

REACHING HOME COMMUNITY TEMPLATE

Winter 2023-24 Unsheltered Homelessness Response Funding Investment Plan

Introduction:

To further support communities in keeping **people experiencing unsheltered homelessness safe** this winter, a one-time top-up of \$100 million has been reallocated by Infrastructure Canada (INFC) to Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy for 2023-24.

To access the funding allocation, the Reaching Home (RH) funding recipient (hereinafter "the Recipient") must submit an Investment Plan **by January 12, 2023**.

The following Investment Plan template asks for an outline of how the Recipient is planning to invest funding in order to support a response to unsheltered homelessness this winter 2023-2024. The funding must be **expended by April 30, 2024**.

Applicability:

An Investment Plan is required to obtain the Winter 2023-24 Unsheltered Homelessness Response under the Designated Communities, Territorial Homelessness, and Indigenous Homelessness streams (outside of Quebec).

If you are the Community Entity (CE) for both the Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness streams in the community, only one completed template is required.

In communities where there are both the Designated Community and the Indigenous Homelessness CEs (outside of Quebec), a joint submission is encouraged but not required, as the review of submissions will be conducted at the community-level. If this is a joint submission, it should identify how the 2023-24 Winter top up funding will be divided between CEs.

Approval/Submission Process:

Completed Investment Plans require the approval of the CE or the Entities as appropriate. That said, it is required that the Investment Plan is shared with the Community/Regional Advisory Board (CAB) and endorsement by the Board is encouraged.

Completed Investment Plans must be submitted to your INFC Engagement and Program Officer (EPO) by **January 12, 2024** (11:59 p.m. PST). If your community does not require all of the 2023-24 Winter top up funding, or a portion of it, to support unsheltered homelessness responses, please confirm via email with your Engagement and Program Officer (EPO) as soon as possible.

Notes on use of the information submitted in the investment plan:

The Investment Plan information will be shared with officials within INFC and may be shared with officials in other federal departments, provincial and/or territorial governments, and/or Members of Parliament. It may also be used and/or disclosed for policy analysis and/or research purposes. The Investment Plan is also subject to the *Access to Information Act* (“ATIA”).

INVESTMENT PLAN		
General Information		
Community Name:	RH 2019-2024 – Waterloo/Kitchener	
Community Entity(ies)/Name of Organization(s):	Regional Municipality of Waterloo	
Name(s) of Primary Contact(s) (please include both DC and IH if it is a joint Investment Plan):	Chris McEvoy Manager, Homelessness & Supportive Housing	
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Section 1: Financial Information		
To be completed by all Reaching Home funding recipients.		
Funding allocated from the Government of Canada’s Winter 2023-24 Unsheltered Homelessness Response Funding:	\$1,542,836	
Are you able to fully expend the 2023-24 Unsheltered Homelessness Response allocation by April 30, 2024? If not, what is the projected amount of funding which could be expended in this timeline? To avoid lapsing this funding, Infrastructure Canada will reallocate the remainder to another community.	We anticipate that we will be able to expend the full eligible funding allocation of \$1,542,836 by April 30, 2024.	
Reaching Home Activity Area	Description	Anticipated Funding Allocation (\$)
Temporary Accommodations <i>(new)</i> <i>(e.g., Leasing hotel/motel spaces to temporarily expand</i>	The majority of this funding will be used to fund hotel or motel stays for individuals who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness. Some of these hotel/motel sites are supported by community partners and their staff, others are supported by	\$1,342,836

<i>shelter space through the winter)</i>	Region of Waterloo staff in conjunction with community partner staff. Additionally, several shelter providers operate winter overflow programs; either in their own buildings or through the use of motel rooms. This funding will be used to support the rental of hotel/motel rooms and/or operating/staffing funding to support individuals who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness.	
Housing Services <i>(e.g. Placing those experiencing unsheltered homelessness into transitional housing or supportive housing)</i>		
Prevention and Shelter Diversion <i>(e.g., Help obtaining housing for those at imminent risk, including shared housing)</i>	<i>[Individuals being discharged from public institutions (e.g., corrections, hospitals) into homelessness could be diverted to other forms of accommodations]</i>	
Client Support Services <i>(e.g. Hiring outreach workers to support those experiencing unsheltered homelessness, purchasing cold-weather supplies, expanding service availability)</i>	Region of Waterloo staff and community partners have coordinated the purchase and distribution of winter warming packages to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness/staying in encampments. A portion of this funding will go towards these expenses.	\$200,000.00
Capital Investments <i>(e.g., Renovation of existing emergency shelters to expand the maximum capacity of available spaces)</i>		

Coordination of Resources and Data Collection <i>(e.g., Developing partnerships with service providers to create a coordinated and systemic approach to meet unsheltered homelessness needs)</i>		
Administration costs associated with the delivery of the above expenditures <i>(up to a maximum 15% of the contribution for the CE)</i>		
TOTAL		\$1,542,836
Please provide a brief summary of how the funding will support existing plans to respond to unsheltered and/or winter homelessness in your community (in the case of existing plan, please attach to this template).		
This funding will support Waterloo Region respond to unsheltered/winter homelessness plans in the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotel and motel rooms have been used by the Region and its partners to provide temporary accommodations to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness and/or as winter overflow spaces. This funding will help address some of the costs associated with these services. - Several shelter providers operate winter overflow programs and expand the number of shelter spaces available in the fall/winter months. This funding will be used to support the rental of hotel/motel rooms and/or operating/staffing funding to support individuals who would otherwise experience unsheltered homelessness. - Region of Waterloo staff and community partners have coordinated the purchase and distribution of winter warming packages to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness/staying in encampments. A portion of this funding will go towards these expenses. 		
Section 2: Reporting Requirements		
3.1 Results must be reported for the 2023-24 Winter top up funding. This includes the existing Reaching Home indicators related to existing activities and two (2) new indicators on temporary accommodations: 1) Number of instances of placements into temporary housing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understood.	

<p>2) Number of temporary accommodations.</p> <p>The Result Reporting Online (RROL) tool will be updated to accommodate the new reporting requirements by adding a new activity area called "Temporary Accommodation – Winter Response 2023-2024".</p>	
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Recipient Signature (s)	
Signed this	12th Day of January, 2024

This confirms that the Investment Plan was shared with the Community Advisory Board / Regional Advisory Board.

Yes	No
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 Title and organization
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 Homelessness & Supportive Housing
 Region of Waterloo

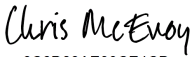
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