

Homelessness Partnering Strategy Community Plan Annual Update 2015–2016

Note:

Data submitted by the community during the 2015-2016 CPAU process is included in blue.

Data in **purple** was extracted from the Approved 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan

Community: [Prince George](#)

Region: [British Columbia](#)

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Current Situation

Reference Number: 0-11620522

Data

	General Homeless Population
1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013	1561
1.1. Number of unique individuals who used an emergency homeless shelter in the twelve month period between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014	1593
2. Estimated number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2013	42
2.1. Estimated number of shelter users who were chronically homeless in 2014	49
3. Estimated number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2013	231
3.1. Estimated number of shelter users who were episodically homelessness in 2014	224
4. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2013.	0
4.1. Number of homeless veterans who used an emergency homeless shelter in 2014.	0
5. Estimated number of homeless veterans who were chronically or episodically homeless in 2013.	0
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Please describe your strategy for ensuring that the community can provide numbers for 2015 for all required indicators in the next HPS Community Plan Annual Update.

We rely on provincial data to complete this section and we only recently received the data for questions 1 to 3.1. We are not certain if they gather data on Veterans homelessness, however will try to determine this and, if not, will try to determine whether another data source is feasible.

Community Contribution

Reference Number: 0-11620544

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; that it can identify \$1 contributing to your homelessness efforts from other sources for every dollar in the Designated Community allocation.

The “community contribution” can include funding from any partner other than HPS such as: governments (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.

Name of Funder	Type of Funder	Contact Information (Contact person)	2014-2015 Actual			2015-2016 Expected		
			Financial contribution (dollars)	Non-financial contribution (estimate in dollars)	Total Contribution (dollars)	Financial contribution (estimate in dollars)	Non-financial contribution (dollars)	Total Contribution (dollars)
BC Housing	Province/Territory	Malachy Tohill	\$4,852,000	\$0	\$4,852,000	\$5,176,000	\$0	\$5,176,000
United Way of Northern BC	Not for profit/Charity	Trevor Williams	\$173,500	\$7,853	\$181,353	\$173,500	\$7,853	\$181,353
Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation	Province/Territory	Ian Harrower	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$52,000	\$0	\$52,000
Total Financial and Non-financial Contributions			\$5,050,500	\$7,853	\$5,058,353	\$5,401,500	\$7,853	\$5,409,353
HPS Designated Communities Funding Stream allocation								\$335,158

Your 2014-2015 Priorities

Reference Number: 0-11620623

Report on your 2014-2015 Designated Community Funding Priorities¹

Priority	2014-2015 Actual Amount (\$) Designated Community	Percentage Spent per Priority	Percentage Committed in 2014-2019 Community Plan
Housing First	\$25,816	9%	5%
Individualized services	\$234,068	82%	88%
Capital investments	\$-	0%	0%
Coordination of resources and leveraging	\$20,000	7%	5%
Data collection and use	\$5,000	2%	2%
Community Entity administration costs	\$50,274		
Total Amount Spent	\$335,158		
Allocation	\$335,158		

Report your Community Engagement

How is the CAB working with the Aboriginal sector and/or local Aboriginal CAB to identify and implement Aboriginal homelessness priorities in 2014-2015 and for the next years?

The Aboriginal sector is well represented at the Prince George Community Partners Addressing Homelessness (CPAH) (the CAB) table. The Community Entity for the Prince George Aboriginal CAB also holds an ongoing seat on CPAH and is a member of the steering committee. It is the practice of CPAH to include the Aboriginal CE and the sector in community planning, information sessions, and community events, not only as a participant but as an integral part of the organizing table. As the Aboriginal homeless are a significant percentage of the homeless in our community, this is essential.

¹ The amounts spent on projects funded under transitional measures since April 1, 2015, are included under the priorities "To reduce homelessness through a Housing First approach" and "To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services".

Official Languages Minority Communities

An OLMC is a community whose official language is not the language of the majority community (for example, Canadian English-speaking communities in Quebec, or Canadian French-speaking communities in provinces and territories outside of Quebec).

CABs and CEs are expected to identify OLMCs within their community and ensure that appropriate services and supports are available in both official languages where there is significant demand. More details will be available through an HPS program directive that will be posted on the ESDC website.

Please describe how the CAB and CE will, in 2015-2016, assess the needs of the OLMC, implement measures that respond to their identified needs, and ensure that the services funded under the HPS address their needs.

There are not a sufficient number of French-speaking homeless individuals in Prince George and this sector has not been identified as being in need of additional measures. Should this change, or if a need is identified in the community, there are agencies available that could provide translation services for individuals. Community Partners Addressing Homelessness (our CAB) would assist with partnership development as necessary.

