



Call for Proposals Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Fiscal Year 2023/24

Under the direction of the Government of Canada, Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), as the Community Entity (CE) for Reaching Home, the Government of Canada's Homelessness Strategy, in partnership with the Saskatoon Homelessness Community Advisory Board (SHCAB) is soliciting Project Proposals for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The following funding is available for the fiscal year (April 1st 2023 to March 31st, 2024 respectively) under the Reaching Home Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness funding streams in Saskatoon:

The funding priorities are as follows:

1. Transitional Housing/Supportive Housing
2. Capital Investment Projects (Transitional/Supportive Housing)

The following project types are being sought to address specific needs in the community:

- Housing Services and Client Support Services (ongoing intensive and culturally reflective case management and supports) for homeless individuals and families with highly complex needs.
- Increase in appropriate housing options for people including but not limited to, long term supported housing, transitional housing for youth, increased available affordable housing units through low barrier access, increased access to safe shelter for victims of domestic violence, increased capital investments and community partnerships.
- Elimination of systems gaps, including release into homelessness from health, foster care and corrections.
- Increased supports for harm-reduction based programs/services, street outreach services and transportation capacity.
- Increase in representation of Indigenous people in decision making structures, program development and implementation processes. (Included for all projects)

Who can apply?

Eligible recipients for **Designated Communities funding** include:

- Not-for-profit organizations.
- For-profit organizations as per below.
- Municipalities.
- Indigenous organizations (Indigenous organizations may include, but are not limited to, incorporated for-profit and not-for-profit Indigenous controlled organizations, Indigenous controlled unincorporated associations, Indian Act Bands, Tribal Councils and Indigenous self-government entities); and
- Public health and educational institutions.

Indigenous Homelessness funding is used for projects delivered by Indigenous organizations to address the specific needs of the off-reserve homeless Indigenous population.

Eligible recipients for **Indigenous Homelessness funding** include:

- Not-for-profit organizations.
- For-profit organizations as per below.
- Municipalities; and
- Indigenous organizations (Indigenous organizations may include, but are not limited to, incorporated for-profit and not-for-profit Indigenous controlled organizations, Indigenous controlled unincorporated associations, Indian Act Bands, Tribal Councils and Indigenous self-government entities).

Indigenous Organizations are highly encouraged to apply (definition of Indigenous organization: greater than 50% Board and greater than 50% staff including management).

For-profit enterprises are eligible for funding provided that the nature and intent of the activity is non-commercial, does not generate profit, and fits within the community plan or identified local need where plans are not required. Individuals, for-profit enterprises, and research organizations and institutes may also receive funding to carry out research that aims to help communities understand and address homelessness issues.

How to apply

Complete Applications including Letters of Support must be received **at your earliest convenience within the 2023-24 fiscal year** to Brenda Dreaver, Sub-Project Manager at BDreaver@shipyxe.ca and Aimal Wazir, Administrative Assistant at awazir@shipyxe.ca. Subject Line: *Reaching Home 2023 Application - your organization's name*.

Project Areas of Activity

- **Housing Services** – Housing services are those that lead to an individual or family transitioning into more stable housing that has been deemed appropriate and safe.
- **Prevention & Shelter Diversion** – Prevention includes activities aimed at preventing homelessness by supporting individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness before a crisis occurs. Shelter diversion is a tool used to prevent the use of emergency shelters by providing individualized supports when families and individuals are seeking to enter the emergency shelter system.
- **Client Support Services** – Client support services include individualized services to help improve integration and connectedness to support structures, such as the provision of basic needs and treatment services. They may also include services to support the economic, social and cultural integration of individuals and families.
- **Coordination and Data Collection** – Prioritize people who are most in need of assistance and match them to appropriate housing and services. The system will help to ensure fairness and streamline access to housing and services.
- **Capital Investments** – Intended to increase the capacity or improve the quality of facilities that address the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness, including those that support appropriate programming for Indigenous individuals and families.

For further information on Project Areas of Activity please review the Application Guide and/or the Reaching Home Directives @ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html?fbclid=IwAR0GcGzx9hAcqX7xITGc5DT8scYGGD0Y0bFhAGSIt8iuMV-Amn2NTHin724#h2.3-h3.1>

Organizations that meet eligibility criteria and whose proposed projects are in line with funding priorities and project types sought as described on Page 1 of this document, may be invited to be interviewed by the Saskatoon Homelessness Community Advisory Board. Each proposal will be assessed by the Saskatoon Homelessness Community Advisory Board. Application submission does not obligate the Saskatoon Homelessness Community Advisory Board to provide funding.