



**Call for Artists to Design Medals for Honour 150 program**  
***Canada Life to fund 150 community grants of \$500 in tribute to Honour 150 recipients***

**For immediate release - November 13, 2019, Winnipeg** — The Manitoba 150 Host Committee (Manitoba 150) has an exciting opportunity for Manitoba artists to submit their qualifications for consideration to design the front side of a unique, commemorative medal to be given to **Honour 150** recipients. These 150 recipients have made outstanding contributions to the well-being of their communities.

“The MB150 medal is our way of acknowledging the important work of the Honour 150 recipients. We want it to be a signature piece, something uniquely Manitoban,” said Co-Chairs Stuart Murray and Monique LaCoste. “We know how talented and creative Manitoba artists and designers are,” they added. “We can’t wait to see what ideas they will come up with!”

Manitoba 150 is seeking:

- submissions from recognized artists or graphic designers who are residents of Manitoba to design the obverse (front side) of the MB150 Medal and Neck Ribbon for the Honour 150 program. **At this time, we are asking for portfolios and general concept of a design only. We are NOT asking for the design of the Medal and Neck Ribbon.**
- proposals from professional, qualified organizations or individuals to manufacture a *minimum* of 150 medallions and neck ribbons for the *Honour 150* program.

“These medals will be wonderful, permanent reminders for 150 great Manitobans that they have made a positive impact in our community,” said Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. “We couldn’t be happier knowing the medals will be completely designed and created by Manitobans, for Manitobans.”

Submission forms, criteria, and official terms are available at [www.manitoba150.com](http://www.manitoba150.com). Honour 150 is open to submissions until January 31, 2020.

**150 Community grants to be made by Canada Life, an investment of \$75,000 in the community**

“Great-West Life, as the new Canada Life, has a long history and deep roots here, and our company and employees are connected by a shared sense of responsibility to give back. That’s why we’re thrilled to help honour extraordinary people from across the province for their contributions and care for our community,” said Hugh Moncrieff, Executive Vice President Advisory Network & Industry Affairs at Canada Life. “Manitoba is blessed with many dedicated volunteers, and we believe Honour 150 will help inspire the next generation of volunteers.”

Canada Life is excited to announce an additional funding commitment. Each Honour 150 recipient will have a \$500 grant made in their honour to a qualified organization in their community. The funds will come from the James W. Burns Trust and Canada Life and be distributed by Manitoba 150.

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“The late Jim Burns was dedicated to his community and would be proud of the positive impact these volunteers are making in our province,” added Moncrieff. “We hope this grant will help each recipient, and the community organization where they volunteer, to continue to do important work empowering others to reach their full potential.”

“We are excited that Honour 150 will not only be recognizing the people who make this province amazing, but thanks to this new funding from Canada Life, will also be investing \$75,000 worth of funding into the organizations that support our community,” said Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray, Co-Chairs of Manitoba 150. “We hope that this extra incentive will have people in our communities even more excited to submit applications to honour the Manitobans who inspire them.”

Submit your nomination today at [www.manitoba150.com](http://www.manitoba150.com). Nominations close January 31, 2020.

#### **About Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc.**

May 12, 2020 will mark 150 years since the Manitoba Act received royal assent, paving the way for Manitoba to become Canada’s fifth province. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee is an independent, non-profit organization overseeing commemorative activities in celebration of our province, its beauty, people, culture, and history throughout the year.

The Manitoba 150 Host Committee aims to support initiatives and events that cultivate pride in our province, foster a profound connection with our diverse cultures and, above all, unite us in celebration.

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