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Homelessness Partnering Strategy



OVERVIEW

The **Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS)** began on April 1, 2007. The Strategy is providing \$269.6 million over two years to prevent and reduce homelessness in Canada.

Recognizing that homelessness cannot be solved by any one level of government or sector, the HPS supports partnering approaches. Governments, community organizations and a variety of partners are working collaboratively to pool resources and efforts.

The HPS supports community efforts by providing guidance for planning and implementation, sharing information, overseeing accountability on behalf of the Government of Canada, and allocating funds. HPS funds are targeted directly toward community priorities, which have been developed through an inclusive community planning process.

The HPS takes a housing-first approach and focuses on transitional and supportive housing as important ways to move individuals out of homelessness. The HPS recognizes that housing stability is a pre-condition to enhancing the successful outcomes of other interventions such as education and training, life skills development, and treatment for substance abuse or mental health issues. By working with communities, provinces and territories, partners in the private and not-for-profit sectors, and Aboriginal partners, the Strategy encourages an alignment of federal/provincial/territorial programs and services that help homeless individuals and families move towards self-sufficiency and full participation in Canadian society.

Under the HPS, the Government of Canada is offering all provinces and territories the opportunity to work in partnership. Once put in place, such partnerships would encourage better alignment of federal and provincial/territorial investments, and help to provide a seamless continuum of supports for homeless people.

The HPS has three main initiatives: the **Homelessness Partnership Initiative**, the **Homelessness Accountability Network** and the **Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative**.

The **Homelessness Partnership Initiative (HPI)** is the cornerstone of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy. Its housing-first approach recognizes that the first step is to provide individuals with transitional and supportive housing.



The HPI has four funding components:

- Designated Communities
- Outreach Communities
- Aboriginal Communities
- Federal Horizontal Pilot Projects

The **Homelessness Accountability Network** helps to strengthen program accountability. It also develops knowledge and encourages organizations to reinforce their networks and share best practices.

The **Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative** makes surplus federal property as well as land available to community organizations, the not-for-profit sector, and other levels of government, for projects to prevent and reduce homelessness.

For more information on the Homelessness Partnering Strategy, please visit:
www.homelessness.gc.ca.