

## **Call for Applications- COVID-19 Emergency Response for Client Supports**

### **Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund (funded by the Government of Canada's Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy)**

United Way Central & Northern Vancouver Island (UWCNVI), as the Community Entity for the Nanaimo Homeless Coalition Community Advisory Board (CAB) in Nanaimo is pleased to open applications for emergency funding under the Reaching Home COVID-19 Economic Response Plan to support organizations in the homeless-serving sector responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. This call is for both the Nanaimo Designated Community Stream and Nanaimo Indigenous Homelessness Stream.

#### **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

The objective of this funding is to support organizations who are providing emergency **basic needs services** to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic, through activities under **Client Support Services (Section D)** of the updated COVID-19 Reaching Home Directives. These are small grants to help support emergency response as needed.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html>

#### **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

\$40,000 available for Emergency Response for Client Support Services to be administered by the UWCNVI.

- \$20,000 Designated Community Stream
- \$20,000 Indigenous Homelessness Stream

Emergency funding requests for **up to \$2000** will be accepted and must be directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic response and the human and material repercussions it generates. This application process is open on a rolling basis.

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Eligible recipients for Indigenous Homelessness funding include: Not-for-profit organizations; Indigenous organizations (Indigenous organizations may include, but are not limited to, incorporated for-profit and not-for-profit Indigenous controlled organizations, Indigenous controlled unincorporated associations, *Indian Act* Bands, Tribal Councils and Indigenous self-government entities); and, Municipalities. For-profit organizations may be eligible for funding provided that the nature and intent of the activity is non-commercial.

Eligible recipients for Designated Communities funding include: Not-for-profit organizations; Municipalities; Indigenous organizations (Indigenous organizations may include, but are not limited to, incorporated for-profit and not-for-profit Indigenous controlled organizations, Indigenous controlled unincorporated associations, *Indian Act* Bands, Tribal Councils and Indigenous self-government entities); and Public health and educational institutions. For-profit organizations may be eligible for funding provided that the nature and intent of the activity is non-commercial.

#### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES & EXPENSES - Client supports/Basic needs services**

Client support services include individualized activities to help improve integration and connectedness to support structures, such as the provision of basic needs and treatment services. They may also include services to support the economic, social and cultural integration of individuals and families.

To reduce the potential for infection and transmission among people experiencing homelessness and those who work with them, communities may wish to use Reaching Home funds to, for example:

- increase the frequency of cleaning with disinfectants in, for example, shelter facilities and high traffic areas
- acquiring and/or providing shelter beds and physical barriers to be placed between beds
- provide individuals moved off-site from a shelter with access to food and transportation, and
- purchase personal hygiene products (for example., soaps), personal protection equipment (for example, gloves, masks, gowns, shoe covers), cleaning equipment and cleaning/disinfectant supplies

Any activities that would improve the ability of the community and service providers to respond to the risks posed by COVID-19 to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness will be considered.

Please see the Reaching Home Directives for more information on eligibility:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html>

#### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

All applications will be subject to a transparent and fair process of review by the UWCNVI, as the Community Entity (CE) for Reaching Home. The total number of projects funded and the amount of funding per project will be determined based on the review and due diligence of proposals received and the funding available. For more information about the Nanaimo Homeless Coalition, please see

<https://www.uwcvi.ca/what-we-do/our-work/NHC>

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To submit your organization's application, please complete the Emergency Response application to [impact@uwcvi.ca](mailto:impact@uwcvi.ca). **All completed applications must be saved and submitted as a Word document to be considered.**

#### **QUESTIONS/ INQUIRIES?**

Please contact [impact@uwcvi.ca](mailto:impact@uwcvi.ca).