

Knowledge Exchange Webinar: Our Collaborative Granting Approach

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a partnership:

Child/Youth e-Mental Health Impact Grant *Subvention pour les nouvelles technologies en santé mentale pour enfants et jeunes*

3 grants @ \$100,000
application process currently open;
grants to be awarded in June 2020

Who We Are

We are a national charity dedicated to improving the lives of Canadians living with mental illness, their families and caregivers, by advancing impact-focused mental health knowledge and research

What We Do

- We **listen to stakeholders**
- We **collaborate with partners**
- We fill **knowledge gaps** and avoid duplication

Collaborative Granting Process

- like minded partner
- focus on impact/viability
- our predecessor org used a peer review process; we use broad based Project Advisory Teams:
 - partner org/people with lived experience/research expertise/innovators/service providers

Examples of Our Work:

Workplace Mental Health Initiative:

- WorkplaceMH.ca (knowledge sharing: resources)
- Stakeholder engagement sessions in various provinces (NL/Lab: March 26)
- April 15th – Workplace MH Day

Funding Global Research:

- Co-funding Canada's work in a global study on mental health research

Recently funded projects (\$50K each):

- Harry Potter: Prison of Azkaban - Teaching coping mechanisms to schoolers through literature
- BOOST therapy for reducing suicidal thoughts and behaviors in early psychosis

Currently open for applications:

- (3 grants of \$100K each : child and youth mental health digital and e-solutions)



About Us



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MISSION

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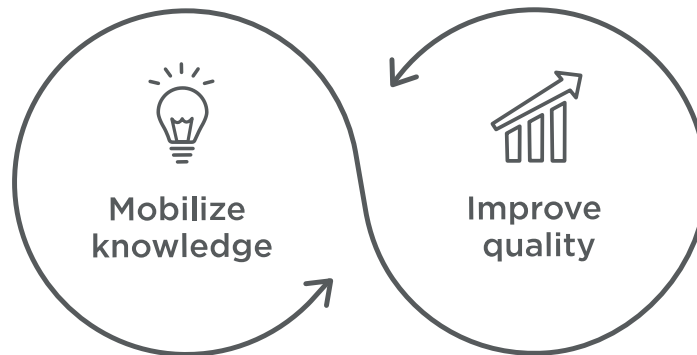
VISION

The best mental health and well-being for every child, youth and family.

VALUES

Accountable • Authentic • Collaborative • Inclusive • Innovative
Passionate • Strategic

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019-21



AGE RANGES



Early years
Birth to ~6 years



Middle years
~7-11 years



Teen years
~12-18 years



Transition age
~19-25 years

FOCUS AREAS



Primary care/
care pathways



Youth and family
engagement



Digital/
e-mental health



System
initiatives



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Call for Proposals closes April 5th

The identified research challenge:

Explore the use of technology to enhance or support mental health for Ontario's children, youth and families

- ✓ Applications will be accepted in both official languages;
- ✓ Can be out of province but seeking to impact Ontario via partnership with Ontario agency
- ✓ Team application: out of province representation welcomed and encouraged

Who can apply for the grants:

The **co-principal investigators** must be landed immigrants/Canadian citizens and include:

- A researcher/academic OR an innovator who leads the development of digital/e-mental health solutions **AND**
- A leader or member of one of **Ontario's lead or core service providing agencies** *(those which receive funding from the Ministry of Health for children's mental health programming)*

In addition, the **team** must include **ALL** of the following:

- A **child, youth and/or family member** who has received services from these community-based agencies
- A **researcher/academic** (if not already represented as a co-principal investigator).

