Homelessness Partnering Strategy

Community Plan Annual Update   
2015–2016

Note:

Data submitted by the community during the 2015-2016 CPAU process is included in blue.

Data in **purple** was extracted from the Approved 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan

Community: Brandon

Region: Manitoba

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# Current Situation

Reference Number: 0-11575088

## Data

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | General Homeless Population |
| 1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 | 178 |
| * 1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014 | 167 |
| 1. Estimated number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2013 | 28 |
| * 1. Estimated number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2014 | 28 |
| 1. Estimated number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2013 | 31 |
| * 1. Estimated number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2014 | 31 |
| 1. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2013. | 0 |
| * 1. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2014. | 0 |
| 1. Estimated number of homeless veterans who were chronically or episodically homeless in 2013. | 0 |
| * 1. Estimated number of homeless veterans who were chronically or episodically homeless in 2014. | 0 |
| 1. Number of homeless individuals identified during the latest point in time count (if available). | 117 |
| 1. Date count the last point in time count was undertaken  (if available). | 2015/01/21 |

Please describe your strategy for ensuring that the community can provide numbers for 2015 for all required indicators in the next HPS Community Plan Annual Update.

In Brandon, Veterans have not been specifically identified and are considered general population. Brandon is fortunate to have access to the Veterans resources provided at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Shilo located on the outskirts of the City and community organizations make referrals to the Resource Centre. The implementation of HIFIS will help us track specific populations more easily.

# Community Contribution

Reference Number: 0-11590674

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 | 2014-2015  Actual | | | 2015-2016  Expected | | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Financial contribution | Non-financial contribution | Total Contribution | Financial contribution | Non-financial contribution | Total Contribution |
| (Contact person) | (dollars) | (estimate in dollars) | (dollars) | (estimate in dollars) | (dollars) | (dollars) |
| Canadian Mental Health Association-Westman Region | Not for profit/ Charity | Glen Kruck | $66,657 | $210,000 | $276,657 | $145,050 | $145,050 | $290,100 |
| Province of Manitoba | Province/ Territory | Vicky Kiansky | $283,023 | $0 | $283,023 | $88,548 | $0 | $88,548 |
| Neighbourhoods Alive! | Province/ Territory | Roger Guy | $16,000 | $0 | $16,000 | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| City of Brandon | Municipality | Sandy Trudel | $23,000 | $0 | $23,000 | $23,000 | $0 | $23,000 |
| G&R Reimer | Other: Private Landlord | Rob Reimer | $0 | $21,600 | $21,600 | $0 | $21,600 | $21,600 |
| Crisis Pregnancy Centre | Not for profit/ Charity | Loretta Nelson | $55,000 | $55,000 | $110,000 | $55,000 | $55,000 | $110,000 |
| Prairie Mountain Health, 7th St Health Access | Province/ Territory | Sandra Koch | $0 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $0 | $5,000 | $5,000 |
| Salvation Army | Not for profit/ Charity | Rhonda Smith | $1,000 | $1,000 | $2,000 | $1,000 | $1,000 | $2,000 |
| Community Places | Province/ Territory | Roger Guy | $4,400 | $0 | $4,400 | $4,400 | $0 | $4,400 |
| YWCA- Brandon | Not for profit/ Charity | Karen Peto | $20,000 | $8,000 | $28,000 | $5,450 | $4,400 | $9,850 |
| Brandon & Area Community Foundation | Foundation | Naomi Leadbeater | $3,500 | $0 | $3,500 | $3,500 | $0 | $3,500 |
| Total Financial and Non-financial Contributions | | | $472,580 | $300,600 | **$773,180** | $325,948 | $232,050 | **$557,998** |
| HPS Designated Communities Funding Stream allocation | | | | | | | | $441,000 |

# Your 2014-2015 Priorities

Reference Number: 0-11575295

Report on your 2014-2015 Designated Community Funding Priorities[[1]](#footnote-1)

| Priority | 2014-2015  Actual Amount ($)  Designated Community | Percentage Spent per Priority | Percentage Committed in 2014-2019 Community Plan |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Housing First (including projects funded under transitional measures) | $20,487 | 11% | 15% |
| Individualized services (including projects funded under transitional measures) | $17,283 | 9% | 10% |
| Capital investments | $154,719 | 80% | 40% |
| Coordination of resources and leveraging | $- | 0% | 15% |
| Data collection and use | $- | 0% | 20% |
| Community Entity administration costs | $44,313 |  |  |
| Total Amount Spent | $247,802 |  |  |
| Allocation | $441,000 |  |  |

From April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, the total actual amount of HPS Designated Community funding that was spent on projects for all of your priorities and Community Entity administration costs is different from your HPS funding allocation. Use the back button to update the numbers you just entered or please explain the difference.

There was some project funding slippage realized due to efficiencies within the projects. Brandon was able to partner with MLC to End Youth Homelessness and Brandon University to develop a Point In Time Count survey (which was also utilized by the National HPS PIT Count focus group which has a Brandon representative, in working towards the 2016 HPS National PIT count) and utilized local organizations and volunteers to reduce Brandon PIT costs. CAB/CE did not have knowledge of the National HIFIS funding or the need for a Provincial Privacy Assessment when assessing the initial CP priorities. HF Readiness 2014-15 successfully cultivated community buy-in for HIFIS. CAB partnered with the City of Calgary towards modifying their proposal assessment tools for HF projects. CAB also shared the templates with RAB and AAB. Additionally as the HPS focus changes from Capital delivery to service/HF delivery a new learning curve is underway towards calculating budgets. Proposals received in 2014-15 and a HF targeted CFP in 2015-16 have enabled Brandon progress towards HF delivery to move faster than anticipated.

