

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan 2014–2019

Community: *Brandon*

Region: *Manitoba*

The plan has been approved by Canada for implementation.

Case: As this Designated Community's allocation is over \$200,000, it is required to commit at least 40% of its allocation towards a Housing First approach beginning in 2016-2017.

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Current Situation: Establishing your Baseline Data

Data

Please report on your current situation based on the following indicators. All CABs should review their progress annually against these indicators. This review will form part of the annual update. Note: Although this data is not required at this time, data for 2013 will be required as part of the first annual update.

1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012	178
2. Number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2012	28
3. Number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2012	31
4. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2012.	
5. Estimated number of homeless veterans who were chronically or episodically homeless in 2012.	
6. Number of homeless individuals identified during the latest point in time count (if available)	
7. Date count was undertaken	

Readiness for Implementing Housing First

Please rate your community's readiness to implement Housing First based on the following questions. Each component of the scale has a rating of one to four with four demonstrating full implementation of the HPS HF model. Use this information to decide where to focus your efforts in implementing your HF program. Because implementing Housing First may take some adjustments, communities will have the opportunity to rate progress annually and use the information to update priorities. Note: Responses will only be used by ESDC to understand the selection of the HF priorities and activities.

Criterion	Community's Rating
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.	-2-: Program supports participants in locating housing within 4-6 months and does not offer participants who have lost housing a new housing unit.
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.	-2-: Participants have access to housing only if they meet many readiness requirements.
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.	-2-: There are some time limits on housing tenure or the housing is considered transitional.
Tenancy Rights and Responsibilities. Extent to which program participants have legal rights to the unit.	-2-: Participants have a written agreement (such as a lease or occupancy agreement), which specifies the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, but contains special provisions regarding adherence to treatment or other clinical provisions.

Criterion	Community's Rating
<p>Reasonable Cost for Housing. Extent to which participants pay a reasonable amount of their income for housing costs and/or program has access to rent supplements or subsidized housing units.</p>	<p>-2-: Participants pay 46-60% or less of their income for housing costs and/or program helps participants obtain rent supplements or subsidized housing units.</p>
<p>Housing Support. Extent to which program offers services to help participants maintain housing, such as offering assistance with landlord relations and neighborhood orientation.</p>	<p>-3-: Program offers some ongoing housing support services but does not offer any property management services, assistance with rent payment, and co-signing of leases.</p>
SERVICE PHILOSOPHY	
<p>Service choice. Extent to which program participants choose the type, sequence, and intensity of services such as recovery, medical and other services.</p>	<p>-3-: Participants may have some say in choosing, modifying, or refusing services and supports, but program staff determinations usually prevail.</p>
<p>Participant-Driven Program & Services. Extent to which the program and services are participant-driven.</p>	<p>-3-: Program offers some opportunities for input on their individual services, but no opportunities to input more generally on program services.</p>
<p>Contact with Participants. Extent to which program maintains regular contact with participants.</p>	<p>-2-: Program meets with participants once every 4 to 8 weeks to ensure participants' safety and well-being.</p>
<p>Continuous Services. Extent to which program participants are not discharged from services even if they lose housing.</p>	<p>-3-: Participants continue to receive program services if they lose housing provided that they are still eligible to be rehoused.</p>
<p>Directly Offers or Brokers Services. Program directly offers or brokers support services to participants, such as recovery, medical and other services.</p>	<p>-2-: Program directly offers or brokers some services.</p>
<p>Selection of Vulnerable Populations. Extent to which program focuses on chronic and/or episodically homeless individuals.</p>	<p>-2-: Program has some method to identify chronic and/or episodically homeless.</p>
TEAM STRUCTURE/HUMAN RESOURCES	
<p>Low Participant/Staff Ratio. Extent to which program consistently maintains a low participant/staff ratio.</p>	<p>-2-: 36-50 participants per 1 FTE staff.</p>

