

Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council recommendations

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The Alberta Anti-Racism Advisory Council has released its recommendations on how to address racism in the province.

The recommendations submitted to the Government of Alberta were based on research from subcommittees on four priority areas: a government that reflects Alberta; preventing and responding to hate crimes and hate incidents; teaching respect for each other; and valuing skills and experiences in the workplace.

Alberta's government has begun work on a number of anti-racism initiatives, including: establishing a hate crime liaison and a Hate Crimes Coordination Unit; formally recognizing First Nations policing under *The Police Act*; banning the practice of carding; introducing the Alberta Security Infrastructure Program; enacting the *Fair Registrations Practices Act* and creating the Fairness for Newcomers Office, which helps new Albertans get their credentials recognized; and developing an inclusive communications policy for government. These recommendations will help guide the government's work on anti-racism initiatives going forward.

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Protecting vulnerable Albertans from hate crimes

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The new Alberta Security Infrastructure Program will help protect targets of hate-motivated crime with funding for security upgrades.

Starting this fall, religious and ethnic organizations and Indigenous groups that are at risk of being targeted by hate-inspired violence or vandalism will be able to apply for grants for security and technology improvements.

Funding for upgrades to facility infrastructure, including security and monitoring systems, will help protect both individuals and property from vandalism and other criminal acts. The program will be flexible and accessible enough to address a range of protective measures, such as security planning, education and training.

The initial call for grant applications will take place this fall. A total of \$500,000 will be available, with applicants eligible for up to \$10,000 to assist with training and security assessments, as well as up to \$90,000 for security infrastructure. More information on program eligibility and the application process will become available in the coming months.

Taking a stand against hate crimes

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Alberta's government is targeting hate-motivated crimes and racism with new law enforcement resources and a fresh approach to working with affected communities to ensure Albertans of racialized backgrounds are protected and heard.

A new community liaison on hate crimes will connect directly with ethnic and religious groups and sexual minority communities most targeted by hate-motivated crimes. Working with these groups, the liaison will provide government with a range of perspectives and expertise on how we can tackle hate-motivated crimes and incidents across the province.

Alberta will also set up a provincial Hate Crimes Coordination Unit. This unit will work with law enforcement to improve and harmonize hate crime mitigation efforts across the province and facilitate training opportunities, intelligence gathering and investigative supports. This includes strengthening the approach to successfully prosecuting individuals charged with hate-motivated crimes.

Both the new liaison position and coordination unit are in the early stages of development. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

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