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THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF \$1,980,000 FOR THE JEUX DE LA FRANCOPHONIE CANADIENNE 2020

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Victoria, November 16, 2018 – The Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française (French-Canadian Youth Federation - “FJCF”) is thrilled to receive financial support of \$1,980,000 from the Government of Canada, through Canadian Heritage, to hold the next edition of the Jeux de la francophonie canadienne (Canadian Francophone Games - “JeuxFC”). This morning, the Honourable Mélanie Joly was in Victoria, British Columbia, to announce this support where the 8th edition of the JeuxFC will be held in July 2020. In a tweet published by the Minister last June, she claimed: *“After the memorable experience I witnessed in Moncton-Dieppe in 2017, I have no doubt that the 8th Jeux de la francophonie canadienne will be a great success in Victoria!”*

The JeuxFC, held every three years, are indeed a can’t-miss event for Francophone youth since 1999. Participants aged 14 to 18 compete in three major sectors: arts, leadership and sports. Sue Duguay, FJCF president, declared that *“The Jeux de la francophonie canadienne stand out as a major event for Canada’s French-speaking youth, and a recent study by the Canadian Institute for Research on Linguistic Minorities has clearly shown the positive impact they have on youth, namely when it comes to their involvement, the development of their identity and their knowledge of Canada’s Francophonie. Without the financial support of the Government of Canada, the JeuxFC could not take place and we wish to recognize this precious support, which goes back to the very start of this great event in 1999.”*

The organizing committee of the 2020 Canadian Francophone Games in Victoria are working hard to put the necessary elements into place to pull off this great event, with the support of the FJCF. This major event has the potential to generate a significant economic impact for the host region. Many partners are necessary to make sure the Games occur. We encourage the entire community, the private sectors and the different levels of government to rally behind this major event which will be a pivotal event for the development of both youth and the Francophone community in Victoria and British-Columbia.



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The Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française ("French-Canadian Youth Federation—FJCF") is a national organization managed by and for youth, made up of eleven youth associations from nine provinces and two territories. Established in 1974, the FJCF defends the interests of Canada's French-speaking youth and helps them reach their full potential.

The Canadian Francophone Games (JeuxFC) are among the largest gatherings of Canada's French-speaking youth. In addition to encouraging hundreds of young people to exercise their talents in one of three sectors (arts, leadership and sport), the Games showcase cultural pride, self-confidence and leadership abilities in a friendly, competitive setting. The Canadian Francophone Games are a [Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne-française](#) (FJCF) initiative, financed in part by the [Government of Canada](#).

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