

**Homelessness Partnering Strategy
Community Entity for the Metro Vancouver Region
Results of the 2014-2016 Open Call for Proposals**

In April 2014, the GVRD signed an Agreement with the Ministry of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to act as the Community Entity (CE) for the Metro Vancouver region to administer approximately \$42 Million in the HPS program funding for the designated community for the period April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2019. The CE works in close partnership with Service Canada, ESDC and the Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness (RSCH).

The HPS funds local priorities identified by the community through a comprehensive community planning process involving representatives of government, community stakeholders, the nonprofit, private and volunteer sectors. This approach provides communities with the flexibility to invest in proven approaches that reduce homelessness at the local level.

The Greater Vancouver Regional Steering Committee (RSCH) functions as the HPS Community Advisory Board (CAB). The CAB works closely with the CE and Service Canada on all stages of calls for proposals from design and criteria to review and recommendation.

The 2014-2019 HPS introduces a Housing First approach, building on the success and lessons of the national “At Home/ Chez Soi” study. 65% of the funding allocation is dedicated to Housing First initiatives. The HPS has six Housing First (HF) principles:

1. Rapid housing with supports
2. Offering client choice in housing
3. Separating housing provision from other services
4. Providing tenancy rights and responsibilities
5. Integrating housing into the community
6. Strength-based and promoting self-sufficiency

The Call for Proposals process resulted in 33 proposals awarded approximately \$12,183,054 of the HPS funds over the 21-month period January 2015 – September 2016, including:

- 5 Capital projects \$2,151,527
- 16 Housing First projects \$ 7,169,638.00
- 12 Support Services projects \$2,861,889



#	Funded Organization & Project title	Application Category	Project Priority & Objective
1	Stepping Stone Community Services Society <i>Langley Outreach Enhancement Project</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: A local office providing a designated location for people who are homeless and at imminent risk of homelessness to access service. Outreach Workers provide information, referrals and connect people with services such as income assistance and housing. Time limited BC Housing rent supplements may be available.</p>
2	Hollyburn Family Services Society <i>Housing Support Services for Youth</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: Support Services for Youth providing housing services homeless or at imminent risk of homeless youth.</p>
3	Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society <i>The Link</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: The Link offers life skills workshops, drop-in, outreach, and one-to-one support tailored to addressing the particular issues identified by each youth. In addition, a youth can't 'age out' of the Link - there is no cap on age limit - therefore, Link participants self-select back into the services of a trusted service-provider when and if its needed, not unlike their parented peers.</p>
4	Hope for Freedom Society <i>Tri-Cities Bridge Shelter</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: Provide basic shelter care for homeless adult men and women. Care includes two hot meals and a bag lunch, a limited clothing bank, and a mat and bedding in a safe supervised environment.</p>



5	BC Seniors Services and Housing Information Society <i>Housing Outreach for Homeless and at Risk Seniors</i>	Support Services	Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services Objective: Intensive outreach services will be provide to older adults (55+) who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
6	The John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland <i>Preventing Homelessness and Promoting Growth</i>	Support Services	Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services Objective: Aim to promote self-sufficiency amongst homeless individuals and those at imminent risk of homeless by providing individualized support services in transitioning them towards stable housing.
7	Young Women's Christian Association <i>Clean Slate Program</i>	Support Services	Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services Objective: The Clean Slate program clears the outstanding household debts of pregnant low-income women and mothers, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Women ineligible for financial aid are referred to other community resources for assistance.
8	Circle of Eagles Lodge Society <i>Anderson Women Healing Lodge</i>	Support Services	Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services Objective: Anderson Lodge provides 5 beds to Aboriginal women who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The participants must reach their goal of holistic healing and addressing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness through Native Spirituality programming and working with outside organizations in the community to address homelessness.
9	Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services Society <i>Aboriginal Housing Support Program</i>	Support Services	Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services Objective: The Aboriginal Housing Support Program (AHSP) is a culturally infused program, utilizing Housing Circles to empower homeless Clients and those at imminent risk of becoming homeless by providing the support necessary to improve their housing status.



