

Reaching Home:
City of Abbotsford Community Plan
2024–2028

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Introduction

In completing this template, communities are encouraged to develop comprehensive Community Plans that reflect the contributions of all funding partners, including other orders of governments, not-for-profit organizations, and the for-profit sector. The Community Plan does not preclude adjustments in priorities throughout the funding cycle; communities are still expected and encouraged to regularly review priorities for investment with their Community Advisory Board(s), including sub-project approval.

To support communities in completing their Community Plan, a Reference Guide has been developed. It is strongly recommended that this be reviewed prior to completing this template to ensure understanding of the requirements.

Please note that in communities that receive funding from both the Designated Communities (DC) and Indigenous Homelessness (IH) streams, ongoing and meaningful cross-stream collaboration is expected to support the achievement of community-level outcomes reflecting the needs of the whole community.

The Community Plan for Reaching Home must be approved by the DC or TH Community Advisory Board (CAB) before it is submitted to Infrastructure Canada.

Additionally, if your community has an Indigenous Homelessness (IH) Community Advisory Board (I-CAB), they must affirm that they have been engaged on the Community Plan before it is submitted. If your community is developing a joint plan with the IH stream Community Entity, both CABs must approve the community plan prior to submission.

In addition to the core elements required in this template, communities are welcome to share any other information and/or documents that they feel might provide further insight into their local context as it relates to housing and/or homelessness context.

1. Community Engagement

As part of the community planning exercise, you must engage with community partners with the goal of understanding the needs of the local homelessness sector and identify local homelessness priorities using a coordinated, systems-based and data-driven approach.

Please describe the steps taken to engage your community partners in developing this Community Plan to ensure a community-based approach. Your response must include:

- *Which partners were engaged;*
- *When and how engagement occurred; and*
- *What aspects of the Community Plan were discussed, as well as what aspects of the Plan (i.e., decisions, outcomes, next steps) were influenced by these discussions.*

Note: *Meaningful collaboration with Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners and service providers, as well as the IH CE and I-CAB where applicable, is expected in the development of this Community Plan and must be explicitly referenced in this section. The Indigenous Partners in Your Community worksheet created for the Community Homelessness Report (CHR) may be helpful to complete this section. Please see [CHR: Reporting Tools e-course on the Homelessness Learning Hub](#).*

Due to the current Alignment Project, it is not possible for Community Entities to undertake community-level engagement on their own at this time. BC communities are encouraged to include any community engagement which may have occurred to date, including with their respective CABs, if applicable.

The City of Abbotsford CAS Lead has been engaging with local community partners at various in-person meetings and tables. Included are:

- **CAS Development Meeting:** A merging of the CAS Working Group and the SUMMA Table. Representatives at this table include both Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners. Local community partners at this table include Fraser Valley Metis Association, PCRS, Sumas First Nation, Raven's Moon, CEDAR Outreach, Sparrow Community Care Society, BC Housing, and Lookout). The separate tables have been meeting since March 2023, with the merged table having been meeting since spring 2024. All aspects of CAS are discussed with the group and they have shaped every aspect so far. Some examples of work include prioritization matrix, and input and feedback on privacy impact assessments and consent forms.
- **HIFIS Working Group:** This group has been meeting bi-weekly since October 2023. This group had worked on and discussed elements related to HIFIS, including onboarding process, modules to be used, how to use case management modules, what information should be shared or not shared, how to enter Indigenous participants into HIFIS, using, testing, and experimenting with the HIFIS Sandbox, establishing local HIFIS protocols, and providing feedback to BC Housing.

- Integrated Outreach Meeting: Chair a bi-weekly meeting focused on bringing front-line outreach workers together with a focus on support, collaboration, and coordination for outreach delivery in Abbotsford.
- Ad-Hoc Community Meetings: Some examples include the PiT Count planning meetings (planning, coordination, and execution of the PiT Count), and Extreme Weather Response meeting.

2. Investment Plan

2.1 In the table below, please identify your community's allocation of Reaching Home funding in the DC or TH and Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) streams from 2024-25 to 2027-28¹.

