

Grant Guidelines

Application deadlines are:

October 1, November 1, & December 1, 2021 @ 11:59PM MST

Please submit applications and any questions/consultations to grants@calgaryhomeless.com

About the Grant

The Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) is a registered charity that exists to end homelessness in our city. Working with Calgary's non-profit sector, business, government, the faith community and the public at large, the Calgary Homeless Foundation provides system level leadership for Calgary's Homeless Serving System of Care.

The Government of Canada has recently provided additional funding across Canada through Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, to help extend and expand the emergency response to the COVID-19 outbreak. This funding is in addition to the over \$300 million in funding previously provided to help communities address the impacts of the pandemic.

CHF is proud to continue to support this important investment from the Government of Canada, and to help meet the continued needs of people experiencing homelessness during the ongoing pandemic. Working in partnership with the Reaching Home Indigenous Community Advisory Board (I-CAB), the objective of this grant opportunity is to fund and support urgent short term (< 6 months) projects that address the unique cultural needs of Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) people experiencing homelessness and housing instability in Calgary.

This grant will help Indigenous people experiencing homelessness/housing instability find their way home by:

- I. Increasing the availability of housing options and spaces in the community serving Indigenous people (build and acquire land/buildings).
- II. Helping service providers and their programs increase capacity and enhance their housing and other supports programs in the community (to address the needs of Indigenous homelessness and those at risk of homelessness in response to COVID).
- III. Achievable pilot projects/innovative initiatives which are focused on addressing the needs of Indigenous homelessness and those at risk of homelessness in response to COVID.

Funding Availability

Provided through Reaching Home's Indigenous funding stream, approximately \$3 million in funding is available for this grant opportunity. Funding for this opportunity is available for projects beginning October

1, 2021 and will continue until December 1, 2021, or until all funds are allocated. All funding provided to projects under this opportunity should be substantially expended by March 31, 2022. As funds are allocated based on their need and impact, and with funding allocated until all funds are expended, some projects may be funded only in part. This funding is available to all eligible organizations (currently funded by CHF or otherwise). Applicants can apply for a portion of the funding available or the entire allocation.

Accountabilities and required collaboration with CHF will scale to the size of grant. See below for project budget guidelines:

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1. Submit Grant Application	1. Submit Grant Application 2. Complete a New Agency Information Form (if applicable) 3. Complete a Sustainability Plan for any capital related projects (land or building)

Note: Projects budgets and work outlined must be substantially completed by March 31, 2022.

Who Can Apply and What Activities are Eligible?

Eligible Applicants	Eligible Activities	Ineligible Activities
<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any registered Canadian organization in good standing (Non-profit/charity or corporation) • Indigenous Communities (First Nations, Inuit, & Metis) • Applicants must demonstrate experience and a history of success in working with vulnerable populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must support the work of ending Indigenous homelessness in the Calgary area, and align with the objective as outlined in this grant opportunity • Demonstrably address the unique needs of Indigenous people experiencing homelessness as identified by the community (data) • Can demonstrate link to COVID-related disruption or response • Are finite in nature (suitable for short term one-time funding), supported by a reasonable budget, and be substantially completed by March 31, 2022. While funding is not intended to be multi-year, phases of multi-phased projects may also be considered. • Capital projects which are directly related to increasing housing options for Indigenous peoples. Capital funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing operating expenses (due to the one-time funding nature. If you're unsure, please contact CHF) • Supports and projects for individuals or families not experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. • Funding for non-Indigenous populations. • Affordable Housing Projects which do not include access for Indigenous homeless or at risk of homeless populations. • Debt retirement • Fundraising activities • Project expenses incurred prior to respective

	<p>are not intended to support vehicles, equipment, or capital projects related to spaces such as renos to existing agency spaces which are not housing Indigenous people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligned with the Indigenous CAB’s eligibilities as identified from the Reaching Home Directives 	<p>deadlines (Oct 1, Nov 1, & Dec 1, 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project expenses that are covered by another funding source (such as the bilateral Housing Partnership Framework agreement with the CMHC)
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Application Process

Applicants with eligible projects are invited to submit a Grant Application Form (and other supporting documents such as the sustainability plan and new applicant identification form as applicable) to the email address indicated above, prior to the grant deadlines of **October 1, November 1, and December 1, 2021**.

In addition, CHF provides the opportunity for Proponents to submit a supplemental oral presentation through video in support of the written application form. The video may further elaborate on the identified need and intended impact of the application as described in the written application. The video must be submitted via email, alongside the application, with a YouTube, Google Drive, OneDrive, Dropbox (or similar hosts) hyperlink and be delivered alongside the written Grant Application Form submission. Applicants may also be requested to present their application for additional clarity, and to address any questions, to the grant review panel.

Evaluation Process

- Grant applications will be reviewed by CHF and a grant review panel upon each deadline close. The grant review panel will consist of members of the I-CAB (who are volunteer members from the Indigenous Community).
- Applications will be evaluated for alignment with the goals of this grant, demonstration of community need & impact, their sustainability plan (if applicable), Applicants’ capacity to complete the project in the timeline provided, and available dollars.
- Successful grant Applicants will be contacted once project selection is complete. CHF and the grant review panel will endeavor to announce awards within 3 weeks of each deadline.
- CHF will strive to answer all questions submitted. Should you have any questions regarding eligibility or alignment, please contact CHF at grants@calgaryhomeless.com for a consultation prior to application.

Example Projects

In alignment with the Indigenous CAB’s eligibilities as identified in the [Reaching Home Directives](#), projects that could be considered for funding in this grant opportunity include:

- Housing services including options such as permanent supportive housing,, transitional housing, affordable housing options which focuses on direct access for Indigenous homeless and at risk of homeless populations & Indigenous housing models.
- Prevention & shelter diversion programming
- Client support services such as basic needs (food, shelter, life skills, clothing), social & community integration (Cultural programs which include access to Elders, ceremonies, connection to culture related directly to Indigenous peoples in homelessness, exiting or at risk of homelessness.
- New construction/renovation of transitional or permanent supportive housing, or other housing projects specific to addressing the housing needs of Indigenous Peoples in homelessness, exiting or at risk of homelessness.

Thank you for your interest in this important grant opportunity. Should you have any questions, concerns about eligibility, or require assistance with the application process please contact us at grants@calgaryhomeless.com