

Health Services Integration Fund

Examples of previous Projects across the Regions

The purpose of this document is to provide a general idea of funded HSIF projects in alignment with specific themes. Please note, this document only highlights a small sample of HSIF projects from across the country.

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Health Data		
	Project Name	Project Description
A	From Knowledge to Action: Supporting the Use of Population Health Data to Promote Better Health for First Nations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the sharing of knowledge about the health of First Nations in the province among stakeholders who play a role in promoting population health. • Continue to build community health practitioner capacity to understand, use and act on health data. • Execute an MOU with Indigenous Services Canada for annual IRS data feeds in order to keep the Registry current and improve the sustainability of the First Nations Client Linkage Registry. • Continue to provide a platform for First Nations, federal and provincial partners to come together regularly to discuss and problem solve issues related to population health assessment and surveillance. • Facilitate research that will improve First Nations health and enhance health services by providing access to First Nations Client Linkage Registry data.
B	Raising Our Voices Together, Strengthening First Nation Control of Health Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase and strengthen partnership of First Nations with the provincial Health Council in order to support improved quality of First Nation community health data as well as the strategic administration of health services to the Indigenous population in the province at the First Nation level, the regional health authority level, and the provincial level • Develop an MOU with the provincial Health Council in conjunction with the two Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) describing partnership and support provincial Health Council will provide related to First Nation community health data. • Develop a proposal for submission to FNIHB eHealth Directorate for ongoing funding to health data partnership between First Nations, the RHAs and the provincial Health Council.
C	Development of an Indigenous Administrative Data Identifier Standard for Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a governance process for the creation and use of an Indigenous Administrative Health Data Identifier Standard to increase access to First Nation data by First Nation communities.
D	Increasing Capacity for eHealth in First Nation Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an E-Health Needs Assessment Template with a process model for application, a technology inventory in First Nation Communities, a database that can be searched by either health concern or available technology, which will include available vendors and variety of solutions. • Create a list of health care providers/partners who use technology to provide services within identified communities, an E-Health Needs Assessments for four communities, a survey for First Nation Communities to assess technology usage, challenges and future needs.

Chronic Disease		
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A	Chronic Disease Integration Project / Hemodialysis Proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative service delivery that will support home based dialysis in centre setting or health facility. Chronic Kidney disease screening report that supports a chronic kidney disease education, prevention, intervention program for First Nation X,Y, Z. • Terms of reference for the partners in carrying out Chronic Kidney Disease and home based dialysis efforts between partners, and an MOU on collaboration toward strengthening First Nations Health, and sustainability plans to ensure the project activities will lead into NIHB funding with Nursing supports for home based dialysis and administrative support services. • Tribal Council X is working in partnership with provincial Health Authority to achieve a 6 bed dialysis services. This facility will accommodate between 16 - 24 patients.
B	Feasibility Study for Dialysis Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring the feasibility to develop a dialysis treatment plan at their current health centre in the community. • The expectation is that the dialysis centre would be open to all those seek dialysis service in the area and not just exclusive of the community's members. • The intent is to utilize health centre to develop a culturally safe environment focused treatment facility to allow members and others to receive their dialysis treatment in house at the community.
C	Diabetes Health Care Integration: Improving Accessibility, Coordination and Engagement of Diabetic Care and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the integration of diabetic related public health programs, community services and education for all of the Nation's members and surrounding area population. • This project seeks to improve relations between the current situation of separate health providers, provincial health services and the Nation, in a way that will benefit Nation members and eliminate the inefficiencies that come from non-existent or ineffective collaboration between health providers. • Another goal of this project is to bring a higher quality of life to Nation members by focusing on education engagement and prevention of diabetes; as well as reduce diabetic complications and co-morbidities for those already suffering from this illness.
D	Development of a Diabetic Treatment and Disease Management Service Agreement between Tribal Council X, provincial health services, provincial health care provider Y and FNIHB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project objective is to increase accessibility and coordination of treatment and disease management services for on-reserve members with diabetes. • Tribal Council X intends to do this by documenting successes and challenges of the video-conference-based diabetic treatment and disease management program recently implemented in First Nation X, as well as on other Nations as the program rolls out. • Tribal Council X also developed evidence-based best practice guidelines and policies regarding: (a) The delivery of video-conference-based diabetic treatment and disease management program on reserve, and (b) the coordination of such a program with other on-reserve health services

Midwifery

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A	Midwifery Education and Services for First Nation Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a model of midwifery service and midwifery education for First Nation communities. • Creation of a joint advisory/steering committee • Exploration of opportunities to develop midwifery in the communities • Visitation to a program that presently offers midwifery education through mentorship in an Indigenous community in Northern Ontario • Consultation, discussion and gathering of stories with First Nation members regarding midwifery traditions.
B	Maternal Birthing/Traditional Medicine Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nation is planning to develop an Indigenous Maternal Health Model, designed to educate and bring awareness about traditional birthing practices and protocols through Elder led educational series focusing on the seven stages of development. • The Nation is going to harvest, prepare, catalogue, and apply traditional medicines for use during pre and post-natal care. They are also going to start an Elder led Grandmother group to mentor young women in the community. • In collaboration with recognized Traditional Medicine Practitioner and Medical Doctor, they are going to provide personal holistic care plans for pre and post-natal. • They will create and publish a compendium of Traditional practices and protocols along with corresponding medicines, conduct environment scans of national traditional birthing practices, and visit maternal birthing centers/programs.

