



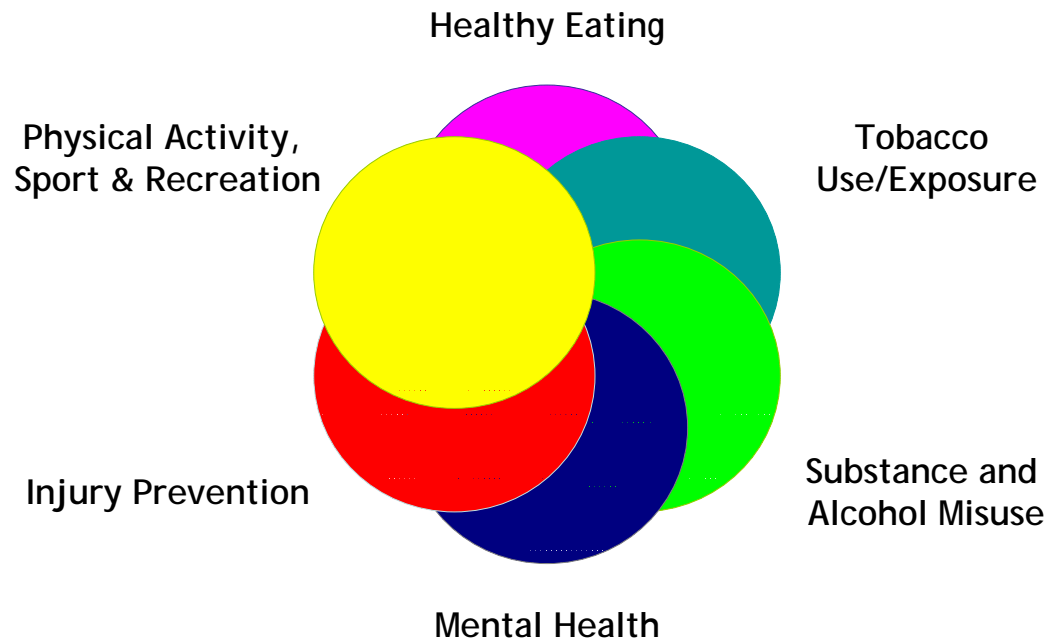
# Healthy Communities Fund

# What is the Healthy Communities Fund?

- The Healthy Communities Fund (HCF) is a one-window approach to funding community partnerships to plan and deliver integrated programs that improve the health of Ontarians.
- Funding is provided to eligible organizations that are taking a holistic and integrated approach to improving health and wellness at the community level.
- The HCF supports non-capital initiatives through a competitive, application-based process through two streams:
  - 1. Local/Regional Initiatives; and
  - 2. Provincial Initiatives.

# What does the HCF Support?

- The HCF provides opportunities for local organizations to address multiple risk factors related to health promotion. Projects must address at least two of the risk factors below:



# Who is eligible to apply to the HCF?

The HCF requires collaborative projects of two or more organizations are committed to working in partnership to achieve common goals, are required.

## LOCAL/REGIONAL STREAM:

Eligible applicants/partners for the local/regional stream include:

- Incorporated not-for-profit organizations;
- Ontario Municipalities;
- First Nations or other Aboriginal organizations;
- Public Health Units, Community Health Centres;
- Heart Health Networks;
- Ontario Colleges and Universities; and
- Conservation Authorities.

## PROVINCIAL STREAM:

Eligible applicants/partners for the provincial stream include incorporated not-for-profit organizations, First Nations and other incorporated Aboriginal organizations with a provincial scope.

# What populations does the HCF target?

- The HCF aims to support initiatives that impact the health of a community or population. Such populations may include the following:
  - Children and youth;
  - Aboriginal populations;
  - Low-income populations;
  - Ethnic communities;
  - People with disabilities; and
  - Other.
- Applicants are asked to identify the population that their project intends to target, provide evidence that there is a need for the project, and indicate how their initiative will impact the identified population.

# What is the funding criteria for the HCF (local/regional stream)

- The HCF is a cost-sharing program and through the local/regional stream, funds a maximum of 60% of total eligible project costs.
- Applicants are required to commit at least 40% of the total eligible project costs. This required contribution can be made up of no more than 30% “in kind” contributions and a minimum 10% cash contribution.
- Some organizations are eligible for up to 80% of total eligible projects costs. These organizations include:
  - Municipalities with populations of less than 20,000;
  - First Nations or other Aboriginal organizations that are incorporated; and
  - Local not-for-profit organizations located in communities with populations of less than 20,000.
- These organizations are required to commit at least 20% of the total eligible project costs.

# 2009-2010 HCF Statistics

Through the local/regional and provincial streams of the 2009-2010 HCF program, over 170 projects were supported.

It is anticipated that the 2010-2011 HCF program will be launched in early 2010.

# Who can I call for more information?

Speak with a Ministry Regional Advisor to discuss your proposal before filing an application.

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