REACHING HOME:
CANADA'S HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY
ABBOTSFORD DESIGNATED COMMUNITY

2024-2026
Coordination of Resources
Call for Proposals (CFP)

APPLICATIONS DUE:

August 23, 2024

Reaching Home Program Overview

Reaching Home (RH): Canada's Homelessness Strategy is the federal homelessness program. Reaching Home continues to be a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness across Canada. This program provides funding to urban, Indigenous, rural and remote communities to help them address their local homelessness needs.

Reaching Home supports the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by 2027-2028.

For further information and to review the Reaching Home directives and key definitions, please visit the Reaching Home Directives.

Under the Reaching Home Designated Communities program, funding is delivered through a third-party delivery model known as the Community Entity (CE) model. Under this model, Canada entrusts a community organization with the responsibility to select and manage RH projects in their community. The City of Abbotsford is the CE for the Abbotsford region.

Funding available

Funding Category	2024-25	2025-26	*Total*
Coordination of Resources and Data Quality Improvement	$60,000	$60,000	**$120,000**

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

Organizations that serve the population within the City of Abbotsford that are eligible to apply are:

- ✓ Indigenous, First Nations, Inuit, and Métis
- ✓ Not-for-profit organizations
- ✓ Public health and educational institutions
- ✓ For-profit organizations

NOTE: In addition to the criteria above, applicants must disclose any debt owing to the Government of Canada. If a debt is owed, a debt repayment plan must be in place to be eligible to apply for Reaching Home funding.

Eligible Activities and Expenses - Coordination of Resources and Data Quality Improvement

https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/homelessness-sans-abri/directives-eng.html#fn10

Coordination of resources refers to activities that: (1) enable communities to organize and deliver a range of services to address homelessness in a coordinated manner, (2) support the implementation, as well as maintenance and improvement in the use of the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS), and/or (3) support data governance and data management efforts to improve data quality to meet or maintain federal Coordinated Access and Outcomes-Based Approach requirements.

Eligible activities include:

- Mapping of the housing and homeless-serving system to identify existing programs and services, and assess current capacity, program funders, and program requirements.
- Maintaining and/or improving the core components of a Coordinated Access system, including:
    - Developing new or strengthening existing partnerships with service providers and other community organizations (e.g., between healthcare and housing providers and local Indigenous partners).
- Developing partnerships to support a broader systems-based approach to addressing homelessness (e.g., partnerships with health services, corrections, and housing providers).
- Projects, training and capacity-building in support of a coordinated, systems-based and data-driven approach to prevent and reduce homelessness, including testing new approaches, evaluation and sharing best practices.
- Informing the public and soliciting feedback on activities intended to prevent and reduce homelessness.
- Communities may also undertake activities that improve the overall quality of data on homelessness. These activities may be unrelated to Coordinated Access and HIFIS but enhance understanding of local homelessness issues, and help support decision-making and longer-term planning.

Ineligible activities include:

- Software and/or hardware purchase and/or development for the collection and management of homelessness data that constitutes a redundant use of funds and duplicates activities already offered through HIFIS; and
- Administrative costs associated with administering a third-party agreement must be claimed under the category of Administration.

Eligible data collection activities include:

- Collection and management of data to demonstrate accountability, support decision-making and develop an understanding of homelessness.
- Activities intended to build partnerships for data collection, management, sharing, and analysis including partnerships with local Indigenous communities.
- Gathering, sharing, and disseminating information with the Community Advisory Board and other interest parties.
- Technical support for data collection, management, sharing, and analysis.
- Purchase of equipment to collect and compile data.

Ineligible data collection activities include:

- Local research other than the data collection activities described under "eligible activities and expenses.
- Information gathered or refocused primarily for the purpose of advocacy, public education or awareness. This includes funding for any advocacy, public education or awareness campaign.

Completing the CFP Application

Download the application fillable pdf document from City of Abbotsford website, Reaching Home page – Call for Proposals section. Save the pdf document on your computer and complete application. Email your completed application form to **reachinghome@abbotsford.ca.**

Applications will be accepted until August 23, 2024.

For any questions, please contact reachinghome@abbotsford.ca.