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This brief is submitted by:

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or

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Topic: Children, youth and families

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

That the Government of Canada recognize the added value of the Canadian Francophone Games (CFG) for the development and vitality of French-speaking youth across Canada. That it also make a greater contribution to the success of the Games by providing additional funding for more efficient management of provincial and territorial recruitment to ensure balanced participation by youth from every province and territory.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$1 million-4.9 million

4 years

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

We propose that the Department of Canadian Heritage, through its Community Life component, allocate additional funding to recruit youth participants for the Francophone Games. We also believe that the Youth Forums component of the Exchanges Canada program could contribute more for participants' travel to the Games' host city so that more of the existing funding could be allocated to recruiting participants.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

French-speaking youth (Francophones and immersion students) 13 to 18 years of age across Canada. Each CFG delegation has a maximum of 105 participants, and we want to see each province and territory maximize its participation, which is currently not happening. French-speaking youth in every province and territory would therefore benefit from this recommendation. Another benefit would be the future impact on minority communities in the regions, given the effect the Games will have on young leaders who return to their regions.

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

The Canadian Francophone Games enable many French-speaking youth to have transformational experiences. Youth discover a sense of accomplishment and leadership, and especially pride in being Francophone. By participating in the Games, they learn that they can accomplish something and that they can make a difference in their communities after the Games. The Games therefore enhance young Francophones' quality of life, not to mention that of the official language minority communities.

Topic: Employment, labour markets and unions

Recommendation 2: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

As part of the renewal of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy, we recommend that the government allocate significant funding to employment programs to directly support French-speaking youth in official language minority communities. We also recommend that these employment programs facilitate and encourage the participation of French-language non-profit organizations so they can hire young workers.

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$1 million-4.9 million

5 or more years

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

As part of the renewal of the Youth Employment Strategy, we recommend that the Career Focus component managed by Employment and Social Development Canada allocate a significant amount of funding each year for jobs for young French-speaking graduates who want to work in French in official language minority communities. It must be ensured that funding allocated for jobs under this program includes resources for young French-speaking graduates.

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

Young French-speaking graduates of post-secondary institutions will benefit directly from this recommendation. Francophone employers in the community sector in official language minority communities will also benefit.

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

It is not easy for many new graduates to find employment after graduation, since they lack practical work experience. It is even harder to work in French in the regions outside Quebec. Such employment opportunities backed by funding from the Government of Canada would enable French-language organizations and businesses that would otherwise not be in a position to hire young graduates to provide them with opportunities to gain the experience that employers want.

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Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided