

Strengthening Communities' Services Program

Grant Details

- Program is focused on supporting unsheltered homeless populations and addressing related community impacts.
- Federal and Provincial governments committed \$100 million.
- 100% project funding up to \$2.5 million.
- Application due April 16, 2021.
- Eligible expenses incurred after September 17, 2020, projects must be complete within one year of project approval (approx. July 2022).

Grant Details

- **Project Eligibility:**
 - Demonstrates evidence of need in the community.
 - Provides **temporary** solutions that address increased urgent and immediate needs related to unsheltered homelessness and does not create ongoing long-term financial obligations that will not be supported by the applicant.
- **Intended outcomes include:**
 - Improved health and safety of unsheltered homeless populations including reduced risk of COVID-19.
 - Reduced community concerns about public health and safety in neighbourhoods.
 - Improved coordination among stakeholders working on housing, homelessness and service provision.
 - Increased capacity to work with homeless persons towards culturally safe and trauma-informed responses.

Projects for Council Consideration

1. Temporary sheltering
2. Co-design and launch of a Systems Planning Organization
3. Submission of a series of small initiatives

* A combination of the above programs can also be selected and submitted as a multi-faceted approach to reaching project outcomes.

Projects for Council Consideration – cont'd

1. Temporary Sheltering

- Locations to be determined
- Lease of scattered site housing spaces and/or
- Temporary weather shelter
- Focus for priority populations
- Occupancy management (ongoing discussions to secure cornerstone agency)
- Service delivery to foster culturally safe, person-centered, trauma-informed care and transition individuals in appropriately matched housing, health and community support
- Plan to wind initiative down into project disposition must be demonstrated (eg. transfer of head lease) OR
- Transition plan to maintain support long-term (supporting non-profits to build ongoing operations capacity)

Projects for Council Consideration – cont'd

1. Temporary Sheltering – cont'd

Preliminary costs:

- Management and support workers cost is \$270,000 for up to 5 locations
- Scattered site housing costs \$46,000/location
- Renovation costs for temporary weather shelter \$150,0000

Projects for Council Consideration – cont'd

2. Co-design and Launch of Systems Planning Organization (SPO)

- Temporary Full Time liaison role to June 30, 2022 to support broader coordination of option 1 and 3 with multiple agencies and indigenous leadership to help inform and design early incubation activities of the SPO specific to homelessness response efforts.
- Facilitating cross-jurisdictional working groups to inform deeper systems integration.
- Implementing the City's approved Health and Housing Action Plan priorities.
- Improving response to critical and urgent needs in the community while addressing key policy, cross-jurisdictional, and overall shared community outcomes.
- Cost based on a one year term is \$112k.

Projects for Council Consideration – cont'd

3. Submission of a small series of initiatives

- Rent Bank (\$45k - \$136k)
- Housing First Rent Supplement (\$18k - \$53k)
- Youth Rent Supplement (\$23k-\$46k)
- Scattered Housing (\$11k - \$31k)
- Community Outreach Team for priority populations (\$160k)
- Shower Program (\$26k - \$76k)
- Urban Clean-up (\$29k - \$85k)
- Downtown Security (\$147k - \$1.3M)
- Portable toilets (\$18k - \$52k)
- Emergency Shelter (\$221k)
- Warming Centre (\$69k - \$118k)
- Cultural Safety and Trauma-informed Training and support for City Staff and agencies (\$25k)

Budget Summary

- A combination of projects and scope of projects can be selected for application.
- This budget has been compartmentalized where possible to allow for more flexibility selecting options to make up an application valued at \$2.5 million.
- Costs will be finalized prior to submission of grant application.

1 Temporary Housing		Prelim Cost
<i>a</i> Scattered Site Housing	One year term (\$46k per house - minimum 2)	\$ 92,000
<i>b</i> Temporary Weather Shelter	Renovations required to space	100,000
<i>Manager plus 2 Support Workers</i>	One year term, includes provision for programming costs	\$ 270,000
	Total	462,000.00
2 Co-design and Launch of SPO	2021/2022 (based on one year term)	\$ 112,000

Budget Summary – cont'd

3 Packaging of Small Initiatives:		Prelim Cost
<i>a</i> Rent Bank	2021 Budget for year	\$ 90,603
	To June 30, 2022	45,000
	Total	\$ 135,603
<i>b</i> Housing First Rent Supplement	2021 Budget for year	\$ 35,000
	To June 30, 2022	17,500
	Total	\$ 52,500
<i>c</i> Youth Rent Supplement	July 1, 2021 - Dec 31, 2021	23,000.00
	To June 30, 2022	23,000.00
	Total	46,000.00
<i>d</i> Scattered Housing Salvation Army	2021 Budget for year	\$ 21,000
	To June 30, 2022	10,500
	Total	\$ 31,500
<i>e</i> Community Outreach Team for priority populations	2021/2022 One year term	
	Total	\$ 270,000
<i>f</i> Shower Program	2021 Budget for year	\$ 50,000
	To June 30, 2022	26,000
	Total	\$ 76,000
<i>g</i> Urban Clean-up	2021 Budget for year	\$ 56,000
	To June 30, 2022	29,000
	Total	\$ 85,000
<i>h</i> Community Connect	2021 Budget to June 30 - City portion of OCQ	\$ 147,000
	July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	1,110,000
	Total	\$ 1,257,000
<i>i</i> Portable Toilets (SARC, Prideaux, Oliver Woods)	2021 Budget for year	\$ 34,000
	To June 30, 2022	17,500
	Total	\$ 51,500
<i>j</i> Emergency Shelter	November 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022	
	Total	\$ 221,000
<i>k</i> Warming Centre	November 2021 - May 2022	
	Total	\$ 165,000
<i>l</i> Cultural Safety and Trauma-Informed training	2021//2022	\$ 25,000

Next Steps

- Council feedback on initiatives presented and input on other potential initiatives.
- Direction on combination and scope of initiatives to be included in Report for March 29, 2021 Council meeting.
- Returning March 29, 2021 for Council Resolution identifying initiatives for application.