



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Environmental Contaminants Program

About this Program

The Environmental Contaminants Program is a funding opportunity that supports BC First Nation community-based research projects that explore the link between human health and environmental contaminants.

The program is intended to:

- Help communities address their environmental health concerns and support capacity development.
- Encourage community-based study of environmental health issues by integrating Traditional knowledge and Western science.
- Support First Nation community autonomy over research methodologies and practices.
- Recognize that wellness is influenced by environmental, social, cultural and economic factors, and that Nations, family, community and land all play a part in our health.

Exposure to Contaminants

People may be exposed to many sources of naturally occurring and human-made environmental contaminants.

At certain levels, exposure to contaminants in air, water, food and soil can cause or contribute to a variety of adverse health effects.

Exposure to environmental contaminants affects health and wellness directly and indirectly. The interconnectedness of First Nations to the land, water and air makes many First Nations in BC more susceptible to environmental impacts on health and wellness.

Eligibility

All BC First Nation communities are eligible to apply. Successful recipients are able to receive funding from the program once per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

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Qualifying projects will:

- Be driven by the community and increase community capacity.
- Integrate Traditional and local knowledge with Western science.
- Focus on the link between environmental contaminants and human exposure.

Before submitting an EOI, we recommend you read through our Guidelines for Proposals and consider the following questions:

- What are the health concerns related to environmental contaminants that are affecting your community or region?
- Who in the community is impacted?
- What is needed to reduce environmental contaminant impacts on health in the community?
- What assets available in your community could help assess and/or address the concerns?

Consultation of a variety of community members to reveal whether they are concerned about environmental contaminants and their potential impact on their health and wellbeing may be necessary.

Once you have an understanding of your topic and methodology, we invite you to complete an EOI form, which can be acquired by emailing environmental.health@fnha.ca.

Guidelines for Proposal

To view the Environmental Contaminants Program Proposal Guidelines, please visit: <https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-ECP-Guidelines.pdf>

Or scan the QR code below:



Ready to apply?

For information on application deadlines and current intake status, please visit: <https://www.fnha.ca/what-we-do/environmental-health/environmental-contaminants-program>

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