

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan Annual Update 2016-2017

Note:

Data submitted by the community during the 2016-2017 Community Plan Annual Update (CPAU) process is included in blue.

Data in **purple** was extracted from previous plans.

Community: [Yellowknife](#)

Region: [Northwest Territories](#)

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Current Situation

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Housing First Implementation

As part of the 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan, most communities were required to rate their community's readiness to implement Housing First. In the 2016-2017 Community Plan Annual Update, this questionnaire has been reintroduced.

As a community with a Housing First target, you are required to rate your community's implementation of Housing First based on the following questions. Each component of the scale has a rating of one to four with four demonstrating a higher-level of fidelity to the HF model. Use this information to help you consider where to adjust your HF program.

CORE PRINCIPLES	
Rapid Housing with Supports. Program directly helps participants locate and secure permanent housing as rapidly as possible and assists them with moving-in or re-housing if needed.	4 - Program supports participants in locating housing within one month and offers participants who have lost their housing a new unit without requiring them to demonstrate readiness.
Housing Choice. Program participants choose the location and other features of their housing.	3 - Participants have some choice in location and other features of their housing, including decorating and furnishing their unit.
Separating housing provision from other services. Extent to which program participants are not required to demonstrate housing readiness.	4 - Participants have access to housing with no requirements to demonstrate readiness.
Integrated Housing. Extent to which housing tenure is assumed to be permanent housing with no actual or expected time limits, other than those defined under a standard lease or occupancy agreement.	4 - Participants live in housing with landlord-tenant agreements and there are no time limits on housing tenure other than those defined under a standard lease or occupancy agreement.
Tenancy Rights and Responsibilities. Extent to which program participants have legal rights to the unit.	4 - Participants have a written agreement and it contains no special provisions other than agreeing to meet with staff face-to-face regularly (weekly or biweekly).
Reasonable Cost for Housing. Extent to which participants pay a reasonable	4 - Participants pay 30% or less of their income for housing costs and/or

amount of their income for housing costs and/or program has access to rent supplements or subsidized housing units.	program has ready access to rent supplements or provides subsidized housing units for all participants.
Housing Support. Extent to which program offers services to help participants maintain housing, such as offering assistance with landlord relations and neighborhood orientation.	4 - Program offers ongoing housing support services.
SERVICE PHILOSOPHY	
Service choice. Extent to which program participants choose the type, sequence, and intensity of services such as recovery, medical and other services.	4 - Participants have the right to choose, modify, or refuse services and supports at any time, except regular face-to-face visit with staff.
Participant-Driven Program & Services. Extent to which the program and services are participant-driven.	3 - Program offers some opportunities for input on their individual services, but no opportunities to input more generally on program services.
Contact with Participants. Extent to which program maintains regular contact with participants.	4 - Program meets with participants at least 2 times a month to ensure participants' safety and well-being.
Continuous Services. Extent to which program participants are not discharged from services even if they lose housing.	3 - Participants continue to receive program services if they lose housing provided that they are still eligible to be rehoused.
Directly Offers or Brokers Services. Program directly offers or brokers support services to participants, such as recovery, medical and other services.	2 - Program directly offers or brokers some services.
Selection of Vulnerable Populations. Extent to which program focuses on chronic and/or episodically homeless individuals.	3 - Program selects participants who are chronic and/or episodically homeless.
TEAM STRUCTURE/HUMAN RESOURCES	
Low Participant/Staff Ratio. Extent to which program consistently maintains a low participant/staff ratio.	4 - 20 or fewer participants per 1 FTE staff.

Community Contribution

Reference Number: 0-13884478

As part of the eligibility for HPS Designated Community funding, each community must be able to demonstrate that it has mobilized funding partners to contribute to its homelessness efforts; that it can identify \$1 contributing to your homelessness efforts from other sources for every dollar in the Designated Community allocation.

The “community contribution” can include funding from any partner other than HPS such as: governments (Provincial/Territorial or Municipal/Regional); public institutions, such as hospitals, schools or universities; aboriginal organizations; private sector organizations; and not-for-profit/charitable sector organizations, such as foundations or the United Way.

