THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
24/7 Safe Space Grant

Grant Description

The 24/7 Safe Space Grant Program (the "Program") was created in alignment with the recommendations of the 2019 Report of the Illicit Drug Task Force, entitled "*Recommendations to Reduce the Use and Effects of Illicit Drugs Within Manitoba's Communities"*, as well as the 2019 report published by End Homelessness Winnipeg entitled "*24/7 Safe Spaces in Winnipeg: A Brief Review of Existing Reports and Services."* This multi-year Grant Program aims to enhance the hours of operation and the services provided to clients by agencies offering safe space services for the following priority populations: Indigenous people; women; people who use drugs; youth; 2SLGBTQ+; and sexually exploited girls and women.

Individual Program applicants may be approved for funding of up to $75,000 per application, per year for four years, while applications with two or more partnering agencies may be approved for up to $175,000 per application, per year for four years. For exceptional partnership applications, the entirety of the $250,000 could be awarded per year for four years. This Program is intended to provide core funding for four years. Successful applicants will only need to apply in the first year of the Program (2020), and will not need to reapply in following years. Applicants are able to submit individual applications, as well as participate in joint applications.

It is important to note, this report aligns with the 2017 report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), entitled *Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces: Global Results Report.* As a Champion City of the Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces initiative, this initiative positions Winnipeg as a leader in supporting key priority populations including women and sexually exploited women and girls.

Eligibility Criteria

- Program applicants are required to meet the below eligibility criteria:
    - Program applicants must be an incorporated community organization.
    - Funded activities must take place in the City of Winnipeg.

Application Criteria

Program applicants must demonstrate how they meet the following application criteria:

- Applicants must demonstrate how they will use grant funding to support at least one of the following:
    - Expand hours of service to provide full 24/7 safe space services
    - Enhance existing 24/7 safe space service operations
    - Create a new 24/7 safe space service in partnership with one or more partnering agencies.

- Applicants must demonstrate how they satisfy at least one of the following:
    - Provide services 24 hours a day
    - Provide services in the winter, specifically between November and March
    - Identify as an Indigenous organization or provide Indigenous-led services
    - Offer a harm reduction and trauma-informed approach to service

    - Hire and retain staff within the organization that have lived experience
    - Provide access to on-site mental health and/or addiction support services
    - Expand areas of expertise or services to enhance mental health and/or addiction supports for clients.

- Applicants must demonstrate how they will directly support at least one, of the following priority populations:
    - Indigenous people
    - Women
    - People who use drugs
    - Youth
    - 2SLGBTQ+
    - Sexually exploited girls and women

- Applicants must demonstrate how they align with End Homelessness Winnipeg's 10 year plan to end homelessness.[1]

Examples of activities that could be funded:

- Organizations already operating a safe space that can use grant funding to expand hours or seasons of operation, to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Organizations that currently offer 24/7 services and can use grant funding to enhance the areas of expertise within their staff team to support mental health and/or addictions services to clients.
- Organizations that can leverage grant funding to provide 24/7 safe space services to support priority populations, specifically: Indigenous people, women, people who use drugs, youth, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and sexually exploited girls and women.

Examples of activities that will <u>not</u> be funded:

- Activities that do not directly support the provision of 24/7 safe spaces
- Activities that do not support priority populations that include: Indigenous people, women, people who use drugs, youth, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, sexually exploited girls and women.
- Office equipment, such as photocopiers, computers, printers, land lines
- Travel and conference attendance
- Fundraising
- Feasibility studies, research or consulting agreements

[1] End Homelessness: A Community Task Force (2014, April). *The Plan to End Homelessness in Winnipeg.* https://endhomelessnesswinnipeg.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2016/10/EHW_Plan_April2014-2.pdf.

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Legal Name of Applicant(s)

***If multiple organizations are partnering on a single application, please identify each partnering organization, and identify a lead organization. Please include only the contact information for the lead organization below.*

Applicant / Lead Agency Contact Information

- Address:
- Name:
- Phone:
- Email

Organizational Description

- Provide a description of your organization, and clearly identify any existing services related to 24/7 safe space services.
- *If multiple organizations are partnering on a single application, please provide a description for each partnering agency.*

Activity Description

- Please provide a clear description of the proposed activity.
- What is the activity's purpose, objectives, scope and deliverables?

Program Eligibility

- Clearly describe how your organization meets the eligibility criteria outlined above.

Application Criteria

- Clearly describe how the proposed activity satisfies the application criteria outlined above.

Priority Populations

- Clearly describe how the proposed activity directly supports the priority populations requirements

outlined above.	
Alignment with End homelessness Winnipeg's 10 Year Strategy • Clearly describe how the proposed activity aligns with End Homelessness Winnipeg's 10 year strategy.	
Amount Requested Individual Program applicants may be approved for funding of up to $75,000 per application, per year for four years. Applications with two or more partnering agencies may be approved for up to $175,000 per application, per year for four years. For exceptional partnership applications, the entirety of the $250,000 could be awarded per year for four years.	$
Activity Budget • Please explain in detail what the applied-for funds will be used for.	
Activity Implementation Timeline *Funded activities must be completed by December 31, 2024.*	Start Date: Completion Date:

Program Reporting

Within 60 days of the conclusion of each calendar year that the Program is operational, grantees are required to provide a progress report to the City of Winnipeg submitted to the grant agreement contract administrator, with the following information:

- A statement outlining the use of grant monies including activities and operations conducted.
- A summary of participation rates, including:
  - The approximate number of Winnipeg citizens served by the activity
  - The number of monthly visits
  - The number of individuals served by priority population
- Any observable positive outcomes and impacts that reflect successful implementation of the funded activity;

- Any lessons learned by the organization in developing and implementing the funded activity;
- An overview of activity and operation plans for the following year, including any changes from the preceding year to implement the sustainability plan (as described below)
- Other reporting as requested by the City of Winnipeg.

It is important to note that successful Program grant applicants are not required to reapply each year. However, grantees are subject to the annual reporting requirements noted above. If the grantee is unable to meet the requirements of their funding agreement, this could result in an operational review and possible termination of funding.

In addition to the above, following the first year of the Program, grantees are required to submit to the grant agreement contract administrator a sustainability plan for the conclusion of grant funding in 2023. This plan must either identify the continuation of services developed through the Program, or a planned reduction in services as funding ends. No additional funding for this grant is planned for after the 2023 calendar year.

Please return the completed Application Form on or prior to **July 31, 2020**, to:

Community Services Department
2nd Floor - 395 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 3N8

Or by E-mail to: DGould@winnipeg.ca

PLEASE NOTE:
Only applicants who have been *approved* for funding will be notified in writing. Any approved grants may be subject to the applicant and the City entering into an agreement setting out the terms and conditions of such funding.

The undersigned hereby certifies that the information in this application is accurate, complete and endorsed by the board of the Applicant:

Per: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

I have the authority to bind the applicant.