Supporting the Community Response to Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBI) in Canada



Government of Canada efforts to address STBBI in Canada are guided by the Pan-Canadian Framework for Action on STBBI and the Government of Canada Five Year Action Plan on STBBI

HIV and Hepatitis C Community Action Fund (CAF)

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) invests \$26.4 million annually to support time-limited projects across Canada to address HIV, hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted infections (e.g. chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis) through the CAF.

Organizations can apply for a maximum of 5 years of project funding.

Harm Reduction Fund (HRF)

PHAC invests \$7 million annually to support time-limited projects across Canada that will help reduce HIV and hepatitis C among people who share injection and inhalation drug-use equipment through the HRF.

Organizations can apply for 3 or 5 years of project funding for a maximum of \$250,000 per year. PHAC may accept requests for larger investments depending on the scope and scale of the project.

The CAF and HRF seek to ensure that:

community-based efforts reach key populations, including people unaware of their HIV or hepatitis C status, and link them to testing, prevention, treatment and care

communities design and implement evidence-based front-line projects to prevent new and reoccurring infections

high impact interventions are brought to scale so that more people benefit from them

community-based efforts reduce stigma toward populations disproportionally affected by STBBI, including people living with HIV or hepatitis C

Applying for Project Funding through the CAF & HRF

The Complete Process Involves 5 Stages



Call for Proposals

- The CAF and HRF open solicitations will launch concurrently
- Organizations will be invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI)
- The purpose of the LOI is to identify projects that will be invited to submit a full funding proposal
- The LOI outlines the project concept, including how the project aligns with objectives, outcomes, and eligibility criteria of the CAF and HRF
- Applicants can apply to both funds for different projects



Review Process

- LOIs that are deemed complete and meet eligibility criteria will be assessed by review committees, based on assessment criteria
- External reviewers will include people with lived experience, researchers, individuals with expertise in front-line STBBI programming and service delivery and people from the key populations
- LOIs for Indigenous-led projects will be reviewed by Indigenous-led review committees
- Complete and eligible LOIs will be reviewed by provincial and territorial officials, as appropriate



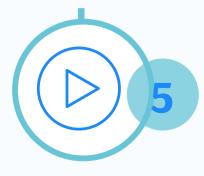
Invitation to Submit Funding Request

- Following review, applicants will be notified of the results of the solicitation by email
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal
- Applicants will be required to submit detailed work plans, budgets and evaluation plans (if applicable)



Approvals

- Completed proposals will be reviewed for final funding approval
- Projects submitted by organizations located in Quebec may also be subject to M-30 approval
- Agreements will be sent to applicants for signature



New Projects Begin

Approved projects will begin on April 1, 2022

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