



Information Package

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

***Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy
COVID-19 Response Funding***

Indigenous

&

Rural and Remote

Homelessness Funding Streams

Attention: Blaine Foley, Reaching Home Coordinator
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Deadline: Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 4:30pm local time

1. INTRODUCTION & ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY EXAMPLES

The Government of Canada will be providing the Reaching Home Homelessness Strategy with additional funding to support people experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak. This funding is allocated to the November 2020 to March 2021 period.

Organizations receiving Reaching Home funding can use these funds to support their response to COVID-19.

Eligible expenses include:

- Basic needs services, including purchasing personal hygiene products such as soaps to reduce risk of transmission;
- Cleaning, hygiene and sanitation supplies (such as alcohol-based sanitizers) to lower the risk of transmission (Shelters are recommended to purchase alcohol-sanitizing wipes as opposed to liquids to prevent possible consumption);
- Navigating access to clinical, health and treatment services for shelter users who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, or to provide liaison services for treatment;
- Accessing additional transition housing and temporary rental accommodations, such as motels, hotels or rooming houses, to increase distancing between people (1-2 meters are recommended by public health officials) or to provide isolation rooms in cases requiring self-quarantine; and,
- Purchasing beds and physical barriers to place between beds in newly purposed facilities.

The Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) plays an instrumental role in supporting the development of solutions to homelessness in your community. The BNRC entered into agreements with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to act as the Community Entity (CE) in rural Manitoba to administer the **Rural and Remote Homelessness** and **RH Indigenous Homelessness** funding streams from April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2024.

It is important that homeless serving organizations applying for this funding work collaboratively within their community to provide a collective response to the health crisis.

Proposals to the Indigenous Reaching Home Stream will be required to address questions demonstrating how the proposal is culturally appropriate to Indigenous Canadians living off-reserve. **Preference is given to Indigenous organizations to deliver services funded through the Indigenous Reaching Home Stream.**

Funded activities through the COVID response must take place during the November 2020 to March 2021 period.

The full directives of Eligible Activities under the Reaching Home funding in the Context of COVID-19 can be found here: <http://bnrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/HPD-RHDirectives-COVID-19-EN.pdf>

2. FUNDING AVAILABLE

Through the Indigenous Funding stream a total of \$1,584,013 is available.

Available Indigenous Funding Stream COVID-19 Response	
November 2020 - March 2021	Total
\$1,584,013	\$1,584,013

Through the Rural and Remote Funding Stream \$1,549,796 available.

Available Rural and Remote Funding Stream COVID-19 Response	
November 2020 - March 2021	Total
\$1,549,796	\$1,549,796

3. GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Indigenous Stream funding may be used for projects anywhere in Manitoba *excluding* Winnipeg.

Rural and Remote Stream funding may be used for projects anywhere in Manitoba *excluding*: Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson.

4. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Eligible recipients for Indigenous Homelessness funding include:

- Not-for-profit organizations;
- For-profit organizations (Please see definition in Appendix 1);
- Indigenous organizations (Indigenous organizations may include, but are not limited to:

Incorporated for-profit and not-for-profit Indigenous controlled or led organizations, Indigenous controlled unincorporated associations, *Indian Act* Bands, Tribal Councils and Indigenous self-government entities; and,

- Municipalities.

This funding will be prioritized for projects delivered primarily by Indigenous organizations to address the specific needs of the off-reserve Chronically and episodically homeless Indigenous population.

5. HOW TO APPLY

Please sign, scan and e-mail the following documents to Blaine Foley
HomelessnessMB@BNRC.ca

FUNDING APPLICATION

FINANCIAL AUDIT *(or equivalent - all proposals)*

- Most recent financial audit (or recent T3010, if audit is not undertaken)

CAPITAL PROPOSAL FORM *(capital proposals only)*

- For capital proposals, the capital proposal form must also be submitted.

