

Interest-Free Physician Loan Program

Physicians establishing a medical practice within the Nord-Aski REDC catchment area may qualify for an interest-free loan of up to \$150,000 to help cover their setup costs.

This program, the result of a progressive partnership between the Nord-Aski Regional Economic Development Corporation and the newly created Hearst Medical Recruitment Alliance, will provide immediate financial assistance to any new doctor who chooses to practice medicine in our region. While the medical recruitment field is facing numerous challenges, the partners hope that this additional incentive can attract new doctors in the region and help reduce the staggering rate of unattached patients presently found within the Hearst regional medical structure. As we stand, 61% of our population does not have access to regular primary care services, a severe crisis that is putting an unsustainable strain on our local health system.



Front, left to right: Gilles Matko (ED), George Graham (Chair), NA Regional Economic Development Corporation
Back, left to right: Jacques Doucet (ED FHT), Julien Plourde (Chair NDH), Mélanie Goulet (Recruitor HMRA)

“We are so grateful to the Nord-Aski Regional Economic Development Corporation for its open-mindedness and willingness to help” rejoices Mélanie Goulet, recruitment coordinator. “Through this generous initiative,

we aim to integrate more health providers within the Hearst Physician Group, thus increasing access to primary care services for those without a family doctor, and also to solidify the hospital's medical corps in order to maintain the present level of acute care services and reintroduce those that have been put on hold.”

Prospective physicians interested in obtaining more information concerning the loan program can contact:

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Nord-Aski REDC is a Community Futures Development Corporation funded by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor). Nord-Aski REDC manages a 15 million investment fund to support businesses in Hornepayne, Constance Lake First Nation, Hearst and Mattice-Val Côté. Other services include private sector internships, strategic planning and business consultations.