

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan 2014–2019

Community: *Prince Albert*

Region: *Saskatchewan*

The plan has been approved by Canada for implementation.
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Case: As this Designated Community's allocation is over \$200,000, it is required to commit at least 40% of its allocation towards a Housing First approach beginning in 2016-2017.

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Current Situation: Establishing your Baseline Data

Data

Please report on your current situation based on the following indicators. All CABs should review their progress annually against these indicators. This review will form part of the annual update. Note: Although this data is not required at this time, data for 2013 will be required as part of the first annual update.

1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012	203
2. Number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2012	
3. Number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2012	
4. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2012.	
5. Estimated number of homeless veterans who were chronically or episodically homeless in 2012.	
6. Number of homeless individuals identified during the latest point in time count (if available)	
7. Date count was undertaken	

Readiness for Implementing Housing First

Please rate your community’s readiness to implement Housing First based on the following questions. Each component of the scale has a rating of one to four with four demonstrating full implementation of the HPS HF model. Use this information to decide where to focus your efforts in implementing your HF program. Because implementing Housing First may take some adjustments, communities will have the opportunity to rate progress annually and use the information to update priorities. Note: Responses will only be used by ESDC to understand the selection of the HF priorities and activities.

Criterion	Community’s Rating
CORE PRINCIPLES	
Rapid Housing with Supports. Program directly helps participants locate and secure permanent housing as rapidly as possible and assists them with moving-in or re-housing if needed.	-1-: Program expects participants to find their own housing and does not offer participants who have lost their housing a new housing unit.
Housing Choice. Program participants choose the location and other features of their housing.	-1-: Participants have no choice in the location or other features of their housing and are assigned a unit without having a say in decorating and furnishing.
Separating housing provision from other services. Extent to which program participants are not required to demonstrate housing readiness.	-2-: Participants have access to housing only if they meet many readiness requirements.
Integrated Housing. Extent to which housing tenure is assumed to be permanent housing with no actual or expected time limits, other than those defined under a standard lease or occupancy agreement.	-1-: There are rigid time limits on the length of stay in housing or the housing is considered emergency.
Tenancy Rights and Responsibilities. Extent to which program participants have legal rights to the unit.	-1-: Participants have no written agreement specifying the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, have no legal recourse if asked to leave their housing and can keep housing only by meeting requirements for continued tenancy.
Reasonable Cost for Housing. Extent to which participants pay a reasonable amount of their income for housing costs and/or program has access to rent supplements or subsidized housing units.	-2-: Participants pay 46-60% or less of their income for housing costs and/or program helps participants obtain rent supplements or subsidized housing units.

Criterion	Community's Rating
<p>Housing Support. Extent to which program offers services to help participants maintain housing, such as offering assistance with landlord relations and neighborhood orientation.</p>	<p>-1-: Program does not offer any housing support services.</p>
<p>SERVICE PHILOSOPHY</p>	
<p>Service choice. Extent to which program participants choose the type, sequence, and intensity of services such as recovery, medical and other services.</p>	<p>-2-: Participants have little say in choosing, modifying, or refusing services.</p>
<p>Participant-Driven Program & Services. Extent to which the program and services are participant-driven.</p>	<p>-1-: Program does not offer any opportunities for participant input into services at any level.</p>
<p>Contact with Participants. Extent to which program maintains regular contact with participants.</p>	<p>-1-: Program has no contact with participants.</p>
<p>Continuous Services. Extent to which program participants are not discharged from services even if they lose housing.</p>	<p>-1-: Participants are discharged from program services if they lose housing for any reason.</p>
<p>Directly Offers or Brokers Services. Program directly offers or brokers support services to participants, such as recovery, medical and other services.</p>	<p>-1-: Program does not offer services to participants, either directly or through brokering.</p>
<p>Selection of Vulnerable Populations. Extent to which program focuses on chronic and/or episodically homeless individuals.</p>	<p>-1-: Program has no method to identify and select participants who are chronic and/or episodically homeless.</p>
<p>TEAM STRUCTURE/HUMAN RESOURCES</p>	
<p>Low Participant/Staff Ratio. Extent to which program consistently maintains a low participant/staff ratio.</p>	<p>-1-: 50 or more participants per 1 FTE staff.</p>

