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Notes

**A Teleconference: Funding Opportunity for Community Organizations
CIHR Research Grant – Environment and Health
Hosted by Food Secure Canada
August 13, 2015**

Teleconference goal: learn more about the CIHR granting opportunity

- first time CIHR has been explicit in the financial support of community organizations
- determine possible research avenues for collaboration
- learn about FSC research priorities - identify any overlapping interests and potential partnerships to apply for this grant

Presentation by Erica Di Ruggiero at CIHR

- please see [CIHR PowerPoint slides](#)

Note: successful LOI applicants receive \$50 000, and will also be invited to a workshop in March in Ottawa (which is why funds are allocated so early - so successful applicants have financial support to attend the workshop)

- opportunity for individuals and organizations to receive application feedback and mentorship

Questions for Erica re: clarification about the granting opportunity

1. Can we dedicate a portion of this \$50 000 to community partners to participate actively - to compensate them for their time and work?
 - a. thinks so: travel for community partners to attend workshop in Ottawa in March is definitely an eligible expense
 - b. LOI stage funds: help to develop proposal, so supporting community member would be fine but have yet to go into specifics of eligible expenses

- c. note: if final proposal (due in July 2016) is successful, a max of \$25 000 / year can be allocated to compensate community-based partners
2. Are there opportunities to add to the [research connections spreadsheet](#) after conference call?
 - a. yes: the spreadsheet will be open for one more month
3. is there interest in more discreet funding opportunities? like pop health intervention research grant
 - a. will [share link](#) to that and erica's email in mailing tomorrow

Presentation by Amanda Sheedy at FSC

- please see [FSC PowerPoint slides](#)

Questions for Amanda re: FSC's role in research projects

1. CIHR presentation highlights intersectoral, strategic collaborations - from the standpoint of food activists, especially those locally embedded that do not know what is happening in other cities / provinces - how can FSC foster intersectoral relationships for those orgs?
 - a. goal of FSC is to connect people with other people interested in same questions, there is a vast and national network at FSC
 - b. intent of teleconference is to better learn how to facilitate intersectoral partnerships, and this is part of an emerging role for FSC - we are open to your suggestions!

Does anyone from an organization have a research need

- please see [Research Connections spreadsheet](#) - organizations

Note: this is program funding, so it can include several research projects that feed into each other

Research consideration: how can traditional knowledge be applied to non-indigenous communities?

Theme around urban gardens emerging

Academics who are thinking of pursuing this opportunity – what is your research topic?

- please see [Research Connections spreadsheet](#) - academics

How to follow-up this call / conversations? Emergent themes?

- Anyone interested in convening an urban garden follow-up? Andrew / Terri / Charles / Joseph?
 - already emailing one another
- theme: data - Joseph Leblanc will convene the convo on data and lack thereof
- FSC will convene convo with the Indigenous circle on the theme of Indigenous food sovereignty

CIHR Note: intersectoral refers to doing research across public, private and non-profit sectors, but also across (for example) health, education, transportation, etc. - do not be scared away from term!

Quick evaluation / Comments

- please see [Teleconference Evaluation Form](#) to provide feedback
1. Are there opportunities for teleconference participants to be involved in projects that already exist, like academic collaborative? Does FSC have any other mechanisms to share these opportunities?
 - a. FSC: any ideas? how would you like us to facilitate this ongoing work to connect across academics and orgs? To enhance our role as brokers, how can we support you all better?
 - b. What does FSC need from participants and orgs?
 - i. FSC is happy to play one of the following roles in exchange for some money to compensate for staff time: project management, knowledge mobilization / translation, advisor, co-applicant, convener / facilitator, brokering and project development
 - c. what is an accessible / physical meeting location?
 - i. TBD based on project - likely in Ottawa if this is already a place that LOI recipients will gather.

overall goal: how to advance great research on food systems