

# COLLABORATIVE TEAM BUILDING AWARD 2023/2024

The mission of the Rural Health Services Research Network of BC (RHSRNbc) is to achieve and support excellence in rural health services research by, for, and with rural communities, clinicians, and researchers.

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## Award Description

### Purpose

To provide an opportunity for researchers to apply for up to \$5000 in funding to support development of a research team that contributes to the advancement of knowledge in the field of rural health and, any anticipated outcomes in the time of pandemic constraint.

### Goal

To promote and support the development of new multidisciplinary research teams focused on an issue of current importance to rural and remote health services and whose main goal is to apply for research funding.

### Use of Funds

We are open to considering new innovative ideas for using the funds in a virtual context for research building purposes. Eligible expenses include (but are not limited to): activities involved with recruiting team members; facilitation of virtual group meetings; conducting a preliminary literature review; resources required to apply for a grant; virtual team building exercises, workshops; purchase of knowledge dissemination/ translation tools; honorarium; consultation fees for statisticians, etc)<sup>1</sup>

### Conditions

The team building funding is allocated for a one-year period (July 2023 - July 2024) after which a final report must be submitted to RHSRNbc within 2 weeks.

<sup>1</sup> Expenses related to alcohol will not be permitted.

<sup>2</sup> All unused funds must be returned at the end of the one-year period.

## Eligibility

Previous recipients or applicants of the award are welcome to re-apply. However, preference will be given to new applicants of this award.

### British Columbia Based

- a. Principal applicants must be based in BC.
- b. Co-applicants may be located outside of BC.

### Rural/Remote Health Services Focus

- c. Research teams must have a rural/remote health services focus.
- d. Priority will be given to those teams who focus on community resilience to COVID-19, planetary health response to COVID-19 emergency and/or climate change related issues in rural settings.
- e. Other research proposals will be considered if it has potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and any anticipated outcomes.

### Research Experience and Team Structure

- f. Principal Investigator(s) must have a recent publication/presentation record in the area of rural/remote health that is relevant to the proposed team.
- g. The team structure must be outlined and each member's contribution to the proposed research outline.

### Multi/Interdisciplinary

- h. reference will be given to multi/interdisciplinary teams.

## Application Instructions

Application Opens: April 28, 2023 | Deadline: May 15, 2023

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by June 15, 2023

Please submit the following:

### 1. Applicant Details:

- a. All Principal Applicants must provide an academic CV. It should include name, primary affiliations, previous research experience, education, peer reviewed publications, etc.
- b. Co-Investigators must submit abbreviated CV's including their contact information, affiliation, background and training. The abbreviated CV profile should clearly outline a rural/remote health research link, in addition to a clear articulation of their role on the team.

## 2. Letter of Intent:

Applicants must provide a description of:

- a. The intended team composition (e.g., how many members, areas of expertise represented, etc.);
- b. A description of proposed team recruitment and team building activities;
- c. The proposed rural/remote health research issue; and
- d. The research team goals, including target grant programs and/or agencies.

## 3. Budget:

- a. Applicants must provide a justified budget up to a maximum of \$5000.
- b. Up to four teams will be granted awards based on criteria stated above.

### SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications should be sent no later than  
May 15, 2023  
via email to:

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