

BID SOLICITATION



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**Bid Solicitation
Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant**

**Submission Deadline:
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Introduction

GRAND CHALLENGES CANADA

Grand Challenges Canada is dedicated to supporting Bold Ideas with Big Impact®. Funded by the Government of Canada and other partners, Grand Challenges Canada funds innovators in low- and middle-income countries and Canada. The bold ideas Grand Challenges Canada supports integrate science and technology, social and business innovation – known as Integrated Innovation®.

One of the largest impact-first funders in Canada, and with a feminist investment approach, Grand Challenges Canada has supported a pipeline of over 1,000 innovations in 95 countries. Grand Challenges Canada estimates that these innovations have the potential to save up to 1.6 million lives and improve up to 51 million lives by 2030. Grand Challenges Canada is an independent not-for-profit hosted in Toronto at the Sandra Rotman Centre at the University Health Network and based in the MaRS building.

Our Mission: To catalyze innovation that saves and improves the lives of the most vulnerable in Canada and low- and middle-income countries.

Our Vision: A world in which innovation accelerates the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.

Grand Challenges Canada is seeking a **Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant** to assist it in developing and executing on a fundraising strategy with the goal of raising funds for GCC's Innovation Platform, including:

- a. A goal of \$10 million CAD in programmatic and operations funding for the **Indigenous Innovation Initiative** so that Grand Challenges Canada can fund and enable Indigenous innovators in Canada.
- b. Raise \$10 million CAD in programmatic and operations funding for the Global Mental Health program to (a) support new investments in proven mental health innovations transitioning to scale in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and (b) develop a new pipeline of innovation in adolescent mental health in LMICs.
- c. Raise unrestricted funding (perhaps in the form of a permanent endowment) to support Grand Challenges Canada's operations.
- d. Possibly support GCC's efforts in raising funds for a spin-off impact investment firm, Cross-Border Impact Ventures, which will invest in companies commercializing disruptive medical solutions from the most active innovation markets to support their scaling plans and catalyze their expansion in Africa for inclusive impact with a win-win model.



The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will identify and engage new sources of funding, and tangibly support the fostering of relationships with existing and potential donors. The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will be the initial point of contact on all matters related to fundraising, working closely with Grand Challenges Canada's management to foster positive relationships with potential donors while increasing the awareness of Grand Challenges Canada and its programs, both domestically and internationally.

Part 1: General Information

1.1 Objective

- a. The objective of this bid solicitation is to select a consultant, or possibly more than one consultant, to enter into a contract with Grand Challenges Canada to provide the services described in the Statement of Work in a manner that will provide the best value for money, attached herein as Appendix A.

1.2 Period of Contract

- a. The resulting contract will be in effect from approximately May 2019 to March 31 2020 with the possibility of renewal or extension for successive one-year term(s) up to a maximum of three years, depending on the length and progress of the project and Grand Challenges Canada's funding available to continue to support this work.

1.3 About Grand Challenges Canada, the Indigenous Innovation Initiative & the Global Mental Health program

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For more information, please see: www.grandchallenges.ca, including our latest Annual Report under “Who We Are”.

The Indigenous Innovation Initiative is dedicated to assisting Indigenous communities and people in Canada to identify and solve their own challenges, transform change, and drive inclusive growth through innovation. Hosted and backed by Grand Challenges Canada and with the financial support of the McConnell Foundation and Johnson & Johnson, the Indigenous Innovation

Initiative seeks to provide flexible funding to Indigenous innovators working to solve challenges that will make an impact at all levels of community.

The Indigenous Innovation Initiative is Indigenous led and grounded in traditional ways of knowing and being. Extensive consultation with Indigenous elders and community leaders across Canada occurred prior to the 2017 launch of the Initiative. A council of Indigenous experts has since been established to ensure Indigenous epistemology is imbedded in all activities undertaken by the Initiative.

The Initiative has designed a community consultation process based on traditional values of consensus, sharing, and interconnectedness. The first challenge area underway is Indigenous mental health. The design process provides a means to generate Canada-wide interest and support in our work. Moreover, the Initiative is prepared to spark change in other challenge areas facing Indigenous communities in Canada.

For more information, please see: www.indigenousinnovate.org

The Global Mental Health program supports bold ideas to improve treatments and expand access to care for mental disorders, through transformational, affordable and cost-effective innovations that have the potential to be sustainable at scale.

Mental disorders contribute to 14 percent of the global burden of disease worldwide; 75 percent of this burden occurs in low- and middle-income countries, where scarce resources and a shortage of trained professionals mean individuals living with mental disorders have limited access to evidence-based treatments. Even in contexts where treatment is available, widespread stigmatization faced by those living with mental illness means that they are often unwilling or unable to access this care.

