



Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund

Expression of Interest

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Introduction

The following serves as an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund (HRIF). The fund will provide one-time grants for innovative projects aimed at measurably reducing homelessness.

The Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) will share learnings and successes from funded projects publicly and with other communities across the country. Funded communities commit to sharing their learnings, outcomes, and project data with CAEH.

This form will be used to assess your eligibility and project suitability for HRIF. Your responses will be shared with CAEH and may also be shared with the National Indigenous Homelessness Council (NIHC). Based on your responses, you may be invited to complete an application.

The last day to submit an Expression of Interest is Friday, August 15, 2025 by 4:00pm ET.

The CAEH team is committed to continuously improving the accessibility of the HRIF process, materials, and selected projects, and is working closely with NIHC on these improvements. CAEH recognizes, as a non-Indigenous organization, that we alone cannot assess the HRIF process through an Indigenous lens. CAEH is committed to equity, dignity, justice, and belonging. We are dedicated to serving equity-seeking communities as anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and inclusive allies. We encourage applicants to consider how they might respectfully collaborate with and build on existing capacity within local Indigenous service providers and organizations.

For more information and key terms, see [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible for the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund (HRIF), applicants (outside Quebec¹) must be:

- The Reaching Home Community Entity for the Designated Community stream, and/or
- The Reaching Home Community Entity for the Indigenous Homelessness stream, and/or
- The Reaching Home Community Entity for the Territorial Homelessness stream, and/or
- The community lead organization participating in Built for Zero – Canada (BFZ-C).

If your organization is not a Community Entity or the community lead for BFZ-C in your community, please connect with one of them to collaborate on a project.

If your community has both a CE for the Designated Community stream and a community lead with BFZ-C, and these are not the same organization, please collaborate on one project, with one organization taking the lead.

If you are an Indigenous-led organization that is not the Indigenous Homelessness Community Entity (IH CE), please reach out to them or the Designated Community if no IH CE exists.

Project Eligibility

Communities must also be able to demonstrate:

- An improvement project aimed at reducing homelessness by increasing move-ins to housing or decreasing inflow to homelessness for the target population.
- Quality By-Name Data (QBND) for your project's target population(s) (confirmed by CAEH) to measure reductions. See [FAQs](#) for more information on QBND and confirmation processes.
- Eligible target populations for the purposes of HRIF projects include:
 - Chronic Homelessness (including all households experiencing chronic homelessness, chronic

- single adults, youth, families, Indigenous)
- Veteran Homelessness
- Unsheltered Homelessness
- All Homelessness

Reaching Home Community Entities or lead organizations participating in Built for Zero Canada that do not yet meet the eligibility criteria outlined above are still invited to complete this Expression of Interest. If you are an IH CE that does not have QBND confirmed by CAEH but are interested in applying, please indicate that in your EOI when prompted to share more or specify. The intention of HRIF is to support communities' efforts to make measurable reductions in homelessness. While applicants must meet eligibility to receive funding, projects that don't yet qualify may still receive support to strengthen future applications. Where eligibility criteria are not yet met, applicants are encouraged to provide context in the appropriate fields of this Expression of Interest.

Footnote 1:

^[1] Organizations in Quebec are not eligible to apply for the Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund. Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada will collaborate with the Government of Quebec to put in place this funding in recognition of the jurisdictions and priorities of both governments in the prevention and reduction of homelessness. Questions can be directed to Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada at: reachinghomeinfo@infoversunchezsoj@infc.gc.ca.

Applicant Information

Primary Contact *

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First Name

Last Name

Primary Contact Email *

Organization Name *

Community *

City/Region

Province *

Please Select

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Select the Reaching Home funding stream(s) for which your organization is the Community Entity (CE). Select all that apply. *

- ☐ Designated Community
- ☐ Indigenous Homelessness

- ☐ Not applicable - My organization is not a Community Entity for any of the above Reaching Home funding streams

Is your community currently participating in Built for Zero Canada (BFZ-C) by way of an agreement, with your organization as the community lead? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure (please explain)

What population(s) are you planning to target with your project? Select all that apply. *Note: Although the below priority populations have been identified for this round of HRIF, projects may aim to reduce All Homelessness if communities are confident in their ability to achieve measurable reductions and are able to confirm Quality By-Name Data with CAEH for All Homelessness before application submission. *

- ☐ All Homelessness* (see note above)
☐ A smaller target population within All Homelessness (please specify):
☐ Chronic Homelessness
☐ A smaller target population within Chronic Homelessness (please specify):
☐ Veteran Homelessness
☐ Unsheltered Homelessness

Has your community been confirmed by CAEH for Quality By-Name Data (QBND)? Select all that apply. Eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate having comprehensive, quality data for the target population to receive funding. Not having quality data at this stage does not preclude you from expressing interest; rather, it means that you may receive support to strengthen an application for a later round. See Frequently Asked Questions on the HRIF website for more information on QBND confirmation. *

- ☐ Confirmed for Basic Quality By-Name Data for Chronic Homelessness (Scorecard Version 3 or 4)
☐ Confirmed for Basic Quality By-Name Data for Veteran Homelessness (Scorecard Version 3 or 4)
☐ Confirmed for Foundations Quality By-Name Data for All Homelessness (Scorecard Version 4)
☐ Not yet (please explain)
☐ Not sure (please explain)

If you are an Indigenous Homelessness Community Entity (IH CE) that does not currently have confirmed Quality By-Name Data (QBND), are you interested in working with CAEH and/or NIHC to explore a path toward eligibility for future rounds of HRIF? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure (explain):
☐ Not applicable – I am not an IH CE

Are you able to pull monthly actively homeless, inflow, and outflow data for the project's target population(s)? For example, if the project's target population is unsheltered homelessness, can you

disaggregate actively homeless, inflow, and outflow unsheltered data from your larger By-Name Data for each month? *

- ☐ Yes, and we provide target population data to CAEH (for at least one of the project's target populations)
- ☐ Yes, but we do not currently provide any target population data to CAEH
- ☐ Not yet (explain)
- ☐ Not sure (explain)

Project Information

Which inflow or outflow data point does your project aim to address? Only pick one data point per project. If your project aims to address more than one data point, pick the data point that it primarily aims to address. *

- ☐ Decrease new inflows into homelessness
- ☐ Decrease returns from housing
- ☐ Decrease age-ins to chronicity
- ☐ Increase move-ins
- ☐ Not sure (please explain):

Are you an Indigenous-led organization or does your project include collaboration with any Indigenous-led organizations? Please be prepared to provide names and roles of Indigenous-led organizations should you be invited to complete an application. *

- ☐ Yes - I am part of an Indigenous-led organization
- ☐ Yes - the project includes collaboration with Indigenous-led organization(s)
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe

Aim: What is your reduction aim? List your SMART project aim (Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, Time-Bound) including the specified inflow or outflow data point and the projected impact on the project's target population. Example: Maplevue will reduce chronic homelessness by 20% by October 2026 by increasing chronic move-ins by 50. *

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Aim: Briefly describe the problem or opportunity this project aims to address, including any supporting data. *

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Measure: How will you know if your project is successful? *

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Change(s): What change(s) to status quo or innovation(s) will your project test or introduce? If your project will likely test multiple changes, what will you start with? *

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Please describe your budget. Include the anticipated length and the total estimated cost of your project, a plan for sustainability, any other financial contributions toward the project, and how your project fits in with other relevant funding mandates. You will have an opportunity to provide additional detail should you be invited to complete an application. *

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