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Canada				
National Emergency Survivor Support Fund https://ywcacanada.ca/what-we-do/projects-initiatives/nessfund/	Non-profit led (YWCA)	Flexible funding to support survivors to exit abuse. Can be used for rent; arrears; moving, storage; furniture; travel, gender-affirming care.	One-time financial support of up to \$2,000 CAD	Available to women, trans, two-spirit, and gender-diverse people 16+
December 6th Fund	Non-profit led (YWCA) *In certain cities only	Interest-free microloans for women, gender diverse people fleeing abuse. For housing-related costs.	Up to \$500 CAD (Flexible & affordable repay.)	18+, have income (incl. IA), own bank account, referral from agency, proof of expense.
Live Your Dream: Education and Training Awards for Women https://www.soroptimist.org/our-work/live-your-dream-awards/index.html	Soroptimist Foundation of the Americas *In certain Canadian cities only Western Canada: https://www.wcsoroptimist.org/clubs Eastern Canada: https://www.ecsoroptimist.org/	Cash award to offset any costs associated with efforts to attain higher education, such as books, childcare, tuition and transportation and give women the resources required to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.	One-time education awards. • Club level awards average \$1,000 USD. • Club level recipients eligible for regional awards of \$3,000 or \$5,000 USD. • Regional level recipients for one of three international awards of \$10,000 USD.	Women who provide the primary financial support for their families. Over half of the Live Your Dream Awards recipients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault.
British Columbia				
Survive to Thrive https://ywcavan.org/survive-to-thrive	YWCA Metro Vancouver	Free 12-week program. Offers specialized employment and skills training services. Support from trained trauma and violence-informed career advisors and facilitators.	Includes financial supports such as transit, food cards, work clothing, child care and financial completion bonuses *Subject to funding and participant eligibility	For survivors of violence and/or abuse.
Axis https://ywcavan.org/axis	YWCA Metro Vancouver	12-week, trauma-informed one-to-one employment program. Supported by careers advisor to develop an employment or training plan to achieve sustainable employment or further education. Services available in English, Punjabi, Hindi, Farsi, Dari, Mandarin, Cantonese, Filipino, and Ukrainian.	Participants may have access to financial assistance for food, work clothing, transit and childcare.	Self-identified immigrant women who have experienced violence and are residents of BC. In-person services available in Metro Vancouver as well as virtually throughout BC
BC Housing Education Awards Program https://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/tenants-programs-resources/education-awards-program	BC Housing	Helps residents in a household directly receiving subsidy from BC Housing, or receiving rental assistance through the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at the start of courses pursue their educational goals. Bursaries and awards are for post-secondary education and training .	There are 7 different awards available and amounts range from \$750-\$1,000.	In addition to being a resident in a household directly receiving subsidy from BC Housing or receiving rental assistance through the Rental Assistance Program at the start of courses, eligibility criteria vary for each of the 7 awards available.

⁹ Adapted from Cameron, A.I., Tedds, L.M., & Yu, W. (2023) *Economic Security Policy and Canada's National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence Is there a Role for Cash Transfers in Addressing Intimate Partner Violence?* Page 24. Available from <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4487319>

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Giver Her Wings Award	Soroptimist International (SI) of the TriCities https://soroptimisttricitie.org/our-programs/live-your-dream-awards-programs/ SI Victoria-Westshore https://www.sivw.ca/education-awards-open	This financial award is similar to Live Your Dream Award, in helping women return to school to further their education, except applicants need not have dependents.	Variable. SI Victoria Westshore currently offer x3 \$1,500 CAD awards	SI Victoria-Westshore Give Her Wings Award recognizes women who have transitioned out of the foster care system in Canada.
Spread Your Wings Award	Soroptimist International (SI) of the TriCities https://soroptimisttricitie.org/our-programs/live-your-dream-awards-programs/	Education award for female immigrants or refugees	\$1,000 CAD award	Female immigrants or refugees who arrived in BC in last 5 years and enrolled in/planning to attend vocational/ skills training or undergraduate degree.
Single Mothers Support Fund https://causewecare.org/initiative/single-mothers-support-fund/	Cause We Care Foundation	Financial assistance to help single mothers strengthen educational and economic capacity by helping them gain new, or update existing, skills and qualifications with funds not provided by government or any other agency.	Tuition not covered by the fund but ancillary needs such as day care, school supplies, computers etc., are.	Single mothers in Lower Mainland facing financial barriers and been nominated by affiliated frontline organizations
Beadie Luminaries Scholarship Program https://beedioluminaries.ca/	Beadie Luminaries	Scholarships for students with potential who are facing financial adversity, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Parents Award for Knowledge and Resilience (SPARK) • Refugee and Immigrant Student Education (RISE) • Grade 12 student awards 	SPARK and RISE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$11,00 per year up to 4 years per full-time student • \$5,500 per year up to 6 years per part-time student • Grade 12s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$44,000 per student / 4-yr undergrad degree • \$22,000 per student / 2-yr college diploma/ certificate/ trade school foundation program 	Also have further scholarships for Beadie Luminaries alumni
The Lobstick Foundation Bursaries https://lobstickfoundation.org/grants-and-donations/	The Lobstick Foundation	Financial assistance for women and girls in Canada of all backgrounds seeking professional, educational, or entrepreneurial skills development but unable to do so due to personal or financial circumstances.	Unknown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications available on website. • Bursary applications can be submitted by individuals. • Grant applications are also available and can be submitted by organizations.
StrongerBC Future Skills Grant https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/future-skills-grant	Government of BC and Education Planner BC	Open to British Columbians aged 19 years or older – regardless of financial need – for eligible short-term skills training at public post-secondary institutions.	Up to \$3,500 per person	Connect with your local WorkBC centre to explore eligibility
Single Parents Employment Initiative https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/family-social-supports/income-assistance/on-assistance/employment-planning/spei	Government of BC	Training and support to single parents receiving IA/DA to support them to secure a long-term job.	Up to 2years funded training or paid work experience, childcare costs during training or work placements as well as for the first year of employment, and transport costs.	Participants can access supports from WorkBC Employment Services and receive health supplement coverage for a full year after leaving income assistance for employment.

