

Overdose Emergency Response Centre Community Action Team Grants

In partnership with the Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction's Overdose Emergency Response Centre (OERC), the Community Action Initiative (CAI) is funding 35 Community Action Teams in communities hardest hit by the overdose crisis across the province.

Beginning in July 2018, grants were available for initiatives aligned with the OERC's Comprehensive Package of Interventions (see Appendix B). The purpose of the Community Action Team Grants is to help communities develop partnerships to provide focused, action-oriented strategies that will help to address the overdose crisis on a local level.

Overview

This document is intended to provide summary information based on reports prepared by Community Action Teams (CATs). Synopses are not exhaustive and activities may not be limited to the information provided herein. Communities may be receiving funding from more than one source and the information pertains solely to activities funded in whole or in part through the OERC CAT Grant. Some content has been edited for brevity and consistency.

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Glossary

MHSU – Mental health and substance use

OAT – Opioid agonist therapy

OPS – Overdose Prevention Site

PWLLE – People with lived and/or living experience

PWUD – People who use drugs

THN – Take home Naloxone

TIP – Trauma Informed Practice

Fraser Health

Abbotsford CAT

Lead Agency: Abbotsford Police Department

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hired/trained peer support workers as part of Project Angel.• Responded to 400+ unique referrals from emergency services personnel (police, fire, ambulance).• Distributed harm reduction supplies.• Established partnerships with community-based organization and support services such as church Shower Outreach Program, Food Bank, and Rotary Club.• Project Angel will be featured in nationwide online training curriculum focused on de-stigmatization.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First responder and client referrals for immediate assistance, ongoing support, treatment and recovery.• Establish relationships with clients and provide support along with community, health care and provincial agencies.• Deploy team of workers with lived experience, local knowledge and subject matter expertise.• Decrease demands on first responders and provide long-term effective solutions for marginalized people, as well as people struggling with substance use and lacking connections and pathways to care.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	

Burnaby CAT

Lead Agency: Burnaby Family Life

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established working groups for four main projects (Peer Sustainability, Community Education & Engagement, Compassion Campaign, Asset Analysis). • Hosted CompassionART Open Mic Event (compassion, inclusion, engagement and capacity building for PWLLE and community). • Hosted space and bimonthly meeting support for peers via Community Peer Resources Team. • Developed plan and surveys to inform gaps analysis. • Co-created presentation materials for education sessions - to be led by peers in 2019/20.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Stigma Campaign - develop and implement for and with PWLLE and community at large. • Peer engagement and network sustainability: capacity building and peer employment opportunities. Sustain and expand peer network in Burnaby. • Harm reduction: sustain and improve infrastructure for training and supplies • Expand CAT membership and collaborations. • Advocacy for key public policy changes.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Chilliwack CAT

Lead Agency: Chilliwack Community Services

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created a dialogue series to join PWLLE and community stakeholders in meals and frank conversation.• Delivered Naloxone training and information to public.• Hosted series of targeted outreach events for men working in trades and Indigenous women.• Supported CAT member training in ongoing impacts of colonization.• Hired peer coordinators as advisors and outreach support; supported temporary and part time employment for peers.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To create multi-sectoral, community owned Overdose Strategy for Chilliwack in coordination with the municipality's Community Wellness & Safety Strategy.• To support community entities - catalyze new partnerships and activities with micro-grants.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Hope CAT

Lead Agency: Hope and Area Transition Society

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage specific community groups and service providers in dialogue towards reduced stigma and increased compassion for PWLLE• Naloxone distribution for rural and remote areas• Trauma-informed and culturally safe practice training in CAT member organizations• Develop comprehensive plan inclusive of gaps/asset analysis and long-term sustainability

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Langley CAT

Lead Agency: Stepping Stone Community Services Society

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted regular CAT meetings. • Developed/implemented the "We all play a R.O.L.E." Project(Responding to Overdose in Langley through Education). • Hosted 40+ education sessions with various local businesses/groups. • Several hundred Langley participants trained in stigma awareness/OD Response. • Hosted events in collaboration with Kwantlen First Nation.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community education, stigma reduction (i.e. Lunch & Learn Education). • Targeted outreach co-led by PWLLE. • Continued collaboration and co-development of campaigns such as 'community exhibit' with CAT members and other nearby CATs. • Develop train-the-trainer education toolkits specifically for trades jobsites and youth service providers.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Maple Ridge CAT

