



Special Tri-Provincial Research Call-Out May 15, 2019

Prairieaction Foundation (PAF) is committed to funding research that leads to community awareness related to issues of violence and abuse and specifically provides grant funds for research that engages in solution focused outcomes that lead to better programs to keep our communities safer. PAF is calling for Tri-Provincial research project to be conducted in three areas outlined below.

Exploring Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) and Responses among the LGBTQ2S Community within the Prairie Provinces

It is well documented that IPV among the LGBTQ2S community is common, however is cited to be misunderstood or often overlooked. While recent studies appear to focus qualitatively on the issue, there continues to be a lack of research both qualitatively and quantitatively on the extent and nature of the violence experienced. There has also been considerable concern from victim advocates on the lack of services or resources to support partners or spouses who experience IPV, as the bulk of victim centred responses focus on heterosexual female victims.

Prairieaction is calling for research to be conducted in the prairie provinces (SK, AB, MB) to increase our understanding of the prairie landscape in terms of the nature and context of IPV within the LGBQ2S community and with respect to service responses to the issue. This research should explore IPV amongst LGBQ2S using the below criteria:

- Research must have a quantitative and qualitative focus with emphasis on understanding the current literature in this area with particular focus on research in the prairies.
- PAF is concerned with service responses in each province and the experiences of victims with the system provisions (police responses, victim services responses, justice responses, other).

- Research must include:
 - i. Literature review with focus on research that has been conducted in the prairie provinces.
 - ii. An environmental scan of stakeholders connected to topic area.
 - iii. Quantitative/Qualitative methods to understand:
 1. Nature and context of violence experienced.
 2. The lived experience of victims as it pertains to reporting of IPV, system responses, victim service responses, and other.
 - iv. What recommendations, if any, that emerge from the findings of the research.
- Research project must include a partnership between an academic and/or university **and** community organizations that have experience/background on this issue.
- Research must identify in-kind contributions and/or donations.
- There will be increased reporting on the progress of the research, to the Research Director – see details below.
- Funding up to \$75,000 across AB, SK, MB.

Understanding Responses and Resources to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Against Female Victims Within Rural Municipalities in the Prairie Provinces

Intimate partner violence in rural areas is no doubt complex for a variety of reasons. Timely responses to IPV and access to resources and services for victims in the rural communities has reportedly been a long-standing issue. Adding to this, is the complexity of the victim's lived experience that may include mental health or addiction issues. The literature suggests that women, as the primary victims of IPV, lack the resources to help them get out of an abusive or violent relationship safely.

Prairieaction is seeking research to be conducted in the prairie provinces (AB, SK, MB) to better understand the impact of IPV on victims in rural municipalities, issues of isolation, response times and training protocol of police, what, if any, services are provided to victims and how existing resources help the victim get out of a violent relationship. This research should include the following criteria:

- Research must have a qualitative focus with emphasis on understanding the current literature in the area of rural IPV across the three prairie provinces.
- PAF is concerned with what resources exist to help women and their children exit an abusive or violent relationship.

- PAF would like to know what services exist for victims in rural areas and what supports are there to help the victim access the service in order to physically leave the situation/relationship.
- Research must include:
 - i. An environmental scan of stakeholders connected to topic area.
 - ii. Qualitative focus to obtain the lived experiences of victims of IPV.
 - iii. What recommendations can be made, if any, that may emerge from the findings of the research.
- Research project must include a partnership between an academic and/or university **and** community organizations that have experience/background on this issue.
- Research must identify in-kind contributions and/or donations.
- There will be increased reporting on the progress of the research, to the Research Director – see details below.
- Funding up to \$75,000 across SK, AB and MB.

Human Trafficking in the Prairie Provinces: System Responses to Domestic Human Trafficking of Youth Girls and Women within and across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba

Human trafficking of young girls and women is cited to be an increasingly complex and pervasive crime globally, however, over the last several years, attention has turned to domestic trafficking both across and within provinces.

Prairieaction is seeking research to be conducted in the prairie provinces (AB, SK, MB) to better understand the scope of domestic human trafficking of young girls and women within and across the prairies. PAF is concerned with the system responses to the issue of domestic human trafficking that includes the determination of the indicators of trafficking, differences, if any, of cross province trafficking versus within province trafficking, and services and resources to support women who have been victims of trafficking. This research should include the following criteria:

- Research must have a qualitative focus with emphasis on understanding the current literature in the area, specific to human trafficking across and within the three prairie provinces.

- PAF is concerned with what tools, if any, are used to identify women who are victims of trafficking and what resources exist to help women escape once it has determined that they experienced being trafficked.
- PAF would like to know what services exist for women who have escaped and what supports are there to help the victim access the service.
- Research must include:
 - i. Literature review with focus on research that has been conducted within Canada, and particularly within the prairie provinces.
 - ii. An environmental scan of stakeholders connected to topic area and, if possible, include the numbers of women identified to have been victims of human trafficking.
 - iii. Qualitative focus to obtain the lived experiences of victims who have been trafficked and stakeholders who are part of the system response to human trafficking. (police, victim services, justice officials, health, other).
 - iv. What recommendations can be made, if any, that may emerge from the findings of the research.
- Research project must include a partnership between an academic and/or university **and** community organizations that have experience/background on this issue.
- Research must identify in-kind contributions and/or donations.
- There will be increased reporting on the progress of the research, to the Research Director – see details below.
- Funding up to \$75,000 across SK, AB and MB.

Additional Details

The successful applicants will be required to complete the following with the full proposal:

- Outline methodology, budget, including in-kind contributions and donations and timelines for completion.
- Provide two letters of support from community based organizations in the other provinces.
- Meet with the PAF Research Director upon approval of the grant to provide overview and to detail the operationalization of the research.
- Provide quarterly progress reports to the Research Director and the Care Grant Committee that includes an interim report at the midpoint of completion of the work, and a final report as per PAF Research Grant guidelines outlined in acceptance letter.

- Make presentation to the Board of Directors upon completion of the research work, highlighting outcomes and knowledge gained.
- Upon completion, the dissemination of the findings must include community sharing.
- **DEADLINE for funding application/proposals is August 15, 2019.**

PAF only funds organizations that are community based and are registered charities with Canada Revenue Agency. Organizations are expected to work in partnership with academic researchers or other relevant partners. PAF does not fund outside of the Prairie Provinces.