Name of Funder	Type of Funder	Contact Information (Contact person)	2015-2016 Actual			2016-2017 Expected		
			Financial contribution (dollars)	Non-financial contribution (estimate in dollars)	Total Contribution (dollars)	Financial contribution (estimate in dollars)	Non-financial contribution (dollars)	Total Contribution (dollars)
GNWT - Homelessness Assistance Fund	Province/Territory	Erin Shea	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000
NWT Housing Corporation	Province/Territory	Revi Lau-a	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
City of Yellowknife	Municipality	Grant White / Dayle Hernblad	\$50,000	\$24,028	\$74,028	\$100,000	\$40,000	\$140,000
Total Financial and Non-financial Contributions			\$250,000	\$24,028	\$274,028	\$375,000	\$40,000	\$415,000
HPS Designated Communities Funding Stream allocation								\$234,556

Your 2015-2016 Priorities

Reference Number: 0-13884279

Report on your 2015-2016 Funding Priorities

Priority	Percentage Committed in CPAU (Designated Community)	Actual Percentage Spent (DC)	Actual Amount Invested (DC)
Housing First	40%	20%	\$41,326
Individualized services	0%	0%	\$0
Capital investments	55%	75%	\$155,353
Coordination of resources and leveraging	5%	0%	\$0
Data collection and use	0%	5%	\$9,399
Community Entity administration costs			\$28,478
Total Amount Spent			\$234,556
Allocation			\$234,556

Please explain why the percentages you invested in your priorities differed from your original intentions as expressed in your last Community Plan Annual Update.

A lesser amount was spent on Housing First due to the delay in our project launch. With the inability to reprofile funds to the following year, we transferred the (unspent HF Dollars) funding to our Capital priority - Hopes Haven - to assist in further paying down the balance of the mortgage on the 2014-15 purchase of a building for Youth Transitional Housing using a Housing First philosophy.

Report your Community Engagement

Official Languages Minority Communities

An OLMC is a community whose official language is not the language of the majority community (for example, Canadian English-speaking communities in Quebec, or Canadian French-speaking communities in provinces and territories outside of Quebec).

CABs and CEs are expected to identify OLMCs within their community and ensure that appropriate services and supports are available in both official languages where there is significant demand. More details will be available through an HPS program directive that will be posted on the ESDC website.

Please describe what actions have been taken.

The Northwest Territories' Official Languages Act recognizes eleven official languages. Our community has not taken any actions to ensure services are funded using OLMC.

Please describe how the CAB and CE will, in 2016-2017, assess the needs of the OLMC, implement measures that respond to their identified needs, and ensure that the services funded under the HPS address their needs.

The Northwest Territories' Official Languages Act recognizes eleven official languages. Our community will not take any actions to ensure services are funded using OLMC at this time.

Your 2016-2017 Priorities

Reference Number: 0-13885819

The HPS encourages responsive community planning. Communities are encouraged to review their plans to make sure they stay relevant to the changing dynamics of the homelessness situation.

Your HPS 2014-2019 Community Plan was approved some time ago, and recent events may have occurred, which may result in modifying the funding priorities that you identified for 2016-2017. In addition, you may want to change the percentage you are committing to each of your priorities. If each of your priorities will change by less than 10%, there is no need to report any change.

The following table captures the funding priorities you identified and any changes made. If you made no changes, the priority is marked with an "x" followed by the

percentage identified in the 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan. If a change was indicated, only the change has been included.

Why did your 2016-2017 Designated Community priorities (or the percentage your are committing to them) change since you created your 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan?

The Capital 'Youth Housing' project is funded fully through our Aboriginal Homelessness Agreement so this Priority is now \$0. We are adding additional projects to the 'Coordination of resources' priority which will enable our community to support a broader systematic approach to homelessness. Our 'data' priority is \$0 as the next (National) Point in Time Count is not scheduled until 2018. Our community is also supported by a HIFIS Contribution Agreement so duplication of activities will not be funded using Designated dollars. Our community is beginning to focus on prevention with persons who are at imminent risk of homelessness. There are agencies currently assisting persons with housing placement, life skills and social integration, who require further supports.

