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Phase 2- FAQ

FUNDING

Who can apply for funding?
Eligible applicants for funding must be registered not-for-profit organizations or charities operating in Nova Scotia. We welcome partnerships between not-for-profit organizations, charities, informal groups, individuals, schools, and workplaces. (See our Community Funding Guidelines for a description of eligible applicants.)

When can funding be accessed?
Applications for funding begin January 2, 2025. We will be offering an online information session on January 13, 2025, 6:00-7:00 p.m. If there are other questions applicants are welcome to get in touch with us through funding@nshpca.ca.

What initiatives qualify for funding?
Projects and initiatives must have a clear focus on supporting those experiencing grief, loss, and bereavement and aim to restore emotional wellness. Examples of community-level projects include music/art/pet therapy, volunteer training, lectures with experts on grief, loss and bereavement, healing circles, creation of therapeutic spaces, or peer support. (See our Community Funding Guidelines for more information.)

When can applications be submitted?
NSHCPA will begin accepting applications on January 2, 2025. Phase 2 of funding closes on February 14, 2025.

Will community projects receiving funding be publicly disclosed?
The successful organization's name, project title, and the amount of support received may be used in NSHPCA public announcements.

Is there a maximum amount of funding to be applied for?
Applicants can request up to $50,000. (See our Community Funding Guidelines for details).

ACCOUNTABILITY

Who makes the final decision on project funding?
All community funding decisions will be made by the Community Funding Committee, comprised of NSHPCA Board members representing various areas and populations in the province. A list of Board members can be found on the NSHPCA website.

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What is NSHPCA?
The Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association is a registered non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors who oversee all aspects of the organization including financial decisions.

Who serves on the Board of Directors?
For a complete list of Board members please visit our website: NSHPCA.

GENERAL

Why is NSHPCA distributing this funding?
In January 2024, the NSHPCA was chosen by the Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental Health to work with communities and Nova Scotia Health to design and deliver grief, bereavement, and emotional wellness services across the province.

The Healing Pathways Community Funding Program is supported by a two-year funding commitment from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), announced in January 2024. This fund is designed to provide direct financial support to communities most affected by the April 2020 Mass Casualty Event, as well as those across the province, in alignment with PHAC's objectives for implementing the recommendations of the Mass Casualty Commission Report.

NSHPCA is a proud partner of Nova Scotia Health and is contracted by the provincial government to serve as the Community Organization Hub. This role aligns with the Nova Scotia Community Grief and Emotional Wellness Hub Model, allowing us to collaborate with local organizations and communities to enhance access to grief and emotional wellness services across the province.

NSHPCA is a provincially recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of hospice and palliative care as well as implementing and supporting grief, bereavement and emotional wellness resources across the province. Established in the 1990s by clinicians, NSHPCA works tirelessly to promote education, advocacy, and resources in the field of hospice and palliative care.

How much money is available to community groups?
NSHPCA is responsible for allocating $500,000 in Phase 2 provincially. This funding will support eligible groups and organizations in developing and/or implementing community-based initiatives that align with the objectives of the NS Grief Strategy.

What exactly is the role of NSHPCA?
In addition to other organizational responsibilities, NSHPCA collaborates with the provincial government, local communities, and Nova Scotia Health to advance the Nova Scotia Community Grief and Emotional Wellness Hub Model. Through Healing Pathways, NSHPCA will allocate community funding to successful applicants.

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What can people expect to see in their community?

This will completely depend on what individuals in the community want to see. NSHPCA is seeking non-profit organizations and their partners to come forward with community-driven ideas and suggestions.

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Will NSHPCA manage or operate community organizations?

Our role is to support the initiatives you present. Successful applicants will be required to submit an evaluation report of their project by March 31, 2026.

What relationship does NSHPCA have with Nova Scotians?

NSHPCA serves all Nova Scotians. NSHPCA's board is composed of member organizations, including community-based hospice and palliative care associations, Indigenous, Acadian and Francophone and African-Nova Scotian health leadership. We have other long-standing relationships related to this work, many of which are directly serving the target communities, including:

- Local hospice and palliative care associations
- Retired Teachers Association of Nova Scotia
- The NS Palliative Care Network
- School principals and teachers
- Faith-based organizations
- Réseau Santé
- Clinical healthcare professionals and others from the NS Health system (e.g. Mental Health, Grief and Palliative Care, Addictions, etc.)
- Other non-profit organizations and charities that are active in the area.

How will NSHPCA know what is needed in the community?

We will rely on community-based groups to tell us what is needed and outline initiatives in their funding applications. We will listen to and talk with local groups to find practical support and solutions. We will also rely on other available pathways to help identify grief and emotional wellness supports in communities.

Where do I go for more information?

Learn more about NSHPCA on our website.