

Reaching Home

YUKON CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2026-2028

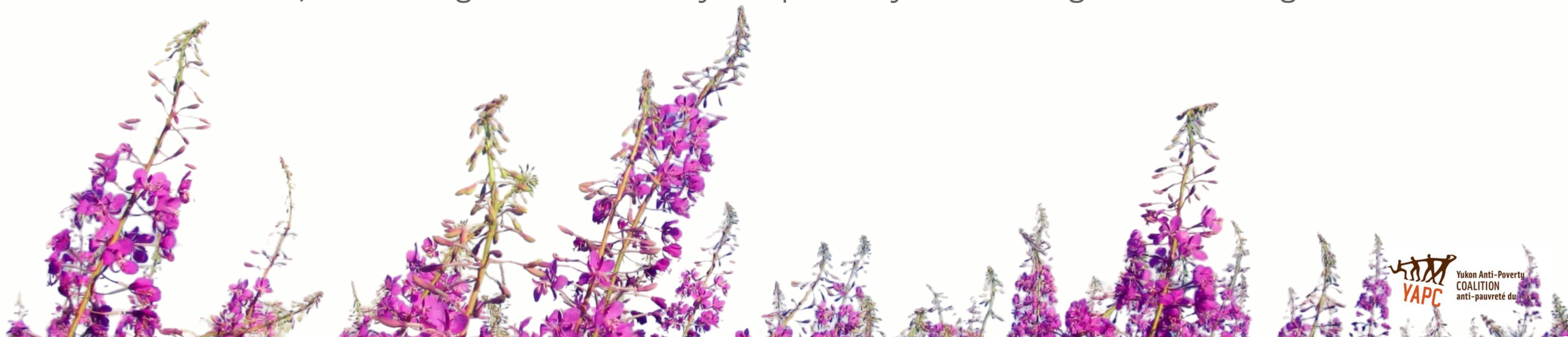
Info Session



Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. Reaching Home's work takes place across many Yukon communities, each with their own Nations, histories and strengths.

As we focus on housing, stability and ending homelessness, we recognize that this work is inseparable from the impacts of colonial displacement and the resilience of Indigenous peoples. We are committed to approaches that honour Indigenous sovereignty, support self-determination, and strengthen community-led pathways to housing and wellbeing.





Housekeeping & Agenda

- Session is being recorded and may be posted online for future reference
- Copy of the slide deck will be provided to attendees after the session
- Feel free to ask questions throughout the presentation
- Extra time has been allotted at the end for individual questions and appointment bookings

Agenda:

1. Reaching Home & Governance
2. Funding Details & Timeline
3. CFP Development
4. Eligible Expenses
5. Requirements
6. Strong Proposal Tips
7. Evaluation
8. How to Apply
9. Support
10. Questions





Reaching Home

Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy is a federal program aimed at reducing and preventing homelessness nationwide. The Yukon Anti-Poverty Coalition (YAPC) is the Community Entity (CE) for Reaching Home - Territorial Stream funding in the Yukon.

