

# LEADING THE WAY HOME

## KEY PRIORITIES

Projects considered for funding must be initiatives addressing the key priorities along the continuum of needs related to homelessness and access to housing in Surrey, including:

### **Key Priority: Creating Homes**

1. Creation and/or retention of housing units including:
  - Transitional and short-term supportive housing units
  - Permanent or long-term supportive housing units
  - Mixed use housing – some supportive units and other subsidized units/units that will be available at or below shelter rate
2. Capital activities including:
  - Pre-development – for e.g. need and demand study and housing/service plan, environmental assessment, site/development/building plans, permits, infrastructure improvements, designs and rezoning
  - Facility Construction – for e.g. soft costs and hard costs
  - Facility Renovation/Expansion/Repurposing
3. Other capital activities that will assist in supporting the project come to fruition, the sustainability of the project and/or align with/leverage other funding opportunities:
  - Project conception: for e.g. prepare design schematics, determine budgets and financing strategy
  - Solidifying project details: for e.g. finalize design – full architectural drawings and schematics, construction management and permits obtained etc.
  - Construction: for e.g. develop property management systems and maintenance plans, finalize operational policies/procedures and complete partnership agreements
  - Operations: for e.g. complete testing and commissioning of all building systems, implementing property management systems and maintenance plans

### **Key Priority: Homelessness Services**

1. Innovative and emerging projects that test models of intervention or assess best practices including:
  - Service Model Evaluation
  - Employment Development
  - Support Services

## Key Priority: Capacity Building

1. Sector capacity building and coordination of initiatives that:
  - Create increased efficiency through service coordination among organizations
  - Promote collaboration to leverage increased funding from other sources
  - Increase sector knowledge and ability to respond to homelessness in Surrey

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Organizations and projects that **are** eligible for funding include:
  - Charitable organizations and registered societies, or for-profit entities that are working in partnership with a charitable organization and have a written agreement.
  - Projects addressing issues and gaps related to homelessness and access to housing and that are based in and provide direct benefit to Surrey and Surrey residents.
2. Organizations and projects that are **not** eligible for funding include:
  - Organizations without charitable tax status
  - Fundraising activities
  - Retroactive funding
  - Conferences
  - Deficit funding
  - Core operational funding
  - Ongoing program funding
  - Services or facilities that are not in compliance with municipal licensing and zoning requirement

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The application should:

1. Be project-based with clear start and end dates
2. Demonstrate the need
3. Target priority populations
4. Demonstrate financial viability and the potential for long-term sustainability
5. Demonstrate collaboration and thorough consultation with stakeholders
6. Leverage additional funding from government, business, and/or other funders
7. Support the goals and objectives of the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund and/or the goals of the Master Plan for Housing the Homeless in Surrey