

Call for Expressions of Interest:

Reaching Home – Capital Projects to Address Homelessness

Public Notice

October 8, 2025

The Human Development Council (HDC), in its role as the Community Entity for *Reaching Home, Canada's Homelessness Strategy*, is issuing a call for Expressions of interest for Capital projects in the City of Saint John that are intended to increase the capacity or improve the quality of facilities that address the needs of individuals and families experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness, including those that support culturally appropriate programming for Indigenous peoples.

Deadline

Deadline for submission is Friday, October 31, 2025, at 5:00pm (AST). Late submissions will not be considered.

Who can apply

The HDC is seeking to support and leverage the work of Non-profit organizations, Indigenous organizations, and other eligible service providers with a demonstrated commitment to addressing homelessness in Saint John who have a capital project that is either underway or can be initiated quickly and meets the listed eligible activities.

Funding amount

The HDC anticipates allocating a minimum of \$35,000 in capital funding before the end of March 31, 2026.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities include:

- Renovation of emergency shelters, transitional housing, supportive housing, or non-residential facilities, including:
 - Renovating an existing facility for upgrades and to meet building standards. Renovations may include meeting accessibility standards and/or accessibility needs of clients.
- Removing asbestos, mold, rodents.
- Repurposing an existing property to create transitional housing or supportive housing and expanding an existing facility.
- Repairs of damages resulting from move-ins to housing (including private market housing).
- New construction of transitional or supportive housing, or non-residential facilities (e.g., community hubs to include furniture banks, drop-in centres, resource centres, outreach worker spaces, counselling spaces, laundry facilities, food banks), including, if applicable, tearing down an existing facility to build a new one.
- Purchase of transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing, and non-residential facilities to create new space or units.
- Eligible costs related to professional fees, such as consultants, audit, technical expertise, facilitation, legal, and construction contractors, and capital costs of the purchase of a land or building.
 - This may include stand-alone pre-development costs (such as an environmental impact assessment) provided the intent of the project to address the needs of people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness is clear.
- Purchase of furniture, appliances, machinery (e.g., lawnmower, woodworking tools), electronic equipment and vehicles (e.g., to be used for outreach, or transportation for furniture banks).
- Capital investments in transitional and supportive housing units can be offered in a mixed-use building, including social/community housing or privately owned housing. Social housing or community housing refers to subsidized housing for low-income tenants, including units in buildings owned by non-profits, co-ops or governments. In all cases, capital investments under Reaching Home are only applicable to units dedicated to people exiting homelessness and paired with wrap-around supports.

How funding will be allocated

The HDC will consider all expressions of interest and work with those that best address the program's criteria and priority activities listed above. A Proposal Evaluation and Allocation Recommendation committee and the HDC will review the expressions of interest and ask potential recipients to submit further details as needed.

Project Details

To support your expression of interest, proponents are asked to submit a concise project summary that is no longer than 2 pages in length. Supporting materials such as quotes, designs or other relevant documents may be included in an appendix.

Project details should include:

- A brief description of the project, including target population, partnerships and all critical program details.
- A sustainability plan where applicable.
- The proposed project schedule, scope, and budget; and
- The potential impact on homelessness in Saint John.

How to submit an expression of interest

Expressions of interest should be sent by email to: admin@sjhdc.ca , as an attachment on your preferred template in Microsoft Word or PDF format.

For full eligibility criteria and funding details, please visit: [Reaching Home Directives](#)

For questions about the process, please email admin@sjhdc.ca