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Paul Calandra, MP announces funding to expand economic opportunities for women

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Today, on behalf of the Honourable Dr. K. Kellie Leitch, Canada's Minister of Labour and Minister of Status of Women, Paul Calandra, Member of Parliament for Oak Ridges-Markham announced Government of Canada funding for a new project to promote opportunities for women in York and Simcoe Regions.

BizZone Internet Group Inc. is receiving a total of \$198,134 in Government of Canada funding for their project to develop and pilot an innovative, web based, one-stop shop to facilitate access to local supports and resources for women entrepreneurs. The project will work collaboratively with key stakeholders including community organizations, entrepreneurs, municipalities, and chambers of commerce across York and Simcoe Regions to identify gaps and overcome challenges faced by women entrepreneurs.

This project was selected through the Government of Canada's call for proposals entitled [*Economic Prosperity: Positioning Women for Success*](#).

Quick Facts

- The call for proposals *Economic Prosperity: Positioning Women for Success* supports projects in three thematic areas, namely: Increasing or strengthening economic opportunities for entrepreneurial and professional women; advancing women in various sectors through mentorship/sponsorship; and collaborating to advance the financial preparedness of women.
- Since 2007, the Government of Canada has provided over \$153 million through Status of Women Canada for community-based projects. Of this amount, more than \$60 million has been provided for projects that promote women's economic security and prosperity.
- Federal funding of community-based projects through Status of Women Canada has nearly doubled since 2006-2007, supporting more than 750 projects across Canada.

Quotes

"Our community is greatly enriched by the outstanding contributions of the women who live and work here. By funding this project operated by Biz-Zone, the Government of Canada is helping to create new economic opportunities for women which, in turn, will strengthen the local economy and enhance the prosperity of the whole community."

Paul Calandra, MP
Member of Parliament for Oak Ridges-Markham

“Our Government’s number one priority is to create jobs and opportunities for all Canadians. One of the ways we do this is by supporting community-based projects that support economic security and prosperity for women. We know that when women succeed, our entire country prospers.”

**The Honourable Dr. K. Kellie Leitch, P.C., O.Ont., M.P.
Minister of Labour and Minister of Status of Women**

“This Government of Canada support will enable our national business website, CanadaOne.com, to investigate and develop web-based supports for women business owners and professionals in York Region and Simcoe County. We look forward to collaborating with key community partners to further strengthen these regions while supporting women in business.”

**Julie King, CEO
BizZone Inc.**

Related Products

- [Call for Proposals — Economic Prosperity: Positioning Women for Success](#)

Additional Links

- Information on the [Women’s Program](#) of Status of Women Canada
- Information on [Status of Women Canada at women.gc.ca](#)

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