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Hardship Assistance https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/hardship-assistance?keyword=hardship&keyword=assistance	Government of BC	One month's assistance for those ineligible for IA and DA	\$560 (\$760 with child) + \$75-375 (\$150-570) shelter	Must meet income and asset requirements of BCEA
BCEA Persons Fleeing Abuse Alert https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/case-administration/persons-fleeing-abuse	Government of BC	Exempts IA/DA recipients from citizenship rules, work search obligations (6 months)	N/A	IA/DA recipients
BCEA Persons Fleeing Abuse, Supplement (Moving, Transport, Living Costs) https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/policies-for-government/bcea-policy-and-procedure-manual/case-administration/persons-fleeing-abuse	Government of BC	To help IA/DA recipients fleeing abuse gain safety and independence	N/A	IA/DA recipients
Alberta				
Escaping Abuse Benefit https://www.alberta.ca/family-violence-costs-leave	Government of Alberta	Help for victims to establish household in community, stay independent from abuser	\$1,083	Issued on one-time basis if do not qualify for Income Support.
Personal Benefit for Telephone & Transportation https://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/AWonline/IS/4859.html		Financial support to access services for independence and safety	\$33/mo. (tel.); \$66/mo. (transport) –up to 6 months	Supplementary benefit under Income Support
Newfoundland				
Victims of Violence Special Needs Benefits https://www.gov.nl.ca/cssd/policymanual/incomesupport/special-needs-benefits/	Government of Newfoundland	Anyone who self identifies as an IPV victim can receive emergency transport to a safe place, regardless of distance. Start-up allowance available to assist Income Support clients to move to new home.	Start-up allowance: \$500 island; \$600 coast (with one kid \$600; \$750)	Those not in receipt of Income Support may qualify for allowance during shelter stay. Rent assistance may be appropriate to meet needs of victim.

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Quebec				
Emergency financial assistance https://www.quebec.ca/en/justice-et-etat-civil/systeme-judiciaire/processus-judiciaire/processus-judiciaire-au-criminel/accompagnement-victimes-crime/aide-financiere-personnes-victimes/quickly-leave-dangerous-environment	Government of Quebec (requested through helpline; must be done by front-line staff)	Help victims of IPV and sexual violence to quickly leave a dangerous environment.	Unclear *No money is given directly to victims.	Must meet criteria of having to leave unsafe place/receive emergency medical care related to the violence.
<i>Des Jardins Mutual Assistance Fund</i> https://www.desjardins.com/ca/about-us/social-responsibility-cooperation/responsible-financial-products-services/solidarity-based-finance/mutual-assistance-fund/index.jsp	Locally participating community organizations	Helps people in financial difficulty	Survivors can receive free budget counselling and (subject to certain conditions) loans with payment terms adapted to their financial capacity.	Must meet income and asset requirements of BCEA
Toronto				
<i>CUPE 3902 Sexual and Domestic Violence Survivors Fund</i> https://cupe3902.org/unit-1/benefits/sf/	CUPE	Member-driven fund to provide immediate, individualized support for members who are survivors of sexual and/or domestic violence.	Fund allocated \$25,000 CAD per year. \$5,000 cap per person per fund year and \$15,000 total cap per person.	Due to the unique and varied needs of survivors, fund deliberately does not define all eligible expenses - members are invited to submit claims for any expenses they consider eligible
<i>CUPE 3903 Sexual Assault Survivor</i> https://3903.cupe.ca/sassf/#:-:text=The%20Sexual%20Assault%20Survivor%20Fund,legal%20support%20and%20lost%20wages	CUPE	The fund supports survivors offset costs such as counselling, legal support and lost wages.	Fund of \$50,000 CAD per year. \$3000 cap per person per year. (Committee will consider adjusting yearly maximum based on need.)	Administered 3 times per year except in emergency situations where members can apply on an ongoing basis.

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