



**Information Package**

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

***Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy***

**Brandon Designated Homelessness Funding**

**“Long Term Solutions 2”**

**1.INTRODUCTION**

As part of Budget 2021, the Government of Canada announced incremental funding for Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy over two years, starting April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024.

1. This funding will help communities use the investments to meet local needs and priorities, such as:

* finding permanent housing for those temporarily housed; and
* reducing the inflow into homelessness, including homelessness prevention and shelter diversion activities.

2. This additional funding is also provided to support communities and funding recipients shifting to longer‑term housing approaches and solutions that prevent and reduce chronic homelessness.

3. Nationally, Designated Communities have been mandated to develop a community database. Brandon has a Homeless Individuals & Families Information System; therefore, successful projects must participate and provide their data. “HIFIS” is a secure system and training is provided at no cost.

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 Brandon Designatedfunding stream from April 1, 2019 until March 31, 2024.

\**All funding through this Call for Proposals is conditional upon an amended Agreement being in place between the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Service Canada.*

**2.ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Both projects to employ staff to assist people experiencing homelessness, as well as capital projects such as transitional housing with supports, emergency housing, and non-residential facilities addressing homelessness may be eligible.

Funded activities must take place during the **April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 period.**

Please review the full directives of the Reaching Home program for a complete list of eligible activities at the link below. Covid related activities are no longer eligible.

[https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html#h2.3-h3.1](https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html" \l "h2.3-h3.1)

**3. FUNDING AVAILABLE**

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|  | **Apr 2023 - Mar 2024** |
| **Brandon Designated** | $328,340 |

**4. GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

Brandon Designated funding may be used for projects delivered within the City of Brandon to address the specific needs of the homeless and persons at immanent risk of homelessness.

**5. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS**

Eligible recipients for Designated funding include:

Not-for-profit organizations;

For-profit organizations (Please see definition in Appendix 1);

**6. HOW TO APPLY**

Please sign, scan and e-mail the pertinent documents to

Susan Spring, Brandon Reaching Home Coordinator

**homelessnessbrandon@bnrc.ca**

* FUNDING APPLICATION \*\*
* CAPITAL PROPOSAL FORM *(capital proposals only)*
* MOST RECENT AUDIT (only required for organizations which do not currently have an Agreement with the BNRC)

\*\*Organizations with existing funding agreements with the BNRC may use the shorter Extension/Budget Increase Request Form, instead of the full application.

**Deadline for Applications is February 28, 2023.**

All inquiries related to submissions of proposals for funding are to be directed to: Susan Spring,

[homelessnessbrandon@bnrc.ca](mailto:homelessnessbrandon@bnrc.ca) (204) 729-2490 ext 105.

**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.

### 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.