



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b> Chair and Members Emergency & Community Services Committee	<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b> CITY WIDE
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b> January 18, 2012	
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b> Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Update (CS11083(a)) (City Wide)	
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**Council Direction:**

Not applicable

**Information:**

Background

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) is the federal government's primary program to address homelessness in Canada. Hamilton received \$12,684,762 for a period of three years (April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014) that is to be used for the prevention and reduction of homelessness in Hamilton.

The funding breakdown of the \$12,684,762 is as follows:

- \$2,902,303 One-year extension for HPS projects (April 2011-March 2012)
- \$2,156,410 Aboriginal Community Allocation (April 2011-March 2014)
- \$1,828,451 Administration at 14.4% (April 2011-March 2014)
- \$5,797,598 Call for Application Funding (April 2012-March 2014)

Funding for existing HPS projects was extended for the first 12 months (April 2011 to March 2012) to avoid a lapse in important local services while new priorities were developed and the Call for Applications (CFA) issued.

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Service Canada requires that local priorities be developed to inform funding allocations. Report CS11083 - Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) Update provided information to the Community and Emergency Services Committee regarding the priority-setting process and rationale. The three HPS priorities are as follows:

Priority 1: Direct and Person Centered Housing Supports

Priority 2: Partnerships, joint planning, research and evaluation activities to promote solutions to end homelessness

Priority 3: Support the autonomous community planning around housing and homelessness in the Aboriginal community.

Call for Applications

On September 23rd, 2011 the Community Services Department issued an HPS Call for Applications (CFA) with an allocation of \$5,797,598 for a two-year period (April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2014).

A total of 30 applications were submitted for a combined request of \$13,656,772.

There was a two stage process for review of the applications:

- All applications were reviewed by City Staff to verify basic HPS eligibility criteria and to ensure that the applications were completed properly. City Staff provided a technical analysis of all the applications.
- Each application was then reviewed by three members of the HPS Review Panel. A weighted evaluation tool was used to score the applications. The scores, ranking, HPS priorities, core principles, emerging local trends, and overrepresented homeless populations were considered in the development of the funding recommendations.

Twelve (12) projects were approved for funding. These projects are the most closely aligned with the HPS priorities and core principles. They provide a broad range of services including housing placements, supports, prevention and training for staff serving people who are experiencing homelessness. The projects serve specific vulnerable populations such as youth, seniors, criminalized individuals, people living with mental health issues, New Canadians, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQQ) individuals, women experiencing violence and/or trauma and people with addictions.

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The following chart provides a summary of the approved HPS projects.

Project/Agencies	Project Objectives	Amount (\$)
<p><b>Transitions To Homes (T2H)</b></p> <p>Wesley Urban Ministries</p>	<p>A Housing First Approach that focuses on moving people from shelters into safe appropriate housing and providing person centred mobile case management supports to help people maintain their tenancies.</p>	<p>\$1,811,075</p>
<p><b>Supporting Our Sisters (SOS)</b></p> <p>Good Shepherd Centres YWCA Native Women’s Centre Mission Services Womankind</p>	<p>A comprehensive service system response for women at risk of and experiencing homelessness through a mobile, trauma informed case management team that will support women transition from emergency and Violence Against Women (VAW) shelters to a form of housing that will meet their needs.</p>	<p>\$760,540</p>
<p><b>Transitioning to Adulthood</b></p> <p>Children’s Aid Society (CAS)</p>	<p>To successfully transition youth in care of the Children's Aid society to living independently.</p>	<p>\$252,968</p>
<p><b>Youth Housing Support Project</b></p> <p>Catholic Children’s Aid Society (CCAS) Children’s Aid Society of Hamilton Good Shepherd Catholic Family Services Living Rock Ministries</p>	<p>To provide a continuum of comprehensive and coordinated housing services for at risk, street involved and homeless youth by providing them with a range of supports that are direct and client centred. To transition youth into housing that paves the</p>	<p>\$723,980</p>

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Wesley Urban Ministries SPRC	way for successful, independent adulthood.	
<b>HIP HOP</b>  St. Matthew's House Hamilton Urban Core Victorian Order of Nurses (VON)	To prevent homelessness by helping at risk seniors/older adults stabilize and maintain their housing by addressing their health care needs.	\$295,414
<b>Corrections Integrated Discharge Support</b>  The Bridge Hamilton Housing Help Centre Hamilton Urban Core	To ensure that soon to be released individuals from the Hamilton Wentworth Detention Centre have access to discharge planning.	\$265,038
<b>Criminalized Women's Housing Support Project</b>  The Elizabeth Fry Society Interval House Good Shepherd Women's services Native Women Centre Hamilton Chapter	To engage criminalized women or women at risk of criminalization and connect them to services.	\$399,951
<b>BRIDGE</b>  Micah House Reception Services Inc.	To provide transitional housing to refugee claimants and move those residents into long term housing.	\$54,875
<b>Tenant Outreach Initiative</b>  Housing Help Centre	To reduce homelessness by improving housing retention through direct tenant landlord intervention.	\$220,092
<b>Interprofessional Learning in the Inner City Project</b>  Good Shepherd Centres Mission Services	To provide skills to frontline staff working with people experiencing homelessness that will enable them to appropriately deal with the complex challenges facing	\$158,000

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Mohawk College Mental Health and Street Outreach Service Housing Help Centre Shelter Health Network Aboriginal Health Centre	the shelter system.	
<b>Trusteeship Program</b>  Good Shepherd Centres Mission Services Salvation Army	To provide financial management services that help people retain their housing and reduce debts.	\$759,980
<b>Hamilton PAWS</b>  The Housing Help Centre Wesley Urban Ministries Good Shepherd Centres The Ottawa Mission Community Veterinary Outreach Public Health The Cat Clinic McMaster University Street Youth Planning Collaborative City of Hamilton Canadian Mental Health Association St. Joseph's Healthcare Mental Health and Street Outreach Services Ontario Association of Veterinary Technicians	To create a practical community wide response to assist individuals with pet companions who are facing homelessness.	\$95,685

Eighteen (18) projects were declined for HPS funding through this CFA. Some projects that are currently receiving funding from HPS were not successful in the Call for Applications. Unsuccessful applicants will have at least three months notice so they can secure alternative funding sources or plan to reduce service and staff levels.