



Leading the Way Home 2021 Grants Program Overview

Key Priorities

Projects considered for funding must address the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Surrey. They will focus on contributing to the longer-term housing needs of priority populations and building on continued efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. Eligible projects must address one or more of the following Key Priorities along the continuum of needs related to homelessness and access to housing in Surrey:

Key Priority: Creating Housing

Creation, retention, or maintenance of housing stock, including transitional supportive, permanent supportive, or mixed-use models. Capital activities eligible under this priority include:

- Predevelopment
- Development/Construction
- Acquisition
- Renovation/Expansion/Repurposing
- Other capital activities that may support the project come to fruition, leverage other funding/partnership opportunities, or support the sustainability of the project

Key Priority: Innovative Projects

Innovative approaches to addressing homelessness, including:

- Pilot projects
- Projects that support access to housing (reduce homelessness) or housing sustainability (prevent homelessness)

Key Priority: Capacity Building

Initiatives that increase the capacity of the homelessness and housing sector to address homelessness, including projects that:

- Enhance efficiency through service coordination across/among organizations
- Build knowledge, skills, abilities, or tools
- Promote collaboration and partnerships that leverages additional funding or support

Eligibility Criteria

Organizations that **are** eligible for funding include:

- Charitable organizations or registered societies, or for-profit entities that are working in partnership with a charitable organization and have a written agreement in place
- 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**
- Projects that are operating in Surrey

Organizations 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 or funding of ongoing operational costs
- Services or facilities that are not in compliance with municipal licensing and zoning requirements
- Activities, equipment or supplies that are already funded/provided by another source

Other Requirements

The application should:

1. Target the priority populations - those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Surrey
2. Identify other internal and/or external funding contributions and partnerships – please note stacking is ineligible
3. Address one or more of the Key Priorities
4. Support the goals of the Surrey Homelessness & Housing Fund

Submission Instructions

Please submit the following to letizia_romei@vancity.com:

- Signed & Completed Form A: Application in **Word or PDF** (e-signature is acceptable)
- Completed Form B: Budget in **Excel**
- Copy of most recent Financial Statements
- Other supporting documents (only if advised by staff)

For any questions or if you wish to discuss your project idea, please do not hesitate to contact Letizia Romei: letizia_romei@vancity.com.