

**Aboriginal Advisory Board
for Homelessness
and
Rural & Remote Advisory Board
for Homelessness**

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Homelessness Partnering Strategy

2017

The **closing date** for receiving applications is **November 28, 2017**
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Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation is seeking interested community representatives to fill current and future vacancies in both the Aboriginal Advisory Board, and the Rural & Remote Advisory Boards.

The Aboriginal and Rural & Remote Advisory Boards

In April 2014, Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (BNRC) entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada to act as the Community Entity in rural Manitoba for administration of the Aboriginal Homelessness Partnering Strategy, Rural & Remote Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) funds. BNRC relies on advice and recommendations of the Aboriginal and Remote & Remote Advisory Board to make funding recommendations for activities supported through the HPS. **Either Advisory Board's principle role is to provide advice and guidance in the assessment of proposals received for Homelessness Partnering Strategy investment.**

Localities eligible for funding through the Rural & Remote funding stream include anywhere in Manitoba, except for Winnipeg, Brandon, Thompson and First Nations reserves. All communities in Manitoba except Winnipeg and First Nations reserves are eligible for Aboriginal stream HPS funding.

Each of the Board's membership is comprised of representation from communities throughout rural Manitoba as well as the BNRC and government representatives serving as ex-officio.

The Aboriginal Homelessness funding stream addresses the specific needs of the off-reserve homeless Aboriginal population by supporting an integrated service delivery system that is culturally appropriate and community-driven.

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) partners with Aboriginal groups to ensure that services meet the unique needs of off-reserve homeless Aboriginal people in cities and rural areas. The unique needs of all First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and non-status Indians are also considered.

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)

The HPS is a federally funding community-based program that relies on communities to determine their own needs and to develop appropriate projects. The HPS supports 61 designated communities and some small, rural, northern and undesignated Aboriginal communities to develop local solutions to homelessness.

The HPS recognizes that stable housing is a basic requirement for improving health, parenting, education, and employment. The HPS supports community initiatives that use a housing-first approach, and it emphasizes transitional and supportive housing to help individuals and families move to greater autonomy and self-sufficiency.

Activities eligible for HPS funding include:

1. 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 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.
2. To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services – These services

- are offered primarily to individuals who are homeless or imminently at risk that are not part of the Housing First program.
3. To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. These include
 - a. Basic or urgent needs services
 - b. Transitional Housing Facilities
 - c. Permanent Supportive Housing
 - d. Emergency Shelter Facilities
 - e. Non-residential facilities
 4. To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging
 5. To improve data collection and use

Those interested in applying should be aware that participation on either the Aboriginal Advisory Board or Rural and Remote Advisory Board is voluntary, and there is no monetary compensation.

Selection of Members

Applicants will also need to be aware of the following principles and should take these into consideration when submitting his/her application as they will be used by the selection committee:

- The members of the Advisory Boards should be passionate about homelessness issues in Manitoba and should have the best interest of rural Manitoba communities at heart. Members must work collaboratively and respectfully within Advisory Boards as a whole. Candidates must be able to demonstrate positive working relationships within the homelessness and housing communities of rural Manitoba.
- The make-up of an Advisory Board should reflect as many sectors of the community as possible.
- Selection to an Advisory Board is based on an individual's qualifications and experiences and they will be notified by the BNRC if they are successful a successful applicant.
- Complete Terms of Reference available upon request.
- Because of the expertise and qualifications of each board member alternates may not be sent to Aboriginal Advisory Board meetings in the event of a member's absence.

Interested applicants must email applications to Blaine Foley b.foley@brandon.ca on or before **November 28, 2017.**