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Subject: INVITATION to NSFM as knowledge user

Dear Juanita, Evan, and Debbie

I am reaching out to ***invite the NS Federation of Municipalities to join a \$1.5 million CIHR research grant – as the knowledge user*** -- on upstream, community-based mental health promotion for youth.

As I explain in the attached brief proposal, **municipalities are best situated to attend to the social and structural determinants of mental health and well-being**. Municipalities are the governance authorities that are responsible for the allocation of physical resources (like public transit and parks) and services (like libraries and recreation) implicated in upstream mental health promotion; the resources that can prevent onset of mental illness, or improve prognosis of mental illness where it exists, because of changes to the environment in which individuals and families live, work and play.

Joining as the knowledge user of this grant, *the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities would not be asked to make financial or work contributions to the project*. All we ask is your partnership in using – as best you can within your remit – some of the information produced from our work.

I look forward to hearing from you about this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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