



Natural Resource Development Network

News Flash

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Fall Call for Funding Applications

To date the Natural Resource Development Network has provided over \$46,000 in funding opportunities to support successful applicants in the development of 6 policy briefs, 9 literature reviews, and assisted 29 network members with travel costs to attend/present at prioritized conferences.

\$5,500 in funding opportunities remain available within the following categories:

- Policy Briefs - \$3,000
- Collaborative Position Papers - \$2,500

The next group of applications are due **Oct. 31st, 2018**. Details regarding the application process are provided in the [NRDN work plan](#). Questions and comments can be directed to NRDN team support [David Greaves](#).

New Job and Baby Has Arrived Now Looking for a Temporary Co-Lead

Congratulations and best of luck to Dr. Sarah Breen as she embarks on her role with the Province of BC. Also, congratulations to Dr. Heather Hall who welcomed baby Kaitlyn Rose Simard to the world on August 20th.

The NRD Network is now looking for a volunteer to serve as temporary co-lead while Heather is away on maternity leave. The temporary Co-lead will work alongside Dr. Terri MacDonald to help manage the network - including

responsibility for funding decisions. Time commitment is no more than 1 hour a month. To learn more and/or express interest please contact [David Greaves](#).

Transitioning to the new Rural Cannabis Economy



June 19th, 2018 marks a historic day in Canada – it's when the Senate approved Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act. The act states that recreational cannabis will officially be legal to cultivate, produce, distribute, retail and consume on October 17th 2018. With four months to prepare for legalization, provinces and local governments appear to be scrambling to create policy that aligns with the legal Federal requirements.

Up until now cannabis has played an important, but hidden role in the socioeconomic fabric of southern rural regions of British Columbia. As B.C. rural areas prepare to address the incoming act, there is a recognized challenge posed by the lack of available best practices resulting from the sector's newly legalized status. There is both a need to understand social implications related to cannabis legalization, and a desire to advance economic opportunities of this emerging industry.

Resource-tasked governments who are required to respond to this momentous policy change within tight timelines, and with many unknowns, such as long-term consequences of cannabis legalization, are lacking policy innovation. To date, provinces and local governments are mostly adopting existing policy (such as that for alcohol

and tobacco) and applying it to cannabis. This strategy is problematic for a variety of reasons that will be discussed in the webinar. Results from a preliminary data gathering exercise that elicited rural residents' opinions of legalization will also be shared.

Ultimately, my research project aims to explore the socioeconomic impacts of legalization, focusing on the challenges and opportunities unique to rural areas of British Columbia.

This research is supported by Selkirk College's Regional Innovation Chair in Rural Economic Development, Community Futures of Central Kootenay, MITACS, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

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