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**To:** Angie Heydon  
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**Subject:** RE: Will MOHLTC allow the \$2k for FHT memberships to be used for anything else?

Hi Angie,

The \$2K increase was made to the General Overhead portion of the FHT budget as this is the budget line that FHTs have typically used to fund their membership fees to date. Although FHTs have a degree of discretion (within limits) in terms of how to spend their General Overhead allocation, the \$2K increase is specifically earmarked to support association membership. This is what the supporting communication (which you copied below) is intended to convey. If a FHT is struggling financially to cover legitimate expenses from the General Overhead allocation, they should contact their assigned ministry representative to see what solutions can be arrived at to address these pressures.

The ministry feels there is value in having strong associations support family health teams deliver on and go beyond their mandate and spending this increase on other day to day pressures is unlikely to have the same impact.

I have met with staff and will be meeting with the team again shortly to ensure that a consistent message is delivered if similar questions arise from FHTs.

Hope this is helpful.

Phil

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**From:** Angie Heydon [<mailto:angie.heydon@afhto.ca>]  
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**To:** Graham, Phil (MOH)  
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Hi Phil:

Question for you about the extra \$2k for FHT budgets to pay for AFHTO or AOHC memberships.

I've pasted below the explanation from your cover e-mail. I've been told it shows up as an addition to General Overhead. It's not clear whether MOHLTC is restricting the use of this this \$2k for AFHTO/AOHC memberships (i.e. if you don't use it this way, you must give it back to MOHLTC), or can a FHT use it to cover other General Overhead costs (with or without prior approval from MOHLTC)? Would exceptions be made to let organizations that are financially struggling to give them the flexibility to use this additional funding to cover other costs?

Thanks!  
Angie

1. Association Membership Fees

The General Overhead operating line in Schedule 8 of your Amending Agreement has been increased by \$2,000 to account for the costs of membership fees, which were not fully captured in the original calculations for this line item. The increase is intended to support FHTs in paying membership fees to either the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO) or the Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC). This change will assist FHTs to become, or continue as, members of either of these two provincial associations and to access the benefits that this entails.

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