

## Joint Collaborative Committee Funding Opportunities - Vancouver Island\*

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Funding Stream	Initiative	Who Can Apply	Examples of Projects/ Use of Funds	Funding Guidelines	Provincial Contact	Local Contact
<b>General Practice Services Committee</b>						
	<a href="#">GPSC Incentives fees</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maternity work, in-patient care, long-term care, In patient care</li> </ul>	This is not funding per se, but incentives for providing longitudinal care to specific patient populations.	<a href="mailto:gpsc@doctorsofbc.ca">gpsc@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	South Island Division of Family Practice - info@sidfp.com Victoria Division of Family Practice - victoria@divisionsbc.ca
	<a href="#">Practice Support Program</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaching and mentoring, learning opportunities, and data tools such as panel management and patient experience tool</li> </ul>	PSP is jointly funded through Island Health and GPSC. Its funding is targeted towards practice improvement for community GPs and focus is currently on office workflows, technologies, and PCN/PMH initiatives.	<a href="mailto:psp@doctorsofbc.ca">psp@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:ryan.forsyth@viha.ca">ryan.forsyth@viha.ca</a>
	<a href="#">MC4BC: Maternity Care 4BC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for family doctors to strengthen their obstetrical knowledge and skills through hands-on experience, peer mentorship, and financial compensation</li> </ul>	A new initiative to provide supports to GPs who would like to incorporate maternity care into their practice.	<a href="mailto:gpsc.mc4bc@doctorsofbc.ca">gpsc.mc4bc@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:gpsc.mc4bc@doctorsofbc.ca">gpsc.mc4bc@doctorsofbc.ca</a>
	<a href="#">Pathways</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tool to help improve the process of family doctors referring patients to specialists and specialty clinics</li> </ul>	A resource for GPs and SPs for referrals, wait times, and literature. Patient view available. Not a funding source.	<a href="mailto:contactus@pathwaysbc.ca">contactus@pathwaysbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:victoria@pathwaysbc.ca">victoria@pathwaysbc.ca</a>
	<a href="#">Health Data Coalition</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and software: secure access to aggregated clinical data</li> </ul>	Non-profit organization to promote data sharing and use by BC physicians. Not a funding source.	<a href="mailto:info@hdcbc.ca">info@hdcbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:info@hdcbc.ca">info@hdcbc.ca</a>
	<a href="#">SFU leadership and management program</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leadership program for physicians already in or who plan to be in a leadership role within their division</li> </ul>	Ten-day leadership GP development program	<a href="mailto:divisions@doctorsofbc.ca">divisions@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:divisions@doctorsofbc.ca">divisions@doctorsofbc.ca</a>

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	<a href="#">Facility Engagement</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility based physicians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement between medical staff</li> <li>Engagement between medical staff and Health Authority</li> <li>Improvements in Patient Care</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Facility Engagement Website</a>  <a href="#">Facility Engagement Funding Guidelines</a>	<a href="#">your Facility Engagement Liaison MSA Websites</a>  <a href="mailto:engagement@doctorsofbc.ca">engagement@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	<a href="#">Local MSA Websites</a>
	<a href="#">Physician Quality Improvement</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility based physicians</li> </ul> <p><i>(Family physicians, specialists, NPs and midwives - NPs and midwives are not eligible for sessional payment)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Month training program (September to September) to support physicians to lead quality improvement projects (eligible for CPD/CME accreditation)</li> <li>Funding includes access to coordinator support, physician mentors, and data analyst as well as access to virtual and in-person workshops.</li> <li>Quality Improvement (QI) is best applied to improve existing systems and process where you have a great deal of flexibility in how a gap in care can be addressed. Focus is on improving existing processes and systems without net new resources.</li> </ul>	<p>Sessional funding for hours spent training and working on quality improvement projects. (Up to 168 hours at JCC rate)</p> <p>Requires a year-long commitment from the applicant as a learner with monthly time commitments (~15hrs/month), pre-reading, participation in cohort workshops and key milestone deliverables.</p> <p>All applications require an Executive Sponsor that oversees the area of proposed project focus.</p> <p>Application process is competitive.</p> <a href="#">PQI FAQs</a>	<p>Aman Hundal, Portfolio Liaison, <a href="mailto:Aman.Hundal@doctorsofbc.ca">Aman Hundal ahundal@doctorsofbc.ca</a></p>	<p>VIHA - Jennie Aitken, Manager PQI   Bastian Weitzel, PQI Program Associate</p> <p><a href="mailto:PQI@viha.ca">PQI@viha.ca</a></p> <p><a href="#">Island Health Medical Staff Website: PQI Page</a></p>
	<a href="#">Physician Quality Improvement Fundamentals</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility based physicians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning program to learn fundamentals of Quality Improvement. (2x 4 hour sessions held over 2 days each year)</li> <li>Training program for those interested in QI but who cannot commit to the full year training program.</li> </ul>	<p>Sessional payments for fully-licensed GPs and SPs eligible for up to 8 hours.</p> <p>Offered once yearly, usually in February/March.</p> <p>Day 1 must be attended before you can attend Day 2</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Aman.Hundal@doctorsofbc.ca">Aman Hundal ahundal@doctorsofbc.ca</a></p>	<p>VIHA - Jennie Aitken, Manager PQI   Bastian Weitzel, PQI Program Associate</p> <p><a href="mailto:PQI@viha.ca">PQI@viha.ca</a></p>

<a href="#">Enhancing Access Initiative</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialist cohorts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of central intake/ pooled referral systems</li> <li>Related activities include transition costs to implement an EMR, project manager/ coordinator costs, branding services, training for specialists and MOAs, engaging with GPs to improve communication/ referral processes</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Enhanced Access FAQs</a>	<p><a href="#">Garth Vatkin, Initiative Lead</a> gvatkin@doctorsofbc.ca</p> <p>Andrea McMaster Project Coordinator amcmaster@doctorsofbc.ca</p>	
<a href="#">Surgical Patient Optimization Collaborative (SPOC)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> <li>Specialists</li> <li>Other health care providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within a collaborative methodology (15 teams enrolled) improve assessment and management of patients with complex conditions to reduce adverse events, increase patient and caregiver satisfaction, and improve post-operative outcomes</li> </ul>	Participating physicians, allied health and project manager funded for participation in the Collaborative	<a href="#">Geoff Schierbeck</a> gschierbeck@doctorsofbc.ca	
<a href="#">Physician Leadership and Quality Improvement Training</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>leadership and quality improvement courses or programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active physicians can receive up to \$10,000 per physician per year for actual tuition fees and travel costs</li> </ul>	<a href="#">JCCtraining@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	
<a href="#">SSC Fee Guides</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase capacity, better coordinate care and improve patient access and care through use of SSC Fees</li> </ul>	SSC Fee Guides	<a href="#">Lea Harth, Fee Guide Advisor</a> lharth@doctorsofbc.ca	

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<b>Shared Care Committee</b>						
	<a href="#">Coordinating Complex Care for Older Adults</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialists</li> <li>GPs</li> <li>Other health care providers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polypharmacy</li> <li>Referral protocols and communication</li> <li>Coordinated care plans and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p>A Shared Care initiative prioritizing management and coordination of GP/Specialist care for older adults with complex conditions. Applications for the Expression of Interest (EOI) phase can be submitted July 2 2021, July 30 2021, Aug 27 2021, Oct 1 2021, Oct 29 2021 and Nov 26 2021.</p> <p>The EOI form can be found here:  <a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/sites/default/files/SCC%20-%20Template%20-%20Project%20Funding%20Request%20-%20V21.01.21.docx">https://sharedcarebc.ca/sites/default/files/SCC%20-%20Template%20-%20Project%20Funding%20Request%20-%20V21.01.21.docx</a> More information can be found here: <a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/funding-guidelines">https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/funding-guidelines</a></p> <p>Priorities for funding include: 1) medication management 2) referral protocols and communication and 3) coordinated care plans and responsibilities</p>	<a href="#">Katie Purych, Project Coordinator</a> kpurych@doctorsofbc.ca	<a href="#">Katie Purych, Project Coordinator</a> kpurych@doctorsofbc.ca
	<a href="#">Partners in Care / Transitions in Care</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> <li>Specialists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordination of care for patients among providers and between care settings</li> <li>Emphasis is on making improvements at community level, with potential for spread regionally or provincially</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/funding-guidelines">https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/funding-guidelines</a></p> <p>The EOI form can be found here:  <a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/sites/default/files/SCC%20-%20Template%20-%20Project%20Funding%20Request%20-%20V21.01.21.docx">https://sharedcarebc.ca/sites/default/files/SCC%20-%20Template%20-%20Project%20Funding%20Request%20-%20V21.01.21.docx</a></p>	<a href="#">shared_care@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	<a href="#">shared_care@doctorsofbc.ca</a>
	<a href="#">Polypharmacy Risk Reduction</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> <li>Specialists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>reduce risks of polypharmacy in elderly community, acute, residential care</li> </ul>	Not a funding opportunity but rather resources for physicians	<a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/resources/polypharmacy-risk-reduction">https://sharedcarebc.ca/resources/polypharmacy-risk-reduction</a>	<a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/resources/polypharmacy-risk-reduction">https://sharedcarebc.ca/resources/polypharmacy-risk-reduction</a>
	<a href="#">Spread Networks</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPs</li> <li>Specialists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share resources, tools, successful approaches for adult mental health and substance use, chronic pain, coordinating complex care for older adults, maternity, palliative care</li> </ul>	Submitting an application through one of the Shared Care initiatives above grants access to the Spread Network in that particular topic. <a href="http://www.sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/funding-guidelines">http://www.sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/funding-guidelines</a>	<a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/spread-networks">https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/spread-networks</a>	<a href="https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/spread-networks">https://sharedcarebc.ca/our-work/spread-networks</a>

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Jointly funded by GPSC, SSC, SCC						
	<a href="#">Health System Redesign</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialists</li> <li>GPs</li> <li>Midwives and NPs can apply but will not receive sessional payments.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>System redesign projects selected by the HA for work within a health authority or community.</li> <li>Standardization of Patient Care Plans, Infrastructure Design/Redesign, Discharge and Care Planning/Transition planning, Improvements to utilization and flow.</li> <li><a href="#">Examples of VIHA approved projects for 2021/22 can be found on the Island Health Medical Staff Website.</a></li> </ul>	<p>Sessional time and expenses for physicians to engage in HA-selected system improvement projects.</p> <p>Funding is HA-led, physicians must consult with Island Health program leadership before applying and are encouraged to connect with their program director to co-develop application materials.</p> <p>Post-funding sustainability is a critical component.</p> <p>Applications are accepted annually and unspent funds may be reallocated to different projects.</p>	<p>VCH - Laura Muljiani <a href="mailto:Laura.Muljiani@vch.ca">Laura.Muljiani@vch.ca</a>; Eva Jackson <a href="mailto:Eva.Jackson@vch.ca">Eva.Jackson@vch.ca</a> IH - Benjamin Rhebergen <a href="mailto:Bemjamin.rhebergen@interiorhealth.ca">Bemjamin.rhebergen@interiorhealth.ca</a> FH - Jag Sandhu <a href="mailto:Jag.sandhu@fraserhealth.ca">Jag.sandhu@fraserhealth.ca</a> NH - Janice Paterson <a href="mailto:Janice.paterson@northernhealth.ca">Janice.paterson@northernhealth.ca</a> VIHA - Deborah Bartley <a href="mailto:Deborah.bartley@viha.ca">Deborah.bartley@viha.ca</a> PHSA - Yuriko Ryan <a href="mailto:yuriko.ryan@phsa.ca">yuriko.ryan@phsa.ca</a></p>	<p>VIHA - Deborah Bartley <a href="mailto:Deborah.bartley@viha.ca">Deborah.bartley@viha.ca</a></p>

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Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues						
	<a href="#">Rural programs</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural physicians</li> <li>Rural locums (with some exceptions)</li> <li>Residents</li> </ul>	<p>There are many Rural Programs that provide incentives to rural physicians, each with their own set of criteria and complexities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Isolation Allowance Fund (IAF)</b></li> <li><b>Rural Retention Program (RRP)</b> - annual retention benefits paid to physicians</li> <li><b>Individual Rural Continuing Medical Education (RCME)</b> - participation in medical education to update and enhance skills and credentials required for rural practice.</li> <li><b>Recruitment Incentive Fund (RIF)</b> - financial incentives to fill vacancies that are part of a HA Physician Supply Plan.</li> <li><b>Recruitment Contingency Fund (RCF)</b> - assistance to RSA communities with recruiting expenses where 1) recruitment is expected to be difficult and 2) failure to fill vacancy in a timely manner will have a significant impact on delivery of medical care required by the HA Physician Supply Plan.</li> <li><b>Rural Emergency Enhancement Fund (REEF)</b> - funds to encourage reliable public access to emergency services in rural HA designated EDs serviced by fee-for-service physicians.</li> <li><b>Supervisors of Provisionally Licensed Physicians (SPLP)</b> - support for supervising physicians who spend a significant amount of time assessing knowledge, competencies, and clinical skills of rural physicians with provisional licenses.</li> </ul>	<p>To be eligible for any/all of the rural incentive programs, physicians <b>must be residing and working in an eligible rural community (RSA) for a minimum of 9 months</b> and this commitment must be outlined in their hiring letter/letter of offer. This applies to locums and permanent positions.</p> <p>Individual RCME funding is ongoing, there are no deadlines to apply for funds.</p> <p><a href="#">Rural Programs Guide provided by MoH and DoBC</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rural Emergency Enhancement Fund (REEF) Policy</a></p>	<p><a href="mailto:HLTH.RuralPrograms@gov.bc.ca">HLTH.RuralPrograms@gov.bc.ca</a> for General Information on Rural Programs</p>	<p><a href="#">Antoinette Picone, Liaison RCME Community Program, Island Health (RCbc) - contact for individual RCME funding.</a> <a href="mailto:Antoinette.Picone@viha.ca">Antoinette.Picone@viha.ca</a> <a href="#">Theresa Yuja, Rural Programs Liaison (Non-educational funds).</a> <a href="mailto:Theresa.Yuja@VIHA.CA">Theresa.Yuja@VIHA.CA</a></p> <p><a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/physician-compensation/rural-practice-programs">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/physician-compensation/rural-practice-programs</a></p> <p><a href="#">Rural Programs Guide provided by MoH and DoBC</a></p>

<a href="#">Northern and Isolation Travel Assistance Outreach Program</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physicians visiting eligible rural and isolated communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel assistance for approved physicians to visit eligible rural and isolated communities to provide medical services</li> </ul>	Reimbursement will be paid to physicians upon submission of Application for Expenses form: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/2804fil.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/2804fil.pdf</a> . Applications are due before	<a href="mailto:HLTH.RuralPrograms@gov.bc.ca">HLTH.RuralPrograms@gov.bc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:HLTH.RuralPrograms@gov.bc.ca">HLTH.RuralPrograms@gov.bc.ca</a>
<a href="#">Rural Education Action Plan REAP</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural physicians</li> <li>Rural locums</li> <li>Residents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational Opportunities</li> <li>CME/CPD</li> <li>Cultural Safety Training</li> <li>Rural skills upgrade</li> <li>Advanced skills and training</li> <li>Rural leadership development project</li> <li>Undergrad teaching stipend and postgraduate resident experience.</li> </ul>	Consists of 8 programs targeted to rural physicians, each with its own set of criteria. Visit the REAP site for more details. Additional programs and funds are targets for Learners (Medical Students) and Residents.	<a href="mailto:REAP@familymed.ubc.ca">REAP@familymed.ubc.ca</a>  Claims: <a href="mailto:benefits@doctorsofbc.ca">benefits@doctorsofbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:Antoinette.Picone@viha.ca">Antoinette.Picone@viha.ca</a>  Antoinette Picone, Liaison RCME Community Program, Island Health (RCCbc)  <a href="#">Visit the website.</a> ( <a href="https://rccbc.ca/rccbc/about-reap/">https://rccbc.ca/rccbc/about-reap/</a> ) for specific program details. Physicians have to contact REAP staff for required applications.
<a href="#">Rural Continuing Medical Education Community Program</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural physicians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds to support community CME</li> <li>Funds to support innovative CME activity through <a href="#">SPIFI Initiative</a></li> <li>Addresses needs of local physicians and their teams for collective learning</li> <li>Enables activities that address the health care service needs of the community</li> <li>Supports development of CanMEDS roles</li> <li>RCME Community Program funding is separate from RCME funding for individuals.</li> <li>Requires involvement of specialists and generalists in decision making (unless no specialists are part of the community).</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Rural Coordination Centre of BC</a>  <b>Funds are not for payments to physicians for participating in CME activities.</b>  Funding is ongoing and there is no deadlines to apply for funds, with the exception of SPIFI funds (SPIFI funds must be used within a fiscal period Apr 1 to Mar 31) No community gets fewer than \$5,000 or more than \$180K in annual allocation. For utilization by RSA communities only.  Applications for SPIFI funds may be submitted by a group (4-6 physicians) or a collaborative of physicians from 2 or more RSA communities.  Eligible expenses include accreditation, attendee and speaker travel/accommodation, catering, coordination, equipment, honorarium/sessionals (speakers and course preparation), meeting expenses, RCME physician lead planning activities, registration course fees, and venue/room rental. RCME physician leads in consultation with their local CPD governance structure provide the final approval over funding usage. (HAS have no oversight, they simply act as fund Community requirements, available funding and allocations are reviewed and revalidated annually.	<a href="mailto:Heather.Gummow@rccbc.ca">Heather Gummow, Provincial Manager</a> <a href="mailto:hgummow@rccbc.ca">hgummow@rccbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:Antoinette.Picone@viha.ca">Antoinette.Picone@viha.ca</a>  Antoinette Picone, Liaison RCME Community Program, Island Health (RCCbc)  As the liaison for RCME Community Program, Antoinette facilitates funding and can connect interested parties with the lead for the community and the fund request form.
<a href="#">Locums for Rural BC</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Locums in rural communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and assistance for locums to cover accommodation costs, travel, meals, car rental or mileage.</li> </ul>	All expense claims should be submitted to the Locums for Rural BC office using this form: <a href="http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/2805fil.pdf">http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/forms/2805fil.pdf</a>	<a href="mailto:info@locumsruralbc.ca">info@locumsruralbc.ca</a>	<a href="mailto:info@locumsruralbc.ca">info@locumsruralbc.ca</a>

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