Community Advisory Board Membership

1. **Name of the Community Advisory Board:** Prince Albert CAB
2. **Number of members in your CAB:** 12

Community Advisory Board Membership					
Last Name	First Name	TITLE ORGANIZATION	SECTOR(S)	Role on CAB	Include on Distribution List?
Bray	Bill	Prince Albert Parkland Health Region	- Healthcare, including mental health and addictions treatment	Chair	Yes
Robins	Dawn	Executive Director West Flat Citizen's Group	- Non-profit	Co-chair	Yes
Boulet	Jody	Manager, Community Services, City of PA	- Other: City of Prince Albert	Ex-officio member	Yes
Werret	Kimberley	Community Mobilization	- Police and/or corrections	Ex-officio member	Yes
Soles	Carol	Executive Director Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women	- Other: Emergency Shelter For Women	Member	Yes
Carriere	Janet	Executive Director, Indian Metis Friendship Center of PA	- Aboriginal	Member	Yes
Switzer	Diane	Manager, Ministry of Social Services	- Income supports	Member	Yes
Mackenzie	Prudence	Coordinator, Regional Intersectoral Committee	- Other: Coordinator Education / Justice / Not for profit sector	Member	Yes
Grunerud	Deana	Consultant, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation	- Housing and social housing	Member	Yes
Cousin	Daryl	Commercial Loans, Conexus Credit Union	- Private sector and business associations	Member	Yes
McKinnon	Tyler	Manager, Parole, CSC-SCC	- Police and/or corrections	Member	Yes
Brooks	Donna	YWCA of Prince Albert	- Other: Emergency Shelters	Member	Yes

3. Given the requirement to allocate funding to the Housing First approach, which involves both housing and individual supports, are there any sectors or organizations the CAB needs to include and/or engage in the future to more fully represent your community? (for example, Provincial or Territorial representatives responsible for housing and/or mental health, landlord organizations, people with lived experience, police, corrections, health and health promotions (including the Health Authority), income supports, other funders, addictions treatment)

Yes

Please identify the sectors or organizations and describe how they will be engaged.

Our CAB has representation from many sectors, including Health, Aboriginal organizations, Corrections, Emergency Shelters, Provincial government (housing and social services), the City of Prince Albert and private sector banking. We feel we are lacking representation from local social housing organizations (although the community entity is an affordable housing organization and brings that perspective to the table and there is a representative from Sask Housing Corporation on the CAB) and private landlords. As well, we feel connections with first nations governing organizations (Prince Albert Grand Council) could be strengthened. We plan to invite private sector landlords and affordable housing organizations to join the CAB and to meet with First Nations and our aboriginal representatives to strengthen those relationships.

Planning and Reporting

Your Planning Process

1. Stakeholder Engagement

- a. **Who and how did the CAB consult in your community as you prepared this Community Plan? Please include information about the approach you took and the extent of your consultations.**

Consultation was based on two approaches.

The first was a community consultation that was widely advertized through local media and not for profit networks and was open to everyone. The community consultation which was held on March 5th was conducted by a professional facilitator and provided a brief introduction to Housing First. Participants discussed the nature of homelessness in our community, the strengths of the HF model, challenges in implementing it and the partners required to make it work. The consultation was attended by 35 people, representing a wide range of groups with an interest in homelessness. 20 individuals attending indicated an interest in participating in future sessions to develop a housing first model.

The second is a series of interviews with key informants being conducted by representatives of the Community Entity. Interviews focus on the same questions presented in the community consultation as well as gauging interest from the organizations in participating in HF. We felt that it was important to try and assess the level of community interest and were impressed by the willingness of interviewees to work with us to implement Housing First. We also had a session with people with lived experience that was organized by the Health Region. These sessions were followed by 3 CAB meetings to refine the plan. These included two small group sessions and a final facilitated session that developed this submission.