Mental Wellness

	Project Name	Description
A	Phase 3 of Mental Wellness Model Development and Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of an integrated mental wellness service delivery model that is First Nation based, First Nation driven and provincial Health Network supported, and is established in a culturally responsive and sustainable way; • Implementation of service model's evaluation plan. • Formalized service delivery partnership agreements to ensure long-term commitment to the model's sustainability. • Where possible and appropriate, incorporate the provincial Integrated Service Delivery model into the Mental Wellness Model to ensure optimal compatibility and mutual support
B	Completing the Circle of Mental Wellness Care in First Nation Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve First Nation X and First Nation Y community access to culturally competent and culturally safe mental wellness care • Identification/mapping of what mental health and addictions resources and services exist within the First Nations and the province • An environmental scan of what is happening at a policy level in relation to mental health and addictions in the province, as well as what is

		<p>happening in other provinces and across the country with respect to mental wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of how existing resources and services within the First Nations and the province can be better coordinated to increase First Nation access to services, and improve First Nation involvement in design, delivery and evaluation of services.
C	Integrated Care Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of an Integrated Care Team (ICT) model while incorporating the foundational aspects of the Nuka (Alaska) Model and strategy to include traditional and cultural approaches to mental wellness services offered at Health Centre X.

Youth Focused		
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A	Applying the Roadmap for First Nation Early Childhood Service Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand and strengthen the early Childhood Development Service Delivery model by integrating additional services into the model and its continuum of care. • Role and contribution of existing model partners will be further clarified, strengthened and expanded (where possible) to address early childhood service delivery gaps in First Nation X and other partnering First Nation communities. • Implementation of a clear, operational and culturally responsive service delivery mechanism that effectively integrates First Nation X Early Childhood Development services with those delivered and managed by outside partners. This mechanism will also take into account and, where possible, link up with the provincial integrated service delivery model. • Development and implementation of a governance and accountability structure for First Nation X Early Childhood Development Service Delivery Model including, where possible, formal service delivery agreements. • Development and piloting of First Nation X Childhood Development Service Delivery Model training and capacity development plan.
B	Youth Sexual Health and Wellness Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a stand-alone sexual health and wellness program that is culturally responsive, for both male and female youth and young adults, and that is comprehensive and sustainable. • Partners collaboratively develop a modular sexual health program that can be taught to a number of different age and focus groups and is one that embraces cultural images and realities of First Nations, promotes wellness, and reaches beneficiaries collectively and individually. • Accomplish this through completion of an environmental scan/review of all sexual health and wellness related programming/services/resources that currently exist and are being delivered by the project partners in First Nation communities.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a series of focus groups with youth in all of First Nation’s communities with respect to effectiveness of programming/services/resources and identifying culturally specific avenues to strengthen and support sexual health and wellness programming for youth. • Develop an adapted sexual health program targeted at First Nation youth that incorporates, coordinates and enhances existing programs, services, and resources amongst the partners related to sexual health and wellness, through development of modules, tools and shared learning aides that all partners can use to provide consistent and culturally relevant services to First Nation youth related to sexual health and wellness.
C	Youth Health Service Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and piloting of an integrated youth health services model in First Nation schools to help navigate and deliver health services to youth. The primary activities of the project are to: • Examine the relationship to the land and how this relationship supports wellbeing. • Identify and establish culturally safe supports and services for youth that support the four paths to health and healing – mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional health. • Use existing resources of the project partners to develop a coordinated model of service delivery to youth based on the four paths and rooted in the First Nation relationship with the land. • Pilot the model and develop an implementation plan.
D	Supporting our Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premise of the project is to provide support and assistance for disenfranchised Indigenous adolescents as they transition into mainstream society. • Support services for these youths include transportation to and from school, extra-curricular activities, and medical/dental appointments. • This project will be to work with the local health authority and education systems to ensure our youth that are transitioning to high school in the city are supported. The Youth Liaison Worker would help to connect youth with culturally relevant mental health and addiction support and ensure they don’t ‘fall through the cracks’ within any system. • The project seeks to improve the coordination and communication of services for First Nation youth attending school off reserve or transitioning for other reasons, which are in need of mental health and/or addictions support. • Currently, there are various services that are attempting to meet this need, but the communication between services and back to community is lacking. As a result of this lack of collaboration and communication several of our youth are left without services, or they have to wait too long to seek services. • The goals of the project will be to ensure First Nation Youth who are transitioning on and off reserve have timely and culturally relevant services to support their mental health.

Transformation		
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A	Making a Path Forward to a Health Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the formation of a First Nations Health Authority. Primary activities of the project are to: • Hire a consultant to facilitate and draft a vision for the First Nation Health Authority. • Hold several meetings with Chiefs and Health Directors to map the vision for a First Nation Health Authority, highlighting/ identifying both possibilities and concerns that need to be addressed. • Hold regular meetings of the Health Directors to work on identified possibilities and concerns. • Travel to the BC First Nation Health Authority to meet with key figures and learn about their process for forming a First Nation Health Authority.
B	Reaching our Potential: Needs Assessment, Design, and Development of a First Nations Traditional Healing and Health Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HSIF project goal is to support the development of a Traditional Healing and Integrated Health Facility (including Long Term Care) • This is dependent on what the needs assessment process outcomes describe, and how community members may contribute to the vision moving forward. A significant focus of the new facility would be on cultural and traditional healing.
C	NIHB Medical Transportation 24/7 Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The objective is to complete an operational plan identifying how Health Centre X will provide 24/7 medical transportation services to community members • The project's goal is to transfer the referral service from FNIHB-NIHB to the Nation.
D	Increased control of community-based programs in Tribal Council X (Nursing, dental, EHO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Council X's goal is to increase First Nations control of health services and programs for the Tribal Council and the Nations that are part of that Tribal Council. • The tribal council has already completed a feasibility study on the transfer of Community Health Nursing Services. • In the future, Tribal Council X plans to secure funding to complete a feasibility study on the transfer of Environmental Public Health and Dental Services.