

Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund

Canada's Drug Strategy is the federal response to the harmful use of substances. These include illegal drugs, alcohol, pharmaceuticals, inhalants and solvents. The Strategy takes a balanced approach to reducing both the demand for, and the supply of, drugs and substances. It contributes to a healthier, safer Canada through prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction initiatives.

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The Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund (DSCIF) was created with an annual budget of close to \$10M to facilitate the development of national and community-based solutions to substance abuse problems, and to promote public awareness of substance abuse issues. The DSCIF provides support for initiatives/projects in two broad areas of activity: promotion and prevention, and harm reduction.

Within the promotion and prevention component, projects could include public information campaigns, life skills training, promoting supportive environments and healthy behaviours, and discouraging problematic substance use. Projects under the harm reduction component could include activities such as outreach, the establishment of peer support networks or awareness programs on the harms related to injection drug use.

Funding is provided for initiatives at the national, provincial, territorial, regional and local levels. Eligible recipients for project funding include: Canadian not-for-profit organizations; registered not-for-profit charitable organizations; educational institutions; business sector associations; off-reserve Aboriginal organizations; and other organizations whose work supports DSCIF objectives.

Proposals reflecting a "countrywide" mandate or scope of activity will be considered through the national funding component at Health Canada's Ottawa headquarters. Projects are considered to be "national" when they will take place in, or will be applicable to, the whole country or to more than one Health Canada region (for example, a public awareness campaign taking place in all provinces and territories, or one being conducted in at least two Health Canada regions).

Applications covering projects with a provincial, territorial or local scope are considered through the regional funding component. Health Canada offices are located in Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver.

For more information about the Drug Strategy Community Initiatives Fund (including the application process), please refer to http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/substan/fond-comm-fund/index_e.html. You may receive details by mail, please write to: Community Initiatives Division, Drug Strategy and Controlled Substances Programme, Health Canada, 123 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9.

To learn more about Canada's Drug Strategy, please visit www.healthcanada.gc.ca/cds

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