



Positive Action Canada Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Initiative (PACAI) 2015 Program Overview

The **Positive Action Canada Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Initiative**, a program of ViiV Healthcare Canada, is a collaborative, population-focused program to enhance HIV care, treatment, support, and prevention services for Aboriginal people in Canada living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

The Aboriginal population is one of the communities in Canada most affected by the HIV epidemic; this community has identified a need to ramp up both the community and healthcare sectors' response to HIV.

In line with ViiV Healthcare's global focus on under-served HIV+ populations, the Positive Action Canada Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Initiative is a multi-year program in support of the community-based response to the epidemic.

A total of \$100,000 is available as part of the Third Call for Proposals to the **Positive Action Canada Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Initiative (PACAI) Community Grants**, with an individual project grant maximum of \$50,000. The **PACAI Community Grants Third Call for Proposals application deadline is 23 September 2015**.

The 2015 **PACAI** Third Call for Proposals is focused on **HIV prevention education for Aboriginal men, women, and youth in Canada; an emphasis targeting Aboriginal youth is encouraged.**

Proposals should respond to a community-identified need, build on community strengths, and be driven by the community it serves.

Proposals must not duplicate or replicate programs or services already offered in the geographic area served by the applicant organization.

Proposals should implement the **GIPA/ MIPA (Greater and Meaningful Involvement of People living with HIV/AIDS) Principles**, defined in this context as:

- Recognizing the important contribution Aboriginal people living with HIV/AIDS (APHAs) can make in the response to the epidemic;
- Creating space within society for the meaningful engagement and active participation of APHAs in all aspects of that response.

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Proposals based on Aboriginal culture and teachings are strongly encouraged.

PACAI proposals must be implemented in Canada only.

A proposal's focus within the Aboriginal community can range from broadly-based to highly focused. However proposals must still define the demographic or lived-experience which best describes the primary group of Aboriginal people the project seeks to reach.

Examples are as follows:

- Aboriginal community in the agency's catchment area
- Aboriginal community off-reserve
- Aboriginal community on-reserve
- Aboriginal men in the agency's catchment area
- Aboriginal men off-reserve
- Aboriginal men on-reserve
- Aboriginal women in the agency's catchment area
- Aboriginal women off-reserve
- Aboriginal women on-reserve
- Aboriginal youth in the agency's catchment area
- Aboriginal youth off-reserve
- Aboriginal youth on-reserve
- APHA men
- APHA women
- APHA youth

Organizations submitting proposals must be:

- Aboriginal community-focused and based;
- a member of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN), or work collaboratively in partnership with CAAN or a CAAN member organization.

Applicant organizations must work primarily in the field of HIV/AIDS and have demonstrated expertise in the management of projects with the population to be served, or must partner with an organization that has such expertise and is accountable to the population it serves.

PACAI encourages innovative proposals with clearly defined objectives that develop new or strengthen existing partnerships. Applicant organizations must have a demonstrated ability to work in partnership

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with other agencies.

Only Canadian not-for-profit non-governmental organizations (NGOs) accountable to their members may apply. Charitable status recognized by Canada Revenue Agency is an asset.

Only one PACAI application per applicant organization will be accepted.

The project must be in the planning or implementation stage. The project start date should be between 01 April 2015 and 31 March 2016. Project completion date should be between 01 January 2016 and 31 December 2016. Completed projects are not eligible.

Projects with a future sustainability plan are encouraged. Grants in the 2015 PACAI Third Call for Proposal will be on a one-time basis only.

ViiV Healthcare reserves the right to fund projects fully or partially.

Process

- All applications must be submitted on-line at <https://viivhealthcare.smartsimple.ca> Applications sent by e-mail, fax or mail will not be accepted and will not be evaluated
- Grant applications will be reviewed by ViiV Healthcare in consultation with the PACAI Community Advisory Committee comprised of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS community experts drawn from across Canada.
- **Application deadline: 23 September 2015.**
- **Notification of grants: 7 December 2015.**

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