

JDRF CANADA MENTAL HEALTH AND T1D COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

OVERVIEW & OBJECTIVES

One of the primary objectives of JDRF Canada's Mental Health strategy is to drive development of new community-facing programs that will support and improve mental health and wellness in the type 1 diabetes (T1D) community. Launching in 2023, the **JDRF Canada Mental Health and T1D Community Grants Program** is an incubator initiative that will provide seed funding to organizations ready to transform innovative ideas into successful projects designed to support the mental health and wellness of people living with T1D and their informal caregivers (including parents or guardians, grandparents, partners, and other support networks).

The maximum amount per grant is \$20,000. Up to \$100,000 CAD is available through the 2023 JDRF Canada Mental Health and T1D Community Grants Program. Grants will be a maximum of 18 months in length, with all project activities expected to be completed in that window.

Support to the T1D community may be provided in a variety of different formats. Projects may take myriad forms including but not limited to:

- access and navigation guidance for mental health systems and supports
- activity-based or creative programming
- education
- mentorship
- peer support
- resources
- workshops, conferences, or events
- other innovative programs

These supports may be delivered in person and/or virtually.

The T1D community is diverse and includes many subgroups with varying psychosocial needs and challenges. Ideas for initiatives and community support projects that specifically target a high-need subgroup of people within the T1D community are particularly encouraged. Projects with a mental health promotion or prevention focus are also encouraged. Competitive proposals will demonstrate strong rationale for the appropriateness of the proposed project and its format of delivery for the target audience.

This funding opportunity is **not** intended to support:

- research
- programs that provide support within the health care system (e.g., subsidizing therapy by a mental health professional); however, collaboration with mental health professionals in development of programs is welcome.
- maintenance of a pre-existing or ongoing program with a mental health focus. Development of a new program, or expansion/adaptation of an existing program to include a mental health and/or T1D focus will be eligible.

FUNDING OPPORUNITY TIMELINE

- **Program Launch**..... May 31, 2023
- **Registration Deadline**..... August 11th, 2023 (5pm ET)
- **Application Deadline**..... Sept 11th, 2023 (5pm ET)
- **Applicants Notified of Funding Decision**..... Oct 31, 2023
- **Earliest Anticipated Start Date**..... Nov 15, 2023

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible organizations may submit one application to this opportunity as the lead organization. In addition, organizations may serve as co-applicants on other submissions.

Canadian organizations of the following types may apply:

- non-profit organization
- registered charity
- municipality
- Indigenous organizations including: band council, tribal council, or self-government entity
- research organization or institute
- educational institution
- publicly funded health and social services institution

A given organization may only submit one application. If an application is submitted by more than one organization for a partnered initiative, a single organization must take the role of lead for the purposes of the application.

Project Eligibility

To be considered for funding, the project should meet the following requirements:

- Aim to support or improve the mental health or wellness of people living with T1D and their informal caregivers (including parents or guardians, grandparents, partners, and other support networks);
- Project activities must occur in Canada;
- Include active and ongoing engagement of the T1D community;
- Be a well-defined project that has measurable outcomes and impact;
- Have a description and general understanding of the necessary processes and resources needed to implement and disseminate the program; and
- Applications must be submitted in either English or French; projects may be delivered in any language as appropriate for your target audience.
- **Must not** be a formal research study or require Research Ethics Board approval to carry out.
- **Must not** claim to give professional, medical, or clinical advice to people without documented oversight by a registered health care professional.
- **Must not** be used solely to purchase equipment or used for professional lobbying of elected or regulatory officials or fundraising activities.

JDRF values diversity among teams and among the projects it supports; projects that take an inclusive approach as well as projects that address the specific needs of a specific sub-group of the population are encouraged.

Potential applicants may contact us at grants@JDRF.ca to confirm organizational or project eligibility for the program.

ACCESSIBILITY

We are committed to providing an inclusive, barrier-free application process. Please advise if you require any accommodation measures to ensure you will be able to apply. Information received relating to accommodation requests will be treated with confidentiality.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

We encourage all applications to send an email to register interest in this funding opportunity to grants@jdrf.ca no later than 5.00pm ET on **11 August 2023**. The registration email should include:

- the name of organization;
- project title; and
- a short (less than 200 words) summary of the planned project.

JDRF staff will confirm receipt of the registration within 3 business days. If there are concerns about organizational or project eligibility, they will be communicated with the applicant.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Prospective applicants should submit an application using the template provided.

Full applications must be submitted via email to grants@jdrf.ca by **5:00pm ET** on **Sept 11, 2023**. Registration is not required in order to submit a full application.

JDRF will confirm receipt of registrations and applications via email within 3 working days of the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact JDRF if a confirmation email is not received.

An application will be considered incomplete if it fails to comply with the instructions, or if the submitted material is insufficient to permit adequate review. Late applications will not be accepted.

REVIEW PROCESS & EVALUATION CRITERIA

All applications will be evaluated through a review process. A review panel will make recommendations to JDRF staff who will make final decisions on funding. Funding of grants is based on the score awarded to each application and the recommendation of the review panel. All grants are contingent upon the availability of funds.

Key evaluation criteria include:

- Potential for impact on mental health or wellness
- Engagement and involvement of the T1D community in the program
- Appropriateness of the program format for meeting the needs of the target audience
- Strength of project metrics
- Innovation
- Feasibility
- Opportunity for sustainability and scale-up



GRANT FUNDING & REQUIREMENTS

Grants will be subject to a JDRF funding agreement. Applicants are encouraged to review the terms of the funding agreement prior to submitting an application. The template funding agreement is available.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Enquiries regarding suitability of a specific proposal may be addressed to:

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ABOUT JDRF CANADA:

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to people of all ages with this disease, JDRF is now the largest charitable supporter of T1D research. The goal of JDRF research is to improve the lives of all people affected by T1D by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating, and preventing T1D. JDRF collaborates with a wide spectrum of partners who share this goal. For more information, visit jdrf.ca.