

# CARIBOO FOUNDATION HOSPITAL TRUST



Kevin Erickson, Chief Financial Officer  
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March 12, 2020

Dear Mr. Erickson:

**RE: Cariboo Foundation Hospital Trust Foundation Partnership Grant Request March 2020**

Please accept this application from the Cariboo Foundation Hospital Trust (CFHT) for funding for Nursery Equipment at the Cariboo Memorial Hospital (CMH) Maternity/Nursery Department.

In the fall of 2017, CMH was approved for designation as a Level 1B Nursery, contingent on appropriate staffing, space and equipment being established. This designation increases the level of care that can be provided at CMH, to support patients (families and their newborns) to remain in the community. It is defined as CMH "able to provide assessment/care for infants  $\geq 35$  weeks and  $\geq 1800$ g and those with some risks requiring increased observation and transient care" (Perinatal Services BC Tiers of Service).

CMH Maternity Services now has enough staffing in place, and there is space allocated in the current facility. However, the approved Capital funding for the 2020/21 fiscal year is not enough to purchase all of the required equipment to open the Nursery. The CFHT is reaching out to the Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Health District (CCRHD) to cost-share the funding of this equipment, which has been approved and prioritized by Interior Health in its regular capital equipment prioritization process. This application has also been reviewed and is supported by local IH leadership, CMH Clinical Operations Director Thalia Vesterback.

This project is supported by IH administrative and physician leadership as an opportunity to rally staff and community around the services provided at the hospital, and to support the recruitment and retention of perinatal, neonatal, and pediatric staff and physicians. All of this equipment will be transferred to the new Nursery in the Redevelopment Plan (to open in 2023).

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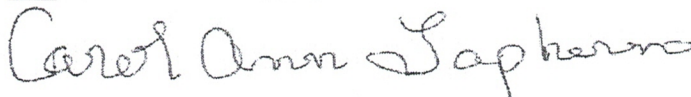
Nursery Equipment	Each	Total	With 7.085% Tax
Spacelabs Qube Monitor	\$20,439	\$20,439	\$22,043.46
Portable Ultrasound Machine	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$48,532.50
Panda Units x2	\$34,400	\$72,300	\$77,975.83
Fetal Monitor x1	\$27,760	\$27,760	\$29,939.16
Labour & Delivery Beds x2	\$21,610	\$43,220	\$46,612.77
			\$225,103.72

<b>Foundation Portion 60%</b>	<b>\$135,062.23</b>
<b>CCRHD Portion 40%</b>	<b>\$90,041.49</b>

We recognize this is a significant ask, and want to assure you we are not requesting this lightly. The CFHT has already funded additional Nursery equipment and IH will fund Nursery equipment through its regular capital process. Those items were initially included in the presentation to the CCRHD board in January, but have now been removed (hence the lower request). We are simply trying to maximize potential funding resources, in order to open the Nursery with all required equipment for the service, and ensure CMH can provide a robust, high quality Nursery service to patients and families served by CMH and the CCRHD.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Carol Ann Taphorn  
President, Cariboo Foundation Hospital Trust

Cc Thalia Vesterback, Clinical Operations Director, CMH/OMH  
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