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## **BC overdose prevention technology funding initiative**

### **How will funds be transferred?**

The contact person on the application form will be notified by email of the amount of funding that has been earmarked for housing societies selected for funding to order overdose prevention devices and get the associated 3 year service packages. Once housing societies selected for funding place the orders for the devices, the supplier will invoice BCNPHA for up to the amount that has been earmarked. BCNPHA will transfer the funds directly to the supplier to pay for the invoice, thereby reducing the administrative work for housing societies.

Housing societies that receive funding may choose to order additional devices beyond what the funding provided will cover, but housing societies will be responsible to cover the costs of any order above the amount that was allocated to them through this initiative. Housing societies that receive funding will also be responsible for the replacement costs of any devices that were lost, stolen, or unreasonably damaged.

If any of the funding earmarked for a housing society is not all used in the order placed, the remaining funds will be reallocated by BCNPHA to another eligible applicant who did not receive funding or funding for all the devices they require due to high demand.

The funding through this funding initiative will be one-time. This initiative will not provide funding to continue the use of the devices after the three year service package is completed. The prices for replacement of devices or additional devices or service packages may not be available at the same prices as what was available through this funding initiative.

### **If my organization is allocated funding through this initiative, how does my organization select which company to work with?**

Housing societies that receive overdose prevention devices through this initiative will be responsible for selecting which of the two suppliers they want to order from (and if working with a supplier that offers more than one device type, which device type or combination of device types to order). Both suppliers provide training and engagement resources to encourage use of the devices once installed.

Housing societies are encouraged to select one of the two suppliers to work with, as the suppliers provide training resources and service to support the devices during the three year service package. We encourage housing societies that receive funding to talk with both suppliers before placing its order to see which devices will work best for their unique circumstances.

Information about the two suppliers and the various devices they have available for this initiative can be found here:

Brave Coop's Devices:

-[Buttons](#) (can be used in residential units and other shared spaces such as gazebos, lounges, multi-purpose rooms, etc.)

-[Sensors](#) (Sensors are specifically for single occupancy and multi-stall restrooms)

[LifeguardLite™ Devices](#) (can be used in residential units and other shared spaces such as gazebos, lounges, multi-purpose rooms, and restrooms, etc.)

BCNPHA also hosted webinars for providers with each of the suppliers to provide information about how their devices work, their installation process, and their services. Recordings of the webinar are available here:

VIDEO: [Brave Co-op](#)

VIDEO: [Lifeguard Digital Health](#)

### **What should housing societies that are selected for funding do once they decide which supplier to work with?**

Housing societies selected for funding should refer to the instructions in the letters they received from [odtechfund@bcnpha.ca](mailto:odtechfund@bcnpha.ca) and instructions from the supplier they are placing their order with.

### **What happens if we need more devices beyond what the funding covers to install?**

Housing societies selected for funding will be responsible for paying the supplier(s) directly for any costs beyond what is covered in their funding allocation through this initiative.

Funding through this initiative can only be used to fund the eligible device types and associated three year service packages. Costs for non-eligible devices need to be covered by the housing society directly with the supplier(s).