

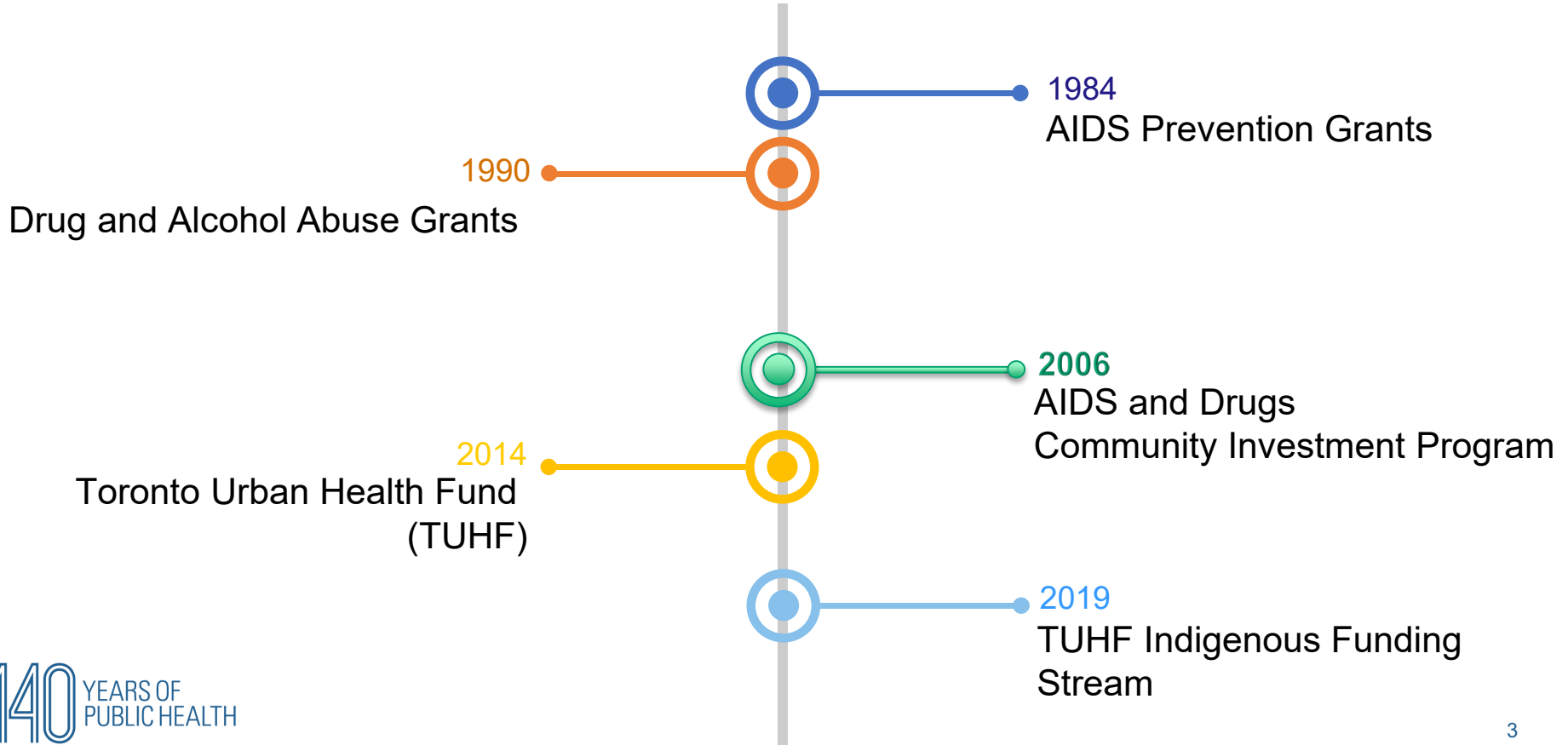
Toronto Urban Health Fund

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HIV/AIDS and Substance Use History



Timeline



What is the TUHF Program?

- Provides grants to community-based organizations
- Supports the development and implementation of community-based interventions to address HIV prevention and substance use
- Four granting streams
 - ❖ Prevention of the sexual transmission of HIV (2014)
 - ❖ Harm Reduction (2014)
 - ❖ Child and Youth Resiliency (2014)
 - ❖ Indigenous knowledge and practices (2019)
- Creates opportunities for individual and community capacity building
- Program continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic

Program Objectives - HIV prevention

- Reduced higher risk sexual and substance use behaviors
- Increased knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention
- Increased condom use
- Increased adherence to antiretroviral therapy
- Increased HIV testing rates
- Delayed onset of higher risk sexual activity



Program Objectives - Substance use

- Increased knowledge of safer drug use
- Reduced sharing of injection needles
- Increased overdose prevention and reversal skills
- Increased linkages to social, mental health and addictions services
- Delayed initiation in substance use



- Direct the Medical Officer of Health to review the TUHF program and report back to the Board of Health with recommendations ahead of the next 3-year funding cycle.
- Direct the Medical Officer of Health to consult with stakeholders in her review of the TUHF program, to ensure that recommendations are both community and data-informed, including specific consultation with:
 - Indigenous partners;
 - Board of Health Directors;
 - agencies currently in receipt of grants from TUHF and unsuccessful applicants to the TUHF program; and
 - previous members of the TUHF Review Panel and TUHF Indigenous Review Panel.