

REGIONAL SERVICES FUNDING LETTER 2019/20 FUNDING ISSUE DOCUMENT (FID)

FUNDING ISSUE TITLE:

Budget 2019 [MMHA TB Submission] approved increased funding to level set all existing Foundry sites to \$700K annually

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Budget 2019 approved three areas of increased funding for Foundry. This FID is for the funding allocation to the lead agencies (contracted and/or the Health Authorities) to bring the remaining 4 of the current 11 Foundry sites to an equal budget.

The communities to be assigned funding are:

Vancouver Coastal-Granville \$500K and Richmond \$200K; Interior Health-Penticton \$200K; Northern Health-\$200K Terrace; Fraser Health-Maple Ridge/Ridge Meadows \$200K. Total increase for fiscal year 2019/2020 and ongoing is \$1.3M.

FUNDING:	Retro	Current Year - 2019/20			Notional 2020/21 Amount	Notional 2021/22 Amount
		One Time	Base	Total Current		
Fraser			200	200	s.13; s.17	
Interior			200	200		
Nisga'a				-		
Northern			200	200		
Van. Coastal			700	700		
Vanc. Island				-		
PHSA				-		
FNHA						
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300		

* If the current year base is not the full annual amount, please indicate the annual amount in 2019/20 & 2020/21.

SOURCES OF FUNDING: (Budget Reallocation for Regional Service Funding / JV Coding for Other Funding Source.)

☐ Budget Reallocation Form Attached

☐ JV Coding:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (Please Attach):

YES

N/A

If yes, would you like this attached the funding letter?

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NO _____

FUNDING LETTER NARRATIVE: Typically 1-2 sentences

(Example: One-time funding of \$\$\$ is/has been provided to support XYZ Program.)

Base funding has been provided through Budget 2019 to level set all announced Foundry sites to \$700 annually. These allocations are to be distributed to lead agencies (contracted and/or health authority). Breakdown: Vancouver Coastal: Granville is increased by \$500K, Richmond by \$200K; Interior: Penticton by \$200K; Northern: Terrace by \$200K and Fraser Maple Ridge/Ridge Meadows by \$200K. Note: Decisions on specificity for use of these funds is to occur collaboratively between lead agency, partners, health authorities and Foundry Central as supported by Ministry of Health and MMHA. Budget is intended for increased service provision. Please note site locations on funding letter.

RESTRICTED:	Yes X	No	CAPITAL RELATED:	Yes	No X
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SUBMITTED BY: Roxanne Blemings			APPROVAL TO FUND: (Expense Authority)		
DATE APPROVED:					



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AUG 30 2019

Ms. Mary Ackenhusen
President and Chief Executive Officer
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
11th Floor 601 W Broadway
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Dear Ms. Ackenhusen:

I am pleased to provide you with Funding Letter Update #1 of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's (VCHA) 2019/20 Health Authority Funding Allocation from the Ministry of Health. The enclosed appendices provide detail regarding the revised funding allocation and payment schedule for VCHA.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip Twyford".

Philip Twyford, CPA, C.Dir, MBA
Assistant Deputy Minister
Finance and Corporate Services

Enclosures

pc: Ms. Helen Yung, A/Chief Financial Officer, VCHA
Mr. Gordon Cross, Executive Director, Regional Grants and Decision Support

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Mental Health and Substance Use Patient Survey	1,200,000
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FOUNDRY YOUTH SERVICES CENTRES (TARGETED)

Base funding of \$700,000 is provided to increase access to integrated substance use services for Foundry Youth Services Centre. \$500,000 of the \$700,000 funding is to support the Granville Centre, with the remaining \$200,000 to be allocated to Richmond Centre. This funding is targeted and cannot be re-allocated for any other purpose without the prior, written approval of the Ministry.

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OCT 30 2019

Ms. Mary Ackenhusen
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Dear Ms. Ackenhusen:

I am pleased to provide you with Funding Letter Update #2 of the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's (VCHA) 2019/20 Health Authority Funding Allocation from the Ministry of Health. The enclosed appendices provide detail regarding the revised funding allocation and payment schedule for the VCHA.

Yours truly,

Philip Twyford, CPA, C.Dir, MBA
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DEC 31 2019

Ms. Mary Ackenhusen
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Dear Ms. Ackenhusen:

I am pleased to provide you with Funding Letter Update #3 for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's (VCHA) 2019/20 Health Authority Funding Allocation from the Ministry of Health. The enclosed appendices provide detail regarding the revised funding allocation and payment schedule for the VCHA.

