



The Latest Buzz on the Hill...

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Important announcements ...

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Youth Mental Health Fund - Call for Proposals

An open call for proposals under the Youth Mental Health Fund has launched. **This call is part of a \$500 million investment to develop the Youth Mental Health Fund over five years.** The goal of the fund is to create lasting and meaningful improvements in the mental health of youth and their families.

This call for proposals is open until January 22nd, 2025.



To learn more and apply, scan the QR code or go to:
www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities/grant-contribution-funding-opportunities/youth-mental-health-fund-call-proposals/applicant-guide.html



Community Sport for All Initiative - Call for Proposals



A new call for proposals under the Community Sport for All Initiative (CSAI) has been launched. The CSAI seeks to remove barriers and increase sport participation for under-represented groups, in particular, low-income people, persons with disabilities, seniors, newcomers, Black, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ communities.

\$15 million over two years will be provided for the CSAI, \$5 million in 2024-25 and \$10 million in 2025-26.

National organizations, or those capable of delivering projects across multiple provinces and/or territories are invited to apply.

The deadline to submit proposals is December 23, 2024.

To learn more and apply, scan the QR code or go to:
www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/sport-support/community-sport-initiative.html



School Health Grant Youth Program

A new solicitation for the School Health Grant for Youth program has been launched. Students age 16-19 who are enrolled in secondary or post-secondary school are invited to apply for \$1,500 in funding.

The goal of the grant is to empower youth to develop their own initiatives that encourage and promote healthy living in their schools and communities.

Eligible applicants will be approved on a first-come-first serve basis until funds are fully expended or until December 20, 2024.

For info including the eligibility criteria and application guide, scan the QR code or go to:
www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/child-infant-health/school-health/grant-youth.html



Canada Summer Jobs Program

Applications for the 2025 Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program is now open. The CSJ helps Canadian youth aged 15 to 30 find work and gain experience by providing wage subsidies to support employers that create quality summer work.

Applications are open until December 19th, 2024.

For more info including the eligibility criteria and application guide, scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html



Consultations on HOUSING - Two new consultations have been launched by the government

Financialization of Housing - The first consultation seeks input to confront the financialization of housing by large corporate investors. Housing should not be speculative assets for investors.

Feedback on ways to restrict the purchase and acquisition of existing single-family homes by very large corporate investors is sought from Canadians and stakeholders until December 19, 2024

To provide your input scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/consultations/2024/consultation-on-confronting-financialization-housing.html



Construction of new STUDENT RESIDENCES

The government is incentivizing Canada's educational institutions to build more student housing and ease rental pressures in major student cities. Removing the GST from student residences builds on the removal of the GST from purpose-built rental housing. **All Canadians, as well as stakeholders are invited to provide feedback by January 20, 2025.**

To provide your input, scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/programs/consultations/2024/consultation-on-removing-gst-on-student-residences.html



Heads Up: Kids Help Phone Funding

Young people are facing new and complex challenges. And that can have a real affect on their mental health. Our government is committed to breaking down the barriers that prevent young people from accessing mental health services, and to ensure young Canadians can find support, guidance and hope. An additional \$7.5 million in funding has been announced for Kids Help Phone to continue its work providing mental health counselling and crisis support.



To learn more, scan the QR code or go to:
www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2024/11/government-of-canada-announces-75m-to-kids-help-phone.html

TO CONTACT **KIDS HELP PHONE** VISIT:
www.kidshelpphone.ca / or scan the QR code



Democracy in ACTION Legislation before the House

GST Vacation -

To help Canadians as we enter the holiday season, the government will be introducing legislation in Parliament that would provide for a two-month Goods and Services Tax (GST) break for groceries and holiday essentials.

The proposal is for GST be fully and temporarily relieved on holiday essentials, like groceries, restaurant meals, drinks, snacks, children's clothing, and gifts, from December 14, 2024, to February 15, 2025. This tax break aims to make a meaningful difference for Canadians by making essentially all food GST free.

To learn more, scan the QR code or go to: www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/news/2024/11/more-money-in-your-pocket-a-tax-break-for-all-canadians.html



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