The program focuses on funding innovations that can improve treatments and expand access to care across a range of priority areas, such as community-based care, developing treatments for use by non-specialists, and improving children's access to care. The goal is to flip the gap: currently only 10 percent of people with mental health conditions have access to treatment and care; we want to reverse this so that 90 percent have access to high-quality, evidence-based treatment and care instead.

Through 2016–17, Grand Challenges Canada invested \$42 million CAD in 85 projects in 31 countries. By 2030, up to 3.2 million individuals will access and use treatment as a result of these projects, with hundreds of thousands showing measurable symptomatic improvement.

For more information, please see:
<https://www.grandchallenges.ca/programs/global-mental-health/> or
<https://mhinnovation.net>



Cross-Border Impact Ventures is a new investment management firm being incubated by Grand Challenges Canada to invest in the highest return opportunities with the potential to measurably achieve sustainable development goals (SDGs) while using best in class gender lens investment and impact measurement approaches. The firm shares the mission and vision of Grand Challenges Canada and approaches solving these important issues using a for-profit return-generating model.

For its inaugural fund, Cross-Border Impact Ventures is partnering with the Every Woman Every Child Innovation Marketplace (EWEC-IM), an initiative of Grand Challenges Canada, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, NORAD, and USAID, to focus on transformational companies commercializing healthcare technology solutions to conditions that affect women and children more than men and are applicable to Africa.

Part 2: Standard Instructions, Clauses and Conditions

2.1 Submission of Proposal

- a. Grand Challenges Canada requests that each Bidder submit a Proposal to the email address outlined in Paragraph 2.2, as early as possible, but **no later than May 29, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**
- b. The Proposal must include the firm's name, a contact name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address.
- c. Grand Challenges Canada requests that each bid contain a covering letter signed by the Bidder or by an authorized representative of the Bidder. The covering letter should reference the RFP Reference Number. The Bidder's signature indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions set out and/or referenced herein. The signatory must have authority to commit the organization by making such a proposal. A contract will not be awarded until a signed covering letter from the Bidder is received by Grand Challenges Canada. If the Bidder fails to provide a signed covering letter when requested to do so by Grand Challenges Canada, then the Bidder shall be disqualified from the bidding process and be declared non-compliant.
- d. It is the Bidder's responsibility to:
 - i. Obtain clarification of the requirements contained in the bid solicitation, if necessary, prior to submitting a bid
 - ii. Prepare its bid in accordance with the instructions contained in the bid solicitation
 - iii. Submit by closing time
 - iv. Send its bid only to the Contracting Authority named in Paragraph 2.2 below
 - v. Provide a contact name, address, telephone number and email address in its bid, as indicated in 2.1b above
 - vi. Provide a comprehensible and sufficiently detailed bid, including all requested pricing details that will permit a complete evaluation, in accordance with the criteria set out in this bid solicitation.
- e. Bids will remain **open for acceptance** for a period of not less than fourteen (14) calendar days from the closing date of the bid solicitation. Upon notification to the responsive bidders, Grand Challenges Canada reserves the right in its sole discretion to extend the bid validity period at any time for up to an additional fourteen (14) calendar days.
- f. Bids and/or amendments thereto will only be accepted by Grand Challenges Canada if they are received at the email address indicated below in Paragraph 2.2, on or before the closing date and time specified herein.

- g. Bids received will become the property of Grand Challenges Canada and will not be returned.
- h. All information within this bid solicitation is to be held in confidence.
- i. Except as specifically provided otherwise in the bid solicitation, Grand Challenges Canada will evaluate a Bidder's bid only on the documentation provided as part of its bid. Grand Challenges Canada will not evaluate information not submitted with the bid, such as references to website addresses where additional information can be found, or technical manuals or brochures not submitted with the bid.

2.2 Contracting Authority

Grand Challenges Canada
661 University Avenue, Suite 1720
MaRS Centre, West Tower
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1M1

Attention: Ms. Jocelyn Mackie, Co-CEO c/o Deirdra Hill
Subject: "Fundraising Consultant RFP Submission"
Email: executive.assistant@grandchallenges.ca

Email is preferred for all communications. Bids and/or amendments will only be accepted by email.

