

PART IV

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Women's Program has a role of funding groups working to advance the equality of women in three areas: economic equality, social justice, participation and access. The Committee believes the Women's Program should continue to work in these areas, and at the same time, it should be flexible enough to address emerging issues and be able to adapt to changing trends in both society and in the women's movement itself.

Under the current funding criteria, the following organizations, projects and recipients are not eligible for funding:

- those which provide direct social services such as counselling or child care;
- those whose primary purpose is to promote a view on abortion or sexual orientation;
- individuals;
- municipal, provincial, territorial or federal governments or agencies;
- universities, colleges or institutions under the direction of any level of government;
- projects relating to personal, emotional or spiritual growth, professional development or where individual women primarily benefit from the activity.

The majority of witnesses said the Women's Program is working well. However, based on the testimony, it also became apparent that some fine-tuning of the guidelines is necessary for clarification purposes and to identify priority needs.

I Criteria & eligibility for funding

Funding should be directed to women's groups:

- whose main purpose is to improve the status of women in the home, the work place, the community or the world at large.
- whose principles, objectives and activities support the attainment of equality for women as stated in the Charter of Rights, Dimensions of Equality: A Federal Government Work Plan for Women and other legal documents to which Canada is a signatory including the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the Forward Looking Strategies.