Community Advisory Board Membership

1. Name of the Community Advisory Board: Brandon Community Advisory Board for Homelessness

2. Number of members in your CAB: 15

Community Advisory Board Membership					
Last Name	First Name	TITLE ORGANIZATION	SECTOR(S)	Role on CAB	Include on Distribution List?
Cullen	Gail	Director, Brandon Friendship Centre	- Aboriginal	Co-chair	Yes
White	Brent	Program Manager, Mental Health Services, Psychosocial & Rehabilitation	- Other: All groups	Member	Yes
Snelling	Marty	General Manager, Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	- Non-profit - Other: Community Entity	Ex-officio member	Yes
Watson	Shannon	Sr. Policy Analyst, Strategic Initiatives, Housing & Community Development	- Housing and social housing - Other: Province of Manitoba	Ex-officio member	Yes
Hansen	Kendra	Senior Development Officer, Service Canada	- Other: Service Canada	Ex-officio member	Yes
Kurchaba	Jason	Program Officer, Citizen & Community Services Branch, Service Canada	- Other: Service Canada	Ex-officio member	Yes
Spring	Susan	CE Coordinator, Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	- Non-profit - Other: BNRC Community Entity Coordinator	Ex-officio member	Yes
Desjarlais	Kris	Knowledge Network Coordinator, Manitoba Metis Federation, SW Region	- Aboriginal	Member	Yes
Dyck	Dwayne	Director, Youth for Christ	- Youth	Chair	Yes
Kyle	Shelley	EIA Program Manager, Family Services, Western Region	- Other: All groups	Member	Yes
Koch	Sandra	Social Worker, 7th St. Health Access Centre	- Other: All groups	Member	Yes
McGregor	Dave	Chief Executive Officer, Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba	- Other: Families & Children	Member	Yes
Reimer	Rob	Private Developer	- Landlord associations	Member	Yes

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			- Other: All groups		
Somersall	Marla	Director, Samaritan House Ministries	- Non-profit - Other: All groups	Member	Yes
Smith	Rhonda	Captain, Salvation Army	- Non-profit - Other: All groups	Member	Yes

3. Given the requirement to allocate funding to the Housing First approach, which involves both housing and individual supports, are there any sectors or organizations the CAB needs to include and/or engage in the future to more fully represent your community? (for example, Provincial or Territorial representatives responsible for housing and/or mental health, landlord organizations, people with lived experience, police, corrections, health and health promotions (including the Health Authority), income supports, other funders, addictions treatment)

Yes

Please identify the sectors or organizations and describe how they will be engaged.

Brandon is a dynamic and growing community and possible gaps for CAB representation include such organizations as: Landlords/Property Owners; CHMHA; the Business community; BPS; WIS; and AFM. The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (AFM); Landlords have a representative on the CAB, but landlords; property managers play a key role in HF delivery, so CAB hope to engage Landlords in a focus group. The Brandon Police Service (BPS) was engaged through the Safe and Warm Shelter Community Committee that provided input through a focus group. The CAB sub-committee of “Lived Experience” participants continues to be engaged and provides the CAB a grass roots perspective. A representative of the Business community will be approached through the Chamber of Commerce. Core area business persons may have a particular role to play. The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) was a member of the CAB previously and an invitation to re-join has been extended again. Westman Immigrant Services (WIS) represents a large

and growing sector of Brandon and has recently had a new change in Directorship and the CAB will invite the new person to join the CAB.

Planning and Reporting

Your Planning Process

1. Stakeholder Engagement

- a. **Who and how did the CAB consult in your community as you prepared this Community Plan? Please include information about the approach you took and the extent of your consultations.**

The CAB members consulted their respective organizations and community networks including the Safe and Warm Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Committee. The CE engaged a Researcher to develop a survey which was completed by participants from the "Lived Experience" subcommittees; Landlords, Seniors and a small number of the general public in a Community Café. Contact has been made to create a Landlord subcommittee. CAB continues consulting with Dr. Renee Robinson of Brandon University on her Migration & Homelessness study. CAB also requested recommendations on data fields that could be implemented for standardization and efficiency. CAB received and reviewed the Annual Mental Health (CMHA) and Housing Workers (7th Street Access Centre) Report summarizing their strategies and shared clients, problem solving ideas. Housing options remain extremely difficult. CAB has diverse Board member representation knowledgeable in their respective fields with access to various community networks. The CE (BNRC) maintains a "Community Coalition of Service Providers" contact network for circulating electronic information to service providers, agencies and interested partners. The CE maintains the Brandon Homelessness website. CAB received reports: the City of Brandon Housing Strategy 2013; and the Poverty Forum Report of November 2013. Many CAB members and organizations participated in the City Poverty Forum 2013.

