



CITY OF WINNIPEG AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

ABORIGINAL HOUSING PROGRAM

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To support implementation of Aboriginal housing development as a strategic initiative identified in the document, “First Steps: Municipal Aboriginal Pathways” to provide safe and affordable accommodation for Winnipeg’s Aboriginal citizens.

2. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The Aboriginal Housing Program provides financial assistance for projects that support the development and implementation of safe and affordable housing for Aboriginal people living in Winnipeg.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1 Projects must be located within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.
- 3.2 Project proponents must be established housing or community non-profit organizations or for-profit, private sector companies, which have demonstrated support of the Aboriginal community.
- 3.3 Funding priority will be given to projects that contribute to further housing rehabilitation in the community, and advance the objectives of the City’s Housing Policy and strategic initiatives.
- 3.4 Preference will be given to project proponents that specialize in providing housing for Aboriginal people.
- 3.5 Funding from the Aboriginal Housing Program will not conflict with or violate provisions of funding agreements from other sources.

4. ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE

- 4.1 The total grant amount per project will be based upon an approved proposal and business plan.
- 4.2 Total grant amount is limited by funds available for Aboriginal housing through the Housing Rehabilitation Investment Reserve.
- 4.3 Proponents are encouraged to explore creative funding partnerships and unique operating models.
- 4.4 Eligible project costs will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis to attain the maximum impact. Eligible housing projects may include:
 - Projects that promote housing and neighbourhood revitalization
 - innovative construction and rehabilitation projects
 - community capacity building related to housing
 - feasibility studies and market analysis
 - evaluation of alternative housing delivery models

5. APPLICATION, REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES

- 5.1 Proponents are encouraged to discuss the project proposal at the earliest possible opportunity with the City representative at the Winnipeg Housing & Homelessness Initiative before an application is submitted.
- 5.2 Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis.
- 5.3 All applications for financial and other assistance must be submitted to the City representative at the Winnipeg Housing & Homelessness Initiative for review. The Director of Planning, Property and Development will have authority to approve or reject proposals. All funding requests must be written proposals including information about the applicant (organization and membership), scope of project, stakeholders, a financial analysis including complementary funding sources, nature of innovation, benefits to the community, etc., and include any other information requested by the Director of Planning, Property and Development.
- 5.4 The specific arrangements for the payment of City funds will be determined on a project-by-project basis.