Lead Agency: Alouette Addictions Services

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged community services providers: dialogues (stigma and compassion in MHSU), compassionate care photo campaign for care settings. Supported an Aboriginal Wellness Committee to be established at Ridge Meadows Hospital. Coffee Van attended 20+ events (community education, awareness, stigma reduction); Distributed 33,000 mail flyers. Trained several peers as trainers in harm reduction and naloxone use; 2 peers founded Maple Ridge Street Outreach Society as support network for PWLLE Established partnership with elder from Katzie First Nation who provided cultural support and healing practices
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue CAT meetings (with focus on involvement of PWLLE and Indigenous partners). Develop social media communications campaign. Continue Stop Overdose Ridge Meadows Coffee Van pop-up for overdose awareness and response trainings - leadership to transition to peers. Support forthcoming drug user group - Maple Ridge Street Outreach Society. Increase points of access for Naloxone, harm reduction supplies, and training.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Mission CAT

Lead Agency: Mission Community Services Society

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-lead Art Based Dialogue Project with PWLLE (compassion, education and trauma awareness). • Develop train-the-trainer toolkit for overdose response (founded in principles of cultural safety and humility). • Facilitate monthly pop-up education and dialogue sessions. • Facilitate meetings with rural communities and First Nations partners with respect to outreach and access to harm reduction. • Ongoing CAT member collaboration and support for activities such as Mission OPS.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

New Westminster CAT

Lead Agency: Lower Mainland Purpose Society

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated assets/gaps analysis. • Developed strategic overdose community action plan. • Coordinated improved channels of communication between partners to improve access and reduce barriers to naloxone, support programs, treatment and care. • Co-developed peer network (Hired Peer Coordinator, resourced peer involvement). • Addressed stigma and discrimination via co-produced communications strategy, peer-led community outreach, and associated events/education sessions. • Assessed/evaluated impact of anti-stigma campaign and other interventions. • Trained five CAT members as Naloxone trainers (in partnership with Fraser Health) - 55 community-residents trained. • Supported proposal for New West OPS and other response/treatment supports (Local Division of Family Practice). • Exploring culture as healing with support from Indigenous facilitators and Aboriginal Gathering Place at Douglas College.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build peer capacity and increase peer knowledge and experience in designing overdose response programs and activities. • Address stigma at the social level by promotion compassion and a compassionate response to drug use in New West. • Expand and improve linkage coordination of overdose prevention and response activities. • Address stigma at the structural level and promote best practices across agencies (cultural safety, TIP, quality improvement and safety).

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Surrey White Rock CAT

Lead Agency: Sources Community Resources Society

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host Dialogue for PWLLE and service providers "South Rock Mealtime Talks" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate relationship-building among PWLLE and care-providers; cultural safety & humility; trauma-informed care. • Compassion Café <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate effective communication between youth, parents, and trusted adults; build capacity for resiliency, advocacy, and coping.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Surrey CAT

Lead Agency: City of Surrey

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosted Indigenous Healing Workshop Series (First Nations Health Authority, Native Courtworkers, Together We Can; Indian Residential School Survivor Society; Brad Marsden).• Delivered Naloxone Train-The-Trainer workshops in recovery homes.• Hosted a community education series, linking trauma and substance use (many attendees from South Asian community).• Coordinated peer involvement in CAT and activities
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer-led outreach and campaigns (in partnership).• Host social learning events for PWLLE; Resource and support new Drug User Network.• Individual skill/capacity building for PWLLE and communities; involve PWLLE in program planning and decision making.• Host education workshop series for community.• Community-level actions to build capacity in service sector; incorporating Indigenous approaches to healing and wellness.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Tri-Cities CAT

Lead Agency: SHARE Family & Community Services

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance collaboration, coordination of overdose response efforts in Tri-Cities. • Increase points of access for Naloxone and harm reduction supplies in Tri-Cities; increase number of residents with THN and related trainings. • Increase dialogue and awareness related to stigma and overdose crisis; Distribute anti-stigma communication materials. • Increase training and employment opportunities for PWLLE. • Increase opportunities for youth-led outreach and education.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Interior Health

Grand Forks CAT

Lead Agency: AIDS Network, Outreach & Support Society (ANKORS)

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form the Grand Forks CAT and begin to address issues such as stigma and supports for PWLLE.• Identify key priorities for response and implement 1-2 programs accordingly.• Facilitate working relationships among service providers and PWLLE in the interest of compassionate care.• Host educational events (conference).

