



First Nations Health Authority  
Health through wellness

# Indigenous Climate Health Action Program (ICHAP)

Climate change affects physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health in First Nations communities in BC. The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is offering project funding that First Nations in BC can apply for as part of the FNHA's new Indigenous Climate Health Action Program (ICHAP).

ICHAP funds community-driven projects that help strengthen community resilience to climate change impacts on health.

#### **ICHAP funds can be used for:**

- Conducting assessments, or developing strategies and action plans to understand and address climate change impacts on health and wellness
- Mapping community assets or areas of concern
- Training and skill building
- Creating communications and educational materials, and
- Hiring a sub-regional climate change and health coordinator (requires collaboration of multiple communities).



#### **Project funding application will be assessed on the basis of its:**

- Focus on reducing the impacts of climate change on community health and wellness
- Youth engagement and leadership
- Incorporation of traditional knowledge
- Potential to strengthen community climate health resilience through new knowledge and skills, and
- Connection to existing community plans and priorities

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ICHAP funding is available up to \$100,000 per project, but a higher amount will be considered for larger sub-regional partnerships.

**Background:**

First Nations' deep cultural connection to the land, water and air make many BC First Nations more susceptible to climate impacts on health and wellness. These impacts are magnified by the negative effects of colonialism on the social determinants of health.

ICHAP offers funding that can be used in many different ways. The unique culture in each community determines what makes the community healthy.

ICHAP funding can be used for research, assets and needs mapping, engagement and education activities, and action planning related to supporting community health and wellness in the context of a changing climate. ICHAP funding does not cover expenditures for emergency management, infrastructure, or major capital.

For up-to-date information about available funding and timelines, please visit [fnha.ca/what-we-do/environmental-health/climate-health-action-program](https://fnha.ca/what-we-do/environmental-health/climate-health-action-program) or email us at [climate.health@fnha.ca](mailto:climate.health@fnha.ca).

