

Mr. Brian Carruthers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Cariboo Chilcotin Regional Hospital District
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December 14, 2022

Dear Mr. Carruthers:

RE: CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE 2023/24 FISCAL YEAR

Please find enclosed our annual funding request for Interior Health's (IH) next fiscal year for your review. It is based on IH's 2023/24 capital budget, which has been approved by our Board. The budget is developed by prioritizing identified capital needs throughout our organization with our physicians and staff within the context of the Capital Investment Strategic Framework and we look forward to sharing the details with you and answering any questions you may have.

We are continuing to invest in primary care throughout the region as the planned expansion of Primary Care Networks (PCN) and Urgent and Primary Care Centres continues. We have also incorporated improvements and expansions to make spaces safer for staff and patients. In this regard, this year we have focused significant investments in patient comfort and patient and staff safety with elevator replacements, heating and cooling systems, and kitchen equipment. As we replace systems and equipment we are committed to energy and carbon-efficient systems as IH supports wider government efforts to combat climate change.

The bulk of the capital budget remains focused on investments that aim at maintaining services through replacement of clinical and non-clinical equipment and systems. Our investments in technology extend to Digital Health infrastructure to ensure reliability and security of our systems while continuing with the ongoing project to roll out automated dispensing cabinets for Pharmacy Services to manage medications effectively and safely.

Please note that all capital initiatives over \$100,000 are subject to government approval.

For the 2023/24 fiscal year we are requesting funding for the following projects and equipment:

1. Construction Projects over \$100,000

a. Chiller Replacement at 100 Mile District General Hospital, 100 Mile House

The existing 1998 chiller is no longer operational and due to the urgency of this project IH had to proceed with procurement and incurred costs in the current fiscal year. Loss of a cooling system would have a negative impact on the patients, staff and temperature sensitive equipment. The scope of this project is to replace the chiller and ancillary equipment with a higher capacity, more reliable, energy efficient system. This chiller serviced the entire hospital and this new unit will provide a permanent cooling solution for the facility.

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dākelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and Tšilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

b. South Cariboo Health Centre PCN, 100 Mile House

PCNs are consistent with the strategic direction of both IH and the Ministry of Health and support a team-based primary care model. The PCN is a partnership effort between IH, Aboriginal, and Division of Family Practice partners.

This project will outfit existing space within the South Cariboo Health Centre to house nine new staff members who will deliver team-based primary care services. This project's funding will support renovations & equipment.

2. IH-Wide Digital Health

The ongoing advancement of the IH digital platform is a key enabler of IH's ability to support health service operations, enable key strategies, improve quality and patient safety, and incorporate innovation to improve effectiveness and efficiency. This year's Digital Health Investment Plan includes technology systems that upgrade Home Health and Long term care assessment tools, enable primary and community care transformation, provide patients access to their information and digital appointment bookings, and present real-time actionable information for clinicians and management. We will also update infrastructure to expand capacity and ensure patient, employee and financial information is protected from cyber-attacks.

This project is an IH-wide initiative costing approximately \$13.7 million. The project's benefits are distributed equally across IH regions; therefore the cost allocation to each of the seven Regional Hospital Districts (RHD) is based upon population data using the PEOPLE 2021, BC Statistics. The Cariboo Chilcotin RHD's percentage ratio is approximately 5%. Claims on this project will be calculated using this percentage for the actual cost distribution.

3. Equipment under \$100,000 (Global Grant)

We are requesting global funding for equipment that costs between \$5,000 and \$100,000.

A financial summary of our funding requests is provided in Appendix 1. We would appreciate it, if you could submit the requests to your Board for consideration. Please advise us of the meeting date when they will be discussed to enable us to have IH representatives attend and to answer questions that may arise. If the requests should receive approval, please send Cindy Rephin, Corporate Director, Capital Finance & Controller copies of the relevant bylaws for our records.

We thank you for your on-going support of our capital initiatives. If you require further information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dianne Kostachuk, Director, Business Operations or me directly.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Weir
VP & Chief Financial Officer

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Encl. Appendix 1 ~ Summary of Regional Health District Funding Request for 2023/24

cc: Al Richmond, Chair, Cariboo Chilcotin RHD
Kevin Erickson, Chief Financial Officer, Cariboo Chilcotin RHD