

## MSHRS - Connect 2 Care.BC - PPN Cell Phone Program

The purpose of Mountainside Harm Reduction Society's Connect2Care.BC program is to help remove communication and technology barriers that PWUD experience when accessing services and engaging in their careers as lived experience experts.

Connect2Care.BC is a partnership with SPARC BC to provide low-no barrier access to new cell phones for PWUD/PWLLE who are working to increase their level of access and engagement in harm reduction and peer support.

MSHRS wishes to facilitate cell phone distribution in a way that is as low-no barrier as possible. We also love to create opportunities for both our partners and our program participants to receive honorarium for their participation.

Each C2C.BC partner will receive:

- 3 preloaded cell phones, that will be transferred onto a monthly plan upon distribution to a participant. (Unlimited talk & text in BC & 2GB data)
- \$275 mini-grant for facilitator hourly & travel expenses and participant honoraria (\$75 total per phone - 2x\$25/hr for peer support worker/\$25 per participant stipend & \$50 for travel expenses incurred during facilitation)

Steps to follow:

- Sign the Partner Contract and return to MTNside HRS to receive your C2C.BC package: phones and an e-transfer
- Distribute each phone and a \$25 stipend to each participant, this participant should be connected to yourself or your organization through peer support.
- Send the signed participant contracts to MTNside HRS immediately upon the distribution of each phone.
- Stay in touch with the program participants and help them to connect or check-in with MTNside support team each month in order to have their bill topped-up each month!