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Toronto Urban Health Fund (TUHF) Indigenous Funding Stream

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- Proposed model of the Toronto Urban Health Fund (TUHF) Indigenous Funding Stream

June 2015 BOH – enhance outreach and applications from organizations primarily serving First Nations, Métis, or Inuit groups; and improve outreach and opportunities to ensure representation from Indigenous communities on the TUHF Review Panel

July 2016 BOH - report in 2017, in consultation with the Toronto Indigenous Health Advisory Circle, on the feasibility and design of a TUHF funding stream for projects targeted at the Indigenous population

September 2017 BOH - determine the feasibility of establishing a fund reserved specifically for Indigenous-mandated organizations and support the development of culturally sensitive interventions for Indigenous and Two Spirit populations

- Formation of TUHF Indigenous Advisory Circle (Fall 2017)
- Four members: Elder Edward Bennet, Sharon Witruk, Jessica Demeria and Alyssa Luttenberger
- 11 meetings, 2 community-wide consultations, 2 meetings with Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC)

- Align with Toronto Indigenous Health Advisory Circle (TIHAC) and the operating principles and strategic directions of the Toronto Indigenous Health Strategy (TIHS)
- Reduce health inequities for Indigenous Peoples
- Develop with Indigenous Peoples as full partners
- Build the capacity of Indigenous leadership and Indigenous communities to care for themselves
- Influence the social determinants of Indigenous health
- Improve access to Indigenous healing knowledge and practice
- Harmonize Indigenous and mainstream health programs and services
- Dedicate resources and funding for Indigenous health programs and services to support a coordinated and collaborative system

Key Features

1. Developed funding priorities and framework using a holistic approach
2. Clarified eligibility criteria for Indigenous organizations
3. Accessible and culturally relevant application and reporting tools
4. Greater flexibility in budget for Indigenous cultural and traditional materials (such as sacred herbs, Elders)
5. Formation of an Indigenous review panel
6. Tailored support for project success

Indigenous Prevention Framework and Funding Objectives (see handout)

Toronto Urban Health Fund Indigenous Funding Stream Objectives

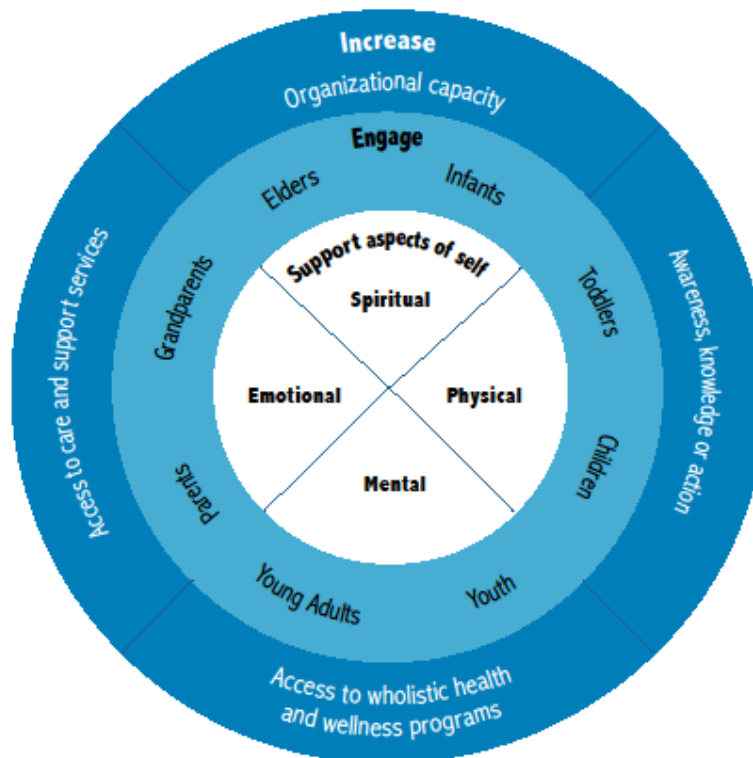
Increase organizational capacity to:

- Support community partners and/or service users in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs, services and/or resources for preventing HIV and/or impacts related to substance use
- Act on factors that address and prevent HIV transmission and/or impacts related to substance use
- Promote health and offer services within a harm reduction framework

Increase access to wholistic health and wellness programs through:

- Supportive environments that promote health and address stigma and discrimination around HIV and substance use
- Referrals and linkages to allied health professional programs and services for people at risk of HIV transmission and substance use
- Referrals and linkages to social programs that support basic needs and services for people who use substances
- Health and wellness programs for people at risk of HIV transmission and/or impacts related to substance use

Will your project:



Increase awareness, knowledge or action related to:

- Strengthening resiliency and reducing potential harms, through the development of social wellness and personal skills that work with inherent strengths and assets
- Negotiating and navigating situations that increase the practice of safer sexual activity and/or substance use
- HIV/STI testing, prevention tools and prevention counselling services

Increase access to care and support services that:

- Prevent HIV transmission and impacts related to substance use
- Address harm reduction and/or overdose prevention for people who use substances
- Increase health and wellness activities among people who use substances
- Support people living with HIV in the use of prevention tools and services to prevent secondary transmission of HIV

What Sets It Apart

- Culture-based, community driven
- Wholistic model consistent with Indigenous worldviews
- Flexibility for customized community response and needs
- Trauma-informed design
- Inclusive of all Indigenous peoples, and stages of life

