

Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund

▪ **Deadline: October 22, 2020 3:00pm EDT**

The Promoting Health Equity: Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund supports Black Canadians to develop more culturally responsive knowledge, capacity and programs to address mental health and its determinants in their communities.

Funding: Up to \$200,000 per year

Context:

- In 2016, The Mental Health Commission of Canada evaluated that Black Canadians experience significant social and economic challenges that can have negative implications for their mental health.
- In response, the Public Health Agency of Canada launched the Promoting Health Equity: Mental Health of Black Canadians Fund
- Fund aims to support more culturally responsive knowledge, capacity, and programs that address mental health and its determinants for Black Canadians, including a focus on youth.

Objectives:

The following objectives focus on Black LGBTQI+ Canadians

- Increase understanding of the unique mental health challenges, needs, barriers to and social determinants of mental health
- Increase knowledge of effective, culturally responsive approaches and programs for improving mental health and addressing key social determinants
- Increase capacity, including by raising awareness and mobilizing knowledge

Key Principles of the Fund:

- Projects are led by Black Canadian and especially Black LGBTQI+ Canadians community groups, not-for-profit organizations, and/or researchers
- Projects are anchored in meaningful data and evidence that demonstrate a knowledge gap in understanding of the mental health needs and determinants and/or the approaches for addressing these needs
- Projects address one or more social determinants of mental health for Black LGBTQI+ populations



- Projects integrate a health equity lens throughout their design, implementation, and evaluation that considers and addresses unfair and avoidable differences in determinants of health, health outcomes, reach and impact of interventions for various subgroups, as well as differences with the Black Canadian or Canadian general population
- Projects recognize and challenge unequal power relations between researchers, program providers, and participants by building equitable, two-way relationships characterized by respect, shared responsibility, and cultural exchange
- Projects are informed by, and benefit from, in-kind and/or financial support provided by partners from various sectors

Eligible Applicants:

- Not-for-profit voluntary organizations and corporations
- For-profit organizations (must apply in partnership with a not-for-profit organization)
- Unincorporated groups, societies and coalitions
- Provincial, territorial, local governments and their agencies
- Organizations and institutions supported by provincial and territorial governments

Eligible activities:

All projects must be of primary benefit to Black LGBTQI+ communities and populations in Canada. Activities eligible for funding include a project that generates or synthesizes knowledge and mobilizes that knowledge with an aim to understand, and build awareness and capacity to address the issues, barriers, challenges, strengths, and resilience that Black LGBTQI+ Canadians experience regarding mental health and its determinants.

Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Salaries, benefits and consultant fees directly related to the project
- Rental of office space, and equipment not normally used in daily operations
- Travel expenses and accommodation for project activities)
- Meetings, events and workshops – expenses associated with meeting space rental, transportation, accommodation, and meals
- Dissemination, promotion and communications
- Insurance
- Third-party project evaluation and audit services
- Other costs related to the approved project

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