## Deadline to Respond

All Expression of Interest submissions must be received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ministry) **by January 20, 2017.**

## Introduction

The Ministry invites First Nations communities to submit an expression of interest (EOI) for palliative care training for front-line care providers and health workers. The aim is to build community capacity through training to strengthen palliative care services for First Nations communities in Ontario. Funding for palliative care training is available for 2016/17 and 2017/18. Activities must be completed by March 31st, 2018.

The provincial government is working closely with the Chiefs of Ontario, Health Canada and other partners to ensure a collaborative approach to improving access to palliative care in First Nations communities across Ontario. Provincial support for training through this one-time funding to improve palliative care in First Nations communities is intended to enhance and not replace existing training initiatives.

## Eligible Training Programs

There are three options that have been approved by the partners for the training. Communities may choose more than one option as people may have differing needs for training.

* 1. In-person, on-site workshops “Palliative Care for Front Line Workers in First Nations Communities” organized and delivered by CERAH, Lakehead University. The target group is front-line care providers and community members (nurses, personal support workers , home makers, mental health workers, health directors etc.).
	2. In person, LEAP workshop for registered health care providers (physicians, nurses, registered social workers, occupational therapists, physical therapists). These LEAP workshops are developed by Pallium Canada.) for clinicians.
	3. Individual on-line courses organized and delivered by St. Elizabeth Heath Care. There are a variety of courses that can be accessed via the internet.

Please see **Appendix** for more information on eligible programs.

## Eligible Expenses

## Training program costs (e.g., course or workshop registration fee)

* Travel to attend in person workshops, CERAH or LEAP (includes accommodations and meals, if needed)

## Application Process

1. **Complete the Expression of Interest below and email or fax to the Ministry**.
2. Submissions must be sent as an e-mail attachment or via fax to (if faxing, please follow-up via email or telephone to ensure submission was received):

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1. Expression of Interest should be received by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care by **January 20, 2017.**
2. An e-mail confirming receipt of application will be sent to main applicant. If confirmation is not received, please contact Nila Sinnatamby.
3. Submissions will be reviewed by the Ministry and applicants will be notified of next steps for organizing training. Timing of Ministry response will depend of number of requests received.

#  Expression of Interest Template (to be completed)

## Contact Information:

*First Nations Community:*

*Main Contact Person:*

*E-mail:*

*Phone number:*

*Mailing address:*

## Training *(please complete the chart below to indicate your interest.)*

**Instructions: Put an X next to the option(s) your community wishes to participate in.**

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| **Put an X next to the option(s) your community wishes to choose** | **Training Option** | **Target Group** | **Education Provider** | **Format**  | **Estimated # of Participants for each option (maximum 5 registrants per option)** |
|  | Palliative Care for Front Line Workers in First Nations Communities | All health care providers  | Lakehead University (CERAH) | Face to face, small group workshops |  |
|  | Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care (LEAP) workshop | Registered health care professionals  | Pallium | Face to face, small group workshops |  |
|  | Online palliative care courses (various)  | All health care providers | St. Elizabeth | On line, internet based, individual  |  |

1. ***Training Year (please indicate which year your community would like training)***

[ ] 2016-17 *(January 2017-March 31st 2017)*

[ ] 2017-18 *(April 1, 2017 – March 31st 2018)*

1. **Travel *(please indicate if participants will need to travel to participate in training)***

***Note:* On-site group training and workshop sessions may be held in First Nations communities, however, sessions may also be held at a more central location if several participants are attending from different communities. All attendees taking part in these sessions must be willing to travel outside of their communities to a more central location if necessary.**

Please indicate if travel costs (if training is outside of your community) will need to be reimbursed.

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

[ ] Unknown

## Need / Potential Impact:

1. How will this training improve palliative care services in your community?

Main Contact Person Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Health Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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## Appendix – Description of Eligible Training Programs

| **Type** | **Names** | **Details** |
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| ***In-Person workshop tailored to community needs*** | The Centre for Education and Research on Aging & Health (CERAH) Lakehead University[www.cerah.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.cerah.lakeheadu.ca)[www.eolfn.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.eolfn.lakeheadu.ca) | **Palliative Care Training for Front-line Workers in First Nations Communities\**** Workshop is two days and covers 7 topics including: philosophy and principles of palliative care, pain and symptom management, last hours of living, working with families and community’s teams, grief and bereavement.
* Aims to improve capacity of First Nations communities to provide palliative care. The CERAH team works with communities to tailor training to each community’s needs.
* On-site CERAH training/facilitation team includes health care professionals with clinical experience in pain and symptom management, grief, bereavement, and psychosocial care. Facilitators are Indigenous or understand cultural beliefs and values of First Nations communities.
* One/two local cultural guides or Elders from the community also participate in the training to provide local context.
* Maximum 25 participants per workshop
* A third day of training on using the “Developing Palliative Care Programs in First Nations Communities Workbook” can be made available.
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| ***Online for Individuals*** | Saint Elizabeth First Nations Inuit Metis (FNIM Program)Online Training<https://www.saintelizabeth.com/FNIM/Education-Opportunities.aspx> | **The @YourSideColleague® Palliative Care Course*** Provides an improved understanding of clients, caregivers and family palliative needs.
* Various courses available
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| ***In-Person Interprofessional Workshops*** | Pallium Canada Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care (LEAP)[www.pallium.ca](http://www.pallium.ca) | **LEAP CORE (2 days) and LEAP Mini (1 day)*** LEAP provides standardized, skills-based approach to enhancing palliative care services.
* Courses designed for registered healthcare professionals (Nurses, physicians, social workers, OT, PT.)
* Courses are offered in various locations throughout Ontario and upcoming courses are listed on the Pallium website.
* CME credits are available for participants.
* Facilitators are trained and accredited by Pallium
* Courses provide an opportunity to learn about current best-practice in caring for patients with life-threatening and life-limiting illness with a focus on family practice and community settings.
* Maximum 25 participants per workshop
* The one day Mini has an on-line and face-to-face option
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NOTE: Sessions may be held in First Nations communities, however, sessions may also be held at a more central location if multiple communities are participating. All attendees of in-person must be willing to travel outside of their communities to a centralized location if necessary.