Yours truly,



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PRESCRIBER ENHANCEMENTS

Base funding of \$192,316 in 2019/20^{s.13; s.17} is provided to support Ministry approved enhancement of prescriber services for substance use. This funding is targeted and cannot be re-allocated for any other purpose without the prior, written approval of the Ministry.

PRESCRIBER ENHANCEMENTS – ONE-TIME ONLY

One-time funding of \$469,830 is provided to support additional 2019/20 Ministry approved enhancement of prescriber services for substance use. This funding is targeted and cannot be re-allocated for any other purpose without the prior, written approval of the Ministry.

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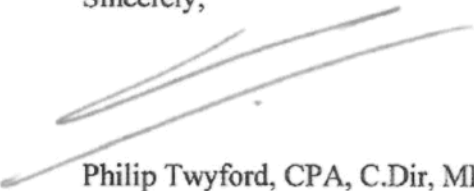
MAR 30 2020

Ms. Mary Ackenhusen
President and Chief Executive Officer
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11th Floor 601 W Broadway
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Dear Ms. Ackenhusen:

I am pleased to provide you with the Final Funding Letter for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority's (VCHA) 2019/20 Health Authority Funding Allocation from the Ministry of Health. The enclosed appendices provide detail regarding the revised funding allocation and payment schedule for the VCHA.

Sincerely,



Philip Twyford, CPA, C.Dir, MBA
Executive Financial Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister
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TOPIC: Rural and Remote

Issue: What is government doing to assist British Columbians living in rural and remote regions that are faced with unique challenges to accessing appropriate mental health and addiction services and supports?

Key Messaging and Recommended Response:

- We recognize that British Columbians who reside in rural and remote areas are faced with many unique challenges and barriers to accessing appropriate and culturally-safe mental health and addictions services and supports.
- From speaking with people in rural and remote areas, we have learned that integration, transitional services, and culturally-appropriate supports are key priorities for improving wellness in rural and remote communities.
- The *Pathway to Hope* lays out our roadmap to transform the mental health and addictions system so that it increases access and quality of care for all British Columbians across the province, including in rural and remote communities:
 - Integrated Child and Youth teams will be established in 5 school districts over the next few years that deliver services to children, youth and young adults whose needs are higher than can be met within a school or through primary care.
 - We are taking action to improve access to mental health and addictions services for young people through the expansion of 8 new Foundry centres which will include a minimum of two rural or remote communities over the next three years from 11 currently.
 - And we are working on technological solutions involving virtual care, to bridge existing gaps by providing individuals timely access to appropriate supports and before they reach a crisis.
- We continue to respond to the overdose crisis and have provided funding to support 35 Community Action Teams across the province in high-need communities to lead and coordinate on-the-ground planning and strategies to respond to the crisis. And we have recently provided more than \$900,000 in grants to 24 municipalities for local

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community wellness, safety and harm-reduction projects.

- In the Fall of 2019, we worked in partnership with Urban Matters to host the first Rural and Indigenous Overdose Action Exchange meeting which included collaborative and compassionate conversation on stigma and shame, educational opportunities within and across communities, developing creative solutions and regionally specific strategies.
- We have also invested \$10 million to improve access to community-based adult mental health and substance use counselling, with a focus on improving access to care for people across the province including in rural and remote communities.
- We know that a large proportion of British Columbians that reside in rural or remote areas identify as Indigenous. We are partnering with Indigenous organizations, communities and governments to ensure that accessible and culturally safe services are available across the province:
 - MMHA has provided funding to the First Nations Health Authority to support land-based and culturally safe treatment services to First Nations across BC, including those living in rural and remote areas.
 - Government has also provided funding to support the Tripartite MOU to improve the mental health and wellness services for First Nations in BC.
 - Funding has also been provided to the FNHA for the renovation, replacement and construction of First Nation-run treatment facilities.

KEY FACTS

Background:

- Approximately 95% of the provincial land base is non-urban. The populations of rural BC communities are often small, dispersed and fluctuating. Many areas of the province have less than five people per square kilometer.
- Approximately 11.3% of the rural population self-identifies as Indigenous, compared to 3.7% of the urban BC population.
- Providing MHSU services and supports in rural and remote communities is challenged by several factors, including: geographic remoteness; long distances; low population densities; less availability and lower recruitment and retention of service providers; inclement weather conditions; lack of transportation and technology infrastructure; lack of broadband access; absence of culturally-safe services and social isolation.

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- In addition, rural and remote residents are often faced with challenges that have an impact on their overall health status including: higher incidence of social disadvantage; limited local education and employment opportunities; poor access to and quality of housing; and, food security challenges.

