Homelessness Community Action Grants

About this initiative

This initiative provides one-time funding for local planning and collaborative initiatives designed to better respond to the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Funding through this initiative supports community-based action including demonstration projects, partnerships, research and other collaborative efforts to respond to gaps in the current system of services and supports for those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Nature of the Funding

This funding is in the form of a one-time grant that can be used to support specific planning and collaborative initiatives including:

- Partnerships designed to respond to gaps in the current system of services and supports for those who are homeless including initiatives related to the prevention of homelessness as well as initiatives designed to provide for increased stability for those who are experiencing repeated episodes of homelessness;

- Initiatives that build community capacity and expand the evidence base of promising practices at the individual and systems level;

- Initiatives that improve monitoring and reporting on outcomes as well as the creation of local data in cases where it does not already exist;

- Initiatives that leverage local resources, knowledge, innovation and community connections and that can be scaled and replicated elsewhere;

- Initiatives that build increased public awareness and support to help change the narrative about homelessness and that highlight individual and community-level success stories.

Please provide a short overview of your proposed initiative:

About Your Project

The funding provided through the Homelessness Community Action Grants can be used for activities with a geographic focus (i.e. funding for planning or collaboration in a local community) or demographic focus (i.e. funding that respond to the needs of specific vulnerable and 'at risk populations').

The funding is available to support projects of varying sizes, types and complexity including projects designed to:

- Build a deeper understanding of existing and emerging needs at the community level;

- Understand or address specific needs for distinct populations experiencing homelessness;

- Respond to gaps in the current spectrum of services and supports available to those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless;

- Build capacity at the local level to better understand and respond to existing and emerging needs;

- Support local innovation designed to foster positive outcomes at the individual and community level; and,

- Address other needs or opportunities as identified by the community.

Please describe the need that your initiative will address:

Which specific needs or population groups will be served through your initiative?

What geographic area does your initiative cover?

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES COVERED

What types of activities will be delivered through your initiative?

☐ Development of local and regional homelessness plans, strategies and service models;

☐ Collaborative activities designed to better understand existing and emerging needs among those who are homeless;

☐ Conferences or collaborative events designed to highlight local successes, support innovation as well as provide opportunities for shared learning while helping to create new pathways forward;

☐ Initiatives that build on local successes and that support the development of new ways for working together;

☐ Action research or demonstration projects that support local innovation, respond to gaps in the existing system of services and supports and that support the creation of promising practices;

☐ Community-based research to better understand local needs in cases where local data gaps exist.

Please confirm that you understand that the project funding received through the Homelessness Community Action Grant can **not** be used to fund:

☐ Core programs or services already funded through existing programs;

☐ Capital projects.

At the same time, the funding can be used to support collaborative projects or initiatives where groups or organizations are undertaking collaborative projects with their own resources and

where the funding provided through the Homelessness Community Action Grant Program could help to complement and support existing efforts as well as leverage existing resources and actions to achieve greater impact.

FUNDING AMOUNTS

Funding through the Community Homelessness Action Grant initiative is intended to fund projects of varying sizes, types and complexity and can include:

- **Smaller projects:** Projects requiring a small one-time investment of between $5,000 and $10,000 and that are likely to be completed within 6 to 12 months;

- **Mid-size projects:** Projects requiring an investment of between $10,000 and $25,000 and that are likely to be completed within 12 to 18 months; and,

- **Larger scale projects:** Established partnerships and projects that have demonstrated results and that have achieved impact and where an additional investment of $25,000 to $50,000 over 12 to 24 months would allow for greater impact.

Please indicate the type of funding that you are applying for:

☐ **Smaller projects:** Projects requiring a small one-time investment of between $5,000 and $10,000 and that are likely to be completed within 6 to 12 months;

☐ **Mid-size projects:** Projects requiring an investment of between $10,000 and $25,000 and that are likely to be completed within 12 to 18 months; and,

☐ **Larger scale projects:** Established partnerships and projects that have demonstrated results and that have achieved impact and where an additional investment of $25,000 to $50,000 over 12 to 24 months would allow for greater impact.

