

HIV and Hepatitis C Community Action Fund Fact Sheet on National and Regional Funding Allocations

- As part of the exercise to strengthen the response to HIV and hepatitis C in Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada has merged its funding for community based organizations into the HIV and Hepatitis C Community Action Fund (the Fund).
- The Community Action Fund will make available up to \$26.4 million annually to support comprehensive responses to HIV, hepatitis C, and related sexually transmitted and blood borne infections. The solicitation process will begin in February 2016, with funding becoming available to eligible community-based programs on April 1, 2017.
- The Community Action Fund, its funding priorities and priority populations, were developed following an extensive review of the research and evidence, in collaboration with stakeholders across Canada. The Fund will bring Canada's HIV and hepatitis C activities into alignment with global strategies and targets for HIV and hepatitis C.
- As part of the evidence-based analysis that resulted in the Community Action Fund's new priorities, the Public Health Agency of Canada undertook a scientific and evidence-based approach to determining a funding allocation formula that would best support efforts to reduce HIV and hepatitis C in Canada.
- The allocation formula for the Community Action Fund builds on previous allocation formulas for HIV and hepatitis C funding. In addition to an internal review of the evidence, stakeholder discussions resulted in a greater emphasis on burden of infection and a greater percentage of resources for regional and front-line work.
- The allocation to support regional and front-line activities has increased from 57% to 65% of available funding. Funding for national organizations will represent 35% of available funds. This formula will be applied to the Fund after a contingency amount (\$608,380) is reserved for priorities that may emerge after the solicitation process concludes.
- In response to calls from stakeholders, the funding allocation formula is based on three individually weighted considerations: equity (10%); vulnerability (35%); and, burden of infection (55%). Equity ensures that each jurisdiction has access to a base amount of funding to support a community-based response to HIV and hepatitis C. Vulnerability considers rates of sexually transmitted infections and rates of condom use, with additional consideration for rates of three priority populations in each jurisdiction (men who have sex with men, people who use drugs, and people from ethno-cultural communities).
- There will be a dedicated allocation for Indigenous organizations, which represents \$4 million from the Community Action Fund. The Indigenous allocation includes two weighted considerations for determining allocations across the jurisdictions: Indigenous populations (25%) and burden of infection (75%).

- The emphasis on burden reflects stakeholder recommendations that allocations for funding focus primarily on those jurisdictions with the highest rates of reported infections, and greater numbers of key priority populations.
- As a result of this new allocations analysis, jurisdictions that have experienced increased estimated rates of new infection, and estimated prevalence, will experience an increase in available funding going forward. Conversely, those jurisdictions with low estimated incidence and prevalence, or who have reported decreased estimated new infections, will see reductions in funding.
- The new allocations formula reflects the changing epidemics of HIV and hepatitis C in Canada, in consideration of incidence, vulnerability to infection, and populations most at risk.

	Total Annual Amount	Dedicated Indigenous Amount
National	\$8,837,717	\$1,176,000
Northern	\$796,039	\$228,476
Yukon	\$260,258	\$70,194
NWT	\$269,323	\$77,508
Nunavut	\$266,458	\$80,774
Western	\$4,180,290	\$839,944
British Columbia	\$2,354,003	\$418,210
Alberta	\$1,826,287	\$421,734
MB/SK	\$2,308,230	\$841,978
Saskatchewan	\$1,380,583	\$520,354
Manitoba	\$927,647	\$321,624
Ontario	\$5,168,612	\$332,496
Quebec	\$3,014,343	\$172,697
Atlantic	\$1,496,316	\$319,336
Nfld/Labrador	\$343,872	\$79,784
Nova Scotia	\$483,592	\$92,577
New Brunswick	\$392,261	\$79,784
PEI	\$276,591	\$67,191
Total regional envelope	\$16,963,830	
Community Action Fund	\$25,801,547	