



## Championing Innovation & Change for Alberta's Seniors

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# Why develop a network for seniors' health and wellness?

- By 2031, one in five Albertans is expected to be 65 years of age and older, more than 923,000 individuals.
- We need innovative solutions that best support seniors and advance excellence in care.
- These must be outcome focused, sustainable and economically viable.
- They must be collaborative in order to drive system change.



# The Network will:



- Draw together the best minds, ideas and practices that can be applied to supporting seniors.
- Explore innovations in community, facilities and support systems.
- Look at ways to improve and extend years of living in good health.
- Collaborate across sectors and the provincial system.



# The Innovation Fund is designed to attract the best ideas and practices to support seniors

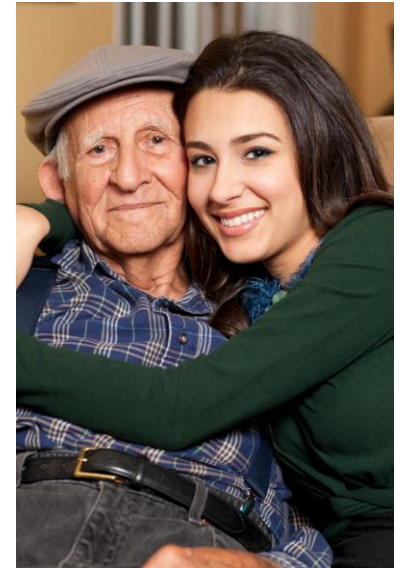
**The Network's Innovation Fund** was launched in November 2013 and sought innovative projects that would help:

- Maintain and enhance seniors' health and wellness.
  - Improve delivery of seniors' care and services.
  - Reduce reliance on institutional care.
  - Foster long-term sustainability.
- 13 proposals were approved: projects will receive one-year funding.
- The second Innovation Fund call will be announced in Spring 2015.



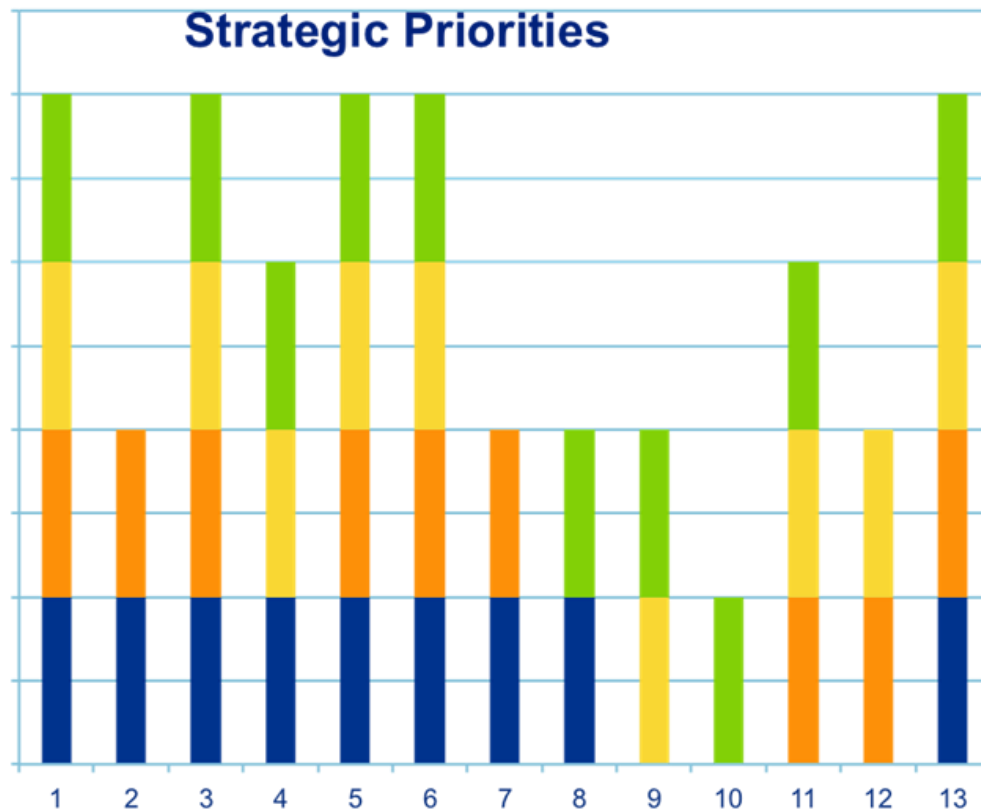
# Innovation Fund Project Themes 2014

- Improve delivery/quality of care
- Build leadership capacity
- Coordinate efforts
- Inspire and empower seniors in self-care
- Educate and support front line workers