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All inquiries related to submissions of proposals for funding are to be directed to Blaine Foley:
HomelessnessMB@bnrc.ca. Information obtained from any other source is not official and may not be inaccurate.

Appendix 1: Definitions

Reaching Home

Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to Designated Communities (urban centers), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

The expected outcomes of Reaching Home will assist the program in meeting its objective of preventing and reducing homelessness in Canada.

- Recognizing that individuals and families who are homeless need shelter, an outcome sought by the program is to connect them with more stable housing.
- With a view to improve services for homeless individuals and families, and those at imminent risk of homelessness, the program will seek an outcome of supporting the adoption of a coordinated homelessness response system.
- Homelessness is prevented and reduced and a 50% reduction in chronic homelessness is achieved by 2027-2028.

Indigenous Homelessness (Aboriginal Homelessness Steering Committee definition, 2019)

Recognizing the diversity of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, and that Indigenous Peoples may choose to refer to themselves in their own languages, the following definition of Indigenous homelessness is inclusive of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit, status and non-status persons, regardless of residency or membership status.

For the purposes of Reaching Home, and subject to revision based on ongoing engagement and consultation with Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous homelessness refers to “Indigenous Peoples who are in the state of having no home due to colonization, trauma and/or whose social, cultural, economic, and political conditions place them in poverty. Having no home includes: those who alternate between shelter and unsheltered, living on the street, couch surfing, using emergency shelters, living in unaffordable, inadequate, substandard and unsafe accommodations or living without the security of tenure; anyone regardless of age, released from facilities (such as hospitals, mental health and addiction treatment centers, prisons, transition houses), fleeing unsafe homes as a result of abuse in all its definitions, and any youth transitioning from all forms of care”.

Chronic Homelessness

Refers to individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness AND who meet at least 1 of the following criteria:

- they have a total of at least 6 months (180 days) of homelessness over the past year
- they have recurrent experiences of homelessness over the past 3 years, with a cumulative duration of at least 18 months (546 days)

Chronic homelessness includes time spent in the following contexts:

1. Staying in unsheltered locations, that is public or private spaces without consent or contract, or places not intended for permanent human habitation (Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (COH) Typology: 1.1 and 1.2).
2. Staying in emergency shelters, including overnight shelters for people experiencing homelessness (including those for specific populations, such as youth, families, and newcomers), shelters for people impacted by family violence, and emergency shelters for people fleeing a natural disaster or destruction of accommodation (COH Typology: 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3).
3. Staying temporarily with others without guarantee of continued residency or the immediate prospects for accessing permanent housing, or short-term rental accommodations (for example, motels) without security of tenure (COH typology: 3.2 and 3.3).

It does not include situations where individuals have access to **secure, permanent housing**, whether subsidized or not. The definition also does not include time spent in **transitional housing** or in **public institutions** (for example: health and corrections), although individuals who are discharged into homelessness from transitional housing or public institutions can be considered chronically homeless if they were experiencing chronic homelessness upon entry to transitional housing or the public institution.

For-profit eligibility

For-profit organizations may be eligible for funding provided that the nature and intent of the activity is non-commercial; not intended to generate profit; based on fair market value; in support of program priorities and objectives; and in line with the community plan (or with identified local need where community plans are not required). As per the directive on Transfer Payments, contributions may only be made to for-profit organizations if one or more of the following situations is true:

- the contribution is less than \$100,000, and the administrative burden of repayable contributions is not justified;
- the benefits from the contribution accrue broadly rather than to the recipient;
- the primary aim is income support and income stabilization for individuals;
- the contribution is made with the primary aim of furthering basic research and development, including a payment made through a granting council or other government entity whose mandate is to promote research and development;
- the recipient is an Aboriginal-controlled business whose articles of incorporation do not permit dividends to be paid or distributed to shareholders; and,
- the contribution is in support of a project funded under an international agreement that is restrictive for recoveries.