

# Q&A for Models of Care Innovation Fund

## Category 1: Funding Eligibility and Guidelines

### **Can projects under \$200K receive funding?**

Yes, projects with budgets under \$200K are eligible for funding. Smaller budget projects are encouraged to apply.

### **Can proposals be submitted for pre-existing projects? What about projects successful in other jurisdictions or adding to existing projects?**

The fund prioritizes 'net new' projects to stimulate innovation. While projects new to the region/province are not eligible, 'net new' additions to existing projects can be considered if they demonstrate clear innovation and relevance.

### **Should Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) apply individually or as a region?**

OHTs should apply individually for financial accountability purposes.

### **What happens to unspent funds?**

Unspent funds will be returned to the Ministry of Health (MOH).

### **Our organization wants to partner with a "Home and Community Care" organization, but they can't accept funds from Ontario Health (OH).**

#### **Are there exceptions?**

Funding comes from MOH, and as long as the project meets the eligibility criteria, partnerships with "Home and Community Care" organizations are acceptable. An existing funding relationship with OH would not be required.

## Category 2: Funding Usage and Scope

### **Can funding be used for capital investments, equipment, or a vehicle like a mobility van?**

Funding is for operating costs, and major capital expenses are out of scope. However, certain equipment relevant to the project's purpose, like service provision equipment, may be eligible.

### **Can leading eligible organizations partner with municipalities?**

Yes, but the roles and responsibilities, particularly concerning delivery partners, should be thoroughly explained in any proposal submission. Q&A for Models of Care Innovation Fund

### **Can one organization submit multiple proposals?**

Yes, eligible organizations can submit multiple proposals, though each proposal will be evaluated separately and on its own merits.

### **Is it acceptable to have other sources of funding during the initial lifecycle of the project? Can projects combine support from the Models of Care Innovation Fund with donor funding?**

A successful proposal would need to demonstrate that it is not dependent on other sources of funding to be viable. Further, each proposal must have a solid sustainability plan beyond the initial 12-18 months of life of the initiative as contemplated by the ministry's Innovation Fund.

### **What is being sought in a sustainability plan?**

The sustainability plan should outline:

- how the project would be supported once the one-time funding arrangement with the ministry concludes (e.g. absorbed into existing operations in a cost neutral fashion); or
- how the program would be wound down in the event that it did not continue.

## Category 3: Eligible Projects and Applicants

### **Is Health Human Resources (HHR) research eligible for funding?**

The funding is intended to support clinical HHR, rather than research.

### **Are Indigenous health organizations eligible to apply? Will Traditional Healing be considered?**

Yes, proposals from Indigenous health organizations, including those related to Traditional Healing, are welcome.

### **Can project partners be from different regions of Ontario?**

Yes, collaborations between project partners from different regions of Ontario are encouraged. Q&A for Models of Care Innovation Fund

## Category 4: Evaluation and Equity

### **Will applicants have access to the rubric?**

All relevant information for the evaluation is available in the Project Guideline.

### **Are tuition fees/consultation fees acceptable in the budget?**

Yes, but the proposal must clearly outline the expected 'return on investment' for these expenses.

### **Can an organization re-submit a previously unfunded proposal for another funding program?**

As long as the proposal aligns with the requirements stated in the Project Guideline, it is eligible for submission.

### **Are public/private partnerships eligible for funding?**

Yes, public/private partnerships are eligible, but the proposal must provide a clear explanation of roles and parameters of each organization and will need to demonstrate how the funding will be seen to support delivery of publicly funded healthcare.

The public organization should be the leading eligible organization in such partnerships.

### **How will evaluators ensure appropriate regional disbursement and assess equity?**

Equity, with regard to funding distribution, is considered in the rubric. While there is some flexibility, projects from other regions may benefit certain areas like the North.

## **Category 5: Project Parameters and Roles**

### **If there are two or more similar projects from different organizations, can they collaborate to administer one successful project?**

If similar projects are being considered seriously for funding, collaboration among all parties is an option.

### **Do 'patient caregivers' include volunteers and peer supporters?**

Yes, 'patient caregivers' encompass volunteers and peer supporters. Q&A for Models of Care Innovation Fund

### **When should the projects be ready to start?**

Projects should be ready to start as soon as possible, and the proposal should include realistic timelines.

### **Does Clinical Service Delivery include all roles within primary care (e.g., office staff, decision support, data management)?**

Yes, Clinical Service Delivery includes all roles within primary care, such as office staff, decision support, and data management.

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