# Innovation Fund Projects 2014



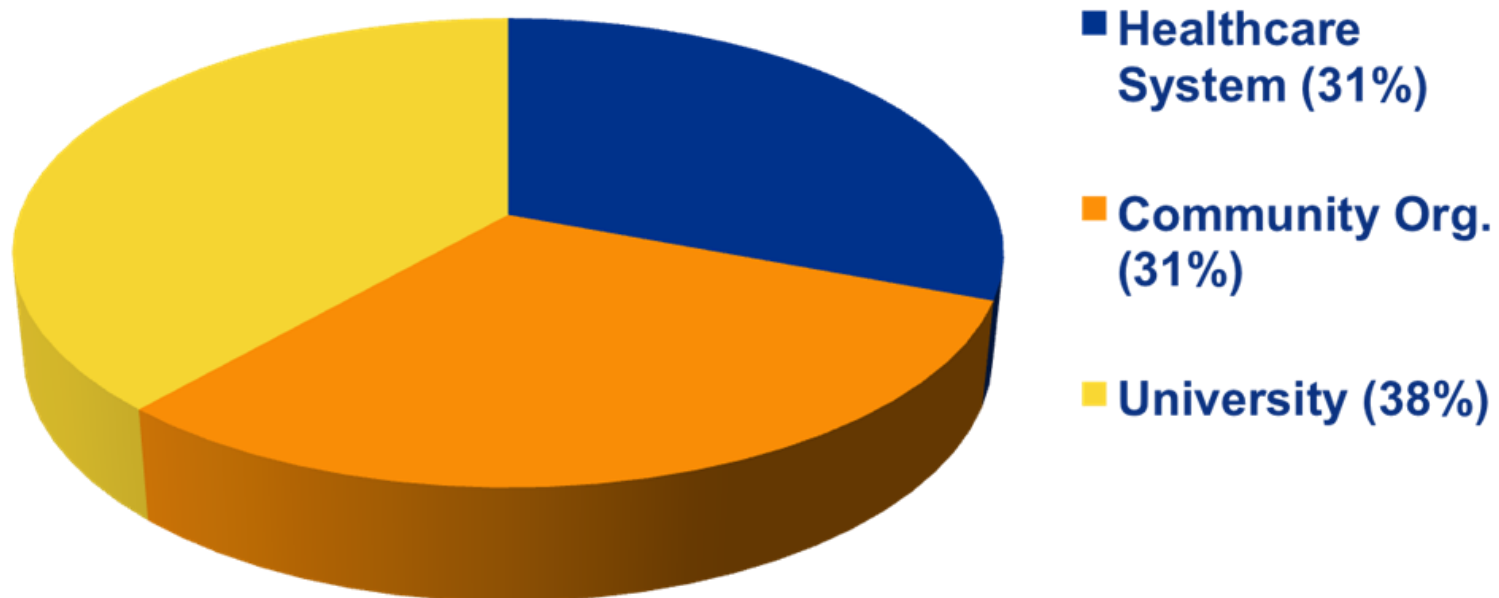
- 4) Fostering long term sustainability of a publicly funded seniors' health and wellness system.
- 3) Reducing the reliance of Seniors' on institutional care.
- 2) Improving the delivery of Seniors' Care and Services.
- 1) Maintaining and enhancing Seniors' health and wellness.