➤ Note: Please note that you are not restricted to only one (1) proposal. However for planning and allocation purposes we are requesting the following information:

☐ My organization is submitting only one (1) proposal.

☐ My organization is submitting only one (1) proposal but we may be partners on other proposals that are submitted from our community.

☐ My organization is considering submitting multiple proposals.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS: KEY STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS INCLUDING KEY MILESTONES

Please tell us about the *specific steps* and actions to be taken, *key milestones* and *critical dates*. Please note, it is possible to add additional pages if required. However, project applicants are only expected to provide high-level details and that SPARC BC will seek additional information or clarification if required.

Key Steps and Actions	Key Milestones/Outcomes	Critical Dates
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
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11.		
12.		
CONCLUSION OF THE PROJECT: SUBMISSION OF THE PROJECT OUTCOMES REPORT		

REQUESTED PROJECT BUDGET

The following sets out the proposed budget to complete the scope of work as outlined in the previous section.

SPECIFIC STEPS AND ACTIONS	PROPOSED BUDGET
1.	$
2.	$
3.	$
4.	$
5.	$
6.	$
7.	$
8.	$
9.	$
10.	$
11.	$
12.	$
TOTAL REQUESTED BUDGET AMOUNT	**$**

OTHER PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORTS

Funding through the Homelessness Community Action Grants can be used to support collaborative projects or initiatives where groups or organizations are undertaking collaborative projects with their own resources and where the funding provided through the Homelessness Community Action Grant Program could help to complement and support existing efforts as well as leverage existing resources and actions to achieve greater impact.

PARTNERSHIPS AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE	EXISTING FUNDING IN KIND
1.	$
2.	$
3.	$
4.	$
5.	$
6.	$
7.	$
8.	$
9.	$
10.	$
11.	$
12.	$

ABOUT THE APPLICANT

Tell us about your organization and key project implementation partners for this initiative:

Organization Name

Address

Contact Information

Name:
Position:
Email:
Phone :

Key Implementation Partners

➤ **Note:**

The funding available through this initiative is one-time and is not intended to be on-going funding or core funding. Similarly, capital projects are not eligible for this funding.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY COLLABORATION AND CONNECTIONS

The Homelessness Community Action Grant initiative is designed to fill gaps in the system of services and support for people who are homeless while drawing on local knowledge and innovation. It is also designed to complement other Federal and Provincial housing and homelessness initiatives including funding made available through:

- the provincial Community Housing Fund

- the provincial Indigenous Housing Fund

- the provincial Women's Transition Housing Fund

- the provincial Rapid Response to Homelessness (modular housing)

- the provincial Affordable Rental Housing program

- the Federal *Reaching Home* program

- the Federal Community Housing Transformation Centre which includes funding to support building a strong and resilient community housing sector through a *sector transformation fund*

- the Federal Community-Based Tenant Initiative which provides contributions to local organizations whose purpose is to assist people in housing need, support tenants in accessing information on their housing options and to encourage better participation in housing decisions that affect them

This initiative is also intended to complement and support other housing related initiatives including:

- the new Provincial Housing Needs Report requirements that came into effect on April 16, 2019 and that includes information and guidance at: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/local-governments-and-housing/policy-and-planning-tools-for-housing/housing-needs-reports)

- the UBCM-administered provincial funding program (including program guide): https://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/housing-needs-report-program.html

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

In working together, one of the goals of this initiative is to change the narrative about homelessness as well as work together with to share stories of success. Please describe the different ways that your initiative will help to contribute to changing the narrative as well as contribute to increased knowledge and action.

Contribution to Changing the Narrative

Contribution to Increased Knowledge and Action to End Homelessness

Submission of your Completed Grant Application

All completed application forms should be submitted to info@sparc.bc.ca

Questions:

Please do not hesitate to contact:

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