

Rural & Remote Advisory Board for Homelessness

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy

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The **closing date** for receiving applications is Friday, May 14th, 2021
at the following electronic address:
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Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation is seeking interested community representatives to fill current and future vacancies in the Rural & Remote Advisory Board.

Reaching Home

The Government of Canada's redesigned homelessness program launched April 1, 2019, following the conclusion of the previous Homelessness Partnering Strategy. **Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (RH)** is a \$2.2 billion investment, designed to support the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing, and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by 2027-2028.

Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to Designated Communities (urban centers), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

The Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) plays an instrumental role in supporting the development of solutions to homelessness in your community. The BNRC entered into agreements with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to act as the Community Entity (CE) in rural Manitoba to administer the **Rural and Remote Homelessness** and **Brandon Designated Homelessness** funding streams effective April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2024. BNRC has also been administering the **RH Indigenous Homelessness** funding stream from April 1, 2019. The Indigenous Advisory Board (IAB) recently recommended that BNRC's agreement be extended until March 31, 2024.

Those interested in applying should be aware that participation on the Rural & Remote Advisory Board is voluntary, and there is no monetary compensation.

The Rural & Remote Advisory Board

The Rural & Remote Advisory Board on homelessness is the local organizing committee mandated to:

- Set direction for addressing homelessness in rural Manitoba;
- Provide advisory services relevant to the delivery of Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) Reaching Home (RH) Rural & Remote Homelessness funding provided in rural Manitoba;
- Provide advice and guidance in the assessment of proposals and recommend projects for funding to the Community Entity (CE);
- Coordinate efforts to address homelessness in the community;
- Achieve broad and inclusive board representation;
- Coordinate partnerships with community organizations and individuals.
- Develop RAB terms of reference and other policies and procedures central to the functions of the RAB including membership application, roles and responsibilities of the chair, chair selection procedures, conflict of interest guidelines and procedures for proposal assessment and recommendation.

Roles and responsibilities

The Rural & Remote Advisory Board is responsible for the following key areas:

- Assess and recommend projects for funding to the Community Entity.
 - The Rural & Remote Advisory Board is expected to undergo this process with a comprehensive understanding of the local homelessness priorities in their community.
 - Members must recuse themselves in situations where they have ties to proposed projects.
- Being representative of the community.
 - The Rural & Remote Advisory Board is responsible for recruiting members, and is expected to ensure that its composition has broad and inclusive representation.

Composition

The composition of the Rural & Remote Advisory Board is expected to be reflective of the homeless population groups within the local community (for example, youth, Indigenous peoples and survivors of domestic violence) including those with lived experience of homelessness.

- Participation on the Rural & Remote Advisory Board is especially encouraged from:
 - Individuals with lived experience of homelessness
 - Indigenous people and organizations, Friendship Centres; Indigenous housing organizations
 - Youth and youth serving organizations, including Child Welfare agencies
 - Organizations serving women/families fleeing violence
 - Organizations serving seniors
 - Newcomer serving organizations
 - The private sector
 - Police and correctional services
 - Landlord associations and/or the housing sector
 - Health organizations, including hospitals and other public institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addictions
 - Veteran Affairs Canada or Veterans-serving organizations
- Rural & Remote Advisory Boards ex-officio representation to include Service Canada, the Community Entity, the Province of Manitoba, who will advise on program eligibility requirements, and guide the Rural & Remote Advisory Board where significant changes to the program are introduced.

Selection of Members

Applicants will also need to be aware of the following principles and should take these into consideration when submitting his/her application as they will be used by the selection committee:

- The members of the Advisory Boards should be passionate about homelessness issues in Manitoba and should have the best interest of rural Manitoba communities at heart. Members must work collaboratively and respectfully within Advisory Boards as a whole. Candidates must be able to demonstrate positive working relationships within the homelessness and housing communities of rural Manitoba.
- The make-up of an Advisory Board should reflect as many sectors of the community of rural Manitoba as possible.
- Selection to an Advisory Board is based on an individual's qualifications and experiences and they will be notified by the BNRC if they are a successful applicant.
- Interested applicants must email applications to Laura Wallis HomelessnessMB@bnrc.ca **on or before Friday, May 14th, 2021**