- b. **How is the CAB working with the Aboriginal sector and/or local Aboriginal CAB to identify and implement Aboriginal homelessness priorities?**

There is no Aboriginal CAB in Prince Albert. We have met with the representative of the Community Entity for the Provincial Aboriginal Non Designated funding and plan further meetings with them. We have always worked closely with the Aboriginal community in Prince Albert. Our CAB, as mentioned above, has representation from our local Aboriginal community and has funded transitional housing projects and service projects with

Aboriginal groups on several occasions. As mentioned above, we plan to meet with the Prince Albert Grand Council, the body representing local and northern First Nations Communities, to develop some shared priorities and approaches.

2. Other Related Strategies and Programs

- a. **In this section, you will identify and describe the federal, provincial, territorial, or local strategies, programs (other than HPS) which fund activities in your community that you will access to support your Housing First and other homelessness effort.**

How many have you identified? 17

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation The Provincial Organization responsible for social housing. This organization funds a variety of housing construction and repair programs.	- Social housing
Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services	- Rent supplements - Employment - Income supports
YWCA of Prince Albert On site shelter for women and children and youth.	- Social housing - Education - Social integration
Our House Emergency shelter for men and women, includes MAT program (winter), emergency and transitional housing, services to the homeless population	- Social housing - Social integration
Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women Emergency shelter for domestic violence, also transitional housing	- Social housing - Mental health - Addictions - Healthcare - Education - Social integration
Prince Albert Share A Meal Food Bank operates food bank and emergency meal service, interested in education for clients.	- Education - Social integration

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Canada Saskatchewan Career and Employment Services Provincial agency focuses on direct delivery employment and career development, funds employment readiness programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment - Education
Bernice Sayese Center an aboriginal organization focusing on cultural integration and education, has Basic Education programming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Social integration
Indian Metis Friendship Center excellent housing first partner with extensive knowledge of homeless community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Social integration
Canadian Mental Health Association Supports for mental health clients, also operates 8 units of affordable housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Mental health - Employment - Education - Social integration
Prince Albert Housing Authority operates 500 units of social and affordable housing, supports Tenancy Education programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Education
PA Community Housing a Metis organization with 300 units of affordable and transitional housing also supports tenancy education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing - Education
Northern Spruce Housing Corporation A First Nations Housing Corporation with 200 units of affordable and social housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social housing
Prince Albert Parkland Health Region Addictions Services as well as counselling they operate a Detox center and are very interested in Housing First. They have many potential clients.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addictions - Education - Social integration
Prince Albert Parkland Sexual Health Clinic Provides services to HIV / AIDS and Hep C communities. They have funding for a housing position and want to work with us representing a financial contribution to HPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Healthcare - Education - Social integration
Cooperative Health Center - a clinic offering methadone programming, mental health therapist, community health workers, physicians services and other medical services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Addictions - Healthcare - Education - Social integration

Name of federal, provincial or territorial or local strategies and programs	Focus of strategy or program
Acquired Brain Injury Team A program for individuals with ABI. Partners in 3 unit and 10 unit transitional housing projects. Clients often suffer from homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health - Addictions - Healthcare - Education - Social integration

b. Does your Province or Territory have a plan or strategic direction to address homelessness, poverty, housing, or another related issue?

Yes

How does your HPS Community Plan complement Provincial or Territorial direction in this area?

Fills in gaps

Please explain.

Housing Strategy for Saskatchewan (2011, updated in 2013) focuses on increasing housing supply, improving affordability, supporting individuals and families in greatest need, enhancing strategic planning and increasing collaboration, communication and education. The section of greatest relevance to homelessness is section 3, supporting individuals and families in greatest need where housing first is mentioned once. The Provincial response has targeted single individuals having difficulty finding housing for funded projects and so their contribution may consist of funding housing that can be accessed by Housing First clients. As well, locally the Province has funded a 10 bed cold weather shelter in partnership with PAGC and the YWCA. This shelter will provide Housing First with a connection to the most at risk community in Prince Albert. Our poverty reduction strategy focuses on improving participation of disadvantaged groups in the economy, ensuring that citizens have more disposable income, removing barriers to independence and providing support to vulnerable citizens. Many of the initiatives discussed in this strategy can be used to support the income of Housing First clients.

c. The Housing First approach requires access to a range of client supports. How will you engage (or how are you engaging) provincial or territorial programs to facilitate access to provincial/territorial services for Housing First clients?