Our 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan is located at:

http://www.pguw.bc.ca/homelessness_partnering_strategy/community_delivery_of_hps_funding.php

Your 2015-2016 Priorities

Reference Number: 0-11620671

The HPS encourages responsive community planning. Communities are encouraged to review their plans to make sure they stay relevant to the changing dynamics of the homelessness situation.

Your HPS 2014-2019 Community Plan was approved some time ago, and recent events may have occurred, which may result in modifying the funding priorities that you identified for 2015-2016. In addition, you may want to change the percentage you are committing to each of your priorities. If each of your priorities will change by less than 10%, there is no need to report any change.

The following table captures the funding priorities you identified and any changes made. If you made no changes, the priority is marked with an "x" followed by the

percentage identified in the 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan. If a change was indicated, only the change has been included.

Why did your 2015-2016 Designated Community priorities (or the percentage your are committing to them) change since you created your 2014-2019 HPS Community Plan?

Priorities changed as a result of the projects in Prince George that responded to the Call for Proposals for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, and further discussion on community need. The Community Plan called for 40% of the funding to be allocated to Priority 1 (Housing First), 30% to be allocated to Priority 2 (To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services) and 15% each to Priority 4 (To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging) and Priority 5 (To improve data collection and use). No applications were received for projects under Coordination or Data Collection. The CAB, CPAH, agreed to allocate all of the 60% of the community funds to Priority 2, improving the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services. It was recognised that there was significant community need for funding support to such projects, and therefore that priority absorbed the allocations originally noted for Priority 4 and 5. It is important to note that at the time of the Community Plan submission and the Call for Proposal preparation, that it was not clearly understood what projects would fit under Priorities 4 and 5.

Priorities 2015-2016	Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation.	Demonstrating Success (Targets for HPS Indicators)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 40%</div> <p>To reduce homelessness through a Housing First (HF) approach The Housing First model includes both housing and access to supports primarily for chronically and episodically homeless individuals.</p>	<p>The community will be dedicating the following percentage of its HF funding to each of the following activities:</p> <p>HF readiness: 44%</p> <p>Client intake & assessment: 10%</p> <p>Connecting to and maintaining permanent housing: 20%</p> <p>Accessing services through case management: 20%</p>	

Priorities 2015-2016	Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation.	Demonstrating Success (Targets for HPS Indicators)
	Data, tracking & monitoring: 6%	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 60%</div> <p>To improve the self-sufficiency of homeless individuals and families and those at imminent risk of homelessness through individualized services for the following populations: General Population</p>	<p>In 2015-2016, the community will be implementing the following activities:</p> <p>Pre-employment support, and bridging to the labour market</p> <p>Housing loss prevention (only for individuals and families at imminent risk of homelessness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Placement (outside of Housing First) • Liaise and refer to appropriate resources • Basic or urgent needs services 	<p>In 2015-2016, the community hopes to achieve the following results:</p> <p>10 People will start part-time or full-time employment</p> <p>5 People will start or complete a job training program</p> <p>21 People will remain housed at three months after receiving a housing loss prevention intervention</p> <p>These services require communities to set no HPS targets at this time.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 0%</div> <p>To preserve or increase the capacity of facilities (Capital investments)</p>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin-bottom: 10px;">DC: 0%</div> <p>To ensure coordination of resources and leveraging</p>		

Priorities 2015-2016	Activities selected for funding with the HPS allocation.	Demonstrating Success (Targets for HPS Indicators)
<div data-bbox="261 394 451 457" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">DC: 0%</div> <p data-bbox="188 485 617 548">To improve data collection and use</p>		

Information About Your Housing First Priority

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?

The Housing First Readiness Community Assessment will help identify the ways in which we can engage with provincial programs to facilitate access to services for Housing First clients. Prince George CPAH has identified the need for an assessment of available resources and capacity to initialize Housing First activities. There was a 6 month project to do the Community Assessment. This short term, intensive project will use existing established relationships and community knowledge to determine both the current capacity of the community, with regard to Housing First, and to identify and address solutions, both traditional and non-traditional that will provide the CPAH with the necessary information and data to make the most efficient and effective decisions to develop and promote immediate and long term solutions to reducing homelessness within the Housing First context.

Community Advisory Board

Reference Number: 0-11621747

Prince George Community Partners Addressing Homelessness

Note: Information removed to maintain the privacy of the individuals on the CAB. To validate, or update this information, please contact your Service Canada representative.