

Minister of Canadian Heritage and  
Minister responsible for Status of Women



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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M5

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Mr. Maurice Vellacott, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Vellacott:

Thank you for your letter regarding Status of Women Canada's funding practices. I appreciate being made aware of your concerns.

Status of Women Canada's Women's Program has a mandate to provide support to women's and other voluntary organizations seeking to advance gender equality by addressing women's economic, social, political and legal situation. Each application is assessed according to a stringent set of objectives and criteria, which are described in detail in our *Women's Program Funding Guidelines* (available to the general public in print and electronic format on our Web site at [www.swc-cfc.gc.ca](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca)).

Please be assured that the initiatives cited in your letter, which did indeed receive funding under the Women's Program of Status of Women Canada, met all of the above-mentioned objectives and eligibility criteria.

I trust that this information is useful and thank you, again, for your interest in Status of Women Canada. Please accept my best wishes for the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liza Frulla".

Liza Frulla, P.C., M.P.