



# Tri-County Women's Centre

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Attention: Municipality of Shelburne Council

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The Tri County Women's Centre is a not for profit, community based, women-centered organization that provides services and programs to women, girls and the broader community, as well as carries out community development work to address inequities and inequalities that impact the economic and social security of women and youth. **We provide outreach support to mainly adult women and adolescent girls in Yarmouth, Digby (including Clare) and Shelburne Counties.** The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program and Trauma Therapy responds to all genders aged 13 and older (16 and over for therapy).

While we are not requesting grant funding for a project, we are asking that you consider supporting the ongoing work that we do supporting women and youth in your community.

A summary of the services we provide includes, but is not limited to:

- A number of community and school based programs that assist women and girls across the age span. Programming focuses primarily on personal empowerment leading to economic and social independence
- One on one support counselling and advocacy to women and adolescent girls
- Community based health clinic – serving women and the PRIDE community, at all
- Trauma-specific counselling with a focus on sexualized violence
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program – 24/7 medical and forensic response to sexual assault by trained nurses
- Participation in several food security AND affordable housing initiatives in the community
- Financial assistance for basic needs of clients/their children (i.e. transportation, food, etc.)

We receive operational funding from the Department of Community Services for our core services, however it **does not cover the cost of offering Outreach services (meeting clients at their homes and in community) which cost approximately \$50,000 on top of our CORE services.** We receive separate funding from multiple sources for projects like the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program; Rural Truth Matters – Cannabis & Substance Use program for youth, etc. We continue to request financial support from all municipal units in the Tri Counties.

**We request assistance with outreach expenses** as the demand for one-on-one support services, financial assistance re: basic needs of our clients, and participation in community-collaborative efforts continues to increase in demand, with no funding committed to it. Municipal contribution to our expenses will assist us to continue providing more appropriate and timely response to clients' needs as well as some limited assistance with such things as transportation food, school supplies, etc.

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