- b. **How is the CAB working with the Aboriginal sector and/or local Aboriginal CAB to identify and implement Aboriginal homelessness priorities?**

Currently there is an effective working partnership with the Brandon Friendship Centre with a representative sitting on the CAB and serving as the CAB Vice President. As a member she has the opportunity to update the CAB and has a voice and a vote in designing and approving the Community Plan; and has the opportunity to contribute to the on-going work plan development, project design and proposal selection. It is suggested by both the CAB and the Coalition of Community Service Providers that more representation from the Aboriginal community would be welcomed and the CAB continues to try fulfil this community mandate. The CAB works to be

inclusive of the Aboriginal sector and prioritizes Aboriginal organizations for projects supporting the Aboriginal community. The total value of Manitoba’s Aboriginal funding for 2014-19 is \$1,225,000.00. Aboriginal funding requests are vetted through the Brandon CAB before being reviewed by the Aboriginal Advisory Board for funding recommendations. Through this process the CAB ensures Aboriginal projects address the priorities for Brandon, as identified in the Community Plan. The CAB will continue to follow these practices to be inclusive of the Aboriginal community and ensure that Aboriginal community needs are addressed. A representative from the Manitoba Metis Federation also actively participates on the CAB.

2. Other Related Strategies and Programs

- a. In this section, you will identify and describe the federal, provincial, territorial, or local strategies, programs (other than HPS) which fund activities in your community that you will access to support your Housing First and other homelessness effort.**

How many have you identified? 30

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Service Canada and Citizen; Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment - Income supports - Education
Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Education - Social integration
YWCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social integration
Elsbeth Reid Family Resource Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Mental health - Education - Social integration
Youth for Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rent supplements - Mental health - Education - Social integration

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Salvation Army	- Social integration
Samaritan House	- Education - Social integration
Brandon Ministerial Association	- Social integration
Doorways to Dignity Lived Experience CAB Sub-Committee	- Social integration
Helping Hands Soup Kitchen	- Healthcare - Social integration
Legal Aid	- Social integration
John Howard Society of Brandon	- Social integration
Canadian Mental Health Association	- Social housing - Mental health - Addictions - Education - Social integration
Brandon University	- Education
Westman Immigrant Services	- Employment - Education - Social integration
Assiniboine Community College	- Education
Brandon School Division	- Education
Employment; Income Assistance, Family Services- Westman Region (Province of Manitoba)	- Employment - Income supports - Education - Social integration

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Westman Seniors Non-Profit Coop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rent supplements - Social integration
Metis Child, Family and Community Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Addictions - Education - Social integration
Manitoba Housing Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Rent supplements
YMCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Social integration
Family Visions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Education - Social integration
Manitoba Housing; Community Development (Province of Manitoba)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Rent supplements
Prairie Mountain Health; Mental Health Services; 7th Street Access Centre; Westman Crisis Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Addictions - Healthcare
Residential Tenancies Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Rent supplements
Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing
City of Brandon; Economic Development; Brandon Police Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education
Brandon Friendship Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Addictions - Education - Social integration

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Manitoba Metis Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Social integration

b. Does your Province or Territory have a plan or strategic direction to address homelessness, poverty, housing, or another related issue?

Yes

How does your HPS Community Plan complement Provincial or Territorial direction in this area?

Partially aligns

Please explain.

The Province of Manitoba through its ALL Aboard: Manitoba’s Poverty Reduction Strategy and Budget 2014 have committed to increasing the supply of Affordable housing units (500) and Social Housing units (500) in a five year plan and also to implementing a Manitoba Rent Assist Program which integrates shelter benefits inside and outside of EIA and is open to all Manitoba private renters to assist with rents up to a maximum of 75% of Median Market Rent (MMR) over a four year period. Representatives participate on the CAB and programs are designed to improve access to Manitoba Housing stock and finance rapid repairs. Representatives participate on the CAB and programs are designed to improve access to affordable housing stock. The Province of Manitoba Department of Housing and Development’s Strong Communities: An Action Plan endorses the use of Housing First where appropriate in provincial initiatives. The City of Brandon Housing Strategy commits municipal resources to affordable housing with land donation preferences for proposals with affordable housing components and Municipal by-law modifications. The City of Brandon has developed a Food Charter advocating for safe, affordable and nutritious food for Brandon residents.

c. 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?

Currently provincial programs are engaged within partnerships between 7th Street Health Access Centre and various crisis services. The CAB hopes to work with Sharon Kuropatawa, Health Outreach worker from Winnipeg, ACT Team Manager and consider how to expand case management in Brandon.

3. Community Contribution

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.

