

Appendix II Reaching Home Update

Appendix II Eligibility Requirements for Capital Investments

Reaching Home capital investments are intended to increase the capacity or improve the quality of facilities that address the needs of individuals and families who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. As outlined in the Reaching Home Directives below¹, a community or project sponsor will ensure the following:

Linking with the province or territory: efforts should be made to link with provincial, territorial, or municipal funding. The Reaching Home Sustainability Checklist for Applicants for Capital Investment Projects must demonstrate the need to purchase, construct, or renovate facilities and to ensure that the community is best placed to undertake the capital project.

Encouraging leveraging: where possible, communities are encouraged to ensure that Reaching Home is not the sole funder in capital projects. For capital projects consisting of new construction or purchase of facilities, the community is required to record the in-kind and financial contributions of each capital investment sub-project funded under Reaching Home.

Ensuring sustainability: capital projects require a sustainability plan in which organizations must demonstrate their capacity to operate the facility for its intended purpose for a minimum period of up to 5 years after project completion. Applicants must identify all relevant funding sources for the operation of the facility and/or new services through their application documents. As capital projects funded under Reaching Home should lead to new or improved services after their completion, an exit strategy is unacceptable for capital projects.

In their sustainability plan, organizations must:

- describe their partnerships
- confirm their funding sources for ongoing operations
- report if the project will increase the level of services or if they will remain stable; and include a timeline for the completion of their activities.

¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/homelessness/directives.html#h2.3-h3.5>