

Capital District Mental Health Program 2012/13 Grant Criteria

The Capital District Mental Health Program (CDMHP) grants were established by the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia to provide funds to enhance the services provided by the Capital District Mental Health Program. CDMHP grants are intended for projects that typically would not receive funding from capital or operating budgets.

All staff and physicians of the Capital District Mental Health Program are invited to apply for funds to support programs and services. Grant applications are available once a year in January and cover the next fiscal period, April 1st to March 31st. All of the funding awarded to the successful applicant must be used before March 31st.

The Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia will focus specifically on:

- Patient wellness initiatives
- Community education projects focusing on mental health
- Community access – transportation/activities/programs
- Intervention strategies for identified populations
- Research in relation to the determinants of health or general research

The Capital District Mental Health Program will be particularly interested in those which:

- Focus on initiatives that will lead to successful and sustainable community placements for patients.

Review & Approval Process

The Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia has established a process for reviewing and approving grant applications generated from the CDMHP.

Each year the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia will establish a selection committee made up of staff of the Foundation and the Capital District Mental Health Program, as well as consumers and family member representatives.

The committee will review all applications and recommend which ones will be forwarded to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia's Board of Directors for their final decision regarding funding.

Criteria

- All applications must be submitted on the appropriate application form.
- Program Managers must approve all applications, ensuring they meet the criteria outlined below, and any other criteria established from time-to-time by the MHFNS or the CDMHP Leadership Council.
- Program Managers must ensure that, as much as possible, submissions from like program areas (e.g. 6 and 7 Lane; Bayers Road Outpatient services; Purdy inpatient units, Hope inpatient units) which are similar in intent and activity are combined together into one submission.
- All grant applications must show evidence that the activity/project will contribute in a significant and measurable way to the reintegration of patients/clients into society in a self-reliant and independent way.
- Projects will show imaginative ways in which staff, clients, and a range of community businesses, human service providers, educators, recreational and social agencies provide services for clients, not in a 'segregated' fashion, but as part of the programs/services they provide for all in the community.
- The project will also indicate how it intends to transmit its learning from the project to the rest of the Mental Health Program – via educational sessions, rounds, etc.
- Staffing costs will not be covered. This includes those hired on any form of temporary or time-limited basis. Staffing for projects needs to come from regular CDMHP staff.
- Furniture and equipment will not be eligible for grants in 2012/13.
- Programs and services that are considered part of CDMHP can only be funded through the CDMHP grants and will not be considered under the Provincial Grants Program offered by the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia.

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