- **Your community must show that it can identify \$1 contributing to your homelessness efforts from other sources for every dollar in your Designated Community allocation.**
 - **The community contribution can include funding from any partner other than HPS such as: governments (Federal, 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.**
 - **If an organization is contributing (financial or in-kind) to more than one activity, you may combine all the amounts received and enter the information once.**
- **The Community Entity (CE) will be required to report annually on the actual amount received.**

You will be asked to provide this information during the annual update. At this time, we need information about your community contribution for 2014-2015.

- a. **How many funders have you identified? 2**

Name of Funder	Type of Funder	Contact Information		Financial Contribution (dollars)	Non-Financial Contribution (Estimate in Dollars)	Total Contribution (Dollars)
		Contact Person	(E-mail or Phone Number)			
Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation	Not for profit/Charity	Marty Snelling, General Manager	m.snelling@brandon.ca 204-729-2495	0	30,000	30,000
Province of Manitoba	Province/Territory	Shannon Watson	Shannon.Watson@gov.mb.ca 204-945-8587	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Community Contribution (dollars)						\$1,030,000
HPS Designated Communities Funding Stream allocation (dollars)						\$441,000

Reporting

The Community Advisory Board is expected to report to its funder (Employment and Social Development Canada), its stakeholders and the broader community on what it is doing and the progress the community is making in reducing homelessness.

The HPS was renewed with a commitment to using a Housing First approach and demonstrate reductions in homelessness. The collection of data and results will be critical to this change. As part of your community planning process, you will set priorities and select activities. Projects should lead to results that contribute to reductions in homelessness. The HPS has identified specific results that it will be collecting through Results Reporting, but the CAB and CE should also be working together to identify other results they would like to gather.

Your Priorities

Priorities	The percentage of your HPS Designated Community (DC) allocation that will be invested in this priority in:					Activities Selected	Targets for 2014-2015 Where a target is set at 0 it could be because: (1) The community will not be implementing the activities in 2014-2015. (2) The activities will lead to outcomes different from the ones identified in the targets.
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach*	15% DC	20 % DC	55 % DC	60 % DC	60 % DC	% of HF Funds by activity selected (Related to 2014-2015 only) ● 100%: HF Readiness ‡	
To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services †	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	Housing Placement (outside of Housing First)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Connecting clients to income supports	0 people will increase their income or income stability.
						Culturally relevant responses to help Aboriginal clients	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Liaise and refer to appropriate resources	

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.	40 % DC	50 % DC	15 % DC	10 % DC	10 % DC	Transitional housing facilities	8 new transitional housing units will be added to a new or existing housing unit.
						Supportive housing facilities	4 new permanent support housing units will be added to a new or existing housing unit.
						Non-residential facilities	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging	15% DC	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	- Identifying, integrating and improving services (including staff training on activities and functions in support of a systems approach to homelessness) - Working with the housing sector to identify opportunities for and barriers to permanent housing (e.g. establishing landlord relationships, mapping of current available assets) in support of a broader systematic approach to addressing	The HPS has not asked for targets related to these activities.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
						homelessness - Consultation, coordination, planning, and assessment (e.g. community planning)	
To improve data collection and use	20% DC	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	10% DC	- Identifying the size and make-up of the entire homeless population - Point-in-time counts - Information collection and sharing (including implementing and using HIFIS)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to these activities.

Notes:

- * **The Housing First model includes both housing and access to supports primarily for chronically and episodically homeless individuals. The services provided are offered through an integrated approach and are interdependent. Generally, the approach will be to ensure that Housing First clients have access to all the existing services required.**
- ‡ **Housing First readiness activities include:**
 - **Determining the Housing First model (e.g. consultation, coordination, planning, and assessment)**
 - **Identifying, integrating and improving services (including staff training on Housing First activities and functions)**

- **Partnership development in support of a Housing First approach**
 - **Working with the housing sector to identify opportunities for and barriers to permanent housing (e.g. establishing landlord relationships, mapping of current available assets)**
- † **These services are offered primarily to individuals who are homeless or imminently at risk that are not part of the Housing First program.**

Results

With renewal, the HPS is increasing the focus on achieving results. All projects are expected to contribute to reducing or preventing homelessness and CABs and CEs should be working together to determine how they will measure project success. The HPS has identified a number of indicators it will be using to measure the success of the HPS at reducing and preventing homelessness.

