Indigenous Harm Reduction Grant

## Grant Eligibility

## Organizations, schools and agencies that are engaged in direct health service delivery to BC First Nations and/or Aboriginal people may be eligible for funding to provide a community –driven harm reduction event or initiative. To be eligible, the event or initiative must be held between **April 1st, 2018- March 31st, 2019.** The deadline for applications is **January 26, 2018**

## Brief Project Overview

As the opioid crisis is a multifaceted issue requiring a multifaceted approach, it is important to support innovative community-based and grassroots harm reduction initiatives that address its causes and/or effects, including intergenerational trauma and overall mental wellness. It is recognized that Community-based grant programs are a well-established way to provide flexible funding to organizations and communities to fill gaps, develop new programs or services, or bolster existing programs and services to meet unique needs. In response to the opioid crisis, FNHA acknowledges that harm reduction informed services, involves a range of nonjudgmental approaches and strategies aimed at providing and enhancing the knowledge, skills, resources, and supports for individuals, their families, and communities to make informed decisions to be safer and healthier.[[1]](#footnote-1) This Indigenous Harm-Reduction Grant program funding is aimed to provide direct support to harm-reduction informed initiatives benefitting First Nations individuals and communities.

The FNHA is committed to supporting community-driven, Nation-based initiatives that seek to improve the health and wellness of First Nations in BC. Indigenous organizations and groups situated both on and off- reserve are best positioned to understand their local community’s unique strengths and challenges and identify innovative, appropriate and culturally relevant solutions to addressing local issues. By providing funding to enhance promising programming or pilot a new initiative, communities will be enabled to build knowledge and capacity, which is likely to endure beyond the grant funding time period.

## Applications will be weighed against the following criteria:

* Provide mental wellness and substance use support services framed within a harm reduction context to support people who request them
* Aim to improve upon the range of harm reduction services available, as an enhancement and not duplication
* Incorporate people who use drugs as much as possible in to the planning, and delivery of services proposed by BC First Nations community-based applications (single or multiple)
* Demonstrate collaboration or partnership with other First Nations communities, health or social organizations providing health services to BC First Nations at the regional, or sub-regional level
* Fairness and equity within and across the five regions

## Grant Funding Maximum

## Maximum funding available through the Indigenous Harm Reduction Grant is $50,000 per application.

## Application Form

To apply for a grant, please complete this application. Funds may be used for any required costs necessary to carry out the event or initiative (with the exception of purchasing assets or infrastructure). Only fully completed application forms will be considered.

Applications can be submitted via email, fax or online link no later than **January 26, 2018**

**Please Note**: If the application is being sent via fax, please call the phone number below and leave a message to let us know it has been sent. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the fax is sent and received:

# **FNHA Indigenous Harm Reduction Grant Application Form**

**Legal name of host organization *(as it should appear on grant cheque)*:**

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**Host organization’s complete mailing address: *(include postal code)***

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**Name of Harm Reduction Grant Key Contact:**

(Person within your organization who will be the contact with FNHA)

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**Key Contact’s positon/job title with the host organization:**

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**Key Contact’s contact information**

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| Work:  Cell:  Email: |

**How did you hear about this Harm Reduction Grant?**

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| eBlast  Newsletter | FNHDA Email | FNHA Facebook | Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| FNHA Website | Word of Mouth | Regional Caucus Session | News media |
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**Check off which health region you are located in? (For help, click the link to view the regional divisions)**

Northern Region

Interior Region

Vancouver Island Region

Vancouver Coast Region

Fraser Salish Region

**What type of event or initiative are you planning to hold?**

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| Community Workshop/ Information sharing | Community Activity or awareness raising Event |  |
| Community Program |  | |
| Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |

**Examples of eligible projects are listed below, however, other project ideas are welcome.**

* Harm reduction community workshop e.g. drug use is a health issue
* Reducing stigma campaign e.g. encouraging help seeking
* Harm reduction workshop for community Leaders
* Individual and group support to families and friends
* Peer support group or initiative

**Please provide a title of or tagline for your event/ initiative**

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**Please provide a short description of what you will be doing**

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**Please provide a brief timeline for your project (e.g. if a 1-time event when do you anticipate hosting it)**

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**This event/initiative is open to participations and involvement from:**

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| General Public | Local healthcare providers | Regional Health Authority |
| People who use substances ☐Community Members Only | | Friends and family of people using substances  Other: ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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|  | **Number of participants expected:**  ***Note:*** *Please keep track of actual numbers of participants during your event. This is required for your closing report*   |  | | --- | |  | |

**Grant Funding Requested: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ :**

**Partnership/Collaboration information:**

Please list official First Nations communities and other community partner agencies (Health Authority, non-profit organizations, businesses, etc.) for your Harm Reduction event or activity. Partners would include groups willing to share in expenses or contribute resource materials, host facilities, tobacco control/health promotions expertise, knowledge in culture/traditions, etc.

Please list all partners and their contributions in the below chart:

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| **Partner Name** | **Partner Type (ie)**  First Nations/Aboriginal Community  Non-profit organization  Regional Health Authority  Business  Other: | **Type of contributions from partnership** | **Estimated value of contribution** |
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**Please provide any additional information you think may assist us in assessing your application.**

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**Reporting and Sharing Your Stories**

The FNHA would like to learn from your Harm Reduction Events/ Initiatives and share resources and information in order to continue to grow in our collective Wellness Journey. We **require** a brief closing report on your event or initiative (details to be provided to successful grant recipients).Photos of your Harm Reduction activity or event are greatly appreciated!

For any questions regarding grant application and guidelines please contact us at:

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1. BC Centre for Disease Control. Harm Reduction Strategies and Services Policy and Guidelines.www.bccdc.org/download.php?item=3829 (acces­sed 31 March 2009). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)