

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Leeds and Grenville Partners Receive \$3.6 Million in Health Canada Funding to Support Substance Use and Addiction Programming**

Brockville, ON – Leeds and Grenville partners have secured \$3.6 million in funding from Health Canada's Substance use and Addictions Program (SUAP) to expand community-led initiatives addressing substance use and addiction.

The Summit Integrated Care initiative (Summit) offers a single point of access to healthcare and referral services through a multidisciplinary team of community paramedics, health system navigators, and a Nurse Practitioner. Operating under a harm-reduction model, Summit provides flexible service hours, including evenings and weekends, so participants can access resources and education that support stabilization, safety, and recovery.

Day-to-day Summit operations are being led by Leeds Grenville Community Paramedic Program – Summit Integrated Outreach Team. Southeast Public Health will oversee financial management and data reporting through March 2028.

Since its launch in April 2025, Summit has enrolled 239 participants, with numbers continuing to grow through referrals and proactive outreach. The program works closely with community partners to ensure collaboration and care are delivered where individuals need it most.

For more information or to get involved with the program, please contact the Summit Team at [summit@uclg.on.ca](mailto:summit@uclg.on.ca)

#### Quotes:

**EN:** "There is no one-size-fits-all approach to addressing the overdose crisis, and no community can solve it alone. By investing in community-driven, inclusive, and evidence-based initiatives, we are making sure people have access to the care and support they need."

**FR:** « Il n'existe pas d'approche universelle pour résoudre la crise des surdoses, et aucune communauté ne peut y parvenir seule. Grâce aux investissements dans des initiatives communautaires, inclusives et fondées sur des preuves, nous veillons à ce que les gens accèdent aux soins et au soutien dont ils ont besoin. »

- *The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health*

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