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**The *DépasseToi* program looks back on its first year of existence and continues to offer financial support to French-speaking youth in official language minority communities.**

**Ottawa, March 3rd, 2022** — The *Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française* (FJCF) is proud to announce that the *DépasseToi* program has resulted in the creation of 75 new quality jobs in official language minority communities (OLMCs). In addition, the program continues to provide up to \$750 for eligible youth to fund professional development activities (training, coaching, mentoring).

The program was created to support youth in the **development and enhancement of personal and professional skills**, while enabling the creation of quality jobs in OLMCs.

**Dedicated to French-speaking youth aged 15 to 30**, *DépasseToi* offers tools and resources tailored to meet the challenges and obstacles youth face. The FJCF firmly believes that all youth can achieve their full potential and wants to encourage them to embark on the career path that best suits them.

### Results and Upcoming Activities

- **75 jobs created in total:** the program provides an inclusive, challenging, and rewarding developmental environment in which youth can grow during their 52-week work experience. More than 80 organizations applied for funding in the last call for applications (October 2021). Some organizations are currently recruiting and offers are posted on the [DépasseToi website](#).
- In total, **180 organizations** have shown interest in the program since its inception.
- **Over 300 young people** have created a profile on the online platform.
- **Approximately 100 financial support applications have been received since the program's inception.** Examples of eligible initiatives: a language course for a job, language upgrade (grammar, writing...), coaching on work/life balance, CPR training for a summer job, mentoring to start a business, paid webinars, etc. There is no priority field.
- **200 funding opportunities remain to be distributed in 2022:** Youth can apply online at any moment, in as little as 30 to 40 minutes. Each application can cover up to \$750 for professional and personal

skill development. Young people who have difficulty filling out their application, or are unsure about their project, are invited to make an appointment with the team, who'll be happy to help.

- **Information Session:** Anyone interested in learning more about the program is invited to attend the next online information session on March 9, 2022.

The FJCF promotes inclusion and diversity, and *DepasseToi* is open to youth experiencing economic, social and/or personal challenges. This FJCF initiative is funded by the Government of Canada through the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy (YESS).

For more information, visit [depassetoi.ca](http://depassetoi.ca) and follow us on social media (@depassetoi.ca on Facebook and @depassetoi\_fjcf on Instagram).

### **About the FJCF**

*The FJCF is a national organization run "BY and FOR" youth, made up of eleven member - youth associations in nine provinces and two territories. Founded in 1974, the FJCF defends the interests of French-speaking youth in Canada and helps them reach their full potential.*

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