



PAO Community Pediatrics Grants for Innovation and Advocacy

The Pediatricians Alliance of Ontario (PAO) is excited to launch six grants of up to \$5,000 each to support practicing Ontario community pediatricians in developing innovative healthcare delivery models and advocacy projects that enhance children's health. These grants aim to foster collaboration between pediatricians and community institutions, address social determinants of health, and engage pediatricians across Ontario, with a focus on ensuring equitable access in underserved and rural areas. Grants will be distributed proportionally across six regions of Ontario based on the number of applicants per region, and funding will be awarded based on project quality and geographic representation.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

1. **Relevance & Alignment:** Project aligns with one or more of PAO's five priority areas:
 - Mental Health
 - Healthy & Active Living
 - Vaccinations
 - Literacy
 - Transition of Care
2. **Innovation & Creativity:** The project introduces new ideas, methods, or approaches to pediatric healthcare.
3. **Feasibility & Implementation:** The project has a clear, realistic plan for execution within the proposed timeline and budget.
4. **Impact & Sustainability:** The project demonstrates potential for long-term impact on children's healthcare beyond the grant period.
5. **Budget & Resource Allocation:** Funds are allocated in a clear, justified manner with efficient use of resources.
6. **Measurable Outcomes & Evaluation:** The project includes defined success metrics and a plan for measuring outcomes.
7. **Collaboration & Stakeholder Engagement:** The project involves partners, institutions, or community groups to maximize impact.

Submission Guidelines

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Project Proposal:** Including a summary, objectives, methodology, and expected impact.
2. **Budget Breakdown:** Detailed allocation of grant funds.
3. **CV or Biography**
4. **Optional:** Letter(s) of support from a relevant institution, community partner, or colleague.

Successful applicants will be expected to implement their funded project as outlined in the application, provide a summary report detailing the project's outcomes and impact six to 12 months after the grant has been awarded, and share their insights and results through PAO communications. All applications must be submitted via email to pedsontario@gmail.com by **July 31, 2025**.