3.1 Late Bids

- a. The Bidder has sole responsibility for the timely receipt of a bid by Grand Challenges Canada and cannot transfer this responsibility to Grand Challenges Canada.
- b. Grand Challenges Canada will return bids delivered after the stipulated bid solicitation closing date and time referred to in Paragraph 2, Sub-paragraph 1a, unless they qualify as a delayed bid.
- c. A bid received after the closing date and time but before the contract award date may be considered, provided the delay can be proven by the Bidder to have been due solely to a delay in delivery that can be attributed to incorrect handling by Grand Challenges Canada (a "delayed bid").
- d. Misrouting, traffic volume, weather disturbances, labour disputes or any other causes for the late delivery of bids are not acceptable reasons for the bid to be accepted by Grand Challenges Canada.

4.1 Legal Capacity

- a. The Bidder must have the legal capacity to contract. If the Bidder is a sole proprietorship, a partnership or a corporate body, the Bidder must provide, if requested by the Contracting Authority, a statement and any requested supporting documentation indicating the laws under which it is registered or incorporated, together with the registered or corporate name and place of business. This also applies to bidders submitting a bid as a joint venture.

5.1 Rights of Grand Challenges Canada

- a. Grand Challenges Canada reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to:
 - i. Reject any or all bids received in response to the bid solicitation
 - ii. Enter into negotiations with bidders on any or all aspects of their bids
 - iii. Accept any bid in whole or in part without negotiations
 - iv. During the evaluation, members of the evaluation team may, at their discretion, submit questions to or conduct interviews with Bidders, at Bidders' cost, upon forty-eight (48) hours' notice, to seek clarification and/or verify any or all information provided by the Bidder with respect to this bid solicitation
 - v. To award one or more contracts, if applicable
 - vi. Not to accept any deviations from the stated terms and conditions
 - vii. Conduct a survey of bidders' facilities and/or examine their technical, managerial and financial capabilities to determine if they are adequate to meet the requirements of the bid solicitation
 - viii. Contact any or all references supplied by bidders to verify and validate any information submitted in their bid, if applicable
 - ix. Correct any mathematical errors in the extended pricing of financial bids by using unit pricing and the quantities stated in the bid solicitation
 - x. Verify any information provided by bidders through independent research, use of any government resources or by contacting third parties deemed reliable by Grand Challenges Canada
 - xi. Incorporate all or any portion of the Statement of Work, Request for Proposals and the successful bid in any resulting contract
 - xii. Cancel the bid solicitation at any time without liability
 - xiii. Reissue the bid solicitation without liability
 - xiv. Extend the bid solicitation deadline without liability
 - xv. If no compliant bids are received and the requirement is not substantially modified, re-tender the requirement by inviting only the Bidders who bid to re-submit bids within a period designated by Grand Challenges Canada
 - xvi. Not to award a contract in part or at all.
- b. Bidders will have the number of days specified in the request by the Contracting Authority to comply with any request related to any of the above items. Failure to comply with the request may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

6.1 Communications – Solicitation Period

- a. To ensure the integrity of the competitive bid process, all enquiries and other communications regarding the bid solicitation must be directed, by email, only to the Contracting Authority identified in the bid solicitation. Failure to comply can, for that reason alone, result in the disqualification of the bid.
- b. To ensure consistency and quality of information provided to bidders, significant enquiries received and the replies to such enquiries will be provided to all bidders, without revealing the sources of the enquiries.

7.1 Costs

- a. No payment will be made for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a bid in response to the bid solicitation. Costs associated with preparing and submitting a bid, as well as any other costs incurred by the Bidder associated with the evaluation of the bid, are the sole responsibility of the Bidder.
- b. No costs incurred relating to the Work before the receipt of a signed contract or specified written authorization from the Contracting Authority can be charged to any resulting contract. In addition, the Contractor is not to perform Work in excess of or outside the scope of any resulting contract based on verbal or written requests or instructions from any Grand Challenges Canada personnel other than the Contracting Authority. The Contracting Authority is the only authority that can commit Grand Challenges Canada to the expenditure of the funds for this requirement.

Part 3: Bid Preparation Instructions and Evaluation Procedures

1.0 Format of Bid

Section 1: Technical Bid

In its technical bid, the Bidder must demonstrate its understanding of the requirements described in the bid solicitation, as well as demonstrate how the Bidder will meet the requirements of Evaluation Criteria and Basis of Selection, as described in Appendix B. The technical bid must not exceed 10 pages including the cover sheet and any appendices.

Section 2: Financial Bid

The Bidder must submit its financial bid in accordance with the Basis of Fees, attached herein as Appendix C. The total amount of any taxes (e.g., the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), Goods and Services Tax (GST), etc.) is to be shown separately, if applicable.

