SYSTEM SUPPORTS

2022-2025 Funding Renewal Information Session

April 20, 2022





Welcome & Introductions



Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement
- African Ancestral Acknowledgement
- System Supports Funding Overview
 - System Supports program
- Application Support
- General Questions



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



African Ancestral Acknowledgement

The City of Toronto acknowledges all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past – and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly those brought to these lands as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.







Funding Overview



Funding Objective

Facilitate housing options and supports for diverse communities through funding partnerships that:

- provide a range of opportunities for non-profit, community based organizations to provide a variety of housing supports and homelessness services to residents
- build and strengthen a responsive, housing-focused and people-centered homelessness service system, while shifting towards more sustainable, permanent, affordable housing solutions
- Specific prioritization of Indigenous and Black projects and organizations



Homelessness Services

- The Housing TO 2020-2030 Action Plan's key objective is to improve housing outcomes for current and future residents of Toronto
- Strategic Direction 3: Prevent Homelessness and Improve Pathways to Housing Stability
 - Ensure an effective and housing-focused emergency response to homelessness
 - Rare, brief and non-recurring
 - Better connect people experiencing homelessness to housing and supports
 - Develop strategies and programs that meet the needs of specific populations



Goals

Funded programs will aim to:

- Enhance service quality and impact through ongoing performance management
- Increase housing stability for people exiting homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Work collaboratively with the City to ensure targets and key deliverables are met



Funding and Term

- The funding available in the category is approximately 1.8 Million annually
- The project term is 2.5 years (October 1, 2022 March 31, 2025)
- All project proposals are received through the Toronto Grants Rebates and Incentives Portal (TGRIP)
- Materials and Instruction will be provided.
- TGRIP and Application Sessions will be held separately



Proposal Content

- The outcomes and targets are clear and achievable
- The quality of the Work Plan, including timelines, shows an understanding of the scope of the work
- Financial stability and oversight
- Demonstrate experience in collective impact, building community partnerships
- Experience and Capacity to work with people with histories of homelessness
- Willingness to increase knowledge and skills through participation in training opportunities



Assessment Process

- The Grant team is committed to ensuring that all proposals received are evaluated using a Housing First, Human Rights, Harm Reduction, People-Centred and Equity lens
- These principles are based on the SSHA Service Plan, Meeting in the Middle Engagement Strategy and Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism
- Project Applications received will be ranked in the Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal (TGRIP)
- Supplementary Evaluation Tools will be created for review panels in consultation with SSHA and City Indigenous and Confront Anti-Black Racism unit experts



Timelines

April 19, 2022
April 20, 2022
May 5 and May 19, 2022
May 25, 2022
June 6, 2022
July 2022
October 1, 2022- March 31, 2025
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System Supports



Project Types

- 1. Sector capacity building and coordination
 - Networks that support a coordinated housing and homelessness service system
 - Training and capacity building for staff across the sector
- 2. Specific system wide client supports





Sector Capacity Building and Coordination



Who Should Apply?

- Eligible applicants are non-profit organizations that have the skills and experience to engage service providers.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they have the necessary resources, expertise and experience to facilitate the coordination and development of system wide strategic responses and foster new approaches to addressing system wide issues.



What are Sector Capacity Building and Coordination projects?

- Provide services to the housing and homelessness service sector as a whole.
- Strengthen the organizational capacity of service providers and other housing and homelessness sector-organized groups.
- Facilitate system wide coordination, training, resource sharing and development of networks for stronger linkages and relationships between organizations.
- Facilitate the coordination and development of system wide strategic responses and foster new approaches to addressing system wide issues.
- Support a group of service providers to better integrate and synchronize their services and processes.



Networks that Support a Coordinated Housing and Homelessness Service System

- Networks designed to support a coordinated housing and homelessness service system should offer specific supports and benefits to the sector as a whole, or to a specific subset of providers
- Activities could include (but are not limited to):
 - Supporting providers with staff recruitment and hiring
 - Support for using best practices to hire and work with people with lived and living experience of homelessness
 - Developing mental health and wellness resources for sector staff
 - Developing best practices and shared resources for the sector
 - Sector-wide strategic planning and policy development



Training and Capacity Building for Staff Across the Sector

- Training and capacity building opportunities should be made available to staff across the sector
- Training topics could include (but are not limited to):
 - Confronting Anti-Black racism
 - Gender Inclusion
 - Housing First
 - Harm Reduction
 - Trauma informed services
 - Working with specific populations of people experiencing homelessness



Service Delivery Requirements

- Engage and collaborate with sector
- Coordinate and deliver services for sector
- Improve sector service planning
- Build stronger partnerships
- Improve integrated services



Service Delivery Requirements (cont'd)

- Increase sector wide knowledge and resources
- Specify network mandate and eligibility criteria
- Enhance sector capacity to deliver services
- Provide accessible, coordinated and streamlined services





Specific System Wide Client Supports



Who Should Apply?

