



NORTHERN REGION
First Nations Health Authority

FNHA Northern Region CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FNHA HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUMMIT

April 4 - 6, 2023

Hyatt Regency - Vancouver, BC

Submission Deadline: March 16, 2023 - 12:00 pm

To honor and showcase the unique culture of the FNHA Northern Region of British Columbia, the First Nations Health Authority Northern Region is inviting Northern Cultural Groups, Youth (ages 18-30) and Elders to submit an Expression of Interest to be selected as regional representatives at the upcoming FNHA Health and Wellness Summit on April 4th, 5th & 6th, 2023 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Eligible Cultural Performers, Youth and Elders are as follows:

- Performers, Youth and Elders that currently reside in the Northern Region of British Columbia and originate from one of our 55 Northern First Nations communities.
- Performers, Youth and Elders who can provide proof of (a minimum of two) vaccination against COVID-19. Performers, Youth and Elders that are available to travel to Vancouver on April 3rd returning on April 7, 2023. As a Northern representative, you are expected to fully participate in the event.

How do Cultural Performers, Youth and Elders submit their Expression of Interest?

- Email your Expression of Interest to Engagement.North@fnha.ca by March 16th, 2023 - 12:00 pm.
- Your Expression of Interest must include a biography including the following:
 - **Your Background:** please tell us about yourself and why you could best represent the Northern Region at a Health and Wellness forum;
 - **Where You're From:** Identify which of the 55 Northern First Nations communities you are from; where you currently live and the nearest airport that you could fly out of to Vancouver;
 - **Youth Delegates:** Please confirm that you are between the ages of 18 and 30. Any successful applicant 18 years of age must be accompanied by one guardian;
 - **Letter from your community Elected Chief or designate:** The letter will endorse your Expression of Interest to be selected as a Cultural Performing Group, or Youth or Elder. The letter will also indicate that the community will



provide you / your group with a travel advance as per FNHA travel policy to cover meals that are not provided during the event.

- **Confirmation of COVID Vaccinations:** In your submission please confirm that you are able to sign a COVID declaration indicating that you have received a minimum of two COVID vaccinations.
- **Your Contact Information:** Please ensure your biography includes your email, cell phone and alternate phone number (as available) so that we can easily contact you prior to and during the event.
- **Cultural Performers:** In your submission, please confirm that you understand that your group size is restricted to a maximum of six (6) performers.

What is the selection process?

- For the purpose of selection of one (1) Cultural Performing Group; (3) Youth Delegates and (3) Elder Delegates, the process will be as follows;
 - EOI's will be reviewed and verified to confirm that their submission meets the eligibility and submission requirements (outlined in the bullet above). If your submission does not meet the requirements it will not be considered;
 - The selection of one (1) Cultural Performing group will be determined by a random draw of all eligible submissions;
 - The selection of three (3) Youth Delegates will be determined by a random draw of all eligible submissions;
 - The selection of three (3) Elder Delegates will be determined by a random draw of all eligible submissions;
 - **Only those who have been selected will be notified.** If you are not notified, this indicates that you have not been selected for this opportunity. We thank you in advance for your submission.

Please note that Cultural Performing Groups, Youth and Elders that represented the Northern Region at Gathering Wisdom 2023, will not be eligible for the purposes of this EOI

What is the process if I am selected?

- **Selected Cultural Performing Groups** will be contacted by Becky Row, Director of Engagement that they have been selected to attend the FNHA Health and Wellness Summit.
 - Cultural Performing Groups will identify one person to act as the spokesperson on behalf of the group. All communications will be conducted with this person only.
 - Cultural Performing Groups will be up to a maximum of (6) performers.
 - Information will be gathered from the performing group on the nearest airport that the group can fly to and from.



- Performers will be required to make arrangements to get to the airport. FNHA will reimburse for .51 per kilometer to get to the airport. Carpooling with a minimum of two people per vehicle is expected.
 - FNHA will book flights for performers. Any costs associated with changes, cancellations, costs associated with missed flights etc. will be at the cost of the traveler.
 - FNHA will book rooms for the performing group based on double occupancy. Rooms (room and tax only) will be directly billed to FNHA. Any additional costs such as room service, mini bar, movies etc. will be at the cost of the occupants of the room.
 - Each performer will be eligible for a daily meal and incidental allowance based on their scheduled travel days as per FNHA policy. This rate is not paid in advance. If the Performing Group require travel advance, FNHA requests that the Performers work with their community Leadership for travel advance that will be reimbursed via invoice by FNHA.
 - Each performer will be eligible for honorarium of 150.00 per event day, equaling a maximum per day \$450.00. This honoraria will be paid after the event is complete and will not be provided in advance.
 - FNHA will have an assigned employee that will serve as a way finder for the Cultural Performing Group for the full period of the Health and Wellness Summit.
- **Selected Youth Delegates** will be contacted by Becky Row, Director of Engagement that they have been selected to attend the FNHA Health and Wellness Summit.
 - Information will be gathered from the Youth on the nearest airport that they can fly to and from.
 - Youth will be required to make arrangements to get to the airport. FNHA will reimburse for .51 per kilometer to get to the airport.
 - FNHA will book flights for Youth. Any costs associated with changes, cancellations, missed flights etc. will be at the cost of the traveler.
 - FNHA will book rooms for youth based on double occupancy. Rooms (room and tax only) will be directly billed to FNHA. Any additional costs such as room service, mini bar, movies etc. will be at the cost of the occupants of the room.
 - Each Youth will be eligible for a daily meal and incidental allowance based on their scheduled travel days as per FNHA policy. The Youth's community will be asked to provide a travel advance to the traveler. FNHA will reimburse the community invoice for the expenses.
 - Each Youth will be eligible for honorarium (fire keeper) of 100.00 per event day, equaling a maximum per day \$300.00. This honoraria will be paid after the event is complete and will not be provided in advance.



- FNHA will have an assigned employee that will serve as a way finder for the Youth for the full period of the Health and Wellness Summit.
- **Selected Elder Delegates** will be contacted by Becky Row, Director of Engagement that they have been selected to attend the FNHA Health and Wellness Summit.
 - Information will be gathered from the Elder on the nearest airport that the Elder can fly to and from.
 - Elders will be required to make arrangements to get to the airport. FNHA will reimburse for .51 per kilometer to get to the airport.
 - FNHA will book flights for Elders. Any costs associated with changes, cancellations, missed flights etc. will be at the cost of the traveler.
 - FNHA will book rooms for the Elder, (room and tax only) will be directly billed to FNHA. Any additional costs such as room service, mini bar, movies etc. will be at the cost of the occupants of the room.
 - Each Elder will be eligible for a daily meal and incidental allowance based on their scheduled travel days as per FNHA policy. The Elder's community will be asked to provide a travel advance to the traveler. FNHA will reimburse the community invoice for the expenses.
 - Each Elder will be eligible for honorarium of 150.00 per event day, equaling a maximum per day \$450.00. Honoraria will be paid after the event is complete and will not be provided in advance.
 - FNHA will have an assigned employee that will serve as a way finder for the Elder for the full period of the Health and Wellness Summit.