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Lead Agency: United Way Thompson Nicola Cariboo

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formed "Indigenous Team of Champions for Wellness" committee; hosted community education events in partnerships with Tk'emlups Nation and Urban Aboriginal Organizations. • Established Peer Ambassador Network (peer-led training and support network). • Engaged community in several awareness/ education campaigns. • Hosted community clean-up/ safe sharps pick-up event. • Supported artist mentorship program for at-risk youth.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address stigma and discrimination via a multifaceted anti-stigma awareness campaign. • Empower and train peers via a Peer Empowerment Committee. • Increase access to culturally safe care. • Host a substance use conference for youth led by youth with lived/living experience. • Host events for community awareness/education. • Host events focused on 'Wellbriety' led by local Indigenous partners. • Create opportunities for Elders to be involved in events, meetings, and training.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Lead Agency: Urban Matters CCC

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created and launched peer employment program (PEOPLE) • Thirty peers participated in 72 hours of training (Indigenous Histories, Non Violent Communications, Resilience in Workplace, Harm reduction, Financial literacy, etc.). • Several active PT employees in City beautification, business surveying, delivering workshops, events, private manufacturing, etc. • Partnered with Ki-low-na Friendship Society to offer an Indigenous Cultural Mentorship Program (Culture as healing for Indigenous members, cultural sensitivity for non-Indigenous participants). • Co-Hosted community education/outreach events (IOAD 2018, 2019); Co-hosted "Us and Them" Film screening for 600+ people (Naloxone distribution, sharing lived experience). • Engaged with 50+ businesses including specific engagement in "crew-talks" for Men 30+. • Supported peer-led initiatives such as Kelowna and Area Drug User Coalition. • Explored new ways of engaging online about opioid overdose specifically for hard-to-reach populations such as those that do not identify as being at risk.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase individual skill and employment opportunities for PWLLE (further develop PEOPLE Program). • Address stigma, discrimination, and human rights in community (events and outreach). • Increase collaboration among Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations to address stigma and discrimination. • Implement a strategic disruptive online engagement/communications campaign. (ultimately to reach at-risk individuals and networks who don't identify as being at risk of overdose).

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Nelson Castlegar CAT

Lead Agency: AIDS Network, Outreach & Support Society (ANKORS)

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support continued operation of Overdose Prevention Site in Nelson.• Provision of harm reduction services, overdose response, low-barrier access to healthcare.• Provision of adjunct supports such as appointment reminders, housing support, Indigenous peer support.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Lead Agency: Urban Matters CCC

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity for PWLLE; establish peer empowerment and employment program. • Improve understanding and inspire compassion in community, local government, and business community(Community Asset Map). • Acknowledge existing resources and services and increase capacity for most effective activities to continue/grow.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Vernon CAT

Lead Agency: Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-developed 3-year Vernon Harm Reduction and Opioid Overdose Response Strategy and Communications Plan. • Co-created engagement materials for businesses and community leaders. • Conducted community mapping exercise and created resource guide of services (i.e. New OPS sites in modular housing units). • Worked with RCMP to enable referrals to OAT. • Conducted Naloxone challenge/training for businesses and at community events. • Held event with local Division of Family Practice to encourage physicians to become OAT prescribers. • Conducted Peer Audit and Cultural Audit; incorporated findings in overall strategy. • Provided support and funding for 3x peer-led projects, • Provided support and funding for 3x Indigenous-led projects.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement recommendations of Vernon Harm Reduction and Opioid Overdose Response Strategy • Support existing/new sub-committees (Community Impact, Cultural Audit, Sharps, RCMP/OAT, Physician Engagement, OPS, Peer Audit, Projects) • Adapt to needs and evaluate outcomes of sub-committees.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

West Kelowna CAT

Lead Agency: Urban Matters CCC

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the capacity for community collaboration in the overdose response (establish a lasting partnership). • Improve understanding and inspire compassion in community, local government, and business community. • Increase/create opportunities for employment and community involvement for PWLLE • Convene/ start-up West Kelowna CAT and garner in-kind support from partners.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Williams Lake CAT