# Innovation Fund Applicants 2014

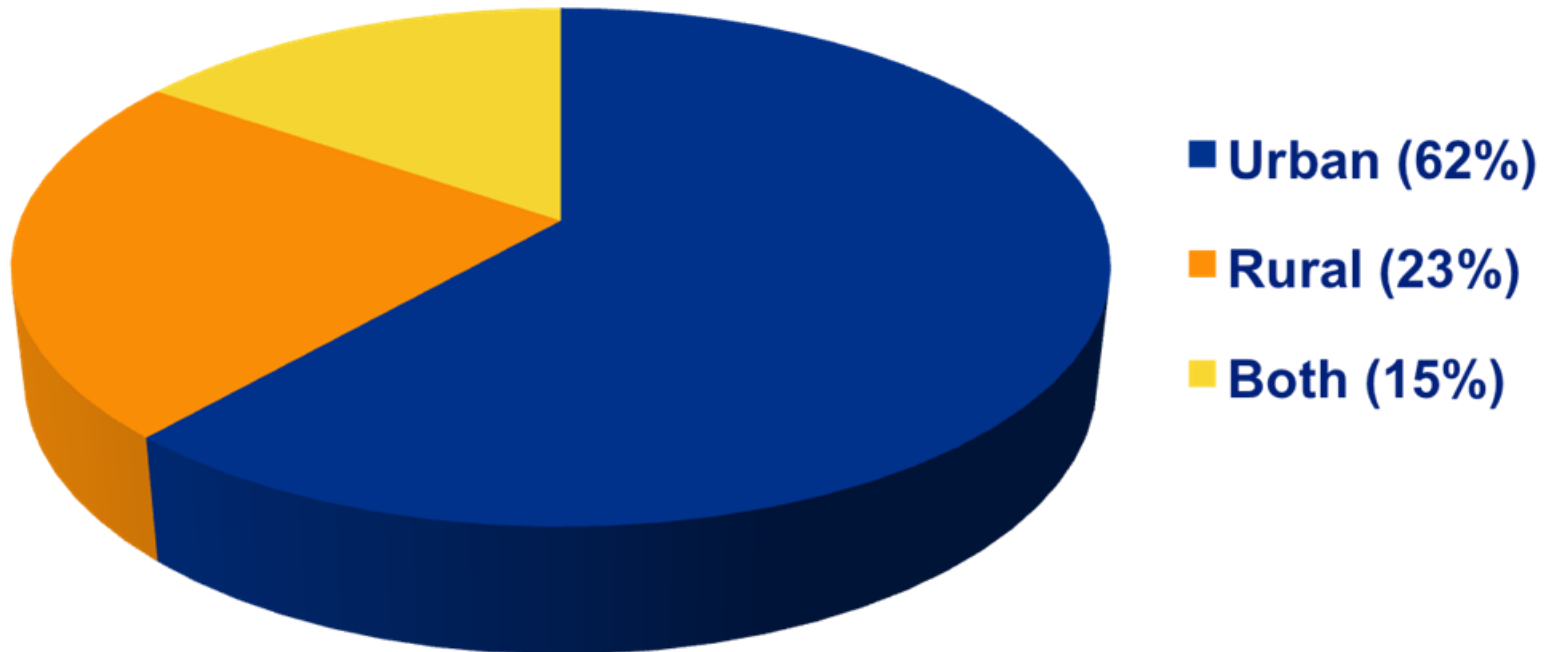
## Origin of Proposal





# Innovation Fund Projects 2014

## Project Site: Urban or Rural







# 2015: Hearing Feedback

- The Network's second annual forum: *What's Stopping Us? Innovating for Seniors' Health and Wellness* Red Deer, November 27, 2014
- Heard from 100+ delegates on key areas of focus to expand and improve community based care for seniors.
- Wide-ranging discussion provided input to the 2015 Innovation Fund Target Areas.



# The 2015 Innovation Fund Target Areas

- Supports to aging in community.
- Innovative or alternative models of care that allow seniors to remain in their own homes.
- Community based support to family caregivers of seniors.
- Person-centered care models that demonstrate input from seniors, families, caregivers.





## Collaborate across sectors and the provincial system

- **Seniors' Strategic Clinical Network:** Appropriate Use of Antipsychotics project; Elder Friendly Care Initiative; Provincial Dementia Strategy.
- **Bone & Joint and Seniors' Strategic Clinical Network:** developing a center of excellence for post- hip fracture care.
- **Partnered Symposium:** Supporting Family Caregivers of Seniors: Improving Care and Caregiver Outcomes.
- **Seniors' Coalition:** collaborating with provincial partners to advance seniors' issues.



# The Network Offer

To help advance a sustainable, age-friendly Alberta we will:

- Activate innovation to support seniors.
- Broadly share knowledge gained from Innovation Fund projects and other Network initiatives.
- Engage seniors and our other stakeholders to move innovations forward.





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## Thank you

