

# First Nations Harm Reduction Grant

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## Grant Eligibility

First Nations communities, organizations, and peer and/or drug user groups that are engaged in direct health service delivery to First Nations in BC 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 **March 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023**. The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2022**.

## Overview

As we enter into the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the toxic drug crisis, it continues to be important to support innovative community-based and grassroots harm reduction initiatives that address its causes and effects, including intergenerational trauma and overall mental wellness of all those impacted.

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, bring supports closer to those who need them and bolster existing programs and services to meet unique needs.

The First Nations Health Authority's (FNHA) [Policy on Harm Reduction](#) acknowledges that harm reduction informed services involve 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.<sup>1</sup> This First Nations Harm Reduction Grant funding is intended to provide direct support to harm reduction informed initiatives benefitting First Nations individuals, families 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. First Nations organizations and groups situated both on and off- reserve are well 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 to implement a new initiative, communities will be supported to strengthen knowledge and capacity, advance innovative practices and meet new and emerging needs.

## Applications will be weighed against the following criteria

The proposed event or initiative:

- Provides mental wellness and substance use support services, framed within a harm reduction context, to support people who request them
- Improves upon the range of harm reduction services available, as an enhancement and not duplication
- Provides support, programming and/or events for family and friends impacted by the outcomes of the toxic drug supply
- Incorporates people who use drugs as much as possible into the planning and delivery of services
- Demonstrates 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
- Is fair and equitable within and across the five regions

Note that First Nations communities and organizations that are focusing on culturally safe harm reduction practices will be prioritized for this funding.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-harm-reduction-policy-statement.pdf>

## Grant Funding Maximum

Maximum funding available through the First Nations 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 those listed as ineligible costs. Only fully completed application forms will be considered. *Note: to fill out the form please select "Tools" and select "Fill & Sign"*

Applications can be submitted via email to [HEM@fnha.ca](mailto:HEM@fnha.ca) no later than **January 31, 2022**.

# FNHA First Nations Harm Reduction Grant Application Form

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

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

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

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

**Key Contact's position/job title with the host organization:**

**Key Contact's contact information**

Work:
Cell:
Email:

**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 Coastal Region
- Fraser Salish Region

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Workshop/<br>Information<br>sharing/Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activity or<br>Awareness Raising Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional ceremony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Program                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief and loss related                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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

**Grant funds cannot be used for: 1) an individual (FNHA does not provide funding to individuals); 2) purchase of larger assets such as a vehicle or infrastructure; 3) purchase of alcohol; 4) prize money; or 5) illegal purchases.**

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

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

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

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

- General Public
- Local healthcare providers
- Regional Health Authority
- People who use substances only
- Community Members only
- Friends and family of First Nations people using substances
- First Nations people incarcerated or exiting incarceration
- First Nations women and/or youth
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 First Nations communities who have reviewed and formally endorsed your application and other community partner agencies (Health Authority, non-profit organizations, businesses, etc.) for your Harm Reduction initiative. Partners would include groups willing to share in expenses or contribute resource materials, host facilities, health promotions expertise, knowledge in cultural teaching/traditional wellness, etc. Please note that review and/or endorsement of this application by a First Nations community should be done before submitting for consideration.

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

Partner Name	Partner Type (ie) <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations Community <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Health Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Type of contribution from partnership	Estimated value of contribution

Please provide any additional information you think may assist us in reviewing your application.

### Reporting and Sharing Your Stories

The FNHA would like to learn from your Harm Reduction initiatives and share resources and information in order to continue to grow in our collective wellness journey. As such, all approved initiatives will be **required** to submit a brief closing report. Photos of your Harm Reduction initiative are also greatly appreciated!

For any questions regarding grant application and guidelines please contact us at: [HEM@fnha.ca](mailto:HEM@fnha.ca)