2.0 Evaluation Procedures

- a. Bids will be assessed against all mandatory and rated requirements identified herein and evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified in Appendix B.
- b. Bidders may be invited to participate in an interview with Grand Challenges Canada management prior to selection.
- c. Any firm currently providing audit services to Grand Challenges Canada cannot be considered for this Request for Proposals, due to the need for independence and perception of independence.

Appendix A: Statement of Work

A. Title

This Request for Proposals seeks to engage an individual for hire in the role of:

- Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant

B. Scope of Work

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will provide expertise assisting in the development and implementation of a fundraising strategy for Grand Challenges Canada, with primary focus on the Indigenous Innovation Initiative and Global Mental Health program. The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will use their demonstrated knowledge of the current fundraising trends in both the Indigenous and mental health space within private, foundation, government and corporate fundraising to successfully secure significant funds for the Indigenous Innovation Initiative, Global Mental Health program and operations for the Grand Challenges Canada's Innovation Platform.

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will be responsible for increasing the profile of the organization across Canada and globally by identifying, developing, and implementing marketing materials and opportunities for fundraising.

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will work to support the following goals:

- e. **Raise \$10 million CAD in programmatic and operations funding for the Indigenous Innovation Initiative so that Grand Challenges Canada can formally launch the program and begin funding and enabling Indigenous innovators in Canada.**
- f. **Raise \$10 million CAD in programmatic and operations funding for the Global Mental Health program to (a) support new investments in proven mental health innovations transitioning to scale in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and (b) develop a new pipeline of innovations in adolescent mental health in LMICs.**
- g. **Raise funding of \$300,000 annually in unrestricted funding to support Grand Challenges Canada's innovation platform.**

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will act as a primary point of communication for all fundraising and report to Ms. Jocelyn Mackie, the Co-CEO of Grand Challenges Canada and work with various members of the Grand Challenges Canada team.

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will work within Canada but fundraising efforts will include opportunities that exist both domestically and internationally.

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant should have expertise and/or extensive experience in the following core areas:

1. Fundraising

- a. Demonstrated success at raising donor funds over \$1 million, ideally including expertise in fundraising for Indigenous and/or (mental) health institutes, organizations, agencies, and/or programs.
- b. Demonstrated ability to creatively develop donor funding models to meet the needs of the both the donor and Grand Challenges Canada.
- c. Expert knowledge of existing trends and landscape of philanthropy including government, private, corporate, major gifts and planned giving.
- d. Significant and extensive existing network of contacts and relationships in Canada, as well as with potential donors and stakeholders within Canada and abroad.
- e. Access to donor databases and other tools to assist in fundraising.
- f. Strong understanding of funding application and approval processes and cycles.

2. Communications and Reporting

- a. Demonstrated ability to act as key point person and effectively report to GCC management. Must report progress, challenges, and other relevant information on a regular and timely basis.
- b. Significant knowledge of: (a) Indigenous history in Canada, current Indigenous realities, and Indigenous values and ways of knowing, and/or (b) of the mental health landscape, programs and challenges, in particular in low- and middle-income countries is considered an asset.
- c. Demonstrated ability to effectively coordinate the development and submission of proposals under tight timelines.
- d. Strong ability to quickly establish rapport and build positive relationships with potential donors, government officials/personnel, and community leaders.
- e. Experienced at writing final reports, strategy documents, and proposals.

3. Marketing

- a. Experience identifying and assisting in the development of materials and communication tools for fundraising.
- b. Experience determining and implementing creative opportunities to build donor relationships, possibly including event planning.

C. Deliverables & Timeframes

- a. The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will be expected to provide, within 6 weeks of the start date:
 - a. A fundraising plan identifying gaps and opportunities, and a landscape assessment of current trends in corporate and foundation philanthropic giving relevant to the Indigenous Innovation Initiative,

the Global Mental Health program and Grand Challenges Canada's Innovation Platform.

- b. A written proposal that identifies fundraising material requirements (and any associated budget after) having consulted with GCC's personnel.
- c. Develop and support the execution of a plan to follow up with GCC's existing donors and leads.
- b. Identify at least 5 new funding/donor opportunities for each of the three areas of fundraising focus with high potential of success within 3 months of start date. Engage and conduct meetings with potential donors and include appropriate GCC leadership when and where appropriate within 5 months of start date.
- c. If relevant for the agreed upon strategy, plan and execute fundraising events for existing and potential donors within 6 months of start date.
- d. Develop continued fundraising strategic plan for delivery to GCC management by February 15, 2020 for activities beyond March 31, 2020.
- e. The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant will be expected to regularly report on actions and progress, as determined by GCC's management. The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant may be called upon to meet with the GCC Board of Directors, the Indigenous Innovation Council or other members of GCC's advisory boards (e.g., Global Mental Health subcommittee of GCC's Scientific Advisory Board).

