

Finding Funding for Your Research Project

...and how to get it!

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We recognize that Fraser Health provides care on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish and Nlaka'pamux Nations, and is home to six Métis Chartered Communities.



Objectives

Part 1: Finding Funding

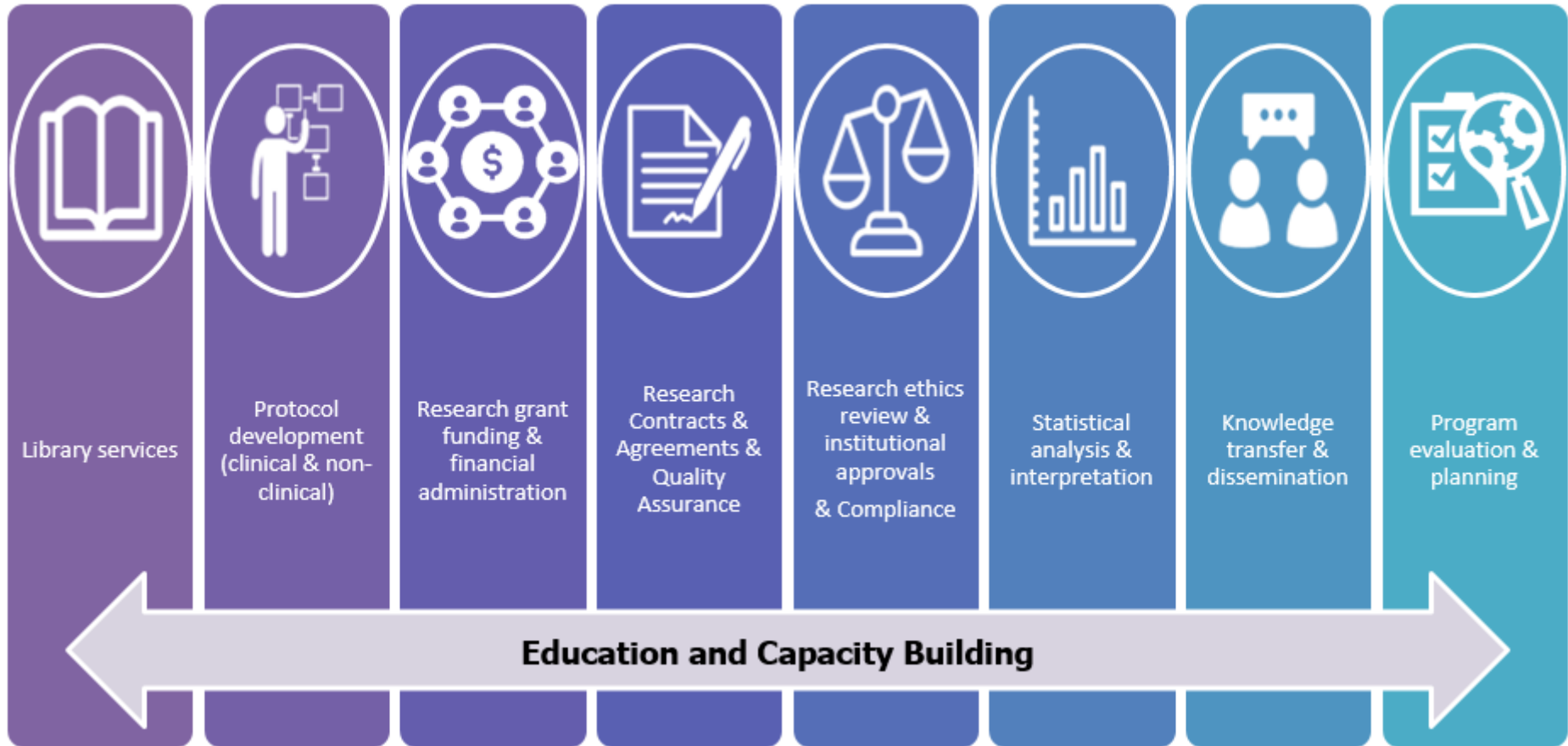
- Stages of research and funding types
- Finding funding opportunities

Part 2:

- Preparing a competitive application
- Resources available within Fraser Health



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Part 1: Finding Funding



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Research

For discovery purposes

'new knowledge' that can be applied to the wider population



Evaluation

For 'business' purposes

ensuring the intervention was implemented as planned and is meeting its goals



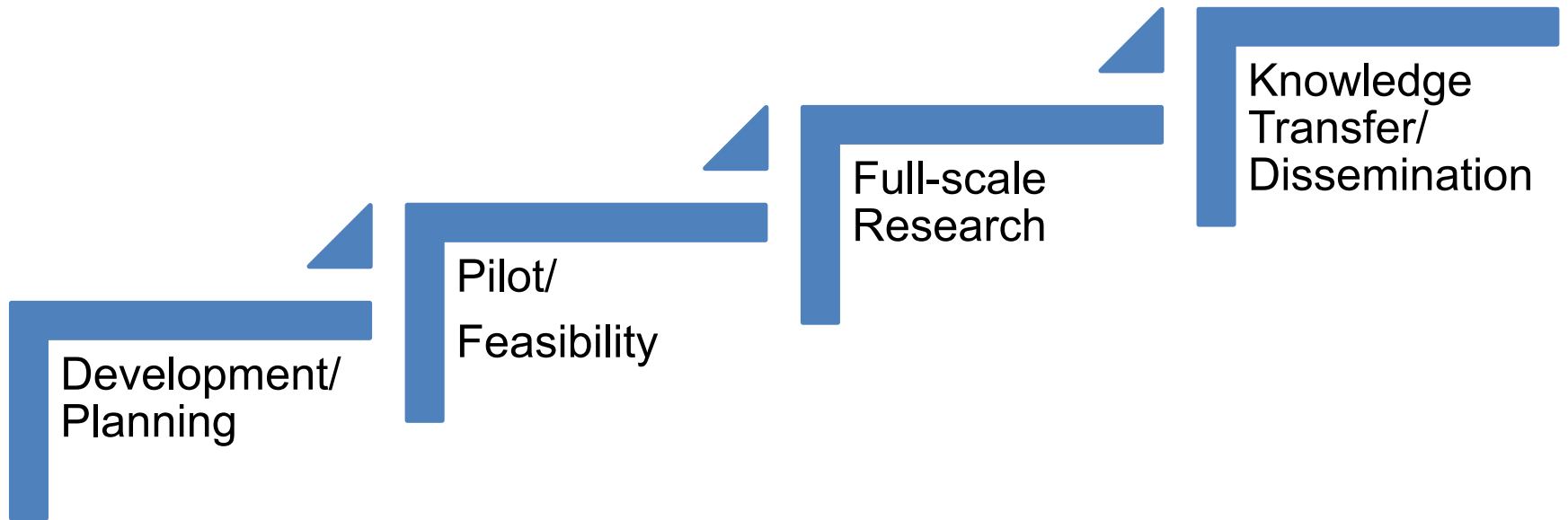
Quality Improvement

For maintaining fidelity

determine how *this* intervention affected *this* participant group in *this* setting



Research Stages



What do grants fund?

Different type of grants, depending on:

- Stage of your research program
- Research activity

What type of grants?

- Development / planning
- Pilot / Feasibility
- Operating
- Salary awards / Trainee fellowships
- Knowledge mobilization



Who has funding?



Government



Foundations



Associations



Corporate



CIHR



Canadian Institutes of Health Research

- Federal funding agency for health research
- Project grants (twice a year)
- Other grants:
 - Catalyst, Planning and Dissemination, Operating and Team
 - various topics
- ResearchNet



Health Research BC

- Health Research BC
 - Provincial funding agency for health research
 - Salary grants:
 - Health Professional Investigator
 - Scholar
 - Trainee
 - Research grants:
 - Convening & Collaborating
 - Reach



Other Governmental Funding

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/science/researchfunding.html>

Public Health Agency of Canada:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/funding-opportunities.html>

New Horizons for Seniors Program:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/new-horizons-seniors-community-based-2023.html>



Foundations

Foundations

- Vancouver Foundation
- Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine
- Private / Non-Profit Foundation
 - Hecht Foundation
 - Max Bell Foundation
 - Rina M Biden Foundation
 - Peter Gilgan Foundation
 - Etc.



Foundations

Fraser Health Hospital Foundations



ROYAL COLUMBIAN
Hospital Foundation



Langley Memorial
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION



PEACE ARCH
HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION



Burnaby
Hospital
Foundation



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Associations / Societies

- Disease- or condition-specific associations / organizations / societies
- Population-specific associations / organizations / societies
 - Think of everything related to your topic **and** your population
 - E.g., Alzheimer's Association
 - Canadian Cancer Society
 - Canadian Frailty Network
 - Many more...
- Professional Associations / Foundations
 - Think of all team members
 - E.g., Canadian Nurses Foundation, Canadian Physiotherapy Association



Private Companies / Industry

- Various opportunities
- Consider requirements
- Connect with Fraser Health Clinical Trials and Business Development team



Internal Opportunities

- Fraser Health Seed and Strategic Priorities Grants
- Stay tuned to our website and newsletter

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/employees/research-and-evaluation/funding-opportunities-for-your-research/find-research-funding>



Where to find?



Government



Foundations



Associations



Corporate

- Websites
- Google – Use various search terms:
 - General: Funding, Grant, Award Not-for-profit, Charity, Research
 - Topic
 - Society, Association, Foundation, Network, etc.
 - Location
 - Type
- Newsletters
- Your network
- Acknowledgement section of journal articles
- Specialized software/ databases



Where to find?

