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Over \$5.6M granted to Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Its Regional Programs

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Thunder Bay, ON – The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation is very excited to announce that it has approved over \$5.6 million of funding for equipment for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. This funding was made possible by donors to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation and proceeds from the Thunder Bay 50/50 draw.

“People’s continued support for the Thunder Bay 50/50 has allowed us to fund millions more in equipment for the Hospital this year than we did in previous years,” says Katy Commisso, Chair of Governance of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation Board of Directors. “Departments throughout the Hospital applied for these grants to buy new equipment and replace or upgrade essential equipment so they can provide world-class care to patients. We are elated to be able to use these dollars to improve care not only locally, but in the regional communities as well.”

In total, 28 grants ranging from \$3,000 to over \$2,000,000 were approved to be funded by the Foundation. They will benefit all areas of the Hospital. Some of the grants include:

- \$458,505 to fund the building of a Radialis unit, a new compression-free technology to detect breast cancer, which was developed by researchers in Thunder Bay
- \$2,037,800 for replacement of a Cardiac Cath (Catherization) Lab which consists of a C-arm, patient table, and control station. One of the labs is now past end of life and needs replacing. This replacement will also be an upgrade offering the latest technology including integrated systems for more streamlined procedures.

The grants benefit both the local Hospital and hospitals in the region. Grants have been approved for equipment replacements in Terrace Bay, Fort Frances and Sioux Lookout and chemo room renovations in Red Lake.

“The funding from the Foundation allows us to help improve access to regional care services for patients across Northwestern Ontario. Our hospitals collaborate to provide better care to our patients. This is another example of working together to provide the best care possible for the people of Northwestern Ontario,” says Dr. Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, President & CEO of Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and CEO of Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute.



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For a complete list of approved grants, please see the attached PDF.

VIDEO:

Access video of the Radialis unit and Cardiac Cath Lab mentioned in this media release here:

Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GO8CpDPZ0IU>

Download link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/187gvOJ-fVQKVEKKTFR4i3VtyaL6pf-DW/view?usp=sharing>

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