



2026 Granting Criteria

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

All projects must serve those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Surrey and be aligned with identified needs in the City of Surrey. Currently, those populations include:

- Indigenous peoples
- Women and women with children
- Youth aging out of care
- Seniors
- Individuals with mental health and substance use who may be hard to house

GRANTING PRIORITIES

Projects considered for funding must address the needs of those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Surrey, with preference given to projects that support priority populations.

We support projects that create or maintain housing stock, programs that increase the access to housing, and initiatives that build capacity in the homelessness and housing sector in Surrey. Eligible projects must address one or more of the following priorities along the continuum of needs related to homelessness and access to housing in Surrey.

1. Creating Housing

Project readiness is an ongoing issue for Surrey projects. Often, senior levels of government are looking for projects that are “shovel-ready.” Shovel-ready means that land has been secured, a feasibility study is complete, pre-zoning or zoning has been completed and building can happen on an accelerated timeline.

We support creation, renovation or maintenance of housing stock, including transitional supportive, permanent supportive or mixed-use models. Capital activities eligible under this priority include:

- Purchase of land
- Predevelopment/zoning/feasibility
- Development/construction
- Renovation or repurposing
- Equipment or furnishings
- Retention or maintenance
- Other capital activities or equipment/furnishings that may support the project in coming to fruition, leverage other funding/partnership opportunities or support the long-term sustainability of the project

2. Building Capacity

We support initiatives that increase the capacity of the homelessness and housing sector to respond to/address homelessness, including projects that:

- Enhance service coordination across/amongst organizations

- Promote collaboration and partnerships that leverage other support
- Build knowledge, skills, abilities, and tools or increase access to training opportunities (sector-wide or within the organization)
- Are key elements of, or equipment for, crucial programming that may require some seed or bridge funding support (SHHS does not fund core operations or provide ongoing funding for core programs; however, there may be pieces that SHHS can fund with the possibility of multi-year support)

3. Remaining Responsive to Community Needs

We support initiatives that are emergent or constitute an emergency or respond to opportunities that were unknown at the time of the grant call. These opportunities would require adherence to the above-noted priorities.

TIMELINE

Call for proposals open: May 15, 2026

Submission deadline: July 24th, 2026

Funding decisions: September 3, 2026