

TO: Chair and Members of the Finance & Facilities Committee
FROM: Christopher Mackie, Medical Officer of Health
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ENHANCED SMOKING CESSATION FUNDING REQUEST

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee make recommendation to the Board of Health to authorize the Board Chair to receive the \$27,000 grant if the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care approves the one-time Business Case for Enhanced Smoking Cessation funding for Nicotine Replacement Treatment, if approved, as presented in Appendix A to Report No. 013-14FFC.

Key Points

- A One-time business case for enhanced smoking cessation funding for the purchase of Nicotine Replacement Therapy in the amount of \$27,000 was submitted to the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care as part of the Program Based Grant request made on February 28th, 2014.
- This funding request is in addition to the amounts already identified in the 2014 Board approved operating budget.

As part of the 2014 Program Based Grant request process, the Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) requested health units to provide business cases for 100% funding for enhanced smoking cessation programming. Due to the timing of the request, the funding and details of the program were not included in the Chronic Disease Prevention & Tobacco Control Planning & Budget Template recently approved on February 26th, 2014 by the Board of Health. However, the \$27,000 business case was forwarded to the MOHLTC along with the Board approved Program Based Grant submission.

Attached as [Appendix A](#) is the business case that was submitted to the MOHLTC. It includes a \$27,000 request for 100% funding to purchase Nicotine Replacement Therapy products.

If the request is approved by the ministry, the funding will be included as part of the 2014 Program Based Grants and reflected in the Public Health Accountability Agreement which is expected to be received in June of this year. The products will not be purchased until the health unit receives confirmation of funding approval.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Finance & Facilities Committee make a recommendation to the Board of Health to have the Board Chair authorize the receipt of the \$27,000 grant if the MOHLTC approves the business case as submitted.

This report was prepared by Mr. John Millson, Director of Finance & Operations, and Ms. Linda Stobo, Manager of Chronic Disease and Tobacco Control.



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