- Successful applicants provide people with specific services, as needs arise to facilitate housing access and stability.
- If your project provides these services through a case management model, you must apply under one of the client case management categories.



What are Specific System Wide Client Supports projects?

- Specific System Wide Client Supports projects help organizations to better serve their clients by providing shared access to both material resources and human resources.
- They provide essential services to individuals and households experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- These specialized supports are delivered as individual needs arise and **do not include case management**.



What types of Specific System Wide Client Supports projects will be prioritized?

Examples of these projects could include (but are not limited to) supporting clients with access to:

- Improved unit conditions
- Communication supports
- Resources to facilitate transitions to housing
- Mental health and harm reduction supports and education
- Peer supports



Service Delivery Requirements

- Provide non-judgemental, trauma-informed and anti-oppressive services rooted in harm reduction and Housing First approaches
- Be flexible and mobile
- Coordinate with system partners (e.g. landlords, housing providers, drop-in services, healthcare services, etc.)
- Provide a clear service delivery plan





Application Support



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Welcome to the City of Toronto's Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal.

Applying online is a three step process. You must:

- 1. Register
- 2. Activate your account
- 3. Fill out an application.

Please check individual funding and grant programs for eligibility criteria and application deadlines on the <u>City's Grants, Incentives &</u> <u>Rebates page.</u>

TGRIP – Launching a Funding Opportunity

Welcome Housing, to the City of Toronto Grants, Rebates and Incentives Portal (TGRIP)

Click the links below to access more information on each item.





TGRIP – Funding Opportunities List View

My Funding Opportunities

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Funding Opportunity Name	Division	÷	Funding Cycle 🗘 🌩	Submission Deadline	View Guidelines	
Housing Access (HASS 2022 - 2025)	Shelter, Support ((SSHA)	& Housing Administration	Oct 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2025	Monday 06 June, 2022 at 11:59:00 PM	View Guidelines	Apply
Housing Focused System Supports (HASS 2022 - 2025)	Shelter, Support ((SSHA)	& Housing Administration	Oct 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2025	Monday 06 June, 2022 at 11:59:00 PM	View Guidelines	Apply
Housing Focused Client Supports (HASS 2022 - 2025)	Shelter, Support ((SSHA)	& Housing Administration	Oct 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2025	Tuesday 24 May, 2022 at 11:59:00 PM	View Guidelines	Apply
Homelessness Prevention (HASS 2022 - 2025)	Shelter, Support (SSHA)	& Housing Administration	Oct 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2025	Tuesday 24 May, 2022 at 11:59:00 PM	Oview Guidelines	Apply
Street Outreach (HASS 2022 - 2025)	Shelter, Support ((SSHA)	& Housing Administration	Oct 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2025	Tuesday 24 May, 2022 at 11:59:00 PM	Oview Guidelines	Apply



TGRIP – Eligibility Checklist

✓ Eligibility Checklist

The following eligibility requirements must be satisfied in order to apply for this funding opportunity:

a. the organization shall be 1) located within the boundaries of the City of Toronto, or 2) an urban off-reserve Indigenous-led organization located in the City of Toronto who may also provide culturally-based programming outside the boundaries of the City of Toronto;

b. the services funded through the grant shall take place within the boundaries of the City of Toronto, with the exception of services being delivered by urban off-reserve Indigenous-led organizations, that yield direct benefits for the urban Indigenous communities of Toronto;

c. the organization shall provide information which demonstrates that it does not, in the absence of the grant, have the financial resources necessary to undertake the activity for which the grant is requested;

d. the organization shall have legal not-for-profit or charitable status or be an urban off-reserve Indigenous-led organization;

e. the organization shall not be or have been indebted to the City or be in default of the terms and conditions of any agreement (including any previous grant agreement) with any division, agency, board or commission of the City of Toronto under the discretion of the Division Head;

I declare that our organization meets all of the above criteria.

Begin Application



TGRIP – Returning to an Application

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Applications

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1	D	Testing Ext Organizatio		00004127			Housing Worker		Draft
2	D	Testing Ext Organizatio		00002764	Niro's FO	I'm Hungry	Housing Worker	12/31/2020 12:00 AM	Draft
3	D	Testing Ext Organizatio		00002766	Niro's FO	Friends of Ruby	Housing Worker	12/31/2020 12:00 AM	Draft



Support and Resources

- Application Guide System Support
 - Appendix A: Program Model System Support
 - Appendix B: Budget & Work Plan System Support
 - Appendix C: Work Plan definitions
- Help Desk Information Sessions May 5 & 19
- Please check the website for updates

Housing Support & Homelessness Grants – City of Toronto

• For questions, contact <u>HSS@toronto.ca</u>



Questions?

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