

Grant Guidelines

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until March 31, 2022 @ 11:59PM MST

Please <u>submit your application alongside any applicable documentation</u> and any questions/consultations to

grants@calgaryhomeless.com

Note: For existing funded organizations, please submit a copy of your application to your designated CHF System Planner

About the Grant

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

CHF, in collaboration with the City of Calgary, Government of Alberta, shelter agencies, community organizations, and outreach teams are implementing several measures as part of a Coordinated Community Winter Response (CCWR) to homelessness.

As a part of this initiative, the City of Calgary has allocated \$750,000 in funding to CHF to coordinate a community cold weather response to support Calgarians experiencing homelessness. Through this grant, we are seeking to partner with community organizations to enhance services, remove barriers and invest in new approaches to the system of care (as outlined below).

The main priorities of the Coordinated Community Winter Response Grant are to support Calgarians experiencing homelessness by:

- Increasing easy-to-access spaces that provide warmth and basic needs;
- II. Providing basic winter safety essentials;
- III. Addressing the barriers that keep some Calgarians experiencing homelessness from accessing shelters.

Funding Availability

The CCWR Grant aims to provide short-term, one-time funding to support projects that address the priorities identified above. Funding for this opportunity will be available for activities beginning January 1, 2022, until March 31, 2022. Projects and related expenditures must be for work completed within this project term, i.e., prior to March 31, 2022. Grants are subject to funding availability and applications will be considered until all funds are exhausted for the period. 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 eligible organizations, currently funded by CHF or otherwise (see eligibility criteria below).

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants with eligible projects, as defined below, are invited to submit a Grant Application Form to the email address indicated, prior to the grant deadline.

Who can apply?

Applicants within these 3 categories can apply:

Funded Organizations

Applicants under this category include those who currently receive funding from CHF.

Please submit your questions and/or a application to your System Planner for review.

New Applicants: Grant Funding

Applicants under this category may qualify for grant-based project support. Project requests greater than \$25,000 should contact CHF for consultation before applying to ensure alignment.

To be eligible under this category, applicants must be one of the following entities as of January 1, 2022:

- Canadian Corporations or Societies with Registered Charity status in good standing.
- First Nation Governments.

In addition:

- Applicants must demonstrate a strong track record, experience, and success in previously working with vulnerable populations, as well as capacity and experience reporting on utilization of funds and outcomes.
- Complete a new grantee information form (found here).

New Applicants: Reimbursement Funding

Applicants under this category may qualify for reimbursement support, to a maximum of \$5,000, for basic needs supplies, after CHF preapproval.

Applicants under this category include:

- Registered non-profit organizations without charitable status.
- Volunteer-run groups / non-registered entities.

In addition:

- Applicants must demonstrate a strong track record, experience, and success in previously working with vulnerable populations, as well as capacity and experience reporting on utilization of funds and outcomes.
- Complete a new grantee information form (found here).
- In the absence of Audited Financial Statements or Annual Reports, please provide at least 2 Letters of Reference providing support for the project or your group.

Note: this funding is not intended for other levels of government, individuals, or crown corporations. Regardless of category, please contact us for further information and to discuss your project ideas and grant options.



Eligible Project Activities

- Must support the work of ending homelessness in Calgary, and align with the priorities as outlined in this grant opportunity
- Can demonstrate that the project addresses a need that has been identified by the community
- Are finite in nature (suitable for short term onetime funding), supported by a reasonable budget, and be completed by March 31, 2022.
- Projects funded under the reimbursement funding category are intended for essential winter and basic needs supplies only.

Ineligible Project Activities

- Ongoing operating expenses (due to the one-time funding nature, if unsure please contact CHF)
- Supports for individuals or families not currently experiencing homelessness
- Profit generating projects or activities
- Debt retirement
- Fundraising activities
- Project expenses incurred prior to January 1, 2022 and post March 31, 2022
- Project expenses that are covered by another funding source

Process Overview

- Please submit applications and all relevant supporting documents to your System Planner or grants@calgaryhomeless.com prior to the application deadline of March 31, 2022.
- Applications will be reviewed weekly by CHF team members and evaluated for alignment with the goals of this grant, demonstration of community need & impact, applicants' capacity to complete the project, and available dollars.
- Successful grant Applicants will be contacted once project selection is complete.
- 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.

Submit Application

Review Period

Project Selection

- Current funded organizations - Submit applications via email to your CHF System Planner and/or grants@calgaryhomeless.com
- •New Applicant Submit applications via email to grants@calgaryhomeless.com
- Please submit a request for consultation if you are requesting > \$25,000

 A weekly review period will evaluate submissions recieved CHF will be selecting projects on an ongoing basis to limit delays in providing funds to approved projects. CHF operates on weekly disbursment schedule.



Grant Award Requirements

If you are awarded a grant through this process, you must:

- Complete and sign a grant contract outlining the terms and conditions of the grant funding.
- Acknowledge the support of the Calgary Homeless Foundation in project materials (if any).
- Consult us if the scope of work or how you how you intend to allocate the grant funds changes from your approved application.
- Complete a grant report outlining the work completed and success achieved.
- For those organizations who are awarded through re-imbursement, all expenditures requiring re-imbursement must be documented through applicable documentation provided by CHF, alongside all relevant receipts.

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