Tests of Change Funding Excerpt

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"We committed during the TECHNATION session held on September 27th, to provide more details on these application-based opportunities. Please see below for an excerpt on the funding objective and requirements for the "Tests of Change" funding envelope:

Funding Objectives

·   Supporting OHT-led projects that align with health system recovery and OHT development priorities.

·   Creating opportunities for health system innovators that are committed to transformative change.

·   Testing digitally-enabled innovations that have the potential to significantly improve patient access, experience, and population health outcomes.

·   Measuring and evaluating innovations against Quadruple Aim objectives to determine the potential for spread and scale.

·   Facilitating collaboration and knowledge exchange across OHTs and regions.

Project Requirements - All proposals must:

·   Be led by an OHT, In Development Team or health care organization who would agree to sign a funding agreement with Ontario Health that includes performance targets and reporting requirements.

·   Be on the standard application template which is available via OHTs.

·   Demonstrate alignment with one or more health system or OHT priorities outlined below;

Innovation Theme	OHT Priorities
Population Health	· Design a proactive program based on risk stratification for a population cohort e.g., mental health and addictions, chronic disease, or frail seniors) · Design upstream engagement strategies, such as a screening, prevention, and disease self-management program, for a target population
Next Generation Care	· Increase patient access to the appropriate level of care · Improve patient safety and quality of care · Transform care coordination, transitions, and recovery at home
Person-Centred Digital Health	· Enable patient self-management · Improve patient-reported experience and outcome measures

·   Propose a new or enhanced program or service that involves an innovative use of technology, data, or clinical process re-design to transform health care delivery;

·   Provide a theory of change that describes what problem your proposed innovation is intended to solve. Applicants should include any available primary or secondary evidence supporting the change theory;

·   Provide one or more quantifiable performance measures and associated targets;

·   Provide a proposed 18-month implementation plan up to March 31, 2023, with key milestones for each project phase. See project implementation guidelines below;

·   Provide a proposed budget for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23;

·   Provide an estimate of the number of patients and caregivers that can be supported;

·   Be willing to participate in an evaluation;

·   Be reviewed, submitted, and endorsed by the OH region; and

·   Acknowledge that funding is only available for FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23

There are other funding opportunities available, and OHTs have been well advised of these opportunities.

The program planning and funding application process is intentionally very OHT driven. The goal is for OHTs to champion and drive their own digital maturity, bring together their health service provider organizations, and bring forward applications that they feel have a strong value add for the models of care they want to deliver for their target populations. OHTs have access to the required application materials.

We encourage vendors to continue to work with OHTs who may want to champion the inclusion of their solutions in their models of care.

Meanwhile, we continue to look at opportunities for OHTs to learn more about the vendor landscape and the solutions that may be available to support their digital maturity and their desired patient outcomes.

Best regards,

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