

## **Winners announced for new multi-million-dollar Canadian journalism fund**

TORONTO, February 19, 2026 — Inspirit Foundation, along with its partners, is proud to announce the inaugural winners of the Journalism Futures Fund.

The Journalism Futures Fund supports independent small- and medium-sized publications that produce impactful journalism, have a strong vision for their future, and are led by members of communities underserved in Canadian media.

This inaugural round represents a historic \$1.875 million philanthropic investment in independent media in Canada — with additional funding planned in the years ahead.

The 2025-26 awardees of the Journalism Futures Fund are:

- [\*Cabin Radio\*](#) (Northwest Territories)
- [\*La Converse\*](#) (Québec)
- [\*The Eastern Door\*](#) (Québec)
- [\*The Green Line\*](#) (Ontario)
- [\*The Independent\*](#) (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- [\*IndigiNews\*](#) (British Columbia)

Each organization will receive flexible, three-year grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$140,000 per year, along with capacity-strengthening support to help increase their operational and financial resilience and deepen their impact.

"This grant offers an invaluable way to nurture and expand our journalism — and will allow us space to innovate and build on our existing storytelling, with stories that are important to Indigenous communities and all of 'Canada,'" said Cara McKenna, Editorial Director, *IndigiNews*.

"The Independent has long punched above its weight to produce impactful journalism in service of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador," said Justin Brake, Editor-in-Chief, *The Independent*. "Now, with support from the Journalism Futures Fund, we will be able to hire a publisher to support our award-winning editorial team and help expand The Indy's reach to diverse communities across the province."

Winners were selected by an [independent jury](#) of Canadian media leaders with deep expertise in areas relevant to the Fund's mandate, with the support of nine independent reviewers.

The Journalism Futures Fund was created by a group of Canadian philanthropic foundations. Founding partners include Inspirit Foundation, McConnell Foundation, Euphrosine Foundation, and the Sonor Foundation.

Learn more at [\*\*journalismfuturesfund.org\*\*](http://journalismfuturesfund.org).

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