

minority women, disabled women, immigrant women, elderly women and women victims of violence).

Native women should continue to be funded under their own program but be included in the consultative process with other women's groups.

The Women's Program should direct its funding priorities to those groups which deal primarily with women's issues and whose advocacy is both democratic and non-partisan.

VI Application

- Officials should keep a written record of all requests for application forms under the Women's Program noting the date of request, the name of the officer contacted and the date the information is sent out. This will help ensure fairness of treatment for all applicants.
- Application forms should be supplied to groups upon request.
- Different officials should deal with funding renewals, if possible.

VII Appeal

The current application process is:

- social development officer assists group to complete application;
- social development officer makes a recommendation on funding;
- application is reviewed by the regional Grants Review Committee;
- the Committee's recommendation is reviewed by the Regional Director or senior official at Headquarters;
- the Minister then approves or rejects the application.

Further, that where self-sufficiency is achieved during the period of funding that no further funding be approved.