



BC Rural Health Care Awards Criteria

Rural BC Community Award

The Rural BC Community Award recognizes a community that has developed innovative and collaborative approaches and solutions to addressing local healthcare needs within their community.

This year, specific guidelines are available to help strengthen your submission. When submitting your application, please provide a minimum of two letters of support that cite specific examples of your community's achievements/criteria. Communities whose work is guided by following criteria will be especially valued:

- developed or adapted a solution to address local healthcare issue(s), and/or the underlying social determinants of health that directly impact patient and community health outcomes as well as access to care
- used a collaborative and/or team-based approach to addressing local healthcare issue(s)
- engaged broadly with local, regional and/or provincial agencies, organizations, healthcare providers and/or patients
- focused on establishing, strengthening, or maintaining primary healthcare services in the community
- facilitated team-based healthcare service delivery
- stepped in to provide secondary and/or tertiary healthcare services as needed to mitigate transport risks and other wholistic rural healthcare¹ considerations
- engaged with rural, regional and urban specialists to provide local delivery of specialist services/telehealth visits to allow for 'closer-to-home' care when appropriate

The successful community will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$2,500 that may be used to host a community celebration or to support a local health care initiative. The recipient of this award will be honoured at the 2020 BC Rural Health Conference being held May 29-31 in Penticton, BC.

Deadline for nominations will be due January 31, 2020. Communities can nominate themselves or be nominated by a third party.

Award of Excellence in Rural Medicine: Team-based Rural Maternity Care

RCCbc recognizes the dedication, passion, and hard work of BC's rural physicians with its annual Awards of Excellence in Rural Medicine. Each year there is a recognition theme for this award. In the past the themes have included: mentorship, opinion leaders, community leaders, and innovation. The theme for 2020 will be Team-based Rural Maternity Care.

¹ Holistic rural healthcare considerations includes things such as costs incurred by a patient seeking care for travel and accommodation in regional/urban centre, missed employment day(s), allocation of child and/or elder care to another adult, etc.

This year, we are providing specific guidelines (below) to help you strengthen your submission. When submitting your application form, please provide a minimum of two letters of support that cite specific examples of your rural maternity team's achievements/criteria. Teams whose work are guided by following criteria will be especially valued:

- demonstrates an integrated approach to establishing, strengthening, or maintaining primary health care and maternity services in the community
- facilitation of interdisciplinary team-based healthcare service delivery
- supports a team culture that enables members to adapt individual and collective workloads to the needs of the community and the capacity of the team members, resulting in healthcare that enhances quality, safety, and sustainability
- networks with rural, regional and urban specialists to enhance local delivery of healthcare and enable 'closer-to-home' care
- participates in and/or leads local, regional, or provincial initiatives to sustain and/or support rural maternity services
- actively works to develop, sustain, and/or enhance local infrastructure and/or regional or provincial policies to enable birthing closer-to-home in BC's rural communities

The successful recipient will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$2,500 that may be used to host a community celebration or to support a local health care initiative. The recipient of this award will be honoured at the 2020 BC Rural Health Conference being held May 29-31 in Penticton, BC.

Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2020. A physician/team in this category may only be nominated by a third party.

Award of Excellence in Rural Medicine: Lifetime Achievement

RCCbc recognizes the dedication, passion, and hard work of BC's rural physicians with the Annual Awards of Excellence in Rural Medicine. The Lifetime Achievement Award honors a rural physician who has:

- dedicated their career to serving one or more rural communities for a minimum of 15 years; and,
- made significant contributions that have led to improvements and/or innovation in rural health service practice and delivery at a provincial, national and/or international level.

Physicians whose careers demonstrate a strong commitment to the principles of rural generalism and/or a strong engagement in rural teaching and training will be especially valued.

The successful community will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$2,500 that may be used to host a community celebration or to support a local health care initiative. The recipient of this award will be honoured at the 2020 BC Rural Health Conference being held May 29-31 in Penticton, BC.

Deadline is January 31, 2020. A physician must be nominated by a third party for this award.