**Please ensure your application is complete.** Incomplete applications will not be accepted, so please review your application to ensure you have provided all required information.

When internet connectivity is available, it is preferred that FNHA receives applications by email.

**Criteria**

**Please review the following criteria before submitting an application for the 2021 International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) Community Grants**

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| 1. The Grants are intended to support in-person and/or virtual initiatives that encourage First Nations in BC to honor loved ones lost to the toxic drug and overdose crisis with an acknowledgement event on or around IOAD on August 31st;
2. Activities must be conducted through methods that ensure safety and in alignment with Orders of the Provincial Health Officer (e.g., virtual gatherings, webinars), and in partnership with First Nations leaders and health workers in the field of harm reduction and overdose response;
3. Eligible recipients include First Nations communities, urban-based health and social organizations that provide wellness services to Indigenous people in BC and Correctional facilities in BC;
4. Recipients are encouraged to collaborate with neighboring communities and organizations where feasible.
5. Eligible recipients are able to access a single grant up to $1,000 and completion of a brief closing report will be required to capture the highlights of your initiative.
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**Contact Information**

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| **Host Name** (Community/Organization): |  |
| **Mailing Address of Host** (include postal code): |  |
| **Key Contact Name** (Main contact): |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  | **Email Address:** |  |
| **Region:** |  Northern Interior Vancouver Island Vancouver Coastal Fraser Salish |

**Initiative Information**

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| **Title of IOAD initiative:** |  |
| **Please provide a short description of the activities planned:** |
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| **Target audience** (i.e., open to everyone, community members only, youth, Elders, etc.)**:** |
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| **How will you determine the initiative met the needs?** |
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| **Please confirm that any activities planned will follow the latest public health guidance from the FNHA, the Provincial Health Officer, the Regional Health Authority the event is based in, and community leadership?** | I agree I do not agree |

**Funding Request**

**Grants of up to $1,000** are available to support your community-based IOAD initiative.

Please provide details below to indicate your funding needs and request.

Note: Grant funds cannot be spent on alcohol, concession or for-profit items, prize money, or illegal material.

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| **What do you intend to use the grant funds for?** (i.e., craft material, presenter’s fees, delivery fees) |
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| **Budget Request** (up to $1,000.00): |  |

**Additional Information**

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| **Please provide any additional information that may assist in the review of this application.** |
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By sending in your application, you are confirming all information is accurate and complete! **Please remember to keep a copy of your application submission handy.**

Deadline for applications is Thursday, **August 26, 2021**

**Important**: The FNHA will be reviewing applications on an ongoing basis up until August 26, 2021. Approved recipients will receive funds as soon as possible, please note the funds may not be received before the scheduled event depending on when the application was submitted and the date of the event. You can expect a response from FNHA within four business-days of submitting your application for information on next steps.

For any questions regarding the grant application and guidelines, please contact:

Email: **dustin.johnson@fnha.ca**

Phone: 604-812-4986

Fax: 604-913-2081

**Note:** If you are faxing your application, please notify us with a phone call or email.

#### **Please remember to submit a final report to the First Nations Health Authority within 30 days after your community-based IOAD initiative.**​Frequently Asked Questions​​

**1.** **Who can apply for the IOAD Grants?**

The funding applications for a IOAD Grant must be received from: (1) a First Nations Community/Band/Village Council.  (2) an organization or agency that services Indigenous People and is a registered society, or (3) a correctional institution.

**2.** **Can an Individual apply for a grant?**

No. The funds cannot be distributed to an individual. The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) encourages people with an idea or concept to match and connect with a group that meets the criteria described in question one.

For example: if you are a local peer or drug user group who wants to support an Indigenous-led event to honor those who passed away from toxic drugs, this may be an opportunity to work with a local First Nations community or Indigenous health service provider.

**3.** **When can the event or initiative take place?**

The FNHA recommends the event or initiative take place on August 31st in honor and International Overdose Awareness Day. However, the event or initiative can take place anywhere between August 31st to September 27th, 2021.

If there are goals outside this timeframe, please contact dustin.johnson@fnha.ca.

**4.** **Can I use the funds for an Elder or PWLLE Honorarium?**

Yes. The funds can be used to provide an honorarium to an Elder or PWLLE for their services. Funds may not be used for the following: (1) the purchase of alcohol, (2) prize money, or (3) illegal purchases. The grant funds may be used for other forms of prizes, including gift cards.

**5.** **Who can I contact for more help or to answer other questions?**

Team members are available during regular business hours by phone or email.

If you have any questions, please email dustin.johnson@fnha.ca.

If you would like to speak to a team member by phone, call 604-812-4986.