

The information below will help you complete the AHA Centre Research Proposal Development Program Application Form. If you have any questions regarding the application guide or the application process, please contact Marni Amirault marnia@caan.ca or Sherri Pooyak sherrip@caan.ca

Background

The Aboriginal HIV and AIDS Community-Based Research Collaborative Centre (AHA Centre) is committed to the development and facilitation of local, regional and national research teams to undertake issue-based, rather than discipline-based HIV research with and for Aboriginal people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. Multi-disciplinary, intersectoral, Community Based Research (CBR) and knowledge-to-action teams will not only maximize the effectiveness of Centre programs, but will facilitate uptake to diverse audiences.

The Centre's Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP) aims to build capacity at the local and regional levels informed by the knowledge of our diverse team of social, medical, policy and health service members. Our priority is to ensure that the political, economic, health service and social inequities facing Aboriginal peoples living with and affected by HIV are highlighted in Centre-funded research proposals.

Research Proposal Development Program:

The purpose of the Research Proposal Development Program is to assist Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal AIDS Service Organizations, and Aboriginal students interested in carrying out a research project, but who do not have the resources (human and/or financial) to prepare a proposal. The proposal that is crafted using AHA Centre funds should be submitted by the community/group or student to another research funding organization for consideration.

The AHA Centre will allocate up to \$20,000 (teams can apply for up to \$5,000 each) to fund CBR proposal development for local, regional and national-level community-based, multi-disciplinary, intersectoral HIV research projects.

One type of grant is available under the RPDP program. Funds are meant to support the development of larger research grant proposals:

Up to \$5,000 for the development of a proposal that will be submitted to a regional or national funding competition.

Funds **CANNOT** be used for:

- Programming
- Service provision
- Research that has already been funded

This Guide will provide you with the steps needed to complete your application for submission to the AHA Centre. To apply for the Research Proposal Development Program, please refer to

our Application Form. Applicants are encouraged to submit a draft proposal for feedback prior to their formal submission.

Research Proposal Development Program applications will be reviewed using CIHR relevance and merit criteria within a developmental review process (i.e. applicants will have an opportunity to resubmit immediately upon making the required revisions).

A Peer Review Committee consisting of AHA Centre team members who have the capacity to assess the scientific, Aboriginal community and overall merit (i.e.: practical application) of the proposed project will meet via teleconference to discuss and score submissions. Prior to the teleconference, proposals will be pre-screened by staff for completeness, then sent to the Chair of the Peer Review Committee for distribution to the reviewers.

Funding Holdback: A 10% of the total grant awarded will be held until:

- the project is completed (i.e.: a finalized proposal submitted to another funding competition) within one year (12 months) of receiving funding from the AHA Centre.
- a final report is submitted.