



ISLAND HEALTH REGION PEER AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION

1. What is Trans Care BC?

Trans Care BC is a new provincial program at the Provincial Health Services Authority. One of our main goals is to improve access to information, health services, peer supports, and care coordination for gender creative, transgender and Two-Spirit people of all ages across BC. To learn more, visit us online at: <http://www.phsa.ca/our-services/programs-services/trans-care-bc>

2. What is the Island Health Region Peer and Community Support Funding Opportunity?

Trans Care BC is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for peer and community support providers and community members in the Island Health region to develop new peer support projects or help support services that already exist. This funding (up to \$8,000) is just one step toward our long-term goals of building more regional and provincial support for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse, non-binary folks, their families and communities.

This funding opportunity is a response to a gap in sustainable peer and community support services across the Island Health region, especially in rural and remote communities. As well, it recognizes that many current peer and community support services are in need of resources to sustain their work.

Trans Care BC believes that transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks are the experts at knowing their communities' greatest needs and at developing creative ways to address these needs. This funding is one way that Trans Care BC can support transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks to have more access to peer and community support services that work for them and their local communities.

3. What do we hope to achieve through the funding?

- Provide resources to current peer and community support services in order to help continue work that's being done by and for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary community members
- Support new and innovative peer and community support services, especially in rural and remote communities, which are:
 - ✓ driven by transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks
 - ✓ guided by the needs of local transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary communities



4. What types of peer and community support projects can be funded?

Here are a few examples of projects that will be considered for funding:

- A new in-person peer support group in a community with limited access to support services for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks
- An online discussion group to connect transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks living in rural and remote communities
- A new 1:1 peer support service for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks
- Additional resources for existing peer groups to support activities such as:
 - Coordination and administrative support
 - Developing and printing informational materials
 - Providing snacks and refreshments to participants
 - Purchasing gender affirming resources, supplies, and books
- Gatherings or events that increase social connectedness and access to peer support for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks



This is not a complete list of all projects that can be funded. **We strongly encourage community members who have a creative idea to connect with us directly to talk about how their idea might fit within this funding opportunity.**

5. What are this year's priority funding areas?

- Supporting the development of new peer and community support services for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks, especially in rural and remote communities
- Creating and strengthening connections between peer and community supports and health and wellbeing services, including Trans Care BC's Care Coordination Team
- Strengthening the resources and skills within existing peer and community support services across Vancouver Island and/or the Gulf Islands

6. What are the criteria for funding?

To be eligible for funding, projects must meet ALL the criteria below:

- Support activities that directly increase access and availability of peer and community support for transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary folks
- Support activities that build the resources and skills of groups and/or communities (not solely the capacities of individuals)
- Be based within, and primarily serve, transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary living on Vancouver Island and/or the Gulf Islands
- Provide peer and community support services that are free of charge and are not profit making
- Be willing to partner with Trans Care BC and participate in knowledge exchange activities
- Be willing to share lessons learned, highlights, and challenges with Trans Care BC and other funded peer and community support services
- All staff and volunteers working with clients and/or peer support service recipients must be willing to undergo a criminal reference check
- Be willing to partner with a non-profit society, health authority (i.e. Island Health, First Nations Health Authority) or other government agency (i.e. Ministry of Education, Ministry of Children and Family Development) if required
- Be willing to share the copyright to use materials developed through this funding (i.e. facilitation materials, posters, summary reports, etc.) with Trans Care BC in perpetuity or similar or other identified purposes (i.e. a group could be run again in another area, a poster could be adapted and used in a different community, etc.). The individuals or organization that develops the material would be free to re-use, and or repurpose the material as well with the stipulation that Trans Care BC and PHSA are cited as the funding source for development

7. How much funding is available?

Funding is expected to range from \$100 to \$8,000. Opportunities to apply for additional funding may be available in 2018/2019 after the first round of projects. With support from Trans Care BC, projects will document lessons learned, strengths, and challenges of first year activities.



8. How do I apply?

To apply for funding, each project must:

- Meet all the criteria outlined in Section 6
- Submit a completed application, including budget, to Trans Care BC by the **deadline: 10pm on Sunday June 11th, 2017** via email to: transcarebc@phsa.ca

9. How will proposals be selected?

The following criteria will be used to review and select proposals:

Project objectives, goals, approach, and proposed activities	40 points
Project alignment with key priority areas	25 points
Organizational strength	20 points
Budget proposal	15 points
Total	100 points

All applications will be reviewed and you will receive an email acknowledging receipt.

For more information please contact:
Transcarebc@phsa.ca

1 | PROJECT INFORMATION

Project name:		
Community / Geographic region served:		
Project location:		
If applicable, registered non-profit society number or charity number:		
If applicable, list of board members and copy of certificate of incorporation under the societies act attached:	Board member name: Contact information:	
	Board member name: Contact information:	
	Board member name: Contact information:	
	Board member name: Contact information:	
	Board member name: Contact information:	
Project timeline:	Start Date: Year-Month-Day	End Date: Year-Month-Day
Which of the funding priority areas does your project address directly or support indirectly? Select all that apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting the development of new transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary peer and community support services, especially in rural and remote communities <input type="checkbox"/> Creating and strengthening connections between peer and community support and health and wellbeing services, including Trans Care BC's Care Coordination Team <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthening the resources and skills within already existing peer and community support services across Vancouver Island and/or the Gulf Islands	



4|PROJECT PROPOSAL

Describe the main goals of your project and what you hope to accomplish. Please offer concrete examples and be as specific as you can be (max 500 words).

a.

