

Purpose of Award

The Mount Pleasant Group Hospice Innovation Award recognizes innovative solutions, approaches, and programs delivery of high-quality hospice care in the community. This is a regionally based award for hospices physically located in the Durham Region, Peel Region, Toronto, or York Region.

The award is a cash prize of \$10,000 payable to the selected hospice.

Nomination Deadline

The deadline is Friday, March 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Eligibility

The hospice *must*:

- Be a member in good standing of Hospice Palliative Care Ontario, in the organization category;
- Be physically located in either Durham Region, Peel Region, Toronto, or York Region;
- Provide Visiting Hospice services or Residential Hospice Services as defined by HPCO Standards.

What Qualifies for the Award?

- Innovative approaches in meeting the needs of hospice clients by improving program outcomes; increasing access to care; or improving efficiency of hospice care delivery; or
- Innovations that improve the quality of hospice services; or
- Innovations that address the psychosocial, spiritual and cultural needs of a diverse population; or marginalized populations; or
- Innovations that improve volunteerism (attraction, diversity, retention) in the hospice.

Out of Scope

Submission related to the funding of innovations not yet implemented; operational funding requests; funding requests or equipment, capital, or debt.

The Adjudication and Selection Process

HPCO will appoint an adjudication committee comprised of hospice staff outside of the named geographies; a representative from the HPCO board and a representative from Mount Pleasant Group, to review submissions and select the award recipient. The adjudication panel reserves the right to split the award between two applicants if scoring is tied or if the top two applications have less than a 5-point difference in score.

The recipient will be notified of the award by April 3, 2020.

HPCO reserves the right to not issue an award in a given year if submissions do not adequately reflect the intent of the award.

Presentation

The award will be presented at the Annual Hospice Palliative Care Ontario Conference in April 2020.

Submission Process

You may nominate an innovation from the hospice where you work or volunteer or you may nominate another hospice meeting the eligibility criteria.

Applications/nominations must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Questions asked in the submission:

1. Describe the innovation (in 250 words or less)
2. What goals did you set for the innovation?
3. What was the outcome? (how did the innovation effect the people you serve)
4. What was the impact of the innovation?
 - was there a measurable improvement in service delivery, access, or quality
 - examples of potential improvements include better program outcomes; increased access to care; more efficient delivery of care
5. Could the innovation be adopted by other hospice services across Ontario?