10	Aboriginal Mother Centre Society <i>AMCS Aboriginal Support Services</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: Group engagement and shared knowledge discussions on healthy traditional family values and roles, enhance relationships with community service providers, increase overall participation and awareness in self help workshops, reconnect with culture, learn hands on skills and retain knowledge of self worth and healthy boundaries.</p>
11	Covenant House Vancouver <i>Rights of Passage</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: Youth workers will provide support, assistance and referrals incorporating case plan management, life skills development, educational support, basic and urgent needs services, and housing placement.</p>
12	Sources Community Resources Society <i>Essentials to Housing</i>	Support Services	<p>Priority: To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services</p> <p>Objective: Essentials to Housing will work to prevent homelessness and increase housing stability for individuals at imminent risk of homelessness and to support homeless individuals to obtain and maintain safe and otherwise appropriate housing.</p>
13	InnerVisions Recovery Society <i>Miller House</i>	Capital	<p>Priority: To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness</p> <p>Objective: 17-bed (new construction) transitional housing facility. The HPS funds will provide framing, electrical, plumbing, and sprinklers. The exterior finish will begin as well as insulation, drywall and interior painting.</p>
14	MPA - Motivation, Power & Achievement Society <i>Cordovan: Five (5) Unit Social Housing Strata Lot</i>	Capital	<p>Priority: To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness</p> <p>Objective: Purchase of five (5) newly constructed apartments to secure permanent supported housing</p>



15	Julien House Society <i>Westminster House Residential Services Facility Up-Grade</i>	Capital	<p>Priority: To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness</p> <p>Objective: Renovation of transitional housing for females who are chronically and episodically homeless, homeless, and at imminent risk of homelessness to repurpose existing spaces to result in two residential spaces, space to accommodate for 90-120 meals per day, living space, and create a community that will prevent relapse and address client homelessness.</p>
16	Young Women's Christian Association <i>YWCA Cause We Care House</i>	Capital	<p>Priority: To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness</p> <p>Objective: Supportive housing, 3,500 square feet of family program space, an outdoor play area, laundry room, community kitchen and offices for support workers. Residents will be low-income single mothers and their children who are homeless or at risk or homelessness.</p>
17	Turning Point Housing Society <i>Anderson Road Collaborative Housing Project 2</i>	Capital	<p>Priority: To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness</p> <p>Objective: Of the 129 total units in the project, 76 beds will be created. These will serve approximately 110 homeless or at risk of homelessness individuals and families annually. Additionally, non-residential space will provide supports and rehabilitation programs for adults living with mental illness, immigrants, and those suffering from addiction.</p>
18	MPA - Motivation, Power & Achievement Society <i>Homeless Outreach Worker - HPS</i>	Housing First	<p>Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p>Objective: Connect people who are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness through direct engagement with housing, income assistance, community-based supports and services on the west side of Vancouver.</p>
19	The Progressive Housing Society <i>Burnaby Housing and Outreach Hub (BHOH)</i>	Housing First	<p>Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p>Objective: Provide Housing First services including coordinated client intake and assessment, access to housing, case management, referrals to support services (incl. those on site), and landlord-tenant services.</p>



20	Community Builders Group <i>WLH Housing First Project</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Integrative assessments with homeless persons to identify client needs and then secure suitable no-barrier permanent housing. Intensive case management, connecting clients to additional supports and providing subsidies to augment provincial housing funds. CBG assists clients with housing set up, including furnishing apartments, sourcing start-up aid, providing transportation, as well as providing re-housing as required.
21	Hollyburn Family Services Society <i>North Shore Housing First for Youth</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Prioritizes securing permanent housing for chronic and episodically homeless youth 13 to 24 years of age. Additional supports, services and resources, as directed by the client, will be provided through an Intensive Case Management service.
22	Stepping Stone Community Services Society <i>Langley Outreach-Housing First</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Case Manager to work with the Homeless Outreach team specifically with clients identified as episodically or chronically homeless.
23	Hollyburn Family Services Society <i>North Shore Seniors Housing First Program</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Collaborative program which delivers the Housing First Model using a scattered site approach for seniors. This program places priority on providing affordable, safe and permanent housing quickly, with regular and continued access to support services tailored to the individual needs of the participant and their preference. Regional Francophone Services to the North Shore including intake, assessment and referral support services, and Housing First Services.
24	BC Seniors Services and Housing Information Society <i>Housing Outreach for Episodically and Chronically Homeless Seniors</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Provide housing outreach services and housing placement services to seniors who are chronically or episodically homeless in Metro Vancouver



25	Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society <i>The Link Housing First</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: The Link Housing First will rapidly and permanently house 14 episodically and/or chronically former foster youth by September 30, 2016. This project moves The Link from a 'transitional housing' and 'housing loss prevention' model and commits new resources to the 'hardest to house' with projected outcomes of 98% of Housing First clients
26	Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Association <i>Find and Keep I: Housing support services for chronically or episodically homeless</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: To assist clients with setting goals and accessing resources to meet goals. Case management team supports client-driven housing goals, referrals to internal and external resources and supported in accessing financial supports, obtaining documents, and connecting to housing providers; supports for basic needs, housing, mental health, victim services, skills development, peer support, cultural workers & connects to ACT teams. Supports to improve their ability to find or maintain secure housing.
27	MPA - Motivation, Power & Achievement Society <i>S.O.L.O. Program (Supported Outreach Living Opportunity Program)</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Two support workers providing case management & individualized life skill supports to 30 participants. Strength-based housing first model, led by the participant, supports recovery and community integration.
28	The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver <i>A Key of Her Own: Providing Housing First to Homeless Women and Homeless Women with Children</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: A Housing First Outreach Program designed to support homeless women, and women with children by rapidly housing women and child in the community. Identify housing options and, once housed, navigate support services pertaining to this population. Services include MCFD, legal support, financial benefits and referrals to community agencies.
29	The John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia <i>From Prison to Community - Providing Housing First</i>	Housing First	Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach Objective: Assist individuals involved in, or at risk for involvement in the Criminal Justice System who require specialized interventions to acquire and maintain permanent housing.



30	<p>RainCity Housing and Support Society</p> <p><i>RainCity Surrey ICM Team</i></p>	Housing First	<p>Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p>Objective: Surrey ICM Team will be a high fidelity scattered site housing first ICM team. Referrals will be recruited from Surrey Memorial and street level community services.</p> <p>Regional Francophone Services to the region south of the Fraser (e.g., Surrey, Maple Ridge, Langley) including intake, assessment and referral support services, and Housing First Services.</p>
31	<p>The John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland of British Columbia</p> <p><i>Bridge to Housing First: A Coordinated Response to Reducing Homelessness Amongst the Federal Offender Population</i></p>	Housing First	<p>Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p>Objective: HF approach for those being released from federal institutions without a fixed address or at the end of their sentence without the benefit of a gradual supervised release which would allow them to acquire basic needs relating to health, housing, and social assistance.</p>
32	<p>RainCity Housing and Support Society</p> <p><i>Supporting Unique Outcomes for LGBTQ2S Youth</i></p>	Housing First	<p>Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p>Objective: Youth have the choice of a small residential house (congregate housing) with supports or scattered site housing throughout Vancouver. Support to achieve permanent housing and stability in the community will be offered by staff community partners who have demonstrated experience working with this population and through peer and volunteer community support</p> <p>Regional Francophone Services to the region north of the Fraser (e.g., Vancouver, Burnaby, New Westminister) including intake, assessment and referral support services, and Housing First Services.</p>
33	<p>The Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver</p> <p><i>Reducing Homelessness in Surrey: A Collaborative Housing First Approach</i></p>	Housing First	<p>Priority: To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p>Objective: Actively collaborate to develop and deliver a Surrey Housing First initiative to address the needs of the chronically and episodically homeless population.</p>