Fraser Health Resources

- Newsletters (Research Currents)
- Our website
- Research Development Specialist



Part 2: How To Get Funding

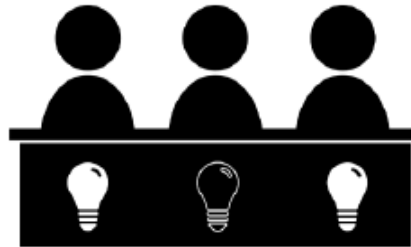


Preparing the Grant Application

- A successful application is one that responds well to the funding request:



Who is the funder?



Who is making the decision?



What is their motivation?



Preparing the Grant Application

- Packaged well:
 - Well-researched
 - Explain problem / gap
 - Innovative strategies to address need/
problem / gap
 - Feasible goals
 - Measurable objectives
 - Phrase research question logically
 - Well-organized sections



Rejected Grants



Does not comply with grant guidelines

- Not eligible to apply
- Does not use provided application form
- Asking for wrong amount
- Submitting late

- Does not consider the evaluation criteria
- Not aligned with funder's vision
- Careless editing



1. Find Right Funding Match



- Fit check:
 - Eligible?
 - Research goals match grant priorities?
 - Topic
 - Stage
 - Funding amount
 - Eligible expenses
- Administrative burden (e.g., reporting, application)
- Deadlines
- Funded similar projects / organizations?



2. Know Guidelines (and Program Coordinator)

Read the entire request for proposal

- Deadlines
- Guidelines
- Review Criteria and Reviewers
- Previously funded projects
- Highlight:
 - key words
 - statements that match your project's focus and goals
- When possible, talk to a human!



3. Application Timeline and Working Document

- Things always take longer than you think!
- Letter of Intent vs. Full application deadlines
- Allow time for reference letters and signatures
 - Ask for letters early (provide details)
- Grant applications require VP approval
- Submit early



4. Understand Evaluation Criteria

- Funding / research scope?
- Criteria
 - Mention key words
- Fundable range

- Reviewers and type of review?
 - May not be topic experts
- Reality: Reviewer may be tired!



5. Write and Organize Well

Some tips:

- Short sentences & paragraphs
- No jargon
- Avoid figures of speech and idioms
- Spell out acronyms
- Active better than passive
- Smooth transitions
- Use headings and formatting, if possible



5. Write and Organize Well

- Packaged well:
 1. Well-researched
 2. Explain problem / gap
 3. Innovative strategies to address need/ problem / gap
 4. Well-organized sections
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5. Write and Organize Well

- Need to convey:
 - Objectives of your project
 - Significance of your project to community/Canada
 - Why they should partner with you
- May want to highlight emotion/stories behind goals



6. Prepare Well-justified Budget

- Budget matches the scope
- Proposal feasible with proposed budget and timelines
- Budget items justified
- Evidence of stakeholder/partner support (financial or in-kind)



6. Prepare Well-justified Budget

- Costs to consider
 - Startup or training
 - Planning
 - Knowledge mobilization
 - Human resource
 - Travel (and associated costs)
 - Technology and subscriptions
 - Indirect costs/ Overhead
- Look at Fraser Health Travel and Business Expenses Policy



7. Gather Feedback

- Colleagues
- Co-applicants / Team members
- Patient partners (BC SUPPORT Unit)
- Experts
- Lay readers
- DERS staff



7. Gather Feedback

Check:

- Word counts, page counts
- Abbreviations / acronyms
- Spelling!

Follow instructions on:

- What to include in each section
- Structure/ Headings
- Fonts or other style requirements



8. Learn from Unfunded Applications

- Opportunity to learn
- Read reviews
- Revise
- Re-apply!



Summary

1. Find the Right Funding Match
2. Know Guidelines (and Program Coordinator)
3. Application Timeline and Working Document
4. Understand Evaluation Criteria
5. Write and Organize Well
6. Prepare Well-justified Budget
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8. Learn from Unfunded Applications
9. Don't give up!



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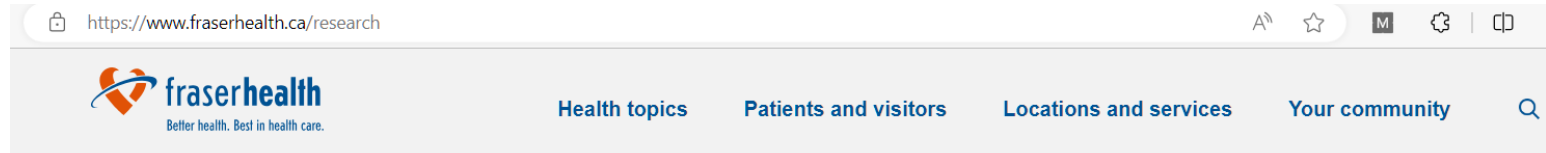
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ROMEIO Research Portal

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Getting started with research

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How we can help your research

Learn about how our services can help you with your research process.



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