

# Supporting the Community Response to Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBI) in Canada



Government of Canada efforts to address STBBI in Canada are guided by the [Pan-Canadian Framework for Action on STBBI](#) and the [Government of Canada Five Year Action Plan on STBBI](#)

## HIV and Hepatitis C Community Action Fund (CAF)

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) invests \$26.4 million annually to support time-limited projects across Canada to address HIV, hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted infections (e.g. chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis) through the [CAF](#).

Organizations can apply for a maximum of **5 years of project funding**.

## Harm Reduction Fund (HRF)

PHAC invests \$7 million annually to support time-limited projects across Canada that will help reduce HIV and hepatitis C among people who share injection and inhalation drug-use equipment through the [HRF](#).





Organizations can apply for **3 or 5 years of project funding** for a maximum of \$250,000 per year. PHAC may accept requests for larger investments depending on the scope and scale of the project.

### The CAF and HRF seek to ensure that:

- 01 community-based efforts reach key populations, including people unaware of their HIV or hepatitis C status, and link them to testing, prevention, treatment and care
- 02 communities design and implement evidence-based front-line projects to prevent new and reoccurring infections
- 03 high impact interventions are brought to scale so that more people benefit from them
- 04 community-based efforts reduce stigma toward populations disproportionately affected by STBBI, including people living with HIV or hepatitis C

## Applying for Project Funding through the CAF & HRF

### The Complete Process Involves 5 Stages

-  **1 Call for Proposals**
  - The CAF and HRF open solicitations will launch concurrently
  - Organizations will be invited to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI)
  - The purpose of the LOI is to identify projects that will be invited to submit a full funding proposal
  - The LOI outlines the project concept, including how the project aligns with objectives, outcomes, and eligibility criteria of the CAF and HRF
  - Applicants can apply to both funds for different projects
-  **2 Review Process**
  - LOIs that are deemed complete and meet eligibility criteria will be assessed by review committees, based on assessment criteria
  - External reviewers will include people with lived experience, researchers, individuals with expertise in front-line STBBI programming and service delivery and people from the key populations
  - LOIs for Indigenous-led projects will be reviewed by Indigenous-led review committees
  - Complete and eligible LOIs will be reviewed by provincial and territorial officials, as appropriate
-  **3 Invitation to Submit Funding Request**
  - Following review, applicants will be notified of the results of the solicitation by email
  - Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal
  - Applicants will be required to submit detailed work plans, budgets and evaluation plans (if applicable)
-  **4 Approvals**
  - Completed proposals will be reviewed for final funding approval
  - Projects submitted by organizations located in Quebec may also be subject to M-30 approval
  - Agreements will be sent to applicants for signature
-  **5 New Projects Begin**
  - Approved projects will begin on April 1, 2022

\*Please note: Should any unforeseen delays at any step in the process arise, PHAC is committed to notifying applicants in a timely manner.

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