As part of our community planning process we have consulted widely with groups that provide services to our potential Housing First clients. Our task is made easier because the Provincial Government and many service providers are represented on the CAB. We see this process moving from the Community Plan to a RFP process that will solicit proposals. Once a service provider has been identified we would expect that the organization would pursue some of the initial contacts we have made with the various sectors. Some of the service providers interested in working with us include the Prince Albert Parkland Health District (Addictions, Sexual Health, Family Treatment Center, Brief and Social Detox), Cooperative Health Center (Mental Health and Addictions), and Canadian Mental Health Association

3. Community Contribution

As part of the eligibility for HPS Designated Community funding, each community must be able to demonstrate that it has mobilized funding partners to contribute to its homelessness efforts.

- Your community must show that it can identify \$1 contributing to your homelessness efforts from other sources for every dollar in your Designated Community allocation.
 - The community contribution can include funding from any partner other than HPS such as: governments (Federal, Provincial/Territorial or Municipal/Regional); public institutions, such as hospitals, schools or universities; aboriginal organizations; private sector organizations; and not-for-profit/charitable sector organizations, such as foundations or the United Way.
 - If an organization is contributing (financial or in-kind) to more than one activity, you may combine all the amounts received and enter the information once.
- The Community Entity (CE) will be required to report annually on the actual amount received.

You will be asked to provide this information during the annual update. At this time, we need information about your community contribution for 2014-2015.

a. How many funders have you identified? 0

Name of Funder	Type of Funder	Contact Information		Financial Contribution	Non-Financial Contribution	Total Contribution
		Contact Person	(E-mail or Phone Number)	(dollars)	(Estimate in Dollars)	(Dollars)

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Total Community Contribution (dollars)						\$0
HPS Designated Communities Funding Stream allocation (dollars)						\$364,613

- b. You have not identified a Community Contribution equal to or greater than your allocation, please describe your strategy for ensuring that for every dollar invested by the HPS, the community can identify at least one dollar from other sources.**

Our community plan is at a preliminary stage where we have discussed but not finalized financial contributions from potential partners. Our sense is that there is a strong interest and commitment to working with a Housing First approach among agencies that work with our potential clients. For example, the Sexual Health Clinic indicated very recently that they would commit their housing coordinator funding to a partnership with us, as yet undefined. This partnership will bring a \$50,000 contribution to HF. They are willing to work with our clients providing many of the mental health, sexual health, addictions services and other program commitments that clients will require. We see an approach that will utilize HPS funding to develop the housing support piece of the picture with other agencies providing the supports that are essential to program success. We see significant financial contributions from service providers as they partner with our project delivery organizations to work with HF clients, from housing providers as they become involved with housing HF clients and from funding sources such as Community Initiatives Fund, PA Community Foundation, Northern Lights Community Development Corporation and others that fund social programs. We intend to require project

proponents to play an active role in finding other contributions to their projects that will match the HPS contribution and indicate this on the application.

Reporting

The Community Advisory Board is expected to report to its funder (Employment and Social Development Canada), its stakeholders and the broader community on what it is doing and the progress the community is making in reducing homelessness.

The HPS was renewed with a commitment to using a Housing First approach and demonstrate reductions in homelessness. The collection of data and results will be critical to this change. As part of your community planning process, you will set priorities and select activities. Projects should lead to results that contribute to reductions in homelessness. The HPS has identified specific results that it will be collecting through Results Reporting, but the CAB and CE should also be working together to identify other results they would like to gather.

