

Health Research Infrastructure Boost in Canada's North

On March 30th and 31st, the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians in Canada announced the recipients of the \$85 million Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund, including the Arctic Health Research Network in the Northwest Territories. This new investment in the north's research infrastructure network will build or upgrade key research facilities from Labrador to the Yukon as part of the Canadian federal government's integrated Northern Strategy.

The Arctic Health Research Network, Northwest Territories responded to the call for Proposals issued on February 20 with a plan to increase health research facility space in the Northwest Territories focusing on public health research, health services delivery research, and youth driven participatory projects. The center will also play an important role in training health researchers, facilitating research projects and outreach related to the dissemination of evidence. The Infrastructure Fund will award up to \$1,605,670 CDN for this endeavor. Elsewhere in the northern Canada funds were awarded for broader research initiatives which will also encompass some

infrastructure needs for health research in those regions. This includes the Aurora Research Institute in Inuvik, Northwest Territories, the Labrador Institute and Nunatsiavut Research Centre Project, Nunavut Research Institute Project and Yukon College Project.

The Arctic Health Research Network would like to congratulate all twenty recipients of the Infrastructure Fund and looks forward to working with researchers across northern Canada. Full details on the announcement can be found at

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/mr/nr/j-a2009/bk000000260-eng.asp>

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