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**STEPHANIE KUSIE, M.P.**  
**CALGARY MIDNAPORE**

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Dear Constituent,

I'm pleased today to inform you of an opportunity for youth in our riding. The department of Employment and Social Development Canada has just launched a call for expressions of interest for youth leaders across Canada, who will work with eligible organizations to submit project proposals under the Enabling Accessibility Fund's (EAF) Youth Innovation Component. I am certain many good proposals will come directly from Calgary Midnapore as I know the quality of young people we have here in our riding and believe in their innovative and creative skills.

This call for expressions of interest gives youth volunteers a chance to make a difference in their communities and help to raise awareness of the EAF program.

Youth interested in participating are required to identify accessibility barriers in public places or workplaces within their immediate and/or surrounding communities, and seek out interested organizations willing to work with them to develop an EAF accessibility project funding proposal.

Funding will support approximately 125 youth-driven projects aimed at increasing accessibility in community facilities and workplaces across Canada. Not-for-profit organizations, for profit organizations (with up to 99 full-time equivalent employees), small municipalities (with a population under 125,000), Indigenous organizations (including band councils, tribal councils and self-government entities) and territorial governments are eligible to apply for project funding of up to \$10,000. This funding is available to support capital costs of eligible projects, which may include initiatives like installing automatic door openers, constructing raised garden beds in a community garden, or acquiring specialized wheelchairs to access sandy beaches.

Interested youth between the ages of 15 and 30 years of age can apply online until September 21, 2018.

More information can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/enabling-accessibility-fund-youth-innovation.html>

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kusie, MP