Your Priorities

Priorities	The percentage of your HPS Designated Community (DC) allocation that will be invested in this priority in:					Activities Selected	Targets for 2014-2015 Where a target is set at 0 it could be because: (1) The community will not be implementing the activities in 2014-2015. (2) The activities will lead to outcomes different from the ones identified in the targets.
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach*	20% DC	40 % DC	40 % DC	40 % DC	40 % DC	% of HF Funds by activity selected (Related to 2014-2015 only) • 100%: HF Readiness ‡	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of individuals that will be placed in housing through an HF intervention: 2 • Percentage of HF clients who will remain housed at six months: 80% • Percentage of HF clients who will remain housed at twelve months: 80% • Number of days for HF clients to move into permanent housing after intake: 21 • Percentage of HF clients who will be rehoused: 30%

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Percentage of HF clients who will return to homelessness: 15% ● Percentage of HF clients who will successfully exit the program to a positive housing situation: 50%
To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services[†]	20% DC	50% DC	50% DC	50% DC	50% DC	Housing Placement (outside of Housing First)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Connecting clients to income supports	0 people will increase their income or income stability.
						Pre-employment support and bridging to the labour market	0 people will increase their employment stability or will start part-time or full-time employment. 0 people will start a job training program.
						Life skills development (e.g. budgeting, cooking)	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.

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						Supports to improve client's social integration	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Culturally relevant responses to help Aboriginal clients	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Connecting clients to education and supporting success	0 people will start part-time or full-time education.
						Housing loss prevention (only for individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness)	2 people will remain housed at three months after receiving a housing loss prevention intervention.
						Liaise and refer to appropriate resources	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
						Basic or urgent needs services	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
To preserve or increase the capacity of	50 % DC	0 % DC	0 % DC	0 % DC	0 % DC	Transitional housing facilities	3 new transitional housing units will be added to a new or existing housing unit.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
facilities used to address the needs of people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.						Emergency shelter facilities	0 new emergency shelter beds will be added to an existing emergency shelter.
						Non-residential facilities	The HPS has not asked for targets related to this activity.
To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging	5% DC	5% DC	5% DC	5% DC	5% DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determining a model in support of a broader systematic approach to addressing homelessness - Identifying, integrating and improving services (including staff training on activities and functions in support of a systems approach to homelessness) - Partnership and development in support of systems approach to homelessness 	The HPS has not asked for targets related to these activities.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019		
To improve data collection and use	5% DC	5% DC	5% DC	5% DC	5% DC	- Identifying the size and make-up of the entire homeless population - Point-in-time counts	The HPS has not asked for targets related to these activities.

Notes:

- * **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.**
- ‡ **Housing First readiness activities include:**
 - **Determining the Housing First model (e.g. consultation, coordination, planning, and assessment)**
 - **Identifying, integrating and improving services (including staff training on Housing First activities and functions)**
 - **Partnership development in support of a Housing First approach**
 - **Working with the housing sector to identify opportunities for and barriers to permanent housing (e.g. establishing landlord relationships, mapping of current available assets)**
- † **These services are offered primarily to individuals who are homeless or imminently at risk that are not part of the Housing First program.**

Results

With renewal, the HPS is increasing the focus on achieving results. All projects are expected to contribute to reducing or preventing homelessness and CABs and CEs should be working together to determine how they will measure project success. The HPS has identified a number of indicators it will be using to measure the success of the HPS at reducing and preventing homelessness.

Description of your Priorities

Housing First (HF) Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Our first reaction to Housing First as a CAB and CE was somewhat negative. We saw lots of problems and were comfortable in our role as partners in capital projects that reduced homelessness through housing supply. However, as we began to explore HF we became convinced of its utility and its connection to our intent to focus our non HF funds on services that prevent people from becoming HF clients. In our consultations with service providers to our clients including addictions, mental health, health and many others we became convinced of the need for a Housing Hub agency that dealt with HF and at risk clients in a proactive manner.

What other resources can you leverage to contribute to your HF efforts?