Examples:

- *We aim to increase the number of participants in our current peer support group and also improve our promotional materials to reach a broader group of community members.*
- *This project's goals are to consult with local community members about what type of peer support services are needed and then develop a support service based on what we learn.*
- *Our goal is to connect local adult Two-Spirit community members with Two-Spirit youth through a monthly social gathering.*



b. *If you are a community member:* Why is this project a priority for your community? How will it serve the needs of transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary community members (max 400 words)?

If you are an organization: Why is this project a priority for your organization? Please tell us how your project has been informed by transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary community members (max 400 words).

c. Describe what you will do in your project to reach your goals (max 1000 words).

- i. Planning your project...
- ii. Doing your project...
- iii. Wrapping up your project...
- iv. Sharing lessons learned, highlights, and challenges...



d. Provide some examples of how you will determine the success of your project and the impact that it's having in your community (max 400 words).

Examples:

- *summary report*
- *photo journal*
- *summary video*
- *blog following your project's activities*

e. *If you are a community member:* Are you connected with or have you reached out to any local organizations to discuss this project and ways to collaborate? If so, what will be the nature of this partnership? Does your project have any other supporters (i.e. financial and/or donated services, space, supplies, etc.) (max 400 words)?

If you are an organization: How are you connected with transgender, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary community members? What is the nature of your partnership? Does your project have any other supporters (i.e. financial and/or donated services, space, supplies, etc.) (max 400 words)?

4 | PROJECT BUDGET

Given that funding is very limited, project expenses must be reasonable and estimates well supported. Please only ask for what you need.

<u>Labour</u>	Amount requested	Secured from other sources
Project Coordinator		Please specify source:
Group Facilitator		Please specify source:
Peer Honoraria		Please specify source:
Other – Please specify:		Please specify source:
Other – Please specify:		Please specify source:
Total Labour Budget Request:		
<u>Project Supplies/Service</u>	Amount requested	Secured from other sources
Room, Venue or Facility Rental		Please specify source:
Photocopying/Printing		Please specify source:
Food : please estimate (#gatherings & #participants):		Please specify source:
Transportation (e.g., Mileage, transit fare)		Please specify source:
Childcare subsidies and/or child-minding support		Please specify source:
Criminal record check(s) (# of client facing staff/volunteers – cost is \$28 per person)		Please specify source:
Other – Please specify:		Please specify source:
Total Project Supplies/Services Budget Request:		
TOTAL REQUESTED BUDGET		
(Total Labour + Total Project Supplies/Services)	(BOX 1 + BOX 2)	
Any comments/notes you would like to include regarding your requested budget?		

WHAT DO THE WORDS MEAN?

Gender Diverse

Gender roles and/or gender expression that do not match social and cultural expectations; gender non-conforming; gender variant. ([Trans Health Information Program](#))

Non-binary

A person who does not feel comfortable in a social system that recognizes only two categories – male or female; people using this term may, for example, identify as having no gender, or are in-between genders, or have a gender that fluctuates, or are a new ‘third’ gender. ([Families in Transition: A Resource Guide for Families of Transgender Youth](#))

Peer

Peer is a broad term which refers to a number of groups which might benefit from support services. This includes, but is not limited to: trans, Two-Spirit, gender diverse and non-binary individuals (adults, youth and children), parent/caregivers, partners, family members, and friends. ([Trans Health Steering Committee, Peer and Community Supports Recommendations](#))

Trans Care BC’s Care Coordination Team

A small team of health navigators, nurses, peers and support staff – with access to a doctor as needed. The Trans Care BC Care Coordination Team provides consultation, health navigation and care coordination service for gender-affirming health care across BC. ([Trans Care BC](#))

Transgender

Transgender is an umbrella term that describes a wide range of people whose gender and/or gender expression differ from their assigned sex and/or the societal and cultural expectations of their assigned sex; includes people who are androgyne, agender, bigender, butch, CAFAB, CAMAB, cross-dresser, drag king, drag queen, femme, FTM, gender creative, gender fluid, gender non-conforming, genderqueer, gender variant, MTF, pangender, questioning, trans, trans man, trans woman, transfeminine, transgender, transmasculine, transsexual, and two-spirit. ([QMUNITY](#))

Two-Spirit

A term used within some indigenous communities, encompassing sexual, gender, cultural, and spiritual identity. Reflects complex indigenous understandings of gender roles and the long history of sexual and gender diversity in indigenous cultures. Individual terms and roles for Two-Spirit people are specific to each nation. Because of the spiritual, cultural and historical component, being Two-Spirit is different than identifying as LGBTQ+ and indigenous. Before colonization, Two-Spirit people were often highly revered in their communities, taking on the role of healers, match-makers, counsellors, among many others. Two-Spirit people were disappeared as part of the process of colonization, religious belief systems being imposed on indigenous people condemned any sort of sexual or gender diversity, and Two-Spirit people were killed or forced into hiding. The word “Two-Spirit” was created in the early 1990’s, and the role of Two-Spirit people in indigenous communities is being reclaimed. Although it contradicts most traditional values, some of the lasting impacts of colonization have been an experience of increased homophobia and transphobia in indigenous communities, often forcing Two-Spirit people to leave their home communities. The term Two-Spirit is only to be used by indigenous people, due to the cultural and spiritual context, however, not all indigenous people who hold diverse sexual and gender identities consider themselves Two-Spirit. ([Trans Health Information Program](#), Trans Care BC)

If the word you are looking for isn’t here, please check this [GLOSSARY](#) or send us an email at: Transcarebc@phsa.ca