



# SHRF SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

## Focus Area Information Packet



# RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH

**with the Saskatchewan Funders Forum**

**Your quick guide to the 2023-24 SHRF Solutions Program and the Rural and Remote Health Focus Area**

# SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

## About Solutions

SHRF's Solutions Program supports interdisciplinary teams of researchers and knowledge-users addressing pressing health needs in Saskatchewan.

Through a competitive peer review process, SHRF and partners support direct costs for research projects taking place in Saskatchewan with measurable impact in focused areas, through two opportunities: the Impact Grant and the Innovation Grant.

## Rural & Remote Health Focus Area

SHRF is pleased to offer \$450,000 through the 2023-24 Solutions Program for research addressing rural and remote health, with the support of like-minded organizations that take part in the Saskatchewan Funders Forum.

This focus area addresses Saskatchewan's context and needs across all health conditions, acknowledging that a significant portion of the provincial population live in rural, remote and northern communities. Unique solutions are needed to address the circumstances that stand to impact health and healthcare for Saskatchewan's rural and remote communities and their residents.

## Knowledge-Users

### Who are they?

SHRF defines knowledge-users as any individual who could receive and use new knowledge to implement improvements in health – their own health, the health of others or the health system. These individuals may represent organizations that are interested in the practical application of knowledge, such as healthcare practitioners, government and community leaders.

### Why include them?

Involving individuals and groups that have an interest in the applications of research knowledge and that have personal experience with the topic of research reduces the gap between the research and practice.

## About SHRF

For 20 years as the provincial health research funder, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) has funded, supported and promoted the impact of health research that matters to Saskatchewan.

Each year, we run a series of funding competitions, wherein we facilitate a peer-review process and award research grants that address local needs and improve the health and wellness of Saskatchewan residents.

## About Saskatchewan Funders Forum

The Saskatchewan Funders Forum is a table of leaders who share the common goal of advancing research to promote better health and health care in Saskatchewan. For more information, contact SHRF CEO, Patrick Odnokon.

- Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan
- Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan
- Heart & Stroke
- Hospitals of Regina Foundation
- Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation
- Lung Saskatchewan
- MS Canada
- Royal University Hospital Foundation

# FUNDING DETAILS

## Innovation Grant

**Creative problem-solving to catalyze innovative ideas and approaches**

**Up to \$50,000 over one year**

## Impact Grant

**Advancing the translation of research into real-world and practical applications**

**Up to \$150,000 over two years**

You can find an overview of all the 2023-24 Solutions Focus Areas and funding available on the last page of this packet

## Requirements & Timelines

### Solutions research teams will require:

- At least two Saskatchewan-based researchers from different disciplines\*
- At least one Saskatchewan-based knowledge-user

### Solutions research teams are strongly encouraged to include:

- Those with lived/living experience
- Support from community leaders/organizations, decision-makers or industry partners

\*One of the Saskatchewan-based researchers, who can hold funding at an institution having a SHRF MOU, will act as Principal Applicant. This individual is responsible for creating, completing and submitting the application.

**Full application requirements and instructions for Principal Applicants are found in the Application Package, downloaded at: [www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact](http://www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact)**

Program Guidelines Released  
June 26, 2023



Eligibility Submission Deadline  
September 28, 2023



Full Application Deadline  
November 16, 2023



Results & Funding State Date  
March 2024

## Getting Started

The first step in the Solutions Application process is the Eligibility Check. This step is completed in the SHRF RMS by the Principal Applicant and reviewed by SHRF staff to ensure your application is a good fit.

The sooner you complete your Eligibility Submission, the sooner you will have access to complete the full application online! Eligibility Submissions are mandatory and will be accepted until 4:30pm CST on September 28, 2023.

## Referring to the Solutions 2023-24 Application Package, you will need to decide the following:

- Which focus area(s) does your research address and how? Are there any additional partnership opportunities listed that you are interested in?
- Which grant (Innovation or Impact) is most suitable for your proposed project based on the objectives?
- Who is on your team? Note team requirements stated above.
- Prepare a draft title and brief overview of your planned research.
- Three suggested Canadian reviewers from outside of Saskatchewan.

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP

## For Researchers:



### **WEBINAR: SHRF Solutions Information Session and Q&A for Applicants**

July 20, 2023 - 12pm CST on Zoom

Register at [www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact](http://www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact)



### **RESOURCE: Solutions Application Package**

A comprehensive review of the information and guidelines you need to submit your 2023-24 Innovation Grant or Impact Grant application.

Download at [www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact](http://www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact)

## For Knowledge-Users:



### **RESOURCE: Knowledge-User Handbook**

Answering the questions: "Why am I on this grant? What do I have to do?"

Download at [www.shrf.ca/your-research-team](http://www.shrf.ca/your-research-team)



### **RESOURCE: Step-By-Step Guide to SHRF's Online Research Management System (RMS)**

Resources to help you complete your required information in SHRF's online system: the RMS. Video tutorials are included.

Launch at [www.shrf.ca/your-research-team](http://www.shrf.ca/your-research-team)



### **SUPPORT: SHRF RMS Live Help Sessions for Team Members**

A SHRF staff member will walk you through the steps of completing contribution forms in the online system (the RMS). Follow along and ask questions as you complete your forms in real time!

Register at [www.shrf.ca/your-research-team](http://www.shrf.ca/your-research-team)

## Get in Touch!

If you have any questions about the fit of your research with the focus areas or opportunities, please reach out.

SHRF has an extensive network of researchers and organizations that work in a diverse range of fields. If you have any questions about possible collaborations in a specific topic or field, please feel free to contact us.

Your primary contact for the SHRF Solutions Program is:

**Karen Tilsley, Director of Programs and Partnerships**

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Get started at [www.shrf.ca/solutions](http://www.shrf.ca/solutions)

# 2023-24 FOCUS AREAS

Each year, Solutions applications for the chosen focus areas are accepted in the fall.  
The focus areas for 2023-24 are summarized below.

More information on each focus area is available at [www.shrf.ca/solutions](http://www.shrf.ca/solutions)

## 2023-24 Focus Areas

 <b>Child &amp; Youth Health</b>	<b>\$1M+</b> in funding available	 <b>JIM PATTISON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION</b>	 <b>SCPOR</b> Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research
 <b>Rural &amp; Remote Health</b>	<b>\$450,000+</b> in funding available	 <b>SASKATCHEWAN FUNDERS FORUM</b> ADVANCING SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH RESEARCH	
 <b>Lung Health</b>	<b>\$200,000</b> in funding available	 <b>LUNG SASK</b>	
 <b>Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias</b>	<b>\$200,000</b> in funding available	 <b>Alzheimer Society</b> SASKATCHEWAN	

### Focus Area Considerations

Focus areas are subject to change from one year to the next, and are determined based on provincial capacity, need, partner-alignment, and other factors.

Available funding dollars reflect contributions from both SHRF and our partners.

While applicants will be asked to select a focus area as a part of their application in the SHRF RMS, staff may, when appropriate, move applicants between focus areas in order to maximize funding success and total dollars available.

