

North East LHIN Investing in Small and Rural Hospitals

Additional Funding for Patient Care, Closer to Home

Small and rural hospitals in the North East LHIN are benefiting from investments that will ensure residents have improved access to care closer to home.

The investment is provided through the provincial Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund. The NE LHIN approved \$5,857,400.00 in one-time funding for 17 projects that support small and rural hospital sites across the LHIN. The Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund aims to improve collaboration between small and rural hospitals and community partners.

Background

This Transformation Fund supports Ontario's small rural hospitals in improving patient care and transforming their organizations. The Transformation Fund has been in place since 2012-13 and was set to expire at the end of 2015-16. The Transformation Fund was renewed for Fiscal Year 2016-17 and is being renewed for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

Projects Approved in the Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund 2017-18

Health Service Provider	Investment	Description of Initiative	Fiscal to Mar. 31/17
Chapleau Health Services	Telepharmacy Software	This software and its integration will provide the capacity to up to 5 small hospitals to access telepharmacy services provided through a contractual arrangement and assist them in meeting the requirements of Ontario College of Pharmacists standards related to hospital pharmacy services.	\$50,000
Englehart District Hospital	ONE Initiative (NE LHIN Hospital Information System Roadmap Implementation)	The project aims to ensure that up-to-date patient information will be available at the right place, at the right time. This project's anticipated outcomes are to allow for the use of information derived from the Health information Services to further support population health planning, Health Links operations along with community and virtual health delivery.	\$2,500,000

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Espanola General Hospital	Admission Avoidance Nurse	The Admission Avoidance Nurse will develop processes and tools, identify the target population (using Health Link criteria), and will develop comprehensive care plans by March 31, 2018.	\$65,000
Health Sciences North (Paymaster)	North East Joint Assessment Centre	Supplemental funding to the North East Joint Assessment Centre Joint and Assessment Program.	\$94,500
Kirkland and District Hospital	Pulmonary Rehab Program Phase 1	It is expected that this initial phase of the Program will be supported by a respiratory therapy team led by Kirkland and District Hospital. A multi-disciplinary approach will be taken with the support of community partners and physicians to develop the Program which will support residents in the District.	\$57,500
Manitoulin Health Centre	North East Joint Assessment Centre	To support the North East Joint Assessment Centre satellite.	\$42,000
	Quality Based Procedure Order Set	It is expected that electronic order sets will be implemented in each participating hospital. This will include the roll-out of software which will allow for access to a comprehensive order set repository which will provide for order set solutions for each hospital.	\$500,000
Manitoulin Health Centre/Health Sciences North	Non Urgent Patient Transportation	The implementation of a new model of Non Urgent Patient Transportation in the region will support the evolving role of small hospitals and facilitate patient flow into and out of HUB centres. The implementation will take place in a staged fashion. The four initial routes will be from Manitoulin Island and Elliot Lake into Sudbury, and routes from north and south Cochrane into Timmins.	\$750,000
Mattawa General Hospital	Mattawa Hospital Health Hub	The funding will allow for construction site preparation and the preparation of an Operational Readiness Assessment as the Algonquin Nursing Home is redeveloped to become adjacent to Mattawa General Hospital.	\$100,000
North Bay Regional Health Centre (Paymaster)	North East Joint Assessment Centre	Supplemental funding to the North East Joint Assessment Centre Joint and Assessment Program.	\$107,727

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North Shore Health Network	Admission Avoidance Nurse	This new role will develop comprehensive care plans for patients who have been identified as requiring intensive community supports.	\$62,823
	Point of Care Testing Project	Inter-discipline collaboration along with the utilization of information communication technology will improve clinical decision making in the treatment plan of urgent patients.	\$191,500
Sault Area Hospital (Paymaster)	North East Joint Assessment Centre	Supplemental funding to the North East Joint Assessment Centre Joint and Assessment Program.	\$41,550
Smooth Rock Falls Hospital	Point of Care Connectivity	This project involves connecting of laboratory point-of-care to non-point-of-care laboratory equipment. This project aims for the elimination of costs related to the interphase with Meditech for current and any future equipment.	\$140,000
Timmins and District Hospital (Paymaster)	North East Joint Assessment Centre	Supplemental funding to the North East Joint Assessment Centre Joint and Assessment Program.	\$41,085
Unassigned	Health System Funding Reform, Quality Based Procedure, and Stroke Support	These funds will support a health records professional to review flagged abstracted cases in order to improve acute Discharge Abstract Database (DAD) submission accuracy and total HBAM Inpatient Grouping (HIG) weighted cases. This clinical data quality review and feedback will ensure NE LHIN hospitals receive a proportional share of health system funding. Additionally, these funds will support other benchmarking and financial reviews to identify opportunities for financial efficiency and sustainability within our small hospitals.	\$143,715
Weeneebayko Area Health Authority	Safe Room	The one time funding is to retrofit an existing hospital room at the Moose Factory site into a safe room for mental health clients awaiting placement to a schedule 1 facility in the NE LHIN.	\$100,000
TOTAL			\$5,857,400
REMAINING			\$0

Other Related Proposals Submitted

Anson General Hospital	\$100,000
Attending Nurse Practitioner -LTCH Mics Group	\$100,000
Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre	\$624,000
Information Technology Infrastructure Upgrade	\$506,000
Support for Clinical Informatics	\$118,000
Hôpital Notre Dame Hospital (Hearst)	\$425,000
4 Hospital IT and Meditech Support Services	\$150,000
Mindful Scheduling: Hosting Hardware for 4 sites	\$90,000
Phase 1: Connecting of 4 Hospital IT Departments	\$125,000
Single Sign-on	\$60,000
Hornepayne Community Hospital	\$120,000
Clinical Scanning and Archiving Expansion	\$45,000
LEAN training	\$15,000
Policy and Procedure Creation and Upload	\$60,000
Lady Dunn Health Centre	\$94,700
Lean Strategy	\$53,500
Pharmacy Technician	\$41,200
Lady Minto Hospital, The	\$230,000
Geriatric Emergency Management (GEM) Mics Group	\$50,000
Lab Restructuring	\$180,000
Manitoulin Health Centre	\$250,000
Manitoulin Island Health Care Collaborative Development Funding	\$50,000
Shared electronic medical record (EMR)	\$200,000
North Shore Health Network - Réseau Santé Rive Nord	\$409,000
Dictation System	\$353,000
Integration and ReFresh Professional Recruitment and Retention	\$56,000
Sensenbrenner Hospital	\$300,000
Policy Management Integration	\$300,000
Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services	\$108,000
IT Upgrades	\$108,000
Smooth Rock Falls Hospital	\$80,000
Implementation of staff scheduling software	\$80,000
Weeneebayko Area Health Authority	\$660,000
Business Intelligence - Financial Analysis	\$75,000
Meditech Scanning - EMRAM Score Improvement	\$25,000
Network Infrastructure to Support ACS (EMRAM)	\$130,000
Nurse Call System Upgrades	\$70,000
PCS Meditech Module (EMRAM)	\$130,000
Post Audit Assessment of Meditech Implementation (EMRAM)	\$50,000
Structured network cabling	\$180,000
West Nipissing General Hospital/Hôpital General de Nipissing Ouest	\$227,637
(Paymaster) Surge Learning	\$120,000
Electronic Medication Administration Record (EMAR)	\$50,000

Scanning and Archiving	\$57,637
Grand Total	\$3,628,337