

# Call for Letter of Intent

## Mental Health and Addictions Grants

### Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness : 2016-2017 Funding

As part of its commitment to enhance community supports, the Department of Health and Wellness offers funding to increase community resources to improve the lives of Nova Scotians living with Mental Illness and/or Addictions. We are now inviting groups to submit a letter of intent for one-year Mental Health and Addictions grants for amounts of up to \$150,000. Please note that grant applications exceeding \$30,000 will be peer reviewed and evaluated by a board that is external to DHW.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS: Although all grants will be considered, strategic priority areas for mental health and addictions grant applications have been identified by the Department of Health and Wellness, including:

- 1) Diverse Communities
- 2) Primary care, and Mental Health and Addictions
- 3) Seniors
- 4) At Risk Youth
- 5) Early Intervention
- 6) Trauma-Informed Practice

#### **THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS INVITES ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT A BRIEF LETTER OF INTENT THAT CLEARLY ARTICULATES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- Name of the organization and status (i.e., registered charity, non-profit, self-help group).
- Person responsible for developing the proposal with contact information (phone number, email).
- The amount of funding requested and a statement that the funds will not be used as fundraising or to reduce or eliminate the organization's deficit or debt.
- A brief description of the project.
- How the proposed project clearly addresses an issue of mental health and/or addiction among individuals and/or communities in Nova Scotia, and how it aligns with an identified strategic priority area.
- How the proposed project addresses an unmet need or gap in services, awareness, and/or knowledge surrounding mental health and/or addictions in Nova Scotia.
- The specific and significant benefits the project will provide toward improving the lives of individuals, their families, and/or communities in Nova Scotia impacted by mental health and/or addictions.
- How this project builds on previous work conducted inside or outside Nova Scotia with regard to mental health and/or addictions.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS include Revenue Canada registered charities and other non-profit and/or self-help groups and organizations in Nova Scotia. Those entities **NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING** include:

- Nova Scotia Health Authority and IWK
- Individuals
- Political organizations, labour unions, or labour associations
- Businesses, private consulting firms, business associations, or any for-profit groups
- Projects that will solely benefit regions outside of Nova Scotia
- Projects for which the funds are intended for use beyond the duration of the project, including endowments
- Projects for which the request is to underwrite the cost of fundraising or to eliminate an organization's debt or deficit

Letters of intent will be reviewed to determine if they meet criteria. Eligible applicants will then be asked to submit a formal proposal. Please submit your letter of intent via email by **January 29th, 2016** to **Tony Prime** at [anthony.prime@novascotia.ca](mailto:anthony.prime@novascotia.ca)