

# Specialist, Sub-specialty, Indigenous and Funding for Innovation (SPIFI)

## NEW RURAL RCME OPPORTUNITY!

### SPIFI provides groups of rural physicians up to \$10,000/year to facilitate the development of innovative education opportunities

*An initiative of the Rural Coordination Centre of BC's (RCCbc) Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME) Community Program*

RCCbc's RCME Community Program is pleased to make funding available to eligible groups of physicians living and working in RSA communities for planning, development and delivery of innovative community RCME educational opportunities not easily supported by RCME community funds. This funding is offered in addition to individual RCME and community RCME allocations. We recognize that specialists, family physicians with sub-specialties, and Indigenous communities require additional assistance and supports to:

- focus on RCME in areas with a low number of relevant learners;
- increase capacity to deliver health care services to indigenous communities, through collective learning activities; and
- support innovative delivery of, and approaches to community RCME.

SPIFI enables groups of physicians to form networks that are not based on geography so that they may collaboratively create and participate in innovative educational opportunities. These innovations will be evaluated and shared with healthcare providers throughout the province. All requests for funding will be reviewed by the RCME Community Program Team and developing committee for future consideration of provincial innovations.

#### Who may apply for SPIFI funding?

Applications may only be submitted by a **group** (approximately 4-6 physicians) OR a **collaborative of physicians from two (2) or more RSA communities**. Single applicants are not eligible for this funding.

SPIFI funds are available to groups of physicians who live and practice in an RSA community and whose proposal meets at least one of the following criteria:

1. Bringing other relevant learners together to address their collective learning needs.
2. Seeking to implement community RCME activities that are innovative in communities.
3. Engaging Indigenous communities in activities that improve health care provider response to local needs.
4. Includes geographically diverse communities.

Proposed activities must be consistent with the goal of addressing the communities' RCME needs in rural and remote communities. Applicant groups may apply for up to \$10,000 per fiscal year. Expenditures must be consistent with the criteria set out in the RCME Community Program. Reach out for more information and to learn about other funding available.

To be considered for SPIFI funding, we ask you to provide the following information about your proposal:

- a. Application form;
- b. Participant list including specialties and communities involved; and,
- c. Summary of cost/budget and other sources of funding supporting the activity.

#### Learn more

For more information or to request support during the application process, contact:

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