**Reaching Home Rural and Remote Indigenous Application:**

In recognition of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action and in order to reduce barriers for Indigenous communities in accessing funding, Indigenous communities and Indigenous led organizations are welcome to apply for Reaching funding through an alternative application process. We are inviting Indigenous communities and organizations to submit a letter of intent to be considered for Reaching Home funding. Follow-up interviews/phone calls will then be arranged with selected applicants to further discuss their project. Depending on the volume of applications we receive, we may not be able to arrange interviews/phone calls with all applicants. However, all applicants will be notified of the status of their application once the review process is complete.

All other communities and organizations are asked to apply for funding through the general Reaching Home written application. If you are a non-Indigenous organization facing barriers and would like to inquire about applying for funding through submitting a letter of intent, please contact Sydney Stenekes at programs@ruraldevelopment.ca or 780-964-2736 ext. 2. We will consider these requests on a case by case basis. Please note however priority regarding the letter of intent will be given to Indigenous communities and organizations.

**Letter of Intent**

Please include the following information in your letter of intent:

* + General Information: Organization name and type (e.g., non for profit)
	+ Contact Information: Mailing address, primary contact, title/position, phone number and email address
	+ Overview of project activities and timeline (start and end dates). The earliest start date would be September 2022 and the latest end date would be March 31, 2024. Applicants may apply for funding for 2022-2023 and/or 2023-2024.
	+ Location(s) of services.
	+ Describe the need for the project in the community. Please outline how this project directly connects to supporting people experiencing homelessness or people at imminent risk of homelessness.
	+ Clear project outcomes.
	+ Reference to collaboration/partnerships with other services providers
	+ Demographics - who the project is serving. These may include but are not limited to Indigenous, male, female, LGBTQ2+, children, youth, adults, senior, persons with disabilities and mental health challenges/addictions.
	+ Detailed budget. We welcome you to use our budget templates (see excel spreadsheets) or invite you to submit your own spreadsheet.
	+ Please ensure your letter is signed by the appropriate signing authority.
	+ Capital projects that are selected for interviews/phone calls will be asked to complete a sustainability plan at a later date in order to be considered for funding. Please refer to the sustainability checklist in Appendix A of the Reaching Home Application Guide to review the requirements in advance.

**DEADLINE:** The Reaching Home application and all relevant documents (letter of intent, proposed budget) must be submitted not later than **August 5th, 2022 at 11:59pm MDT**. Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered. Earlier submissions from applicants however are strongly encouraged in order to ensure applications are reviewed and decisions are made in a timely manner. Please submit completed applications to rhapplications@ruraldevelopment.ca

For any questions regarding the application or eligibility please contact the Reaching Home team at programs@ruraldevelopment.ca or 780-964-2736 ext. 2. We strongly encourage applicants to register for and attend one of our Q&A sessions and review our working FAQ document.

We do not expect to open another Call for Proposals unless additional funding becomes available. Typically, we receive 60 applications during one CFP.