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Reaching Home Annual Allocation	\$1,804,946	\$1,804,946	\$1,876,291	\$1,876,291	\$7,362,474

2.2 In the table below, please outline your planned division of DC/TH and CCI Reaching Home funding from 2024-25 to 2027-28 by activity area. Please note that it is acceptable that your community's funding priorities change over time. This investment plan is to demonstrate that your community has a vision of moving forward for the allocation of Reaching Home funding.

Activities area	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Housing Services	15%	15%	15%	15%
Prevention and Shelter Diversion	33%	33%	33%	33%
Client Support Services	7%	7%	7%	7%
Capital Investments	10%	10%	10%	10%
Coordination of Resources and Data Quality Improvement (CRDQI)	20%	20%	20%	20%
Administration	15%	15%	15%	15%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%

¹ Communities on two-year agreement extensions should report on investment plans for 2024-25 and 2025-26 at this time.

2.3 In the text box below, please describe how Community Capacity and Innovation (CCI) funding will be used to support coordinated and data-driven service delivery (e.g., supporting Coordinated Access, the Outcomes-Based Approach and use of HIFIS or existing, equivalent Homeless Management Information System).

CCI funding is utilized for staff wages to develop and implement Coordinated Access.

3. Cost-Matching Requirement

3.1 In the table below, please outline all funding for homelessness initiatives expected to be received from other funders from 2024-25 to 2027-28². This includes both financial and in-kind contributions.

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
Reaching Home Annual Allocation	\$1,804,946	\$1,804,946	\$1,876,291	\$1,876,291	\$7,362,474

Projected Funding From Other Funders towards Homelessness Initiatives					
Program Name and Funder	2024-25 (\$)	2025-26 (\$)	2026-27 (\$)	2027-28 (\$)	Total (\$)
City of Abbotsford	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$1,600,000
BC Housing	\$37,592,000	\$62,670,000	\$39,059,000	\$22,947,000	\$162,268,000
City of Abbotsford/ MRDT OAP	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$560,000
TOTAL	\$38,132,000	\$63,210,000	\$39,599,000	\$23,487,000	\$164,428,000

² Communities on two-year agreement extensions should report on cost-matching for 2024-25 and 2025-26 at this time.

3.2 If your anticipated community contributions are not projected to match funding from Reaching Home for each year, please explain the circumstances below and include a description of the steps you will take to meet the requirement.

n/a

4. Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)

4.1 Using your 2023-24 CHR as a guide³, please check the box if you have met the following minimum requirements as of March 31, 2024⁴. Any status updates since March 31, 2024, must also be reflected:

Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?	Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?
HIFIS MR 1	N/A	HIFIS MR 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIFIS MR 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	HIFIS MR 4	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.2 For each minimum requirement that has not yet been met (as identified in 4.1), complete a table below to describe how you will meet it by March 31, 2026. Please note that confirmation that communities are on track to do this will be required by October 31, 2025.

Minimum Requirement not yet met: HIFIS MR 1 N/A	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion
N/A	N/A

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

³ For more information on how the minimum requirements align with your Community Homelessness Report, please consult the Community Plan Guide.

⁴ Communities with two-year agreement extensions are not required to complete section 4 at this time.

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

5. Coordinated Access

5.1 Using your 2023-24 CHR as a guide⁵, please check the box if you have met the following minimum requirements as of March 31, 2024⁶. Any status updates since March 31, 2024, must also be reflected:

Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?	Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?
CA MR 1	N/A	CA MR 10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 2	N/A	CA MR 11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 6	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
CA MR 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA MR 18	<input type="checkbox"/>

5.2 For each minimum requirement that has not yet been met (as identified in 5.1), complete a table below to describe how you will meet it by March 31, 2026. Note that confirmation that communities are on track to do this will be required by October 31, 2025.

Minimum requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]
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⁵ For more information on how the minimum requirements align with your CHR, please consult the Community Plan Guide.

⁶ Communities with two-year agreement extensions are not required to complete section 5 at this time.

