

**Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Outreach Communities
For Ontario
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1. What is the Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Outreach Communities component?

- This component funds rural and outlying areas as well as the North, which will be eligible for funding to support projects to fill specific gaps in the infrastructure of smaller communities and areas to prevent and reduce homelessness.

2. What are the priorities of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Outreach Communities in Ontario?

- The five priorities of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Outreach communities in Ontario are:
 - Prevention Measures;
 - Emergency facilities and urgent needs services;
 - Transitional, supportive and longer-term housing and services;
 - Improvement of community services and service delivery networks; and
 - Innovative approaches to community capacity building or community planning

3. Who can apply for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy – Outreach Communities Call for Proposal?

- Registered Charities; not-for-profit organizations; municipal governments; for-profit enterprises (for non-profit activities); research organizations and research institutes; public health and educational institutions; band/tribal

councils and other Aboriginal organizations; and community groups sponsored by an incorporated body are eligible to receive funding.

4. What areas are eligible for funding?

- ***This funding is intended for Outreach Communities that are not able to benefit from HPS Designated Communities funding.***
- **Project activities must be outside of Designated Communities.**
- **Funding for Aboriginal Communities must be for projects off-reserve.**

Designated Communities in Ontario include:

1. Barrie (Simcoe County)
2. Belleville (City of Belleville)
3. Brantford (City & Brant County)
4. Dufferin (Dufferin County)
5. Durham/Oshawa (Durham Region)
6. Guelph (City of Guelph)
7. Halton (Halton Region)
8. Hamilton (City of Hamilton)
9. Kingston (City of Kingston)
10. Kitchener/Waterloo (City of Kitchener and Waterloo Region)
11. London (City of London)
12. North Bay (City of North Bay)
13. Ottawa (City of Ottawa)
14. Peel (Region of Peel)
15. Peterborough (Peterborough County)
16. Sault Ste Marie (City of Sault Ste Marie)
17. St. Catharines/Niagara (Niagara Region)
18. Sudbury (City of Sudbury)
19. Thunder Bay (City of Thunder Bay)
20. Toronto (City of Toronto)
21. Windsor (Essex County)
22. York (York Region)

Projects covering multiple regions/communities may be considered. As one of the main goals of the HPS is to increase partnerships and community collaboration, then projects involving multiple communities should be encouraged. Projects that are considered regional or provincial in nature may be given consideration as long as the activities, services and results primarily target people who are outside the Designated Communities.

5. When does the application period start?

- Applicants can begin to apply starting Friday, December 18, 2009.

6. When does the application period end?

- The deadline for applications is 4pm on Monday, February 8, 2010.

7. How does someone apply?

- Any interested applicant **must** contact the United Way of Greater Simcoe County for a copy of the application form. When requesting the application form please be prepared to provide the following:
 - Contact name and information for the applicant
 - Type of organization (e.g. registered charity)
 - Where the project activity will occur; and
 - A brief description of the proposal concept (approximately 50 words or less)

- The purpose of this information gathering is to verify project eligibility prior to organizations proceeding with a full application form.

Only proposals using the official application form will be accepted.

8. How will applications be assessed?

- **Step 1:**
UWGSC will review the applications/proposals received and will forward to the Community Advisory Board (CAB) those that are deemed received on time, complete and compliant with HPS Terms and Conditions (see http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/homelessness/general_information/terms_conditions.shtml).

Applicants who are unsuccessful in their proposals will be notified by letter.

- **Step 2**
The CAB will review the proposals/applications using the following criteria:
 - Demonstrated need;
 - Sustainability plan;
 - Community participation and support;
 - Project description;
 - Viability of proposal;
 - Reporting and outcomes;
 - Value for money; and
 - Linkage to HPS Outreach Communities priorities in Ontario.

- **Step 3**
The CAB will make a recommendation to UWGSC to accept or decline the application in full or in part.

Consideration may be given to:

- Equitable distribution of funding across Ontario (geographic consideration)
- Equitable distribution of funding across the five priorities
- Efforts to assist that maximum number of communities.

- **Step 4**

The successful applicants will be contacted and invited to enter into a contribution agreement with UWGSC.

9. How much funding is available?

- Approximately \$1.3-million is available for projects under this Call for Proposals for HPS Outreach Communities Initiative in Ontario.

10. Who can I contact for additional information or to get a copy of the application form?

- Requests for an application form or any questions regarding this call for proposals, application process and/or project proposal may be directed to:

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For additional information about the HPS Outreach Communities Initiative in Ontario, please visit <http://www.unitedwaysimcoecounty.on.ca>