



KPMG Foundation Research Seed and Health Equity Grant Program (2025-26)



EVALUATION CRITERIA

Alignment (5%)

- The project will advance one or more of Island Health's research priorities, strategic aims, and/or organizational areas for improvement in alignment with the provincial government.

What: Overview (10%)

- The project (what the team wants to do) is clearly described in plain language.
- The background (what is already known) is comprehensive.
- The project is meaningful and acceptable to those directly affected by the problem.
- The project will contribute new knowledge, apply existing knowledge in a new way, or engage people in planning research.

Who: Research Team (15%)

- Team member roles are clear.
- The team has the experience to carry out the project.
- The team will ensure that everyone can participate fully and equitably in their roles.
- **Health equity projects:** the composition and/or experience(s) of the team demonstrates equal partnerships and/or respectful relationships with equity-deserving group(s).
- **Indigenous Health Research projects:** the composition and/or experience(s) of the team demonstrate meaningful and culturally safe engagement with Indigenous Peoples.

Who: Engaging People, Partners, and/or Participants (15%)

- The team will engage everyone who needs to be part of the project.
- The team will ensure everyone can participate fully and equitably.
- **Indigenous Health Research projects:** the team will ensure Indigenous cultural safety and foster cultural humility throughout the project.

How: Project Plan (15%)

- The project objectives are clear.
- The project activities, methods, and/or measures will meet those objectives.
- The team will integrate equity, diversity, and inclusion into activities, methods, and/or analysis.
- **Indigenous Health Research projects:** ensure that Indigenous communities have control over any data collection, and that they own and control how this information can be used. (Learn more about data ownership, control, access, and possession.)

How: Timeline (5%)

- The milestones and deliverables are clear and comprehensive.
- The team can complete the project within the award period (18 months).



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How: Budget (10%)

- All estimated costs are directly related to project activities.
- The budget includes support for full and equitable participation as needed.
- **Health equity projects:** a minimum of \$2000 is budgeted for engagement.

Why: Impact (15%)

- The project will benefit local people and/or communities.
- The team has a clear vision of what success would look like for this project.
- The team understands who needs to know about the project, and how to share results.

Why: Future (10%)

- The project supports opportunities for further research and/or collaboration.
- The team has considered how to implement or sustain positive results from the project.