

## **Responsive Granting Program**

Responsive grants are special grants that can be made by the board outside of the regular granting cycle. In general, these are only awarded in an emergency, such as where the health and safety of Surrey Residents is in jeopardy, there is a compelling opportunity that may be missed, or there is a significant opportunity to leverage other monies, and these opportunities were not known in time for the regular annual granting cycle.

In order to accommodate these requests, the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund (SHAHF) has modest grants available to eligible organizations that demonstrate:

- The funding request meets all of the goals and objectives of the regular granting program; and
- There are no alternative sources of funds.

## **Funding Priorities for the Responsive Granting Program**

Funding priorities for the Responsive Granting Program are aligned with the Ongoing Granting Programs of the Fund and are as follows:

1. Address key priorities along the continuum of needs related to homelessness and access to housing, including:
  - a) Lack of emergency shelter beds, in particular for youth, aboriginal adults, and adults.
  - b) Lack of transitional housing units - for adult men and women, women leaving the sex trade, youth and culturally appropriate/specific housing.
  - c) Lack of supportive housing units for persons with mental health and other issues such as concurrent disorders (mental illness and addiction).
  - d) Lack of homelessness prevention services.
  - e) Lack of affordable housing.
  - f) Capacity building and coordination.
  - g) Other emerging needs that support the goals and objectives of the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund.
2. Support Surrey projects that serve Surrey residents.
3. Demonstrates financial viability and the potential for long-term sustainability.
4. Demonstrates collaboration and thorough consultation with stakeholders.
5. Leverages additional funding from government, business and/or foundations.

## Eligibility Criteria

Organizations and projects that are eligible for funding include:

1. Charitable organizations and both not-for-profit and for-profit entities that are working in partnership with a charitable organization and have a written agreement.
2. Projects addressing issues and gaps related to homelessness and access to housing and that are based in and provide direct benefit to Surrey and Surrey residents.

Organizations and projects that are not eligible for funding include:

1. Organizations without a charitable tax status number.
2. Fundraising activities.
3. Retroactive funding.
4. Conferences.
5. Deficit funding.
6. Core/operational funding.

## Application Process

The application process is as follows:

1. Contact the Program Coordinator:

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Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund  
c/o Vancity Community Foundation  
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Vancouver, BC, V6C 1B4  
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Tel: 604.340.2839

2. Fill out an application for funding, provided by the Program Coordinator.
3. Return the form to the Coordinator who will forward it to the Granting Committee for review.
4. If approved by the Committee, the application will be forwarded to the board for review at the next board meeting.