

**SHELTER, SUPPORT
AND HOUSING
ADMINISTRATION
(SSHA) SERVICES FOR
ABORIGINAL CLIENTS**

BACKGROUND

- Shelter Support & Housing Administration (SSHA) through its Housing & Homelessness Supports & Initiatives (HHSI) unit administers funding for homelessness services from all three levels of government:
- Federal Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)
- Provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiatives (CHPI), and
- City of Toronto Homeless Initiatives Fund (HIF)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

HOT Plan

- is the City's 10-year affordable housing plan
- guides the work of the City including SSHA and the Affordable Housing Office
- includes a Housing Charter, and a Housing First plan to end homelessness
- includes commitments to repair and revitalize Toronto Community Housing and other non-profit housing units, build new affordable rental housing, and address regulatory changes to encourage more affordable housing

GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

Housing Stability Service Planning Framework

- builds on the policy directions laid out in the HOT plan with the overarching goal of improving housing stability for vulnerable Toronto residents
- Housing stability (definition): having a place to live that is affordable, safe, secure, healthy, comfortable and located in a neighbourhood of choice, and being able to access and keep housing as one's needs change over time.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

Housing Stability Service Planning Framework Cont'd

Program Strategic directions include:

- Preventing Homelessness
- Supporting transition to housing
- Creating Housing opportunities

GUIDING PRINCIPLES CONT'D

Housing Stability Service Planning Framework Cont'd

System Transformation directions include:

- Fostering system stewardship and innovation
- Improving access and equity
- Delivering high quality service
- Strengthening partnership and coordination

NEED FOR SERVICES FOR ABORIGINAL POPULATION

Findings from the Street Needs Assessments (SNA)

- The City has conducted three Street Needs Assessments in 2006, 2009, and 2013
- 16% of survey respondents responded yes to the question, "Would you identify yourself as being Aboriginal?" This number was consistent over all three SNA's
- according to the latest data available through Statistics Canada, 1.2% of residents in the Greater Toronto Area have Aboriginal ancestry

NEED FOR SERVICES FOR ABORIGINAL POPULATION CONT'D

Findings from the Street Needs Assessments (SNA) Cont'd

- Approximately 1/3 of people living outside self-identified as being Aboriginal, however, the actual number of people has decreased from 2006 (from 190 to 150 in 2013)
- the Aboriginal homeless population is younger on average
- The average age of Aboriginal-identified respondents is 39, compared to 42 for those that do not identify as Aboriginal

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

- SSHA delivers homelessness services in partnership with community agencies by providing program funding and coordinating services
- services are aimed at preventing and ending homelessness through a range of approaches, partnerships, and supports that help people to access emergency shelter and to find and keep housing

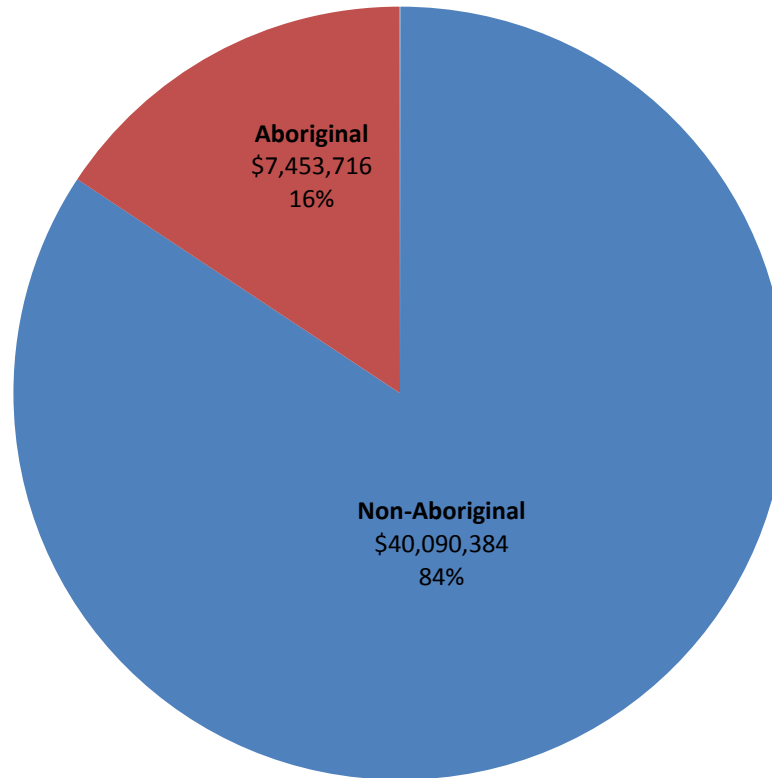
RFP CONT'D

- A Housing Support Services RFP was issued in October 2013 for all interested community agencies for the following services:
 - Housing Help
 - Street Outreach
 - Employment Supports
 - System Supports and Shared Resources
- The RFP combined HPS, CHPI and HIF funding to support services and activities in an integrated and responsive manner
- Results of the RFP will likely be made public by mid April
- Currently funded projects have been extended until September 30, 2014 and new projects will begin October 1, 2014

OTHER PROGRAM FUNDING

- HHSI also funds Drop-in and Supports to Daily Living services and an RFP for these services is being planned for the fall of 2014
- Currently funded Drop-in and Supports to Daily Living services have been extended to March 31, 2015.

HHSI 2013 ABORIGINAL FUNDING



HHSI 2013 ABORIGINAL FUNDING (CONT'D)

Total 2013 funding to Aboriginal agencies: **\$7,453,716**

- 5 Capital projects
 - includes renovations and repairs to Aboriginal community agencies
- 19 Service projects
 - includes the following services: housing help (in shelters and the community, employment supports, drop-in, Supports to Daily Living, and Streets to Homes projects
- 1 Research project
- 13 non-Aboriginal agencies provide employment supports, capacity building, housing help and system support projects

ABORIGINAL CLIENTS USING HHSI FUNDED SERVICES

HHSI Funded Services	Percentage of Aboriginal Clients Using Services
Drop-ins	21
Housing Help	3
Streets to Homes (S2H) Follow-Up Support Services	5
S2H Post Incarceration	7
S2H Specialized Housing Support	1
Employment Supports	19
Supports to Daily Living	2
Number of Aboriginal Clients Served	Over 9,800