



Provincial Metis Housing Corporation

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Non-Designated Indigenous Homelessness Funding Stream Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Canada's National Housing Strategy?

A: In 2019 the federal government implemented Canada's National Housing Strategy. This \$55+ billion, 10-year plan is designed to strengthen the middle class, cut chronic homelessness in half, by 2028 and fuel the economy by building 125,000 new affordable housing units.

Through Canada's NHS, the federal government is bringing together the public, private and non-profit sectors to re-engage in affordable housing. Using a mix of funding, grants and loans, the strategy will create affordable, stable and livable communities. These communities will be located near amenities and transportation – and have the opportunities needed to succeed. Ultimately, communities where families thrive.

The goal is to ensure Canadians across the country have access to housing that meets their needs and is affordable. To achieve this, the strategy will first focus on the most vulnerable Canadians.

Canada's NHS priority areas for action include:

- Housing for those in greatest need - the vulnerable populations.
- Social housing sustainability
- Indigenous housing
- Northern housing
- Sustainable housing and communities
- A balanced supply of housing

Canada's NHS will spearhead innovative new housing research, data and demonstration projects. This will fill gaps in our knowledge, share the best ideas and shape the future of housing policy in Canada. It will also create new opportunities for the federal government to innovate through partnerships with the community housing sector, co-operative movement, private sector, and research community. The end result will:

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- strengthen the middle class
- cut chronic homelessness in half
- build up to 125,000 new homes
- Strengthen the economy

Q: What is the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Program?

A: *Reaching Home* is Canada's Homelessness strategy and it is designed to support the goals of Canada's National Housing Strategy in reducing and mitigating the impacts of homelessness and Indigenous homelessness.

The goal in particular, is to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by 2027–2028.

Reaching Home puts communities at the forefront of tackling homelessness. While Housing First remains the model supported by the Government of Canada, and an effective tool to reduce homelessness, the Reaching Home Program has advanced to give communities more flexibility in how they use their funding to meet local needs, including the needs of vulnerable populations such as young people, LGBTQ2 communities, women fleeing violence, racialized communities, veterans and persons with disabilities and Indigenous communities.

Q: Who is the Community Entity for the Saskatchewan Non-designated Indigenous funding stream in Saskatchewan for the Reaching Home Program?

A. Provincial Metis Housing Corporation (PMHC) is the Community Entity for the Unallocated Indigenous funding stream in Saskatchewan. PMHC provides funding for homelessness projects throughout the Province with the exception of the cities of Regina and Saskatoon and Reaching Home does not provide funding for projects On-reserve.

Q: Who manages the Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy Program in the Designated communities of Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina?

A: Saskatchewan

Prince Albert

Community Entity – Designated Community

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Community Advisory Board – Designated Community

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Regina

Community Entity – Designated Community and Indigenous Homelessness, Non-designated Rural and Remote funding Stream

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Community Advisory Board – Designated Community and Indigenous Homelessness

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Saskatoon

Community Entity – Designated Community and Indigenous Homelessness

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Q: What is the process to submit an application for funding to PMHC?

A: Follow the steps as listed;

- Contact a Reaching Home Program Coordinator at PMHC for detailed information on the program and an application for funding and the Reaching Home guidelines
- Determine whether your organization is eligible for the program and if the homelessness project you will be submitting complies with the directives and goals of the Reaching Home program.
- Submit the application on behalf of your organization prior to the deadline. The deadline for applications for fiscal year 2020-2021 is December 6, 2019.
- The Indigenous Homelessness Advisory Board (IHAB) will review and assess the application you have submitted on behalf of your organization.

Q: What is the Indigenous Homelessness Advisory Board (IHAB)?

A: The Indigenous Homelessness Advisory Board (IHAB) is an Independent Indigenous Homelessness Advisory Board which includes representation from the Government of Canada, the Province of Saskatchewan, Indigenous housing providers and Indigenous service providers.

IHAB engages stakeholders at the community level in order to implement the Reaching Home program. IHAB members represent a broad range of community perspectives and knowledge. The IHAB Board will receive, review, and recommend community proposals for funding.

The Provincial Metis Housing Corporation (PMHC) Board of Directors ratifies the IHAB recommendations for approval of funding.

Q: How much funding is available through PMHC for the Reaching Home Program for 2020-2021?

A: The total amount of funding available for projects is \$ 1, 975,029 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. In the normal process PMHC usually funds 8 – 12 projects with that amount.

Q: Who is eligible able to apply for Reaching Home funding?

A: Not-for-profit organizations; individuals; municipal governments; for-profit enterprises; research organizations and institutes; public health and educational institutions; Band/tribal councils; and other Indigenous organizations are eligible to receive funding.

Q: When does the funding need to be spent by?

A: Funding on approved projects needs to be expended by March 31st each year. At this point PMHC does not provide for multi-year funding and projects cannot carryover unexpended funds.

Q: How are the Reaching Home projects selected?

A: The projects will be selected by an Indigenous Housing Advisory Board using an assessment grid and scoring system. The scoring systems is one element in the assessment process. The IHAB also considers other factors in making the final determinations on recommendations for funding.

Q: How are projects assessed?

A: Projects will be assessed in a fair and transparent way based on the following: capacity of the applicant, community needs, partnerships, measurable and achievable outcomes, value for money, appropriate location, realistic timeframe, cultural appropriateness, sustainability of the benefits of the project.

Q: Will there be more than one request for proposals?

A: PMHC puts out A Call For Proposals (CFP) in November of each year and will do so annually until March 31st, 2024. However, if there are unexpended dollars (slippage) PMHC reserves the right to put out a second call for proposals.

Q: Who do we contact if we have questions?

A: If you need further information you can call the Provincial Métis Housing Corporation at 1 306 343 8240 or Toll Free 1 844 396 7933 and ask for a Reaching Home Program Coordinator or e-mail metishousing@sasktel.net