CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Reaching Home: Canada’s Homelessness Strategy Fall 2021

The closing date for receiving expressions of interest is Monday, December 6th, 2021. Please submit your Letter of Interest and a short resume to Bernadette Friedmann-Conrad, Manager Indigenous Relations & Partnership for Reaching Home at bconrad@namerind.com

Namerind Housing Corporation, as the Reaching Home Community Entity for Regina is seeking interested community representatives to fill current vacancies in the Regina Homelessness Community Advisory Board.

Reaching Home, the Government of Canada’s Homelessness Strategy, is a national $2.2 billion investment, designed to support the goals of the National Housing Strategy, in particular, to support the most vulnerable Canadians in maintaining safe, stable and affordable housing, and to reduce chronic homelessness nationally by 50% by 2027-2028.

Reaching Home is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to Designated Communities (urban centers), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Regina Homelessness Community Advisory Board (RH CAB) plays an instrumental role in supporting the development of solutions to homelessness in our community. The RH CAB is the local organizing committee mandated to:

• Set direction for addressing homelessness in the community;

• Provide advisory services relevant to the delivery of Reaching Home Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness funding provided in Regina;

• Provide advice and guidance in the assessment of proposals and recommend projects for funding to the Community Entity in an open and fair manner with a comprehensive understanding of local homelessness priorities.

• Coordinate efforts to address homelessness in the community;

• Coordinate partnerships with community organizations and individuals;

• Achieve broad and inclusive board representation;

• Develop RH CAB Terms of Reference and other policies and procedures central to the functions of the RH CAB.
Composition

The composition of the RH CAB is expected to be reflective of the homeless population groups within Regina. In accordance with the findings of the 2018 Point in Time Homelessness Count, and in an effort for RH CAB to reflect as many sectors of the Indigenous community and homeless population groups in Regina as possible, the RH CAB seeks participation, in particular from Indigenous representatives from the following groups:

- Individuals with lived experiences of homelessness;
- Individuals having experienced domestic violence or with experience in organizations serving women/families fleeing violence;
- Youth or individuals with experience in youth serving organizations;
- Individuals with experience with housing providers or landlord associations;
- Individuals with experience in the business community;
- Individuals with experience in addictions and mental health;
- Individuals with experience in traditional Indigenous approaches to homelessness, health and healing.

Selection

Applicants will need to be aware of the following principles and should take these into consideration when submitting expressions of interest as these criteria will be used by the selection committee:

- Members of the RH CAB should be passionate about homelessness issues in Regina and have the best interest of the homeless and at-risk populations in the community at heart.
- Members must work collaboratively and respectfully within the RH CAB as a whole.
- Members should have a good understanding of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action and how they may be implemented within the homeless serving sector.
- Selection to the RH CAB will be based on an individual’s qualifications and experiences.

Process

- Interested individuals submit their Letter of Interest and a short resume via electronic mail to bconrad@namerind.com by 06 Dec 2021.
- A member of the RH CAB Recruitment / Selection Committee will contact applicants prior to 07 January 2022.
- The RH CAB will advise successful applicants prior to 31 January 2022.

Those interested in applying should be aware that:

✔ community members are usually appointed for a term of two years.

✔ Participation on the Regina Homelessness Community Advisory Board is voluntary, and there is no monetary compensation.

✔ Applications from individuals representing organizations currently funded or currently having applied for funding under the Regina Reaching Home program will not be considered in an effort to avoid any potential for conflict of interest.