

VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROGRAM QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the Victims of Family Violence New Construction and Renovation Program?

The Victims of Family Violence New Construction and Renovation Program (\$4.1 million in 2016/2017 and \$2.05 million in 2017/2018) will support the construction and renovation of not-for-profit off-reserve women's shelters and transition houses (Second Stage Shelters) in Alberta for victims of family violence over two years.

Funding is intended to address priority capacity issues and the need for additional shelter and transition housing (second stage shelter) spaces to ensure that families fleeing violence have a safe, secure and healthy environment. Cosmetic renovations are not eligible for funding under this program.

Is there an application form or template?

There is no application form or templates. Proponents should ensure the key elements noted in the Expression of Interest guideline are included in submissions and any other information you would like to be considered.

When is the deadline to submit proposals?

Organizations must submit a complete Expression of Interest Proposal by **2:00pm MST on Tuesday, February 14, 2017** to the contacts identified in the Expression of Interest. Late or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

Can I submit two different projects for each of the two years of funding?

Yes, you can. The deadline for all submissions is February 14, 2017.

Do proposed projects need to have specific timelines?

Approved projects must:

- Commence within three months of project commitment announcements by the Government of Alberta; and
- Be completed within two years.

Is there a requirement that proposals should demonstrate a community based partnership?

No, this is not a requirement. However, in the case of construction of a new facility, the proposal should include a business case demonstrating need and evidence of community engagement and consultation.

Can the funding be used to cover costs associated with planning a project?

No, the funding cannot be used for planning. The intent of this program is to cover the costs of the actual expenditure for construction or renovation project, which must commence within the three month period of the project commitment announcements being made. As such, the funding is not for projects that are still in the planning phase.

As treaty organizations are sovereign governments and not considered not for profit, does this prevent them from applying?

Applicants must be not-for-profit organizations in order to be eligible to apply for funding dollars under this program. However, nothing prohibits for-profit entities from creating a not-for-profit organization. We further note that projects have to be for services that will be offered off-reserve to individuals and families fleeing violence.

Who is reviewing the proposals?

Proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by Alberta Human Services using the eligibility and assessment criteria.

How will funding be distributed?

Funding will be distributed in the form of a grant agreement which will define the conditions of the funding, scope of the project, expected outcomes and reporting requirements.