Lead Agency: Canadian Mental Health Association - Cariboo-Chilcotin Branch

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult PWLLE and redefine pathways to existing resources in Williams Lake and region; Hire 3-5 peers as advisory group. • Inform training for service providers. • Offer cultural safety training in partnership with local Elders and First Nations representatives to community and local businesses.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Island Health

Campbell River CAT

Lead Agency: City of Campbell River

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed/supervised an Overdose Prevention and Response Outreach Team - house calls, transportation, harm reduction, training, etc. (in partnership). • Delivered Naloxone Training and distributed THN. • Supported community organizations with guidance and response (First Nation or Indigenous communities, Industry groups). • Engaged several peers as CAT members. • Co-developed Community Report: Community Identified Contributors to Substance Use. • Engaged industry groups in outreach via 'Tailgate Meetings' (focus on at-risk men using alone). • Hosted Indigenous peer engagement event
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a peer-led engagement program focused on training, harm reduction education and wellness for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peers. • Host community-based dialogues; develop comprehensive anti-stigma/education campaign • To enhance Indigenous membership and collaboration with CR CAT; to better coordinate services among CAT, greater community and First Nation communities • Co-host a support and grief recovery program (in partnership). • Enhance coordination of CAT activities, funding sources and partnerships.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Comox Valley CAT

Lead Agency: City of Courtenay

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidate regional knowledge around the crisis.• Address stigma, discrimination and human rights through the sharing of knowledge, connectivity and insight amongst service providers.• Support grass-roots change projects driven by local organizations and peers (micro-grants).• Enhance access to Naloxone and training.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Lead Agency: Canadian Mental Health Association – Cowichan Valley Branch

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained peers as Naloxone trainers and provided training to community residents. • Co-developed "Bad Dope" website for drug information alerts; peer-led dissemination of warnings. • Engaged PWLLE in "Street School" forum to share experiences, needs, strategies (building capacity for advocacy and peer-to-peer outreach). • Delivered Peers Driving Peers program to support peer access to medical appointments, OAT, etc. • Facilitated dialogue/education between PWLE and partners (Cowichan District Hospital, municipalities, region, Cowichan Tribes band government). • Created Stigma/Discrimination exhibit for display and public awareness of impacts • Supported House of Friendship: Elder in Residence and support culturally meaningful Personal Care Program as point of outreach for Indigenous peers. • Facilitated youth workshop on Youth Action Day on stigma, overdose awareness, harm reduction. • Developed draft regional strategy to align overdose response activities for Cowichan Valley.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer-led Naloxone distribution and training for all Cowichan communities. • Pilot 1:1 Coffee Conversations, special outreach sessions, newsletters, social media interventions for reaching those at-risk using alone. • Create/ strengthen support networks for youth and Indigenous peers. • Resource Peer Leadership Team as subcommittee of CAT. • Engage Coast Salish Elder as cultural support across activities; reach out to all local First Nation communities for involvement. • Co-lead dialogues with Cowichan District Hospital emergency department and peers. • Co-lead public education and dialogue sessions. • Pilot variations of drop-in "Street School" program to engage young peers and Indigenous peers.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Nanaimo CAT

Lead Agency: AVI Health and Community Services Society

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted micro-grant program and supported several projects (Traumatic Loss Support Program; two drug user group outreach events; care engagement and support for OAT Patients; Enhanced Dialogue by Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre; Community Dialogue on Acquired Brain Injury and Overdose Crisis; opioid awareness and resources for people with low-literacy) • Peer Outreach with SOLID and New Leaf (harm reduction, overdose prevention, network building, referrals, etc.) • Hosted CISUR dialogue (in partnership). • Supported additional Indigenous projects and community dialogues (in partnership).
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support CAT operations and task groups. • Support peer-led initiatives (training, outreach, strategy, mobile services and harm reduction distribution). • Host a community call for small grants (up to \$5000) for projects to focus on priority areas.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Oceanside CAT

Lead Agency: Town of Qualicum Beach

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of peers with lived experience who are engaged in supporting others, and to broaden their support roles. • Address stigma, discrimination and human rights (events, outreach, media campaign). • Promote cultural safety and humility; engage with First Nations leaders, Elders, peers. • Increase access to Naloxone and harm reduction supplies; training.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Port Alberni CAT

