

Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care Program

Information Sheet: Full Application – Team Award

This document provides key information about the full application for a team award that may be helpful for forward planning purposes. Please refer to the Full Application – Team Award Guidelines, available in spring 2025, for a full description of the team award funding opportunity.

Team award overview

The [Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care Program](#) will support multidisciplinary, cross-sector teams to implement and evaluate an evidence-based intervention in seniors' home and community care. This program will provide evidence to help decision-makers across BC to support programs that help seniors live longer, healthier lives more independently in their communities. Teams who are successful in the letter of intent (LOI) – development award stage of the Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Community Care Program will be invited to apply for a team award.

Team awards will support award recipients to:

- 1) develop an implementation plan for their intervention¹ that specifies the desired outcomes for both the intervention and its implementation; and
- 2) implement the intervention and evaluate the outcomes.

Key dates

- Full application deadlines:
 - Applicants: October 8, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. PT
 - Host institutions: October 16, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. PT
- Team award term: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028

Team composition requirements

In addition to the co-leads and executive sponsor described in the letter of intent, the full application should identify the following team members:

- An individual supporting the co-leads, executive sponsor, and rest of the team (e.g. project manager).
- A clinician/health professional who is embedded at the site of the intervention.
- At least two people with lived experience: one meaningfully engaged in the implementation work and one meaningfully engaged in the evaluation work. *Training to support an improved*

¹ The intervention must be evidence-based and address a gap in seniors' home and community care with the aim of supporting healthy aging and independent living. For the purposes of this program, seniors' home and community care is defined as services that help seniors (65+) live as independently as possible in the community.

understanding of “meaningful engagement” will be made available during the development award stage.

Roles for at least two trainees must be identified in the full application, although the individuals who will fill these roles may be identified at a later date.

Trainees may be:

- undergraduate or graduate students, postdoctoral or clinical fellows, or equivalent, engaged in a formal training or education program; or
- employees in the health system who wish to develop skills in implementation or evaluation.

At least one trainee must be meaningfully engaged in the implementation work and at least one trainee must be meaningfully engaged in the evaluation work.

The team should also include people with the following expertise, or a plan to obtain this expertise if there is a gap:

- Expertise in implementing interventions in healthcare settings
- Expertise in the use of established implementation and evaluation frameworks
- Expertise in sound equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) practices and principles and experience in meaningful and culturally safe sex- and gender-based analysis (SGBA) or gender diversity.
- Other team members who are needed to complete the proposed work, for example:
 - An individual who will help the team access data
 - An individual with expertise in health economics
 - Representatives from community organizations

Details on required team participation in Health Research BC-organized advisory committees and learning community meetings are described in the LOI guidelines (see page 12).

Eligible expenses

This funding opportunity will support costs that are reasonably and properly incurred to carry out the implementation of an evidence-based intervention in seniors' home and community care and evaluate the outcomes for both the intervention and its implementation. This may include, in part:

- Partial or full salary support to hire dedicated staff to work directly on the proposed activities, and/or buy-out/release time from work to support health authority staff members and/or other research users on the project team for time spent directly on the proposed activities.
- Costs directly related to the implementation of the selected intervention.
- Costs directly related to the evaluation of implementation and intervention outcomes, including data collection.

Teams must justify their budget requests in the full application. More details on eligible expenses will be provided in the team award guidelines.

Full application form components

We anticipate the following elements to be part of the full application form, though they are still under development and may change:

- Updated description of team and collaboration plan, including team communications and plans to help manage change.
- Implementation plan detailing both the intervention and the process for carrying out implementation. The implementation process should describe how evaluation of the outcomes will inform the implementation (i.e. learning process).
- A logic model/conceptual map that includes outcomes and impacts and an evaluation plan based on the logic model/conceptual map.
- Budget.
- Letter(s) of support.