

President's Letter

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Call for proposals: Clinical Stabilization Fund (CSF) - Primary Care Renewal



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President

Dear Colleagues:

The Clinical Stabilization Fund (CSF) is a jointly-controlled fund that was negotiated as part of the 2009 *Memorandum of Agreement* to address areas of medical care delivery that warrant additional resources. This one-time funding is segmented across priority areas, including primary care renewal.

The CSF Management Committee is issuing a call for proposals from members interested in undertaking projects or initiatives that will inform and advance primary care renewal in the province and establish new patterns of practice.

Consideration will be given to projects that are seeking funding to support primary care renewal in the areas of:

- Training
- Research
- Evaluation
- Capital investment
- Retaining consultant/subject matter expert

Preference will be given to projects that have the potential to be replicated in more than one region of the province and have taken into consideration how the project can be sustained long-term, as projects are only eligible for one-time CFS funding.

The funding allocated to this call for proposals is approximately \$250,000.

Examples of projects currently being funded through CSF include:

- **The Frail Elderly Project** - This project has been designed to provide intensive care and services to the frail elderly in their homes. This project is being led by Dr. Roger Butler & Dr. Patrick O'Shea;
- **LEAP Training** - This project involves providing family physicians with advanced training in palliative and end-of-life care issues. This project is being led by Dr. Susan MacDonald; and,
- **Advance Clinical Access** - This initiative involves developing an educational and support program for family physicians interested in exploring advanced/open access scheduling and is being led by the NLMA.

The CSF Management Committee has established guidelines and criteria (pdf) to help members prepare submissions.

The deadline for proposal submissions is **Friday, October 31, 2014**.

To learn more about the CSF Fund and the call for proposals please contact Ms. Jean Cook, CSF Project Manager, at jeancook@nl.rogers.com or **(709) 722-3344**.

Sincerely,



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