

How to access Shared Care Improvement Funding

What is Shared Care?

The Shared Care Committee (SCC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees representing a partnership between Doctors of BC and the Ministry of Health.

With effective collaboration between family and specialist physicians and partners, Shared Care work sets the foundation for a culture of collegiality, innovation, and team-based, patient-centred care to ensure a coordinated care experience for all British Columbians.

Shared Care supports **three key areas** of work:

1. Innovation and Improvement
2. Physician Leadership and Learning
3. Strategic Initiatives and Communities of Practice

Within the Innovation and Improvement portfolio, Shared Care provides ongoing opportunities for family and specialist physicians and partners to work together through a project-based approach to address gaps in care and system change through quality improvement funding.

How does the funding process work?



Emerging Ideas (1-2 MONTHS)

Interested applicants connect with their SCC Regional Liaison for information and support developing an Expression of Interest (EOI). The EOI must provide evidence outlining the problem, gap in care, service, process, etc.

Full details of the solution are not needed at this stage, as exploratory work during the next stage will inform the project proposal.

Applicants must submit an EOI, which will be presented to the Shared Care Review Panel for consideration.



Expression of Interest (3-6 MONTHS)

If approved, the EOI phase will be used to further refine the scope and use engagement and evaluative methodologies to build the case for the project proposal.

Drawing on the data collected in the EOI phase, the project proposal will clearly demonstrate **why** there is a gap, explain **how** the project will help solve it, how success will be measured, and **who** will be a part of the work.

The project proposal will be presented to the Shared Care Committee for consideration.



Project (18-24 MONTHS)

If approved, project teams complete their work over the next 18-24 months. Building on the discoveries from the EOI phase, this is when the actual work of *solving the problem* happens.

Project intake takes place **five times a year** for both EOIs and proposals. Teams should work with their liaison to understand the timelines.

What is the time commitment?

We recognize that physicians and care teams are busy. Project work can be done at a pace appropriate for the team. Physician leads and working group members can expect to spend approximately 3-6 hours a week on a project (depending on the scope). As this is project-based work, the demands ebb and flow based on the life cycle.

Core working group members are expected to continue through the project phase, with an overall commitment of 2-3 years combined.

Scope of projects

Examples of project scope include developing a new approach to providing a service, building a pathway of care between existing programs, refining referral pathways, developing or improving resources, and increasing collaboration and communication between providers.

Applicants must research and understand similar projects to avoid duplication and build on the lessons already learned.

Planning for sustainability must also be at the forefront of all work.

Quality Improvement

Shared Care values a Quality Improvement (QI) methodology, which focuses on identifying and evaluating opportunities for enhancing the safety, effectiveness, timeliness, efficiency, and patient-centredness of care.

Project leads are required to participate in a [Physician Quality Improvement \(PQI\)](#) Level 1 training (approximately 4 hours) at the start of the EOI phase. A minimum of one physician lead per project must complete the training (or equivalent) before the project phase begins.

QI coaches are available to work with teams in the EOI and project phases, offering guidance and suggestions to ensure approach the work with a QI focus.

Project samples

Use the [The Exchange](#) project database, to see examples of previous Shared Care Committee-funded projects.

Available funding

EOI funding of up to \$25,000 is available. Project funding amounts vary according to complexity and scope. Funding maximums may change based on system priorities.

Submission dates

The Shared Care Committee reviews EOI and project proposals five times a year. The project team should have a solid working relationship with their regional liaison at least two to four weeks prior to the submission of an EOI or project, to allow for onboarding conversations, draft review, and feedback.


Funding guidelines


Read the full [funding guidelines](#) for details outlining which expenses are covered.

Requirements of project?

- Quarterly reports
- Financial snapshots with quarterly reports and full financial reconciliation with final report
- Comprehensive evaluation throughout project
- Sustainability plan
- Final report

More information

 Email: shared_care@doctorsofbc.ca to be connected to the SCC Regional Liaison.

 Download the [EOI form](#).

 Visit the [Shared Care website](#) for more information.