



CITY OF WINNIPEG AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING PROGRAM

1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 To support implementation of Neighbourhood Housing Plans by addressing inner city housing issues and improving the quality of affordable housing and neighbourhood integrity.

2. DESCRIPTION

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Housing Program provides financial assistance for projects that support the development and implementation of affordable housing and that are consistent with Neighbourhood Housing Plans and strengthen neighbourhood stability.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 3.1 Projects must be located within a designated Major Improvement Area.
- 3.2 Target neighbourhoods are Housing Improvement Zones, as designated by the Housing Steering Committee.
- 3.3 Project proponents must be established housing or community non-profit organizations or for-profit, private sector companies, which have demonstrated neighbourhood support.
- 3.4 Preference will be given to neighbourhoods that have an approved Neighbourhood Housing Plan. Where there is no approved Neighbourhood Housing Plan, secondary preference will be given to a housing proposal that has been presented to the community in a public manner and has neighbourhood support.

4. ELIGIBLE ASSISTANCE

- 4.1 The total grant amount per project will be based upon an approved proposal and business plan.
- 4.2 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.
- 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 All applications for financial and other assistance will 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.
- 5.3 The specific arrangements for the payment of City funds will be determined on a project-by-project basis.