**Vancouver Physician Staff Association**

**2020: Engagement Accelerator**

**Expression of Interest (EOI)**

INTRODUCTION

Facility Engagement is a Specialist Services Committee (SSC) provincial initiative that originates from the 2014 Physician Master Agreement. It strives to achieve the **quadruple aim** by:

* Strengthening relationships amongst facility-based and community-based physicians
* Enhancing engagement with the health authority (HA) leadership
* Improving healthcare providers and patients’ experience of care
* Improving overall cost effectiveness of the health care system

The Vancouver Physician Staff Association (VPSA) Facility Engagement Initiative is seeking to provide:

* Funding for physician-led projects that will improve collaboration amongst facility-based physicians,

across divisions and/or departments; or between facility- based and community physicians.

* Funding will be used to address healthcare providers and patients’ experience of care, work environment, overall cost effectiveness.
* Projects that engage health authority leadership and/or other health professionals are encouraged.

PROJECTS CRITERIA

1. Ideas must provide opportunities to build relationships and effective communication across the physician community between or with any of the following:
   1. Medical disciplines
   2. Sites (VGH, UBCH, GF Strong and the Vancouver Community)
   3. Health authority leadership
2. Idea must address at least one of VPSA’s priorities for facility and community-based physicians by promoting:
   1. Physician engagement
   2. Improvement of patient and provider’s experience of care
   3. Strengthening physician’s leadership

Ideas involving health authority leadership or allied health professionals will garner stronger support. The expectation is that nurses and allied health staff will obtain “in kind support” (i.e. meeting hours being counted as part of weekly complement of hours) from Operations Director and/or clinical manager.

ELIGIBILITY

You must be a member in good standing, with no outstanding annual dues, with the Vancouver Medical Dental and Allied Staff Association.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1:

* Complete this application form for initial vetting by the VPSA Facility Engagement Projects Committee.

Step 2:

* Complete and submit a project charter and budget.
* **Final decision** will be madeby the VPSA Projects Committee and successful applicants will be notified within 2-4 weeks.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

* Complete brief bi-monthly reports on the project’s progress.
* Complete the project by February 28, 2021 and submit the final project report and evaluation survey within 4 weeks of project completion.

FUNDING

The funding is available for 12 months starting April 1, 2020. Full funding allotment will be conditional on projects progress and timely submission of bi-monthly reports.

Project funding can be used for the following:

* Physicians’ time to work on the project and participate in project activities
* Hiring expertise where required (i.e., data analysis, administrative assistance, etc.)
* Catering costs.

The funding cannot be used for the following:

* Compensation of clinicians, health authority employees, or contractors in the delivery of direct and indirect patient care.
* Physician research projects that are typically funded by research grants
* Paying physicians’ sessional time and expenses for required CME accredited clinical training.
* Purchase of clinical equipment
* Developing a website.
* Meeting attendance that is presently required as part of maintaining privileges.
* Transportation and/or parking, with the exception of expenses incurred by the project’s patient and family representatives.
* Quality assurance investigations, activities associated with members’ practice reviews, or standard department/division or facility quality assurance activities (e.g., morbidity and mortality rounds, case reviews).

HOW TO MAKE A SUBMISSION?

Complete the attached form and submit it to [labouzaid@vpsa.ca](mailto:labouzaid@vpsa.ca) by **November 25, 2019.** A confirmation of your submission will be sent to you. The VPSA Facility Engagement Projects Committee will review and shortlist applications.

The applicant may be asked to provide additional information if necessary. A notification of the status of the application will be provided within 2-4 weeks from date of submission.

2020 Engagement Accelerator Project Application

Vancouver Physician Staff Association

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| **1. Project Applicant** |
| **Project Title:**  Have you applied for or secured other funding? Yes No  If you answered “Yes” above, how much funding was received and from whom? how will this additional funding support your project?   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Submitting Department(s)/Division/Site (GFS, UBC, VGH, Vancouver Community)** |  | | **Principal Physician Applicant (Project Champion) information:** | | | Name: | Title: | | Email: | Phone: | | **Physician Co-lead information:** |  | | Name: | Title: | | Email: | Phone: | | **Name of Health Authority Project Sponsor**  **(Consult your Medical Director for most appropriate HA sponsor)** |  | | **Names of other participating physicians and/or medical staff** |  | | **Depending on Project:**  **Patient Representative (Community Engagement Advisory Network [CEAN])** |  | |
| **2. Project Description** |
| Describe the project you would like to implement in 500 words or less. Please make sure to briefly answer the following:   1. **What: Briefly** describe the project you would like to implement and the objective of the project. The objective should be SMART (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**elevant, **T**imely) 2. **Why:** Briefly explain the need for the project; Why is the project important? What problems or gaps will it address? How does your project meet one or more of the VPSA projects criteria? 3. **How:** briefly explain how you plan to achieve your project goal. What are the critical steps for completing this project? 4. Has this project been done elsewhere? If so, please elaborate |

Submit this form by **November 25, 2019** or send any questions you may have to: [labouzaid@vpsa.ca](mailto:labouzaid@vpsa.ca)