Please explain why the percentages you invested in your priorities differed from your original intentions as expressed in your approved 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan.

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## Report your Community Engagement

How is the CAB working with the Aboriginal sector and/or local Aboriginal CAB to identify and implement Aboriginal homelessness priorities in 2014-2015 and for the next years?

CAB has representatives from the Brandon Friendship Centre and the Manitoba Metis Federation on the CAB Board. One CAB member also sits on AAB. The CE has all three funding streams and the CE Coordinators share information for the benefit of the ABs. A Brandon Police Service Community Mobilization representative and the Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Council are invited to CAB meetings and receive minutes. The Manitoba Metis Federation has the subproject Agreement to implement Brandon Housing First for 2015-16 which includes building the Landlord network and will be one of the initial HIFIS users once the HIFIS agreement is in place. CAB reps also participate on the Mobilizing Local Capacity to End Youth Homelessness Board which has a priority consideration for homeless prevention for Aboriginal youth.

### 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 Brandon CAB aspires to have a representative from Westman Immigrant Services participate in CAB as Brandon has a growing new Canadian population.

Please describe how the CAB and CE will, in 2015-2016, 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.

Currently, there is no significant demand for OLMC attention in Brandon.

Our 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan is located at: [www.brandonhomelessness.ca](http://www.brandonhomelessness.ca) is our website for Brandon HPS information and includes the Community Plan and the Brandon Resource Guide. The BNRC also has a website at [www.bnrc.ca](http://www.bnrc.ca)

# Your 2015-2016 Priorities

Reference Number: 0-11589987

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 2015-2016. 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 2015-2016 Designated Community priorities (or the percentage your are committing to them) change since you created your 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan?

In 2014-15 Brandon completed a very successful Housing First Readiness project and Brandon is therefore ready to implement Housing First more quickly than anticipated. The 2015-16 Call For Proposals was for HF projects only. The 2015-16 Capital investments finish the second year of projects committed to in 2014-15. Budgets were set by the original Community Plan targets. The Data budget has been reduced as there have been changes to HIFIS delivery and the CE will apply to National HIFIS for Community Coordinator funding to implement HIFIS in Brandon so the original Data targets will be met through National HIFIS funding. CAB members and community agencies are ready to embrace the new HIFIS 4 database. Brandon does not have a full time Emergency Shelter. Brandon has a winter Safe & Warm Shelter between November and March and CAB supports the provision of support workers to assist clients in connecting to community services.

| Priorities  2015-2016 | Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation. | | Demonstrating Success  (Targets for HPS Indicators) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| DC: 38%  To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach  The Housing First model includes both housing and access to supports primarily for chronically and episodically homeless individuals. | **The community will be dedicating the following percentage of its Housing First funding to each of the following activities:** | | 10 Individuals will be placed in housing through an HF intervention.  80% HF Clients who will remain housed at six months.  80% HF clients who will remain housed at twelve months.  30 Days for HF clients to move into permanent housing after intake.  30% HF clients who will be rehoused.  30% HF clients who will return to homelessness.  20% HF clients who will successfully exit the program to a positive housing situation. |
| HF readiness: | 18% |
| Client intake & assessment: | 15% |
| Connecting to and maintaining permanent housing: | 35% |
| Accessing services through case management: | 30% |
| Data, tracking & monitoring: | 2% |
| DC: 12%  To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services for the following populations:  Chronically and episodically homeless individuals | **In 2015-2016, the community will be implementing the following activities:** | | **In 2015-2016, the community hopes to achieve the following results:** |
| Connecting clients to income support | | 5 People will increase their income or income stability |
| Connecting clients to education and supporting success | | 2 People will start part-time or full-time education |
| * Housing Placement (outside of Housing First) * Supports to improve social integration * Culturally relevant responses to help Aboriginal clients * Liaise and refer to appropriate resources | | These services require communities to set no HPS targets at this time |
| DC: 50%  To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities (Capital investments) for the following populations:   * Chronically and episodically homeless individuals * Families and Children * Youth * Seniors * Aboriginal people * Immigrants and Refugees * People with a Mental Health Issue | Transitional housing facilities | | 7 New transitional units added to a new or existing facility |
| DC: 0%  To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging |  | |  |
| DC: 0%  To improve data collection and use |  | |  |

### 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?

CAB has representatives from Prairie Mountain Health, Employment and Income Assistance and Manitoba Housing and Community Development. All projects are assisted in accessing appropriate funding opportunities both in-kind and financial. As clients enter community services they are referred to or connected to the appropriate agency for individual assistance.

# Community Advisory Board

Reference Number: 0-11590226

Brandon Community Advisory Board for 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.

1. The amounts spent on projects funded under transitional measures since April 1, 2015, are included under the priorities “To reduce homelessness through a Housing First approach” and “To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services”. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)