ABBOTSFORD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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2027 HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS GRANTS

The Abbotsford Community Foundation Housing & Homelessness Fund provides grants to charitable organizations for projects, programs and initiatives addressing homelessness including supports for the unhoused, shelter renovations or expansions, and/or affordable housing initiatives.

Our goal is to fund projects that support equity, diversity and inclusion, build resilience, and create opportunities to uplift and/or meet the emergent needs of some of our community's most vulnerable citizens.

Together, we build a stronger, more caring community.

Getting Started

Are you a registered charity or qualified donee?

Abbotsford Community Foundation Housing & Homelessness grants are intended to support programs, projects and initiatives of charities that meet the designation as a qualified donee under Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines or as identified by the Income Tax Act, *Sec 149.1(1).*

Who does your program, project or initiative benefit?

Housing & Homelessness grants support programs, projects and initiatives that provide a direct benefit to the citizens of the Abbotsford Community Foundation's geographic area of interest, specifically within Abbotsford. The purpose of this grant is to support those programs or projects working to support the unhoused and homeless populations in our community.

Have You Submitted Your Project Evaluation Report?

If you have previously received an ACF grant from the Abbotsford Community Foundation you must submit the your **Grant Project Evaluation Report** for the grant(s) you've received must be submitted by **August 13, 2027** to be eligible for this funding round. Any recipient of ACF grants are deemed ineligible for future funding if they have not submitted their required reporting per their grant agreements. This does NOT apply to external multi year granting programs such as the Community Prosperity Fund which may have different reporting timelines.

Are We Familiar with Your Organization?

We strongly recommend that you contact us before applying for this or any of our other grants. We do our best to apply a number of trust based philanthropy principles which helps reduce application barriers and requires that we know your organization, its capacity, and its ability to deliver quality, local programming. While staff do not make granting recommendations, we can help inform the adjudication process. If we haven't met, please connect with us. We would love to learn about your work and the impact you are having in community.

How to Apply

If you have questions about accessing the online application or if you are having trouble uploading required documents online, please contact: Anmol Baryer- anmol@abbotsfordcf.org or 604-850-3755.

Please complete the online application, ensuring all requested documentation is attached including:

- Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the most recent completed year, preferably audited;
- Completed budget worksheet for this grant application.

Important Dates to Note

- Sept 2, 2027 - Housing & Homelessness Grant program opens for applicants
- Oct 8, 2027 - Housing & Homelessness Grant program closes to applicants
- Nov 8, 2027 - Decisions on grant awards to be communicated to all applicants
- TBA - Cheque Presentation Ceremony

What is Eligible:	What is NOT Eligible:
The project or program outlined in the application must benefit citizens of Abbotsford, be delivered within the geographic boundaries of Abbotsford, & be completed within **18 months** of grant approval.	While projects, programs, or initiatives may be funded multiple times, the Housing & Homelessness program is not intended to be a sustaining grant. Previous funding is not a guarantee of future funding.
Grants can be awarded for: • supports for the unhoused in situ - such as mobile units providing food, essential goods, etc. for the well being of unhoused populations • shelter/transitional housing renovations or enhancements including new beds & bedding; • major shelter/transitional housing repairs such as roof replacement.	Grants are NOT available for: • Paying down mortgages or reducing deficits • Funds for endowments or operating reserves • Political and/or religious activities • Retroactive funds for completed or partially completed projects • An organization's on-going or core operating expenses or annual facility expenses
Only 1 application per charitable organization per grant application cycle. Preference is given to charitable organizations based in Abbotsford.	Programs or projects primarily or exclusively delivered outside of the geographic boundaries of Abbotsford are NOT eligible.
Grant requests of up to $10,000* per application.	

*Abbotsford Community Foundation will fund up to 60% of the total resources required for a project (to a maximum of $10,000). In-kind contributions and/or cash contributions can be used to fund the remaining 40% balance.

Important Considerations to Note

- Incomplete and ineligible applications will not be reviewed.
- All submitted materials become the property of Abbotsford Community Foundation.
- Final decision on all grants rest with the Board of Directors. Adjudication is confidential.
- Successful applicants will be required to complete a **Housing & Homelessness Grant Project**

Evaluation Report at the conclusion of your project within the timeframes identified in your grant agreement. Late reports will impact your ability to apply for future grants.

Approvals Process & Requirements of the Grant

Notification of Decision	Requirements of Grant Recipients
Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by November 2027. A cheque presentation ceremony will be planned for the end of November.	As a condition of this grant, we request: • a signed grant agreement • acknowledgement of our financial contribution, as outlined in your grant agreement; • submission of a Housing & Homelessness Grant Evaluation Report as outlined in the grant agreement.

We know that completing any grant application takes resources and capacity and we want to help organizations make the best decisions they can about applying for an **ACF Housing & Homelessness Grant.** If you would like to discuss these guidelines to help with your decision making on whether to apply for a grant, please contact Areni. If you have questions about the online application access and uploading required documents, please contact Anmol.

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