Priorities 2016-2017	Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation.	Demonstrating Success (Targets for HPS Indicators)
<div data-bbox="237 1020 453 1136" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 73%</div> <p data-bbox="142 1178 509 1329">To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach</p> <p data-bbox="142 1333 509 1556">The Housing First model includes both housing and access to supports primarily for chronically and episodically homeless individuals.</p>	<p data-bbox="532 995 1052 1182">The community will be dedicating the following percentage of its Housing First funding to each of the following activities:</p> <p data-bbox="532 1186 1024 1224">HF readiness: 20%</p> <p data-bbox="532 1245 1024 1283">Client intake & assessment: 20%</p> <p data-bbox="532 1304 1024 1409">Connecting to and maintaining permanent housing: 20%</p> <p data-bbox="532 1430 1024 1503">Accessing services through case management: 25%</p> <p data-bbox="532 1524 1024 1598">Data, tracking & monitoring: 15%</p>	<p data-bbox="1073 995 1555 1100">6 Individuals will be placed in housing through an HF intervention.</p> <p data-bbox="1073 1121 1555 1199">80% HF Clients who will remain housed at six months.</p> <p data-bbox="1073 1220 1555 1293">80% HF clients who will remain housed at twelve months.</p> <p data-bbox="1073 1314 1555 1419">14 Days for HF clients to move into permanent housing after intake.</p> <p data-bbox="1073 1440 1555 1514">30% HF clients who will be rehoused.</p> <p data-bbox="1073 1535 1555 1608">15% HF clients who will return to homelessness.</p> <p data-bbox="1073 1629 1555 1776">0% HF clients who will successfully exit the program to a positive housing situation.</p>

Priorities 2016-2017	Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation.	Demonstrating Success (Targets for HPS Indicators)
<div data-bbox="237 310 451 407" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 6%</div> <p data-bbox="142 457 509 800">To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services for the following populations:</p> <p data-bbox="142 842 493 951">Aboriginal people Youth Families and Children</p>	<p data-bbox="537 285 1024 394">In 2016-2017, the community will be implementing the following activities:</p> <p data-bbox="537 506 943 579">Connecting clients to income support</p> <p data-bbox="537 684 984 989">Housing Placement (outside of Housing First) Life skills development (e.g. budgeting, cooking) Supports to improve social integration Culturally relevant responses to help Aboriginal clients</p>	<p data-bbox="1073 285 1560 394">In 2016-2017, the community hopes to achieve the following results:</p> <p data-bbox="1073 405 1552 478">0 People will increase their income or income stability</p> <p data-bbox="1073 684 1455 800">These services require communities to set no HPS targets at this time.</p>
<div data-bbox="237 1020 451 1087" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 6%</div> <p data-bbox="142 1136 483 1318">To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities (Capital investments) for the following populations:</p>		
<div data-bbox="237 1409 451 1514" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 15%</div> <p data-bbox="142 1556 391 1703">To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging</p>	<p data-bbox="537 1367 1024 1904">Determining a model in support of a broader systematic approach to addressing homelessness Identifying, integrating and improving services (including staff training on activities and functions in support of a broader systematic approach to addressing homelessness) Partnership development in support of a broader systematic approach to addressing homelessness Consultation, coordination, planning, and assessment (e.g.</p>	<p data-bbox="1073 1367 1560 1440">Communities are not required to set HPS targets for these activities</p>

Priorities 2016-2017	Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation.	Demonstrating Success (Targets for HPS Indicators)
	community planning)	
<div data-bbox="237 394 453 493" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">DC: 0%</div> <p data-bbox="142 533 435 604">To improve data collection and use</p>		

Information About Your Housing First Priority

The Housing First Approach requires access to a range of client supports. How will you engage (or how are you engaging) provincial or territorial programs to facilitate access to provincial/territorial services for Housing First clients?

Our Territorial government is partnering on our Housing First Initiative. Specifically, they are contributing \$150,000 per year for Housing and Rent Supplemental expenditures. Generally, they will assist our HF tenants with access to clinical supports through the Dept of Health, as well as provide access to an existing Integrated Case Management program hosted though Justice.

Community Advisory Board

Reference Number: 0-13884389

Name of the Community Advisory Board:

Yellowknife Community Advisory Board on Homelessness

Note: Information removed to maintain the privacy of the individuals on the CAB. To validate, or update this information, please contact your Service Canada representative.