Health Services Integration Fund

2023/24 Callout Information Session
April 5, 2023

What is HSIF?

Goal: To further integrate publicly funded health services which serve First Nations and Inuit by improving the coordination, collaboration, capacity and ensuring services are culturally appropriate.

- HSIF funding supports communities and organizations in the development of innovative health service models. Examples include:

  – Supporting multi-party tables;

  – Implementing / testing arrangements and agreements; and

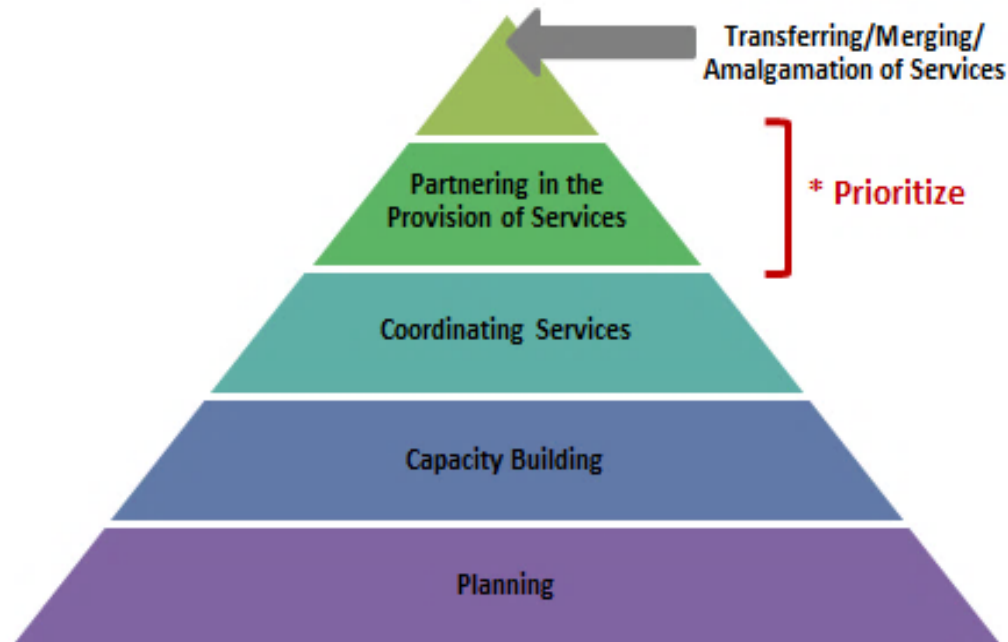 – Development of new governance models.

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

History of the Program

- Since 2003, over $300M has been invested project-specific funding aimed at integrating and adapting health services (Federal and Provincial/Territorial) for First Nations and Inuit communities.

- HSIF began as a five-year initiative supporting collaborative planning and multi-year projects and later evolved to A-base funding aimed at better meeting the health-care needs of First Nations and Inuit.

- Over the years, the program changed names to reflect its focus:

2003-2006 Health Integration Initiative	2006-2011 Aboriginal Health Transition Fund ($200M)	2010-2015 Health Services Integration Fund (From $80M to 59.4M)	2015 – 2021 Health Services Integration Fund ($13.7M annually)
8 Projects	311 Projects	77 Projects	236 Projects

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Key Objectives of HSIF

- Improve **service-level integration** of federally/provincially funded health programs and services for First Nations;

- **Adapt** territorial/provincial health programs and services to better serve Inuit and First Nations;

- Support the **collaboration** of First Nations and Inuit partners in the planning, delivery and management of health programs and services; and

- Build the **capacity** within Indigenous communities to increase control (design, deliver and manage) of health programs and services.

2023-24 Alberta Region HSIF Callout for Letters of Intent

- *Timeline*

  – Callout for letters of intent: March 13, 2023 to April 28, 2023

  – Deadline for submission: April 28, 2023

  – Adjudication period: May 1 – May 26, 2023

  – Health Co-Management approval of successful projects summer 2023

- *Eligible recipients for this funding include:*

  – First Nation communities;

  – Tribal Councils;

  – First Nation organization or Treaty Organization; and

  – First Nations authority, board, committee or other entity approved by Chief and Council;

Please submit Letters of Intent by email to Ibrahim Agyemang at Ibrahim.Agyemang@sac-isc.gc.ca.

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Funding Allocation

- HSIF will allocate up to $944,230 in 2023/24, $1,233,430 in 2024/25 and $1.9 million in 2025/26, to support HSIF projects in Alberta.

- The suggested budget amount for applicants is as follows:

Applicant	Annual Allocation
Project involving single Nation	$75,000
Project involving multiple Nations (2+)	$150,000

- Nations or organizations who anticipate project costs above the suggested funding amount – for instance, due to considerations such as remoteness, number of Nations involved, or the scope of project deliverables – are welcome to apply for differing amounts and provide a rationale for the project's needs.