Current/Upcoming Services

- The Province provides MHSU services to rural and remote communities through mobile MHSU clinical teams, e-Mental Health, tele-health, and travel assistance programs for both patients and physicians. Other MH services, such as BounceBack and Confident Parents, Thriving Kids have virtual care options.
- MMHA, Foundry, BC Children's Hospital, TELUS Health and the Ministry of Health have partnered to develop and pilot a Foundry Virtual Clinic with a focus on early intervention that will offer online counselling and peer support to young people.
- Currently there are 9 Foundry centres open across the province (Vancouver-Granville, Campbell River, North Shore, Ridge Meadows, Abbotsford, Kelowna, Prince George, Victoria and Penticton), with an additional two expected to open in 2020 (Richmond and Terrace)
- Foundry centres will be expanded to a minimum two additional rural or remote communities over the next three years (out of eight new centres).
- The Ministry, with the Ministry of Health, is investing in innovative technology to provide individuals and physicians with free, user-friendly access to reliable information, screening tools, and psychological support. This includes crisis line funding and supports (i.e., BC Crisis Centre at 1-800-784-2433 (SUICIDE) or the Mental Health Support Line at 310-6789, including options for culturally safe supports for Indigenous youth via the Kuu-us Crisis Line Society (1-800-588-8717).
- As part of a *Pathway to Hope*, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training is also launching a 24/7 counselling and referral line for all post-secondary students attending public and private post-secondary institutions across the province.
- We are also working to create a more seamless starting place online to improve navigation of resources, especially for child and youth-focused services.
- Through the Community Counselling Grant program, we have increased access to community-based adult mental health and substance use counselling throughout the province, with a focus on improving equitable access to care including for people in rural and remote communities. Of all funded applications, one-third were from rural and remote communities.
- Community Action Teams have been established in 35 priority communities as part of the escalated response to the overdose emergency with the goal to save lives and to connect people to treatment and recovery services as soon as possible.
- In the Fall of 2019, the Overdose Emergency Response Centre (OERC) worked in partnership with Urban Matters to host the first Rural and Indigenous Overdose Action Exchange meeting. This day of conversations included collaborative and compassionate conversation on stigma and shame, educational opportunities within and across communities, developing creative solutions and regionally specific strategies. The final report of this exchange includes a series of follow-up actions that guide the work of the OERC.
- Through the Community Wellness and Harm Reductions grant program, we have provided 24 municipalities and their community partners up to \$50,000 in funding for initiatives that

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build on community wellness, safety and harm-reduction efforts related to the overdose crisis.

- In addition, the *Tripartite Partnership to Improve Mental Health and Wellness Services and Achieve Progress on the Determinants of Health and Wellness* presents new opportunities for Nations to expand existing service delivery models in a way that advances their health and wellness priorities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Budget/Expenditures:

- Budget 2019 provided \$74M over three years to fund mental health initiatives for children and youth across the province and to make improvements in access to quality care including \$14.71M for integrated child and youth teams, \$17 million for 8 new Foundry sites, and \$1.5M for a digital strategy.
- Since 2017/18, \$4.2 million has been provided to support 35 Community Action Teams throughout the province.
- In 2018/19, \$945,000 was provided to support 24 municipalities for local community wellness, safety and harm-reduction projects in the province related to the overdose crisis.
- In November 2019, \$10M was provided to support 29 organizations to expand access to free and affordable counselling through the Community Counselling Grant initiative administered by Community Action Initiative.
- As well, from the bilateral federal funding agreement on mental health and addictions services, the following amounts have been allocated (2019/20 to 2021/22) to support mental health and wellness initiatives in Indigenous communities:
 - \$23.25M to the First Nations Health Authority to support land-based healing initiatives. A significant portion of this funding will be to support rural and remote First Nations to enhance the mental health and wellness of their youth, families and communities
 - \$1.125M to Métis Nation BC (MNBC) to support MNBC's Mental Health & Wellness Plan to develop a Métis cultural safety and wellness curriculum
 - \$1.125M to BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC) to improve mental health and wellness outcomes for urban indigenous
- \$10M has also been provided to support the Tripartite MOU (First Nations Health Council, the Province and the Government of Canada) to provide Nation-based funding to support Nations to plan, manage and deliver services to improve the mental health and wellness of their members.
- \$20 million was provided as well to the FNHA for the renovation, replacement and construction of First Nation-run treatment facilities.

Approvals:

Feb 5, 2020 – Taryn Walsh, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Priorities and Initiatives

Feb 14, 2020 – Gordon Cross obo Philip Twyford, ADM, Finance and Corporate Services Division, Ministry of Health

March 18, 2020 – Dara Landry, Executive Lead, Corporate Services and Financial Accountability (CFSA)

March 31, 2020 – Neilane Mayhew, Deputy Minister

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