



**SQUAMISH - LILLOOET
REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Policies & Procedures Manual

Policy No. 8.2 (BP- Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Funding Policy for Non-Traditional Projects)

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Purpose

The purpose of the Policy is to provide the Board with principles and guidelines to assist in planning and decision-making regarding the capital funding of NTPs within the service area of the SSRHD, and to clarify for community agencies the process and requirements for NTP funding eligibility.

Background

The Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District (SSRHD) Board endorses the use of SSRHD funds to contribute towards the capital costs of non-traditional healthcare facilities.

Traditional healthcare projects funded by the SSRHD involve facilities owned by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCH) used primarily for the reception and treatment of persons:

- (a) suffering from the acute phase of illness or disability;
- (b) convalescing from or being rehabilitated after acute illness or injury; or
- (c) requiring extended care at a higher level than that generally provided in a private hospital.

Non-Traditional Projects (NTPs) is a category that supports the provision of community-based healthcare services by not-for-profit agencies (other than VCH) for facilities providing: i) primary healthcare; and ii) residential-types of care.

Strategic Context

Consistent with the authority of the SSRHD to provide capital for 'hospital projects', and recognizing that social resilience and wellbeing are vital elements of a healthy and sustainable region in support of the *SLRD Integrated Sustainability Plan*, the NTP Fund contributes capital to community projects that provide health-related services but are unable to secure full capital funding from VCH or other sources.

SSRHD decisions to partner in providing capital funding to selective NTP can leverage ongoing service delivery funding from VCH as well as capital and support service contributions from non-profit societies.

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NTP funding is established by the SSRHD for the following purposes:

1. To assist in the acquisition, development and retention of facilities that provide permanency in the community-based provision of healthcare related services.
2. To contribute to projects throughout the entire Sea to Sky Region, as SSRHD funds are requisitioned annually through property taxes provided by businesses and residents of the Region.
3. To facilitate social and economic investment in healthcare facilities.
4. To assist people in core housing need requiring physical and emotional care and services, particularly seniors, and persons who are: physically disabled; developmentally challenged; with chronic mental health issues; and, other with special needs identified as a priority for community response.
5. To leverage onetime capital and ongoing operational and service funding from other levels of government, community groups and the private sector.
6. To address strategic directions that are outlined in VCH service plans or in the *SLRD Integrated Sustainability Plan*.

Funding Principles

The following principles shall guide the Non-Traditional Project capital funding policy:

- To be eligible for Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District (SSRHD) funding, facilities must be designated by the Minister of Health as health care facilities as currently required under the *Hospital District Act*.
- Proponents must demonstrate both the need for capital funding, as well as the demand for services delivered through the facility to be constructed or upgraded.
- SSRHD funds shall be provided on a cost-shared basis only, leveraging other community contributions.
- The SSRHD should not be the primary capital funder and SSRHD funding should be conditional on confirmation that all, or substantially all, other funding is secured by the applicant.
- That the public interest be served by ensuring facilities receiving SSRHD funding continue to be used for their originally intended purpose through appropriate security registered in the Land Title Office.

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Funding Guidelines

Based on the above principles, proposals for NTP funding will be evaluated based on the following guidelines:

1. If not already a hospital under the '*Hospital Act*', facilities receiving NTP capital funding must be designated as a hospital by the Minister of Health.
2. Projects must demonstrate committed funding partnerships with entities such as: other government agencies; private development industry; corporate donors; community agencies; and individuals.
3. Projects should assist in the retention of existing or construction of new affordable residential care facilities with healthcare services or other community-based healthcare service facilities.
4. Residential-based projects should provide affordable accommodation for tenants within prescribed income target levels. Proposals should also clearly demonstrate the types of health care services provided and confirmation of ongoing operational funding.
5. The SSRHD should not be the primary capital funder.
6. SRHD funding should be conditional on confirmation that all, or substantially all, other funding is secured by the applicant.
7. That the public interest be served by ensuring facilities receiving SSRHD funding continue to be used for their originally intended purpose. To this end, SSRHD funding is subject to mortgage security and a Section 219 covenant with funding agreement terms set out therein.
8. Assistance shall be in the form of a conditional grant that is forgivable - subject to the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement, wherein the principal amount is repayable in full within the first 10 years of registration should the lands secured be sold and no longer used for their intended purpose. Thereafter, the amount required to release the security decreases by 10% per annum until, by year 20, the security shall be released.
9. The NTP Fund is limited so proposals will only be considered for a portion of the total annual SSRHD budget.

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