at: www.hrdc.gc.ca/nsh-snsa

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