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Brand New Program:

- Fire Keeper Patrol (Mobile Street Outreach) Program
 - Adding a cultural component to services for Indigenous people facing issues related to homelessness, addiction, and mental health.
- Employment & Steering Committee Opportunities

As part of its mandate to carry out the collective will of its members in promoting self-reliance in health care, Mushkegowuk Council and Wabun Tribal Council are expanding their service offerings. The organizations have secured funding to develop and deliver a Mobile Indigenous Street Outreach program. And we are seeking the support of partners to help us secure employees and develop a steering committee that can help guide the longer term program development.

Below is a description of the program as well as the job posting for Fire Keeper Patrol Worker. Please share with anyone you feel might be interested in supporting or working in the program.

Program Philosophy:

- There is an increasing number of Indigenous people living in Timmins with emerging or complex mental health and addiction needs
- It is our belief that restoring our culture and values within our Indigenous people living in urban areas can help minimize harm and potential danger experienced by our Indigenous People living with substance use and addictions.

Program goals:

- Build relationships with Indigenous people struggling with addiction and provide non-judgemental and supportive harm reduction services
- Respond to and care for



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- Provide Indigenous people experiencing mental health and addiction problems with access to compassionate and motivated Indigenous Patrol workers with lived experience who are committed to support them with culturally centred harm reduction
- Provide Indigenous people with access to accepting and compassionate people and environment that support a reconnection with culture as part of the harm reduction service model
 - Infuse components of cultural knowledge and values into services
 - Include access to land-based therapy and cultural practices (Indigenous art, sewing, drumming, etc)
- Support current services providers in providing culturally competent services to Indigenous people living with mental health and additions issues

Funding:

- Startup funding has been secured from both the Federal and Provincial Governments
- There will be a need to apply for on-going funding
- The program will seek out additional dollars for expansion to include access to transitional housing

Partnerships:

- Mushkegowuk Council and Wabun Tribal Council will partner to develop and manage the services.
- Services will be provided in partnership with current Indigenous and Mainstream service providers

STEERING COMMITTEE

There is a need to develop a Steering Committee comprised of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members who are can help determine the needs and direction of the services as well as advocate for the importance of delivering culturally competent mental health and addiction services.



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Program Composition:

- 1 Fire Keeper Patrol Coordinator
 - Virginia Sutherland
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- Fire Keeping Patrol Workers (8) - Position currently posted
- Mental health counsellors (2) - Posting coming soon
- Mental health nurse (1) - Posting coming soon
- Social services navigator (1) - Posting coming soon
- Administrative assistant (1) - Posting coming soon

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Program Implementation:

- The program is currently in the start-up phase.
 - An interim coordinator has been hired
 - A physical location for the program has been secured
 - Recruitment for the Patrol workers is in progress
 - Networking with service providers has begun
 - Workers should be trained and ready to begin providing services at the beginning of October
 - Workers will be scheduled to provide services in collaboration with the current Outreach programs provided by Living Space, the Porcupine Health Unit and CMHA
 - Recruitment of other team members will begin once the Patrol workers are in place
- Longer terms plans include
 - Partnerships with the Timmins Native Friendship Centre and Living Space to provide access to drop in spaces and cultural activities
 - Partnership with CDSSAB to provide access to transitional housing with culturally competent support services

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Employment Opportunity

Position: Fire Keeper Patrol Worker

Department: Health

Duration: Fixed Term Contract ending March 31, 2022

Competition #: 2021-033

Location: Timmins, ON

Closing Date: Until filled

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Reporting to the Fire Keeper Patrol Coordinator, the Fire Keeper Partol Worker is responsible for providing culturally appropriate crisis counselling and case management services. The incumbent will be focused on supporting urban Indigenous members experiencing homelessness, substance abuse/addiction, and mental health issues. The Fire Keeper Patrol Worker will create linkages to necessary external and internal supports and program. The incumbent will ensure all services are trauma-informed, based on a harm reduction model and culturally responsible to produce positive outcomes for members. The Fire Keeper Patrol Worker will work as a team to support urban mobile outreach program: Fire Keeper Patrol. The position works collaboratively with community service providers, and volunteers.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A post-secondary degree/diploma in Social Work, Psychology, or relevant mental health care field is an asset.
- Experience working with at risk Indigenous members.
- Crisis Intervention and or Case Management experience.
- Knowledgeable in areas of trauma, family violence, abuse, addictions, crisis, residential schools and intergenerational issues.
- Ability to work with high risk, difficult to reach population.
- Ability to manage challenging situations and difficult behaviour.
- Demonstrated knowledge, sensitivity and awareness of the history, culture, and unique needs of urban Indigenous people.
- Experience in coordinatoing events and programs is an asset.
- Knowledge of Indigenous and non-Indigenous community resources and related services
- A Self-starter who is reliable and takes initiative.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and computer skills.
- Excellent time management skills, ability to multi-task and prioritize.
- Flexibility and ability to easily adapt to changing environments.
- Capable of exercising independent judgment in planning and implementation of daily activities.
- Strong organizational and communication (written and verbal) skills required.
- Proficiency with computer software including EMR databases.
- Current First Aid and CPR Certification is required.
- Must provide CPIC with Vulnerable Sector Screening and possess a valid Driver's License.
- Ability to be flexible and workdays, evenings, and weekends and able to travel as required.
- Ability to speak in one of the Mushkegowuk Cree dialects, and/or Ojibway dialects.

Job Description available upon request

SUBMIT RESUME AND THREE (3) RECENT WORK REFERENCES with their phone numbers and emails, quoting Competition# 2021-033

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