The Philanthropy Fundraising Consultant may also be required to fulfill additional reporting requirements as necessary and as required by Grand Challenges Canada.

Appendix B: Evaluation Criteria and Basis of Selection

Evaluation Criteria and Process

Only those bids that meet all mandatory requirements identified in this Request for Proposals will be further evaluated, based on the criteria listed below.

The bid should be concise and should address, at a minimum, all mandatory criteria identified below.

The bid must identify the qualifications and experience of the personnel who will carry out the tasks, by systematically addressing each of the experience criteria as detailed below.

The consultant firm's profile and resume for each proposed resource must be included in the bid.

For each resume submitted, the Bidder should ensure that:

- i. The name of the individual is clearly indicated
- ii. The resume clearly demonstrates where, when and how the stated qualifications/experience of the individual were acquired.

For evaluation purposes:

- **Where** means the name of the institution, as well as the position/title held
- **When** means the start date and end date of the period during which the individual acquired the qualifications/experience
- **How** means a clear description of activities performed and the responsibilities assigned to the individual in this position and during this period.

Listing experience without providing any supporting data will not be considered to be "demonstrated" for the purpose of this evaluation. Full details should be included that describe the number of projects completed and in progress, the period of the work performed in number of months and years in past and present employment, etc.

Mandatory Criteria for Technical and Financial Bid

In addition to those elements described above, the Bidder shall also provide:

1. **Basis of fees**, which will be evaluated separately, as described in Appendix C
2. **History of the firm and location**, affiliation with any relevant partners or networks, size, etc.
3. **Description of support team**, including bios, relevant experience and specific expertise that they will bring to this task – this section should demonstrate the ability of the firm to deliver on the specific items outlined in **Deliverables** in Appendix A

4. **Description of support process**, including specifics regarding the level of responsiveness that Grand Challenges Canada can expect on a regular basis – this section should include details about measures in place for when the primary contact/support staff are not available.
5. **Two (2) client references ONLY**, for whom you have provided the services described in the statement of work.
6. **Value-added services**, including whatever the Bidder may want to add to its proposal.

Scoring Rubric for Evaluation

1. Experience

- a. Does the bidder have the:
 - i. Fundraising expertise needed to accomplish their proposed deliverables?
 - ii. Sectoral/issue/problem expertise needed to accomplish the proposed deliverables?
 - iii. Geographic expertise and language competency needed to accomplish the proposed deliverables?
 - iv. Extensive network and relationships needed to accomplish the proposed deliverables?
 - v. Access to databases and other fundraising tools to accomplish the proposed deliverables?
 - vi. Experience working effectively within complex governance structures?
 - vii. A track record of successfully raising funds of this magnitude and in the areas of focus for Grand Challenges Canada?
- b. Is the bidder an effective, results-driven leader/team with the proven capacity to deliver on the objectives?

2. Ability to effectively manage relationships in support of Grand Challenges Canada

- a. Does the proposal outline a strategy for ensuring that Grand Challenges Canada's goals will be met?
- b. Does the proposal clearly articulate the key activities needed to achieve these deliverables?
- c. Will the completion of the proposed strategy and activities help the Initiative achieve its goals?

3. Fees

- a. Are the scope of the proposed work and the funds requested reasonable and commensurate with the proposed goals?
- b. Does the proposal represent a particularly thoughtful and efficient use of resources?



- c. Does the proposal include creative ways to minimize the fundraising costs to Grand Challenges Canada, and increase the likelihood of success?

Evaluation of bids will also be guided by the Objective and Principles of Grand Challenges Canada's Contracting & Procurement Policy, found at www.grandchallenges.ca/funding-opportunities/resources/.

Based on the evaluation of the criteria described above, competitive bids could be invited for an interview. The purpose of the interview would be to further assess the capacity of the Bidders to best deliver the scope of work.



Appendix C: Fees

Bidders are required to provide their estimated fees in Canadian dollars, excluding applicable taxes, for each deliverable listed in Appendix A.

Bidders are requested to provide the **hourly fee/monthly rate** for personnel involved in delivering the proposed deliverables, as well as an **estimate of the total monthly cost** based on the proposed activities. The total monthly cost must include fees AND any expected or possible other costs (travel, marketing material, event costs, etc.)