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The Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS) Program is now open for applications!

Canadian youth are among the brightest and hardest working in the world, focused on building a better future for themselves and their communities. Through YESS, the Government of Canada provides funding to organizations to deliver a range of activities that help youth aged 15 to 30 overcome barriers to employment. Successful YESS projects support young Canadians to develop the skills and experience they need to find and keep quality jobs.

Eligible applicants for the YESS 2023 Call for Proposal include non-profits, municipal governments, indigenous organizations, and more. Qualifying projects must:

- Directly serve youth furthest from employment
- Assist youth to gain the skills, tools, information, or work experience needed to transition into the labour market or return to education
- Engage with employers to inform the design of programming or facilitate successful conditions and opportunities for quality work experiences for youth facing barriers
- Utilize or clearly communicate how the organization will work toward using an intake mechanism to determine how to address employment barriers faced by each youth participant
- Provide participants with access to individualized, wrap-around supports.

The 2023 YESS Program Call for Proposals is expected to provide eligible organizations with over \$300 million over four years, with a maximum funding per agreement of \$5 million per year.

Employment and Social Development Canada will hold information sessions in late October to give an overview of the application process.

The application period is open from 4 October 2023 to 22 November 2023 at 3:59 PM EST. I invite everyone to apply or share with organizations in Cloverdale – Langley City as we work toward removing employment barriers for youth.

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