Lead Agency: City of Port Alberni

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased OPS hours/accessibility. • Increased peer support workers at OPS. • Increased Overdose Prevention Services and harm reduction distribution in partnership with CAT members. • Co-led sharps collection infrastructure with local municipality. • Facilitated Naloxone training in community. • Engaged PWLE in ongoing CAT meetings/activities. • Addressed stigma via working groups, Alberni Valley News, public forums, community group presentations. • Partnered with BC Ambulance Service in Naloxone distribution. • Collaborated with physicians advocating for continued OAT in Alberni Valley, Youth Harm Reduction Roundtable.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Overdose Prevention Services (access and offerings) in partnership with community service providers. • Increase opportunities for meaningful peer engagement. • Provide further training and support for PWLE (resiliency, overdose prevention, Indigenous-specific engagements). • Address stigma and barriers to access for PWUD; facilitate an interactive series of community consultations/forums and training.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Lead Agency: AVI Health and Community Services Society

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified key issues/gaps in community through Community Overdose Risk Assessment. • Provided training and resources for peers to lead outreach within a private housing site. • Hosted three 8-week support/education sessions for family members who are supporting loved ones with substance use challenges. • Provided advanced harm reduction training for front-line workers and peers (Safe Injection Site employees). • Hosted public event for overdose awareness and education. • Trained front-line staff in oxygen administration.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAT engagement and coordination. • Fund/organize several sub projects: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holding Hope - Support to family members (in partnership); 2. Understanding Addiction Learning Series (addressing stigma and reduce barriers to access); 3. Indigenous Harm Reduction Project (improve access to culture, medicine, healing); 4. Peer Workforce Development (peer outreach and harm reduction); 5. Youth Contingency Program - Stimulant Use and Opiate Use Management (in partnership); and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Overdose prevention support to youth and parents in underserved area (in partnership).

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Northern Health

Dawson Creek CAT

Lead Agency: Network Ministries

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer-led outreach/education centered around trauma-informed care and stigma (for community members, service providers, key partners such as school district).• Increase accessibility to pre/post treatment supports.• Provide cultural safety and sensitivity training to community members + garner active involvement from Indigenous community members in CAT.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Lead Agency: Urban Matters CCC

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Opioid Dialogues panel and pop-up booths for safe dialogue; partnered with Stronger Together Dialogue Program. • Hosted several community awareness and education events (high schools, First Nations communities, Rotary Club groups). • Created educational videos to address stigma and encourage PWLLE to access support • Hosted training for CAT members and peers (in partnership – Compassion Inclusion and Engagement). • Supported peers to self-organize into 'Northern Sun Helpers' peer group and as members of CAT. • Completed community mapping of services and accessibility. • Hired clinical counsellor to support family members and front-line responders.
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of opioid-related events through Education and Awareness • Enhance youth services, including education for teachers, counsellors, and guardians in schools regarding support for youth. • Support peers and enhance peer network "Northern Sun Helpers" with training, employment and capacity-building. • Support and collaborate with neighboring First Nations Communities. • Explore feasibility of Mobile OP and/or OPS; employ peers in harm reduction/ mobile outreach. • Further understand and support needs of front-line responders and PWLLE/ families (resiliency).

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Prince George CAT

Lead Agency: Positive Living North

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resourced PWLLE to participate in CAT activities, CAT, and sub-committee. • Consulted several peers in community on priorities. • Collaborated with CAT members such as first responders and outreach workers to share data and insights. • Hosted peer-led Naloxone training sessions for public and service providers. • Resourced peers and CAT leadership to attend regional harm reduction and overdose response conferences. • Identified top community priorities (OPS, peer empowerment and employment, addressing stigma, discrimination, and human rights).
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and enhance existing services in community (overdose prevention, outreach, advocacy groups). • Lead education and awareness events. • Training/capacity-building for PWLLE (harm reduction, overdose prevention, addressing stigma and discrimination). • Facilitate collaboration and action amongst CAT members that is informed by data and emerging service needs. • Resource PWLLE, peers and families of PWUD to further identify opportunities and priorities for action. • Further engage Municipal Government.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Quesnel CAT

Lead Agency: Quesnel Shelter and Support Society

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand access to overdose prevention services through mobile outreach.• Community education and awareness (events, outreach, campaign, peer organization partnerships).• Strengthen linkages to health and social services (referrals, advocacy, outreach).