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Program Expenditures

Eligible Expenses:

- Salary for project staff
- Project overhead (office rental, supplies, etc.)
- Contracts for services
- Professional fees
- Travel, accommodation & hospitality

Ineligible Expenses:

- Capital/infrastructure expenses
- Direct service delivery activities (e.g. funding health professionals to provide services directly to membership)
- Long term service contracts

*See Annex B (page 8) of 23-24 HSIF callout package for additional examples of eligible activities

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Examples of Eligible Activities

- Undertaking integration projects & initiatives

- Trilateral health engagement

- Building community and organizational capacity to undertake/engage in integration

- Integration policy development

- Knowledge translation and exchange.

Previous HSIF projects have included (see Annex A for additional examples):

- Transforming models of service delivery

- Implementing multilateral initiatives

- Leveraging points of alignment with provincial priorities (e.g. improving access to primary care and chronic disease management)

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Assessment Process & Criteria

- An Adjudication Committee with representation from First Nations from Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8, and FNIHB-AB will be convened to review the submissions against the criteria outlined in Annex A of the callout package.

Part 1 – Organizational Information		
Recipient Name *Please identify legal name of the organization*		
Organization Type *Select one of the following: First Nation Community; Tribal Council; Health Organization*		
Address *Please include full mailing address*		
Phone Number ( )	**Email Address**	
Project Lead		
Given Name	**Family Name**	**Title**
Phone Number	**Email Address**	

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Assessment Process & Criteria

Part 2 – Project Description	
Project Name	
The project title conveys the project's central focus and is detailed enough to tell the reader at a glance what the project is about	
Funding Arrangement Holder	
What organization/community do you propose will receive and manage the HSIF funding to carry out this project?	
Project Duration	
Please insert the planned start and end date of the project. **At this time, HSIF Letters of Intent are only being solicited to provide HSIF funding for fiscal years 2023-24 to 2025-26.**	
Funding Request	
Please state the total funding requested to complete the project and include a high-level budget (see Part 3 below for a sample budget template).	
Project Team	
Please describe the team that will implement the project. Identify dedicated team members including the project lead or manager, research and technical assistant(s), support staff, consultants, contractors etc., as well as the role and involvement of Nation/Organization leadership.	
Partnership Mandate and Letters of Support	
Please summarize the discussion that has occurred with the groups who are proposed to be involved in the project. If multiple Nations and/or organizations are participating, please indicate the mandate received by each Nation or organization's leadership. Ultimately, integration projects need the support of all partners – First Nations, provincial and federal – and will need to demonstrate the commitment of the partners to be funded. As such, please include letters of support from Nation or partner organization leadership with your Letter of Intent to demonstrate mandate and commitment.	
Project Context	
Project context considerations: • Briefly outline the need that the HSIF project is meant to address. • Why is now the right time for this project? • Does this HSIF project build on previous work?	
Project Description	**Objective**
	Please describe the principle objective(s) of the project. If the project supports enhanced coordination for pandemic response, please identify here.
	Project Activities
	Please describe the proposed project activities.
	Sustainability
	HSIF funds time limited projects. Please describe how the project deliverables will be sustainable after the project has ended.

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Assessment Process & Criteria

Part 3 – Sample Budget Template	
Item	*Budget ($)*
Salaries/Wages	
Equipment and Supplies	
Information, Documents, Web	
Facility Rentals	
Travel	
Professional Fees (Facilitator/Trainer)	
Administration Costs	
Others (Specify):	
Total:	

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Annex A: Examples of Previous Projects Across the Regions

Project Theme	Project Name	Project Description
Health Data	Increasing Capacity for eHealth in First Nation Communities	• 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.
Mental Wellness	Integrated Care Team	• 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.
Transformation	Reaching our Potential: Needs Assessment, Design, and Development of a First Nations Traditional Healing and Health Facility	• 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.

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA

Annex B: Modes of Integration (HSIF)

Integration can be understood as including the following five modes of health system changes:

I. **Coordination** of federally and provincially funded health services for on-reserve FN populations.

II. **Devolution** (or transfer) of federally funded health services under First Nations and/or Inuit ownership or control.

III. **Aggregation** of multiple First Nations and/or Inuit health entities to form a single, larger entity.

IV. **Adaptation** of First Nations and/or Inuit community interests and priorities into public governments' health planning and delivery.

V. **Adaptation** of traditional First Nations and/or Inuit healing methods and cultural practices with western medical practices to better address First Nations and Inuit health needs.

ISC **INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA**

QUESTIONS?

Note: FNIHB-AB is available to support the development of project ideas and discuss potential projects as requested. If you'd like to discuss your project idea, please contact Laura Taylor by email Laura.Taylor@sac-isc.gc.ca.

ISC INDIGENOUS SERVICES CANADA