Indigenous Organization

- Non-profit organization
- Head office in Toronto
- Project activities take place in Toronto (exceptions made for Indigenous cultural activities outside of Toronto)
- Signed, audited statement
- Letters patent, operating bylaws, or strategic plan stating Indigenous mandate
- At least 50% of Board of Directors are of Indigenous ancestry or organization is staffed and led by persons of Indigenous ancestry
- Organization uses an Indigenous service model to serve Indigenous clients and service users
- Non-eligible Indigenous organizations will require an Eligible Indigenous sponsor with a signed sponsorship agreement

Indigenous Funding Stream Review Panel



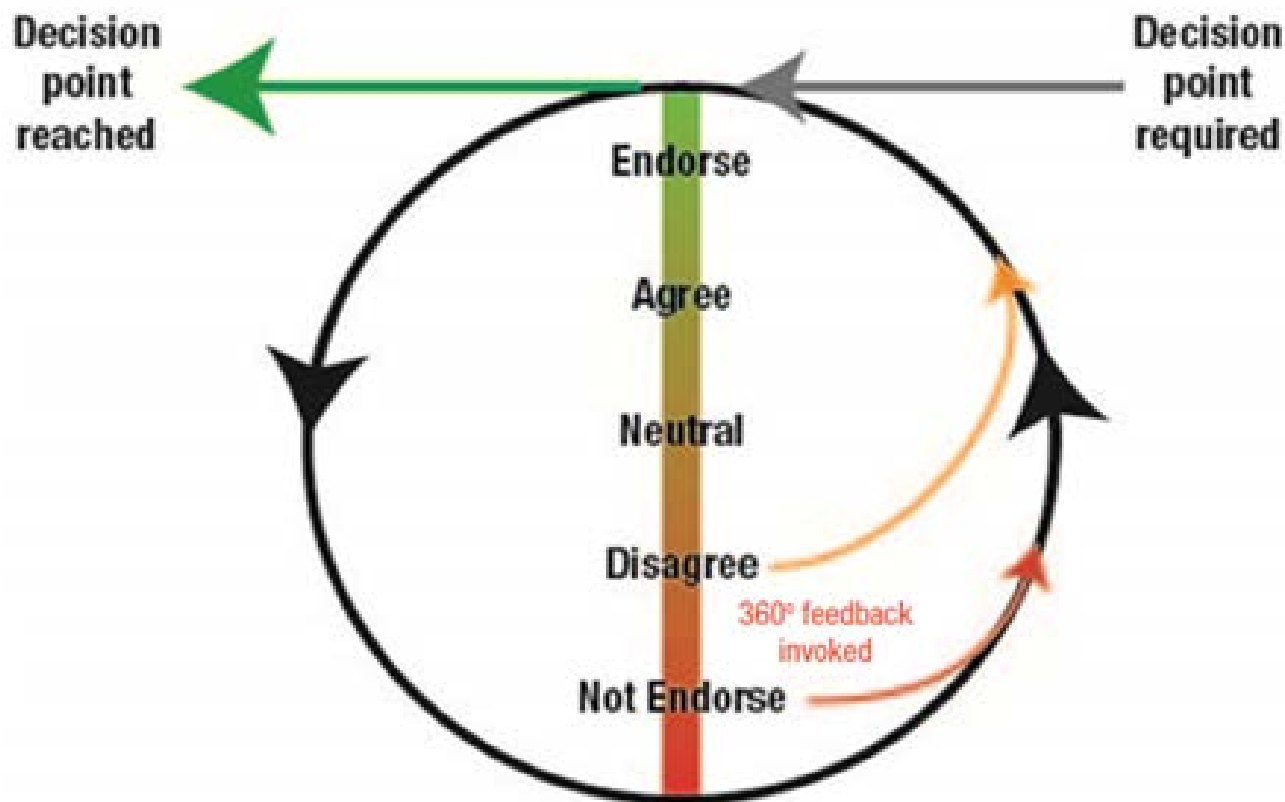
- Mentorship
- Capacity building
- Knowledge transfer
- Succession planning
- Contingency plan

- Expression of Interest (application form)
- Terms of Reference
- Honoraria/per diem

Review Panel Composition

- TUHF Indigenous Review Panel Terms of Reference
- Review panel composition:
 - Diverse representation from First Nation, Inuit, Metis, urban Indigenous, Two spirit and diverse sexuality, Youth, Elder or knowledge keeper, lived experience (HIV, substance use)
 - 4 members
- Governance and Decision-Making
 - Non-defining members role
 - Adopt TUHF Indigenous Advisory Circle consensus decision making model

Indigenous Funding Stream Review Panel Decision-making Model



Indigenous Review Panel

- Assess proposals for merit with tailored and standardized tools developed using Indigenous framework
- Meetings are administered through City Clerk's office using approved City committee procedures
- Elder or Lead of Indigenous Review Panel submits recommendations through joint report with TUHF Review Panel to Board of Health for annual approval

- Ensure TPH and community resources are available for successful delivery of projects
- Enhance project management and evaluation capacity
- Build and sustain partnerships and relationships with Indigenous service providers and community
- Capture successes and challenges through reporting and evaluation

- Launch of Indigenous Funding Stream for 2020 funding cycle (dependent on 2020 public health funding)
 - 1-year and 3-year project funding
 - Sept 23 – Expression of Interest
 - Nov 25 – Request for Proposal