

## The Alberta Precision Health Initiative (APHI) Development Grant

### Frequently Asked Questions

This document provides a summary of the questions that Alberta Innovates and Genome Alberta have received on the Alberta Precision Health Initiative (APHI) Development Grant and the responses. This document will be updated regularly to reflect the questions received to date. We have updated the Program Guide with the clarifications that are shown here and they are highlighted as updated information.

If you have questions about the Alberta Precision Health Initiative, please contact Disa Brownfield via email at [Disa.Brownfield-Walker@albertainnovates.ca](mailto:Disa.Brownfield-Walker@albertainnovates.ca) or by phone at 780-429-9329.

#### **Why are the eligible expenditures not as clearly defined as we have seen in other funding opportunities?**

The goal of the opportunity is to enhance Alberta's competitiveness in securing partnerships in national and international precision health funding opportunities. We want to provide teams with funds to undertake activities that improve the value proposition for national and international partners to invest in the team's precision health research.

The APHI Development Grant aims to provide the teams with flexibility, allowing them to identify the specific engagement activities needed to improve their value proposition and define the cost of these activities. This is a different approach than what we have taken in the past and we understand that the lack of specificity of eligible costs can be challenging, but we want to give the teams the opportunity to tell us what they need to be successful.

If you have questions about eligible expenditures please contact Disa Brownfield via email at [Disa.Brownfield-Walker@albertainnovates.ca](mailto:Disa.Brownfield-Walker@albertainnovates.ca) or by phone at 780-429-9329.

### **Can you provide more clarity on ineligible expenses?**

- *APHI Development Grant funds are not eligible to be used to generate new biological data.* Therefore, costs associated with the performance of wet lab work are not eligible expenditures for the A PHI Development Grant.
- Activities related to the generation of new data such as sample collection, cohort maintenance or sequencing are not eligible.

### **Why is the timeline for the A PHI Development Grant so short?**

Genome Canada's 2017 Large-Scale Applied Research Project (LSARP) Competition in Genomics and Precision Health is expected to launch in January 2017 with a registration deadline of March 2017. We hope to provide support and resources to successful A PHI Development Grant recipients should they apply to the LSARP competition.

### **Are teams who receive the A PHI Development Grant required to apply to the 2017 LSARP competition?**

No. The A PHI Development Grant is trying to position Alberta teams for success in future funding opportunities. This is not limited to the LSARP competition and there is no requirement for A PHI teams to apply to this competition.

### **Is the full application form available? How long will the full application be?**

No. The full application form is not yet available. It will build on the registration form, i.e. applicants will provide more details on many of the same elements as the registration form. We are trying to balance collecting the information required by the peer review committee to make an informed decision on the application with the burden placed on the applicants in providing that information.

**Are grants expected to be provincial, national or international in nature? Is an international team more competitive?**

There is no requirement for teams to be national or international in nature. However, we encourage teams for the APhi Development Grant to look beyond their individual institution and to be, at a minimum, provincial in nature. Teams who are international are not more competitive by default. Our key message is that teams should include high quality individuals from across the sectors who will contribute meaningfully to the initiative regardless of their geographical location.

Teams should provide evidence that their proposed activities lead, extend, and/or complement national and international initiatives in the identified area.

**Can the Lead for the APhi Development Grant be from an institution outside of Alberta?**

Yes. However, if the Lead is from an institution outside of Alberta there must be at least one Co-Lead that is associated with an Alberta-based university or public Alberta institution.

**Would these funds be eligible as co-funding for the Large Scale Applied Research Project (LSARP) competition?**

Yes, Alberta Innovates funding is eligible as co-funding for the LSARP competition.

**Is co-funding required for the APhi Development Grant?**

No. Co-funding is not required for this initiative.