

Definition/Description:

Summary of Specialized Equipment Purchases by Type

Source:

Equipment Coordinator

Findings/Highlights:

- Specialized equipment purchases include items such as the Gamma Knife, MRIs, PET Scanner, and the Catheterization Lab as well as patient monitors and cardiac equipment, anaesthetic gas Machines, and endoscopy equipment.
- In 2002/03, the WRHA received \$7.3 million from Manitoba Health to cover the costs of regionally prioritized and emergent specialized equipment identified by the Programs as their “top priority” requirements. Additionally, Federal funds of \$13.4 million were provided for a Gamma Knife, CT scanners, nuclear medicine Gamma Camera, digital radiography and computed radiography systems, and a digital vascular interventional suite with a single plane angiography system.
- In 2003/04, the WRHA Programs compiled a specialized equipment list that totalled \$30 million. (It is recognized that this amount represented only the most urgent requirements and that specialized equipment needs overall have been identified at \$60-\$70 Million.)
- Following a prioritization process at the regional level, \$10 million worth of equipment of the \$30 million list was prioritized as “top priority”, and the entire list was submitted to Manitoba Health. Approximately \$5 million was ultimately approved by Manitoba Health.
- Federal funding was also provided in the amount of \$12.4 million for the purchase of more CT scanners and ultrasound scanners, dual head Gamma Cameras, lithotripter, radiographic/fluoroscopic equipment and an MRI.
- Additional federal funding totalling about \$4 million was received over the fiscal year.
- In total \$ 21.7 million has been approved for 2003/2004 Capital Equipment to date.