



Social Justice Fund

PSAC Social Justice Fund Anti-Poverty Initiatives in Canada

Is there an anti-poverty action, campaign or initiative that you would like the PSAC Social Justice Fund to support in your community?

This year there is a global campaign to “Make Poverty History.” Funding anti-poverty initiatives is one of five priority areas for the PSAC’s Social Justice Fund.

As part of the Make Poverty History Campaign, the PSAC Social Justice Fund will be funding up to 15 anti-poverty projects in Canada.

If you know of anti-poverty initiatives in your community that you would like to support, please read on.

The Social Justice Fund will give priority to those initiatives that support a closer collaboration between union members and low income groups in the community, particularly activities that are part of anti-poverty coalitions at the community level.

These activities can include the development of educational initiatives or advocacy work such as letter writing, postcard campaigns, marches, white-band days and other similar activities.

The projects must involve PSAC members and one or more community organizations.

From \$500 to \$2500 will be available for each selected project. Projects will need to be from three months to one year long and would include an agreement to participate in one activity related to the Make Poverty History Campaign (see www.makepovertyhistory.ca).

The deadline for submitting project proposals is September 30, 2005.

The funding guidelines and application form can be downloaded as a PDF file from the PSAC web site at:

http://www.pfac-afpc.org/issues/social_justice/poverty1105-e.shtml.

The Social Justice Fund Steering Committee will make the final selection of the projects to be funded, based on these Guidelines.

All project proposals should be sent to:

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You can also contact Louise Casselman if you require further information.

What is the Making Poverty History Campaign?

This is a global campaign that was formally launched at a massive rally during the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil by the President of Brazil, Lula da Silva and by the Internal Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) General Secretary, Guy Ryder.

The Make Poverty History Campaign offers a key opportunity for members to get involved in community-based initiatives that address the issue of child and family poverty in Canada. The campaign includes educational activities that address social justice issues and reveal the causes of poverty at home and abroad. This campaign is mobilizing members of the labour movement, the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), the anti-poverty movement and members of affected communities. We are working together on actions and lobbying efforts to push government policies that address the root causes of poverty.

For further information please see:

http://www.pfac-afpc.org/issues/social_justice/poverty-e.shtml
and the campaign web site at www.makepovertyhistory.ca