Description of your Priorities

Housing First (HF) Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Our community is excited about moving to a HF model. Our current situation is that we have a number of organizations and agencies providing varied support services for the population. We have selected this priority in order to plan and lay the foundation for implementation in 2016-17. Housing stock and partnerships with Landlords is a Brandon concern. We need to strategize case management. We are planning on adopting a minimum data set for standardized data collection to assist with integrated Community planning.

What other resources can you leverage to contribute to your HF efforts?

- **HF Readiness**
none
- **Client Intake & Assessment**
none
- **Connecting to and Maintaining Permanent Housing**
none
- **Accessing Services**
none
- **Data, Tracking & Monitoring**
none

Description of the Housing First (HF) Approach

Please describe your Housing First approach, identify what percentage of your allocation will be used towards furnishing and repairing housing for HF purposes and provide a timeline for HF implementation.

Our community is excited about moving to a HF model. Our current situation is that we have a number of organizations and agencies providing varied support services for the population. We have selected this priority in order to plan and lay the foundation for implementation in 2016-17.

In regard to Housing First, we will target chronically and episodically individuals and families who are currently homeless.

During our first year we will focus on research and ascertaining our communities preparedness for HF. Based on that research we expect to move towards and centralized case management. We expect the organization overseeing this project will work with local community agencies/partners to identify those in the target group and develop the intake/case management plan. The centralized intake will act as an access point for individuals and families who fall into the target population. This will also act as an access/referral point to other organizations within the community that work to address the needs of the target population. Staff will be hired to fulfill intake and case management roles.

Those individuals/families who are part of the target group will be placed into permanent housing as soon as possible (transitional housing arrangements may be necessary if the housing stock is limited or there is some delay due to availability of housing), and will work with a case manager to identify needs, set goals and develop supports. Follow up will be maintained on a weekly basis. Data collection/tracking will be ongoing and supported by the organization using a minimum data collection set approved by the Community Advisory Board for HPS.

The timeline for this project will include:

Year 1:

- identification of the number and make up of homeless individuals and families.
- identification of potential partner landlords (enter into discussions/education on program)
- determine data collection tool and data to be collected

Year 2:

- begin Housing First program implementation
- begin data collection
- hire staff: intake workers and case managers
- finalize landlord preferred service agreements
- begin intake and partnering with clients to locate housing and implement supports

Year 3:

- Housing First program fully operational and implemented
- Review/evaluate after first year

Once a client has been able to secure permanent housing with the assistance of the designated case manager, then he/she will be eligible to apply for furniture assistance. Funds have been set aside for furniture and other essential housing needs. Repair agreements will be entered into with landlords who accept Housing First clients. When/if a tenant vacates housing, repair grants will be available up to a certain amount, and within the 3-5 year timeframe as determined by the HPS and organizational contract.

Housing stock and partnerships with Landlords is a Brandon concern. The CAB has initiated a Landlord sub-committee led by a current CAB member who is also a local landlord. Through transparent communication and joint problem solving, we hope to develop a network of partnering landlords. We need to strategize case management, a task that will primarily be accomplished by the agency responsible for the centralized intake and their partners. CAB will act as a resource for them.. We are planning on adopting a minimum data set for standardized data collection to assist with integrated Community planning.

Target Group(s)

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- Chronically homeless individuals

Individualized Services priorities

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

We selected this priority at 10% of funding to create opportunities for those currently accessing shelter and who are at risk to help individuals break the cycle of poverty.

Target Group(s) within the homeless and at imminent risk of homelessness populations

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- Chronically and episodically homeless individuals
- Families and children

- Youth
- Aboriginal people
- People with a mental health issue
- People with addictions

Facilities priorities

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Our CAB selected this as a Priority in year 1 and year 2 to expand the capacity of transitional and supportive housing in Brandon which has an extremely low vacancy rate, coupled with a growing population.

Target Group(s) within the homeless and at imminent risk of homelessness populations

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- Chronically and episodically homeless individuals
- Families and children
- Youth
- Aboriginal people
- People with a mental health issue
- People with addictions

Coordination of Resources and Leveraging Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Our CAB selected this priority recognizing the need to establish and improve Landlord relations; provide staff training for our extended agencies and to complete and update Community planning while enhancing the community collaboration. Our efforts will be directed towards developing a network to avoid duplication and fostering support to each other.

Data Collection and Use Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Our community continues to make an effort to understand the size and composition of the homeless population including their community of origin since Brandon remains a regional relocation centre for those at risk. Local agencies currently collect significant amounts of data that is not always easily accessed or shared. HIFIS implementation in our community remains an unmet goal.