Project Advisory Group

- Engaged in advising the entire process from pre-call for proposals including assessment process and tools
- Composition reflects broad perspectives: research, youth, people with lived experience; service delivery
- Evaluating proposals on their **relevance, merit, and potential for impact**

Members

- John Trainor, *University of Toronto; MHRC*
- Colleen McDowell, *IBM Canada*
- Mandi Newton, *University of Alberta*
- Alan Leschied, *Western University*
- Brett Recollet, *The Centre Youth Advisory*
- Teri Thomas-Vanos, *Chatham-Kent Children's Services*
- Natalie Markoff, *Parents' Lifeline of Eastern Ontario*



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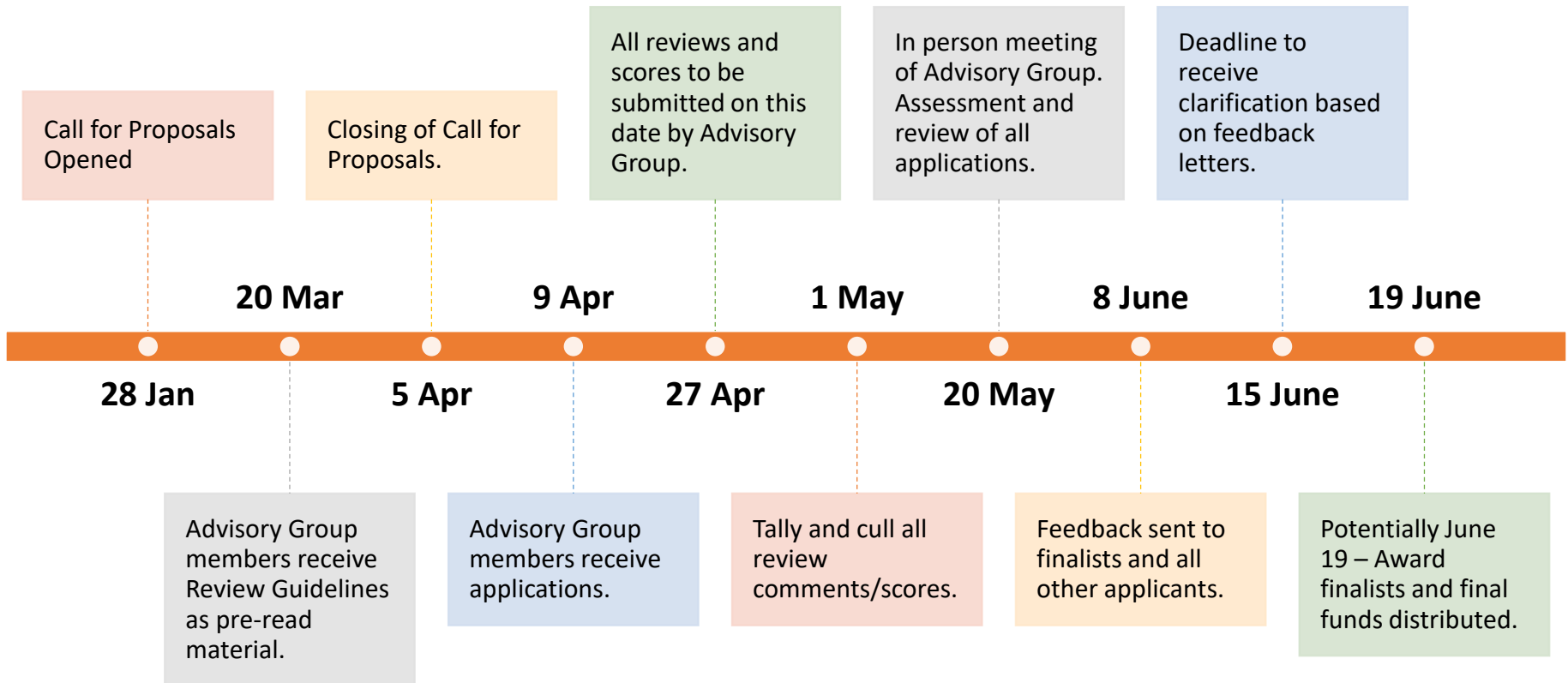
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Timeline

development work: fall 2019
proposal call screened by Project Advisory Group
12 – 18month projects



Vetting of Process/Call for Proposals and Evaluation of Proposals

- Group review and conference calls for discussion
- Weighted categories to assess and evaluate proposals
- Extensive questions to guide scoring under each of the following categories:

CRITERIA

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| • Relevance/Need | 20% |
| • Merit of the Proposed Solution | 50% |
| • Potential for Impact | 30% |



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Thank you for the opportunity to share!

Questions/discussion...

if interested in partnering with ON agency on grant application,
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