What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

5.3 Describe how ongoing, meaningful collaboration on Coordinated Access between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners has or will take place as your community works to implement, maintain and improve a Coordinated Access system.

[add response here]

6. Outcomes-Based Approach

6.1 Using your 2023-24 Community Homelessness Report as a guide⁷, please check the box if you have met the following minimum requirements as of March 31, 2024⁸. Any status updates since March 31, 2024, must also be reflected:

Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?	Minimum Requirement	Has the MR been met?
OBA MR 1	N/A	OBA MR 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 2	N/A	OBA MR 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	OBA MR 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	OBA MR 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
OBA MR 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6.2 For each minimum requirement that has not yet been met (as identified in 6.1), including those modified and new as of 2024-25, complete a table below to describe how you will meet it by March 31, 2026. Please note that confirmation that communities are on track to do this will be required by October 31, 2025.

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

Minimum Requirement not yet met: [CE to add here]	
What are the next steps the community will take to meet this requirement?	Target date for completion

⁷ For more information on how the minimum requirements align with your Community Homelessness Report, please consult the Community Plan Guide.

⁸ Communities with two-year agreement extensions are not required to complete section 6 at this time.

6.3 Please describe how ongoing and meaningful collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners has or will take place as your community works to meet the OBA minimum requirements. In communities where the Designated Communities and Indigenous Homelessness streams co-exist, collaboration with the IH-CE and I-CAB (where applicable) is expected.

[add response here]

7. Official Language Minority Communities

The Government of Canada has a responsibility under the [Official Languages Act](#) to ensure that programs and services meet the needs of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs). Please describe the steps that you will take to ensure that the services funded under [Reaching Home](#) take the needs of the OLMCs into consideration, where applicable.

For Abbotsford, as a CE, documentation is provided in English based on community demographic information.

The 2021 Census shows only 40 people out of 151,605 (0.026%) within Abbotsford speak French only; if it is determined in the future that there is a need to provide documentation in French, consideration will be made for the need.

Characteristic	Abbotsford, City (CY) ⓘ British Columbia [Census subdivision]					
	Counts			Rates		
	Total	Men +	Women +	Total	Men +	Women +
Knowledge of official languages						
Total - Knowledge of official languages for the total population excluding institutional residents - 100% data <small>36</small>	151,605	74,910	76,695	100.0	100.0	100.0
English only	135,670	67,855	67,815	89.5	90.6	88.4
French only	40	15	20	0.0	0.0	0.0
English and French	6,230	2,715	3,520	4.1	3.6	4.6
Neither English nor French	9,665	4,325	5,335	6.4	5.8	7.0

8. Community Advisory Board—Designated Communities/Territorial Homelessness


Note: You may list more than one name/organization for each sector, and you may list a name/organization in more than one sector, as applicable.

(Lines below can be removed where not applicable)

Sector	CAB Members
Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (Ex-Officio Member)	Kiran Munne
Community Entity (Ex-Officio Member)	Mike Sikora, Graham McMahon, Angie Koslowsky, Dylan Murphy
Provincial/Territorial government	Maya Jassal; Larry Jhaj
Local/Municipal government	Katherine Treloar
Individuals with lived experience of homelessness	Darcy Halber
Indigenous Peoples, nations and organizations, Friendship Centres	Chris Silver; Pixie Wells
Youth and/or child-serving organizations, including Child Welfare agencies	Matt Loewen; Eric Van Egmond
Organizations serving survivors of domestic violence and their families	Emmy Skates
Seniors and senior-serving organizations	Jesse Wegenast
The private sector	Chris Gauthier
Health organizations, including hospitals and other public health institutions, and organizations focused on mental health and addictions	Matthew Brown
Organizations serving individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing homelessness	Leonard Levy
Other	

CAB Chairs or Co-Chairs (if applicable):

I affirm that the above members of the CAB have reviewed the attached Community Plan, and that a majority of CAB members approve of its content.

APPROVED 
By msikora at 9:59 am, Feb 12, 2025

Name _____ Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date (YYYY-MM-DD)