



Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) Community Program

Guideline for communities seeking to purchase equipment through community funding

During the implementation phase of the RCME Community Program, a number of requests have come forward from communities around the purchasing of equipment to connect virtually for collective learning.

Below is a guideline for communities that wish to use RCME Community funding to purchase equipment:

Eligible expenses

- Equipment purchases supporting the delivery and execution of collective learning within communities and across regions.
- Equipment that enables or enhances community RCME delivery and enables physicians to participate.
- The below are spending caps for purchasing equipment for community education:
 - \$2,000 per person (not to be used to enhance individual CME experiences but to increase community delivery and connection).
 - \$10,000 per community (larger communities may be eligible for a higher amount depending on size and equipment needed).

**Simulation equipment is excluded from the above spending caps.*

In-eligible expenses

- Business expenses related to office overhead.
- Capital equipment.

The RCME community team is supportive of physicians virtually learning but encourage physicians to utilize their individual RCME funds for individual purchases and/or work with their health authority for capital equipment for the ineligible expenses noted above.

For more information about RCME Community funding or eligibility, please contact RCME Community Program at rcme@rccbc.ca.