- **HF Readiness**
Partners listed in intake and assessment and permanent housing will assist with readiness
- **Client Intake & Assessment**
We have the committed interest of a large number of service providers identified in our Community Plan including Addictions, Cooperative Health Center, Acquired Brain Injury Program, Canadian Mental Health Association, Salvation Army, Food Bank. Organizations vary from those providing front line services like food and shelter to those involved with counselling.
- **Connecting to and Maintaining Permanent Housing**
Various transitional and social housing providers, private landlords.
- **Accessing Services**
The partners listed above will provide services.
- **Data, Tracking & Monitoring**
none

Description of the Housing First (HF) Approach

Please describe your Housing First approach, identify what percentage of your allocation will be used towards furnishing and repairing housing for HF purposes and provide a timeline for HF implementation.

Our Housing First approach will be based on the principles outlined in the workshops we have participated in. It will be a traditional approach that emphasizes the importance of placing clients in housing where they have some choice and involvement in their location and the qualities of their housing, focuses on an effective intake policy that identifies client interest and develops an active and effective strategy to deal with the barriers that limit access to housing. Examples of barriers include a lack of identification, problems accessing Social Assistance and housing supplements.

Finding housing for clients through a housing coordinator that works closely with private sector landlords and social housing organizations will also be an important part of our approach. We hope to see supports for landlords including funds for repairing damages that will make it easier to find homes.

Finally, we intend to ensure that our program provides access to the services client need and the monitoring that is required to ensure that problems are dealt with before they become major issues.

We intend to commit 20% of our allocation to Housing First readiness within the first year. We expect that there will be a considerable amount of work involved in writing and conducting the CFP. We will have to work carefully to ensure that the requirements as outlined by the program are met. Once the CFP is completed and a project is selected the readiness phase will take some time as the Agency will have to hire staff and develop the program. We would expect that some of our second year funding will also go to HF readiness. ==

We expect to have our HF program up and running towards the middle of the second fiscal year, 2015-2016. We have limited the amount in the first year because of the limited time frame as we await approval of the community plan.

Target Group(s)

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- Chronically homeless individuals
- Episodically homeless individuals

Individualized Services priorities

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services. This priority as

mentioned above will be addressed by the same project that addresses Housing First. As we worked through our community planning process, we noted the number of individuals and organizations that referred to the need for support for at risk and homeless individuals and families to have support in their search for housing. Many of the organizations were overwhelmed by the extent of the need and found themselves lacking the time and the knowledge required to assist with housing and unable to complete their work in fields like addictions, mental health, methadone and others while clients did not have adequate housing. We recognized this need and want to develop a strategy to deal with it.

Target Group(s) within the homeless and at imminent risk of homelessness populations

Please describe in more detail the group(s) this priority will address.

- General population
- Chronically and episodically homeless individuals
- Aboriginal people
- People with a mental health issue
- People with addictions

Facilities priorities

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

This priority is addressed within the first fiscal year of the HPS funding term where it receives 50% of the allocation and moves to 0% in the following four years. Our hope is to see the development of a facility that could support HF clients in transitional housing, development of emergency shelter winter beds for men, which is a very important priority for our community or through a project that would renovate non residential facilities.

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- General population
- Chronically and episodically homeless individuals
- Aboriginal people

Coordination of Resources and Leveraging Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

Our community has definitely identified coordination of resources and leveraging as a priority. Participants in the community consultation overwhelmingly selected this priority. We believe that it reflects the need to reach out to others involved in serving the HF client group and combine services and unite our efforts if we are to have an impact on homelessness. We need to develop a more efficient service delivery model that combines strengths and avoids duplication. This priority will be addressed as part of the development of a HF model in Prince Albert and hopefully will lead to more broad approaches to homelessness in our community and province.

Data Collection and Use Priority

Rationale

Why is this a priority for your community? If the priority was identified in another related plan or planning process, please identify it.

To improve data collection and use has received an allocation of 5% per year. This includes the point in time counts required during the five year period of the funding and some money for developing indicators for program effectiveness if that becomes necessary.