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Funding for diabetes prevention, treatment and management focused on children and youth

Toronto (Ontario) March 3, 2016 – Diabetes prevention, treatment and management initiatives focused on the healthy development of children and youth will receive a substantial boost with funding announced today. The Foundation has not predetermined the funding envelope but plans to award approximately \$2,000,000 for 10 to 12 projects through its Diabetes Funding Opportunity.

With a focus on improving health outcomes for children and youth, the Foundation invites letters of intent from registered charities across Canada to strengthen the delivery of diabetes prevention, treatment and management programs and services through innovation, translational research, knowledge mobilization and quality improvement. The funding opportunity recognizes that there are populations in Canada with a higher burden of diabetes, including Indigenous communities, New Canadians, some ethno-cultural groups, inner-city and institutionalized populations and those dealing with mental illness. The challenges facing these and other high-risk populations will be important considerations when selecting projects for funding.

The burden of diabetes continues to rise across the country and type 2 diabetes is being seen increasingly in children and adolescents. “To help address the growing challenges of diabetes, for individuals and for the Canadian healthcare system, the Lawson Foundation believes that it is important to continue to support diabetes prevention and management initiatives that have the potential to be quickly translated to clinical practice and community programs”, says Marcel Lauzière, President & CEO of the Lawson Foundation. Given the relationship between experiences in the prenatal and early infant periods and an increased risk of chronic diseases, including obesity and type 2 diabetes, in adulthood and in future generations, the Foundation will invest in initiatives across the spectrum from the periconception and prenatal periods through childhood and the transition from pediatric to adult care.

To learn more about the Diabetes Funding Opportunity, please visit:
<http://lawson.ca/diabetes2016call>

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The Lawson Foundation is a national family foundation with a mission to invest in and engage with ideas, people and organizations that contribute to healthy outcomes of Canadians throughout their life course. Its overall focus is on the well-being of children and youth and it invests in three inter-related strategic areas that they believe will have a significant impact on young people’s healthy development: early child development, healthy active living, and a new area of interest, children and the environment. www.lawson.ca | [Strategic Direction](#)

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