

Notice: Emergency Treatment Fund Call For Proposals 2024 Launched October 11, 2024

Canada is facing a public health crisis that has left no community untouched. This crisis has been driven by a complex set of factors, including a dangerous, illegal synthetic drug supply. The tragic impacts are seen and felt among our friends, our families, and our neighbours.

That is why the Government of Canada is focussed on saving lives and connecting people to evidence-based services, including treatment and recovery, as well as other supports like housing.

Health Canada's new Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) provides urgent, targeted funding to municipalities and Indigenous communities to support rapid responses to the overdose crisis. Funding will address immediate needs, as defined by the communities, to bolster local capacity and provide access to culturally appropriate, trauma-informed and evidence-based programs and services.

The 2024 federal budget committed \$150M over three years to the ETF, starting in the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Projects which address ETF funding priorities will be funded through a call for proposals in 2024 with subsequent calls for proposals planned for Spring 2025 and Spring 2026, respectively. The maximum funding allowed per recipient is \$2 million per fiscal year (A federal fiscal year runs from April 1 to March 31).

Call For Proposals 2024

Call for proposals 2024 began on October 11, 2024 and will close on November 8, 2024 at 2:00pm EST.

The ETF will prioritize urgent, financially feasible and project ready proposals that will address the overdose crisis in communities. Applicants may choose to request funding for activities that can be completed by either of the following dates:

- Projects with activities that will be completed by March 31, 2025. These projects will be prioritized for funding for call for proposals 2024.
- Projects with activities that will be completed by March 31, 2026.

Funding priorities

The primary priority for the 2024 ETF call for proposals is to address urgencies related to the overdose crisis, as applied to an individual community's context.

All proposals should include supporting evidence that describes the urgency of the situation in their community and why it is important to carry out the project quickly.

Evidence of urgency could include:

- States of emergency
- Community impact statements
- Local public health data or other community-level data
- Data on substance use trends and impacts (e.g. increases in overdose rates)

Projects must demonstrate that they are responding to urgent needs to be considered for funding.

Additionally, Health Canada will further prioritize projects that can demonstrate **financial feasibility** and **project readiness**.

Eligibility

Funding can be provided for a range of activities that may include, but is not limited to:

- harm reduction and overdose prevention supports including training, drug checking and naloxone distribution
- cultural and community programming (e.g. on the land healing)
- certain capital costs (e.g. the purchase of vehicles and building upgrades)
- outreach activities including support for mobile response teams, crisis counsellors, knowledge keepers and/or other Indigenous professionals
- recovery support

The following types of municipalities, communities and organizations are eligible for ETF funding:

- Canadian municipalities outside of Quebec (representative of the political or administrative division defined as a municipality by the laws in its respective province and territory);

Note: Indigenous entities (i.e. Indigenous governments and organizations) in Quebec are eligible to apply to the ETF. Some Indigenous entities located and operating only in Quebec will need to obtain written confirmation by the *Ministre responsable des Relations canadiennes et de la Francophonie Canadienne* before applying to Health Canada for Emergency Treatment Fund funding. For more information, you can consult the [Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux website](#).

- Indigenous entities, including:
 - First Nations;
 - Inuit communities;
 - Métis governing bodies;
 - Modern Treaty Holders and Self-Governing Nations;
 - National and regional Indigenous organizations that are legally registered or incorporated not-for-profits;
 - Not-for-profit Indigenous associations, organizations, and health authorities.

Those not listed above are **not eligible** for ETF funding through 2024 call for proposals.

While non-Indigenous not-for-profit applicants are not eligible to apply directly for funding, they can be included as project partners on the application form of eligible municipalities. Additionally, they may be able to receive funding through third-party agreements with an eligible recipient.

More information

For more information related to the call for proposals, including the guidelines for applicants, visit <https://canada-preview.adobecqms.net/en/health-canada/services/substance-use/emergency-treatment-fund-2024.html>.