Coming Together To End Homelessness: Recommended Applications

Emergency and Community Services Committee Meeting
January 16, 2020
Presentation Overview

• Vision

• Call for Applications 2019

• Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

• Indigenous Community Entity

• Next Steps
Coordinating Systems that Work

Working as a coordinated system, we can:

• Respond quickly to a person or family’s homelessness
• Maximize limited resources
• Empower people through choice and self-determination
• Make homelessness rare, brief and non-reoccurring
• [English Systems Planning Video.mp4]
Creating the System

The CFA centred on best-practice interventions:

- Prevention and Diversion
- Assertive Housing-Focused Street Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Housing with Supports
Call for Applications Process

The City of Hamilton as Service Manager and as Community Entity

Call for Applications combines Federal and Provincial homelessness funding:

- Reaching Home (Federal)
- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (Provincial)
- Home for Good (Provincial)

Total Funds Annually: $7,576,160

- Mainstream: $6,621,690
- Indigenous Community Entity: $954,470

Total Ask: 30 Applications totaling $14 million in funding
Recommendation Process

Detailed CFA Overview, Guide, Application and Scoring Evaluation Matrix

Engagement and Consultation
• Public Events
• Sector-specific Discussion
• Information sessions

Homelessness Funding Implementation Group:
• Requirement of Reaching Home
• Volunteers with related professional/personal experience
• Training and onboarding provided
• Provide recommendations
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

EDI framework applied:

- Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) training for Staff
- HFIG trained on EDI
- Part of applications and evaluation matrix
- Women are one of the Reaching Home priority populations
- 30% dedicated to women
- Implementation phase
Homeless Funding Implementation Group (HFIG)

Recommended Applications
Prevention and Diversion:

- CCAS Community Youth Housing Project Diversion $332,150
- Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Staying Home $397,400
- Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Family Diversion $225,910
- Housing Help Centre– Hamilton & Area $483,930
- St Matthew’s House, Housing Outreach Prevention Eviction for Seniors (HOPES) $153,980
- Recommend City pilot shelter diversion for Women and Men’s shelter systems

Increase in Homelessness Prevention Services with population-focus:

- Youth
- Women
- Seniors
- Families

Innovation Opportunities for Shelter Diversion in

- Men’s System
- Women’s System
Recommended Applicants:
• Wesley Urban Ministries, Wesley Youth Housing $108,650
• YWCA Transitional Living Program $488,720
Housing With Supports:

Rapid Rehousing
• Good Shepherd Centres Rapid Rehousing Program $534,210
• Mission Services, Housing UP Rapid Rehousing $503,760

Intensive Case Management
• Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Intensive Case Management $1,336,410
• Mission Services, Housing UP Intensive Case Management $820,000
• Wesley Urban Ministries, Wesley Hamilton Housing Services Intensive Case Management Housing $820,000
Immediately Double Housing Placement Capacity across the system

Then:
350/year

Now:
732 / year

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Assertive Housing-Focused Street Outreach:

- No successful applicants
- Initiate new call for applications in 2020
- Interim funding to Public Health Mental Health Street Outreach in 2020/2021
Hamilton has an Indigenous Community Entity via Federal Reaching Home

- Separate funding, reporting and funding directives
- Has a separate Community Advisory Board
- Investment in Indigenous-led solutions

Since 2004, 20% of Federal homelessness programming dollars additionally dedicated to Indigenous stream ($954,470):

HFIG recommended another $100,000 to Indigenous stream to account for 20% of global funding available through this call for applications (Provincial dollars)
There is a need for Permanent Supportive Housing

For individuals experiencing:

- Chronic homelessness
- Sleeping rough
- Physical Health conditions
- Mental Health Conditions
- Cognitive/Acquired Brain Injury
- Active Substance Use

Application of Interest:

**Good Shepherd Non-Profit HOMES**
**Low Barrier Housing for Women**

Recommend further exploration with Expanding Housing and Support Solutions for Women and Transgender Community Subcommittee of Council
Questions

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