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Terrace CAT

Lead Agency: Terrace and District Community Services Society

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase scope of existing Clean Team project by adding peer coordinator and expanding education and capacity building opportunities. • Educate the community. • Create peer network within Terrace led by Clean Team members. Peer employment project will be integrated into Northern Health Overdose Response Local Implementation Team.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Vancouver Coastal Health

Powell River CAT

Lead Agency: PREP Community Services Society

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular CAT and working group meetings • Established OPS site (Location informed by Emergency Health Services and Vancouver Coastal Health data) • Trained/hired several peers in Street Degree Program Overdose Prevention (from Tla'amin, SUSTAIN, VCH). • Creates PRcat.ca as resource space for MHSU resources in Powell River. • Hosted community harm reduction and peer-based trainings for Naloxone use (100+). • Harm reduction education and outreach for community and businesses (1-1, events, partnerships, etc.).
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand/enhance Overdose Prevention Services • Expand/enhance peer involvement with empowerment/employment opportunities in partnership with local Drug User Group • Expand/ Enhance Indigenous engagement (specific OPS offerings) • Expand peer-led education/outreach activities (Naloxone, local paper mill/trades lunch and learns, Substance Use 101 courses, panels/forums, curricula for school board)

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Sea to Sky CAT

Lead Agency: Squamish Helping Hands Society

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form and facilitate Sea to Sky CAT team. • Conduct needs assessment for overdose response initiatives – build community knowledge of existing initiatives and identify gaps where CAT could play a role in better coordinating and/or enhancing services (i.e. increasing outreach strategies including transitions [hospital/prison], new overdose prevention services in community). • Prioritize and implement:three initiatives identified from gap analysis.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	✓
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Sunshine Coast CAT

Lead Agency: Pacific Hepatitis C Network

2018/2019
N/A
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand community access to Naloxone and overdose reversal training (i.e. train the trainer). • Conduct community consultation to learn more about needs of PWUD and build support for a community-based OPS. • Strategies to support peer empowerment and employment; pilot testing availability of peer office space, Needle pick-up program. • Explore options for connecting people using alone at home with peers. • Addressing stigma, discrimination, human rights and cultural safety: increase awareness about substance use on Sunshine Coast and reduce stigma by providing opportunities for peers to engage with community during training and info events. • Invest in/build partnership with Sechelt Nation to reduce harms associated with substance use. • Build partnership with health and social service community to support access and retention in services: consultations about best practice working with PWUD, engagement with local medical/physician community to discuss safe supply and increase access to evidence-based treatments.

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Vancouver CAT

Lead Agency: City of Vancouver

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular CAT and working group meetings. • Support for partner organization initiatives (i.e. Spikes on Bikes, low-barrier OPS for women). • Collaboration with Mayor's Emergency Task Force (i.e. Safe Supply Statement). • Support for Peer Wellness Working Group to survey peers about health and wellness needs (funding to follow). • Support for Indigenous peers to identify priorities (funding to follow) • Completed Needs Assessment
2019/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop more targeted strategies to prevent people from using alone (i.e., creative supervised consumption services). • Create advocacy campaigns to raise awareness of the role of drug policy in the overdose crisis. • Promote pathways/access to OAT, injectable OAT, and low barrier distribution pilots • Create/enhance programs to support the health/wellbeing of the peer work force (micro-grants). • Resource peers and groups of PWUD to play key roles in CAT

Plans to address directly and/or support indirectly:

Naloxone	
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	✓
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	✓
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Richmond CAT

Lead Agency: City of Richmond

2018/2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted dialogue sessions with/for PWLE: "Belonging Matters" - Multiple outputs including resourcing PWLE to affect change within health services • Resource Kits, posters, multiple community engagements and partnerships generated with PWLE through "Belonging Matters" • Formed working groups for data-informed collaboration and action among member agencies (i.e. Housing) • Partnered with RainCity Housing to help deliver housing that is responsive to needs of people who use drugs • Garnered in-kind ongoing support for Peer meeting space from CAT member/partner • Explored enhanced OPS services with supportive housing operators in Richmond • Distributed and enhanced Naloxone distribution/training
2019/2020
<p>In 2019/20 overdose rates in Richmond were amongst the lowest in British Columbia. Richmond CAT concluded its activities with a final symposium. The team has left a lasting legacy in Richmond, with the local community continuing to engage peers in service delivery, planning, and anti-stigma activities.</p>

Has addressed directly and/or supported indirectly:

Naloxone	✓
Overdose Prevention Services	✓
Acute overdose risk case management	
Treatment and Recovery	
Social stabilization	✓
Peer empowerment and employment	✓
Cultural safety and humility	
Stigma, discrimination, and human rights	✓

Appendix A

CAT alignment with comprehensive package framework of core interventions

	Community Action Team	N	O	A	T	SS	P	C	SD HR	New in 2019?
Fraser Health	Abbotsford		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
	Burnaby	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Chilliwack	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Hope	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
	Langley	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Maple Ridge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Mission	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
	New Westminster	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	South Surrey White Rock	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Surrey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tri Cities	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Interior Health	Grand Forks	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
	Kamloops	✓					✓	✓	✓	
	Kelowna		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Nelson Castlegar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Penticton						✓	✓	✓	✓
	Vernon	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	West Kelowna						✓	✓	✓	✓
	Williams Lake		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Island Health	Campbell River	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Comox Valley	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Duncan	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Nanaimo	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Oceanside	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Port Alberni	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Victoria	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Health	Dawson Creek		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Fort St. John	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Prince George	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Quesnel	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
	Terrace		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓
Vancouver Coastal Health	Powell River	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Sea to Sky	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sunshine Coast	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
	Vancouver		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Richmond*	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	

(N= Naloxone, O= Overdose Prevention Services, A= Acute overdose risk case management, T= Treatment and Recovery, SS= Social stabilization, P= Peer empowerment and employment, C= Cultural Safety and humility, SDHR= Addressing stigma, discrimination, and human rights)

*Not funded by OERC/CAI in 2019/20

Appendix B

Comprehensive package framework of core interventions:

Essential Health Sector Interventions	Essential Strategies for a Supportive Environment
<p><u>Naloxone</u> Ensuring optimal supplies, training and community-level infrastructure to provide sustained access, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage • Supplies • Trainers • On-going capacity 	<p><u>Social stabilization</u> Community-level strategies to ensure on-going psycho-social support, access to housing, income stabilization, transportation, food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services to engage and strengthen support networks such as family/friends • Support groups/healing circles, counselling • Access to affordable and/or supported housing • Support programs incorporate capacity to address housing, income, food insecurity
<p><u>Overdose Prevention Services</u> Supporting a range of community-level, low barrier services tailored to local needs, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overdose prevention & supervised consumption sites • Housing-based initiatives • Strategies to reach individuals using alone • Mobile Services • Drug Checking • Safe drug supply (e.g. hydromorphone in supervised settings) 	<p><u>Peer empowerment and employment</u> Providing individual skills and capacity-building initiatives for communities/people with lived experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of paid peer program opportunities • Peer-led initiatives • Peer training opportunities • Involving people with lived experience in strategic program planning and decision-making
<p><u>Acute overdose risk case management</u> Robust surveillance, analytics and referral system to identify individuals at risk within communities and capacity for follow-up connection to care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive screening for problematic opioid use at health care sites • Clinical follow-up • Fast-track pathways to treatment and care • System for monitoring/evaluating patient outcomes and following up 	<p><u>Cultural safety and humility</u> In collaboration with Indigenous communities and organizations, ensuring services are rooted in an understanding of the social and historical context of health and health-care inequities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural safety teachings and support available to all service providers • Trauma-informed and culturally safe facility/space and program design • Services and supports incorporate Indigenous approaches to healing and wellness • Elders involved in service delivery & planning
<p><u>Treatment and Recovery</u> Ensuring low-barrier access to a full spectrum of evidence-based medications and comprehensive treatment & recovery services, including access to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methadone, suboxone, oral morphine, injectable hydromorphone • Continuum of treatment and recovery programs for opioid dependence that combine medication and psychosocial supports. • Multi-disciplinary pain management 	<p><u>Addressing stigma, discrimination, and human rights</u> Policy/legal analysis & action plans to address barriers to services based on stigma/discrimination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to legal team to address discriminatory laws and policies that impact harm reduction • Public education resources, campaigns • Community-level actions to address barriers in access to services for people who use drugs.