

# INNOVATION, CAPACITY BUILDING, ENHANCEMENT IN GUIDING THE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

## 2024 Grant Guidelines

Application deadline is 5:00 PM MST on May 31, 2024

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

#### **About the Grant**

The Calgary Homeless Foundation (CHF) is a registered charity that exists 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, the Calgary Homeless Foundation provides system level leadership for Calgary's Homeless Serving System of Care. Through the Innovation, Capacity building, & Enhancement (ICE) Grants, CHF will partner with the community to continue guiding the fight against homelessness in Calgary.

## The goals of the ICE Grant are to help people find their way home by:

- I. Supporting *innovative* solutions to guide the fight against homelessness in Calgary
- II. Strengthening organizations in their work to guide the fight against homelessness in Calgary (capacity building)
- III. **Enhancing** the homeless serving system of care by expanding the number of clients served

#### **Budget**

Each year, funds for these grants are provided by reinvesting available surplus or unspent funds from existing CHF funded programs. Grants are subject to fund availability and proposals will be considered until funds are exhausted for the year. Accountabilities and required collaboration with CHF will scale to the size of grant. Successful applicants whose project exceeds fund availability for deadline may be asked to postpone the project until the next grant deadline. See below for budget guidelines:

<\$25,000	\$25,001 - \$100,000	>\$100,000
1. Submit Grant Application	1. Submit Grant Application	1. Contact CHF for consultation
2. CHF internal review panel	2. CHF & community review	2. Submit Grant Application
	panel	3. CHF & community review
		panel

Note: Projects budgets and work should be substantially completed by March 31, 2025.

#### **Process**

Grant applications received will be reviewed by a grant review panel upon deadline close. Applications will be reviewed based on alignment with CHF's <u>Purpose</u> and <u>Strategic Plan to 2025</u>. Successful grant applicants will be contacted once project selection is complete. CHF will endeavour to answer all questions submitted but it is recommended you contact CHF with questions at least one week prior to the grant deadline. Please contact CHF at <u>grants@calgaryhomeless.com</u> for a consultation prior to application for



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funding requests greater than \$100,000. This is to ensure appropriate alignment with ICE grant goals and objectives.

#### Deadline **Review Period Project Selection** Submit Review period will We will strive to applications by commence announce project deadline date & immediately upon award by 1.5 close for 1 calendar months time calendar month of deadline close Please submit all questions and consults 1 week prior to deadline

### Who Can Apply? \*

Eligible applicants with eligible projects are invited to submit a Grant Application Form (GAF) to the email address indicated, prior to the grant deadline.

Eligible Applicants	Eligible Projects	Ineligible Projects
<ul> <li>Registered Canadian charity/non-profit organization</li> <li>Indigenous Communities (First Nations, Inuit, &amp; Metis)</li> <li>Can be currently CHF funded or non-CHF funded</li> <li>Have demonstrated experience and success in working with vulnerable populations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meet one of the 3 goals of ICE (Please see FAQ for more information on the goals)</li> <li>Applicant/Project must align with the CHF's Purpose: "Guiding the fight against homelessness.", please refer to Guiding the fight against homelessness: Strategic Plan to 2025</li> <li>Can demonstrate that the project addresses a need that has been identified by the community</li> <li>Are project based in nature (suitable for short term one-time funding) and be completed by March 31, 2025. While funding is not intended to be multi-year, multi-phased projects may also be considered.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ongoing operating expenses (due to the one-time funding nature, if unsure please contact CHF)</li> <li>Debt retirement</li> <li>Fundraising activities</li> <li>Major capital expenses (&gt;\$50,000)</li> <li>Project expenses incurred prior to grant award date</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Please read the FAQ to ensure a fulsome understanding of the process

### **Example Projects**

Projects that CHF would consider for funding include housing or bridging solutions for people experiencing homelessness, specialized programming for vulnerable populations (LGBTQ2S, women, etc.), innovative research & use of data, consultants for capacity building to improve Calgary's response to homelessness, program evaluation, Indigenous cultural awareness training.