



Healthy Children Initiative

Criteria and Guidelines

The goal of the Healthy Children Initiative (HCI) is healthy children growing up in strong, supportive families within caring communities.

This initiative supports communities in developing or enhancing programs for the prenatal period to age 6 for children and their families with an emphasis on providing early intervention programs and supportive services.

Ideally, organizations in each community will work together to submit one proposal for the whole community. This would show that the proposal is indeed what the community wants and not just a small group in the community. Proposals can have more than one project within them.

Proposals will be accepted from all non-profit organizations in good standing with Nunavut Legal Registries, organizations such as the local District Education Authorities and Municipalities, Nunavut Arctic College and family day homes.

HCI has two pots of money – Community Initiatives and Supportive Child Services.

- **Community Initiatives** provide funding for the enhancement or development of early childhood programs and services for children 0 – 6 years of age and their families. This may include family resource centres, parenting workshops, prenatal nutrition, parent & tot groups, etc.
- **Supportive Child Services** provides funding on an individual basis for children requiring intensive support or specific assistance. This may include supported childcare, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and supports, and supports to enable children to attend centre-based early childhood programs.

HCI Criteria

- For children from prenatal to 6 years of age and their families
- Family-centred, parents involved in the programs
- Culturally relevant
- Builds on existing strengths of child, parents & community
- Does not duplicate existing services, but enhances them
- Inter-agency approach
- Community driven

Proposal must include the following information:

- What is the project? Explain in detail.
- Who will participate in this project?
- How will it improve existing services and programs?
- What groups/organizations are involved? Who will be running this project?
- Why the project is needed?
- How will you know if the project is a success?
- A detailed budget

Guidelines for HCI Proposals

- Community initiative funding is for programs that can be accessed by the majority of the target group of prenatal to 6 years of age & their families.
- Supportive Services funding is for individual children with special needs (a note from a Health Professional may be required)
- Elder’s honorarium – maximum of \$75/half day – up to 4 hours
- Elder’s honorarium – maximum of \$150/full-day – more than 4 hours
- Administration fees – maximum of 10%
- Wages for Teachers/Coordinators – maximum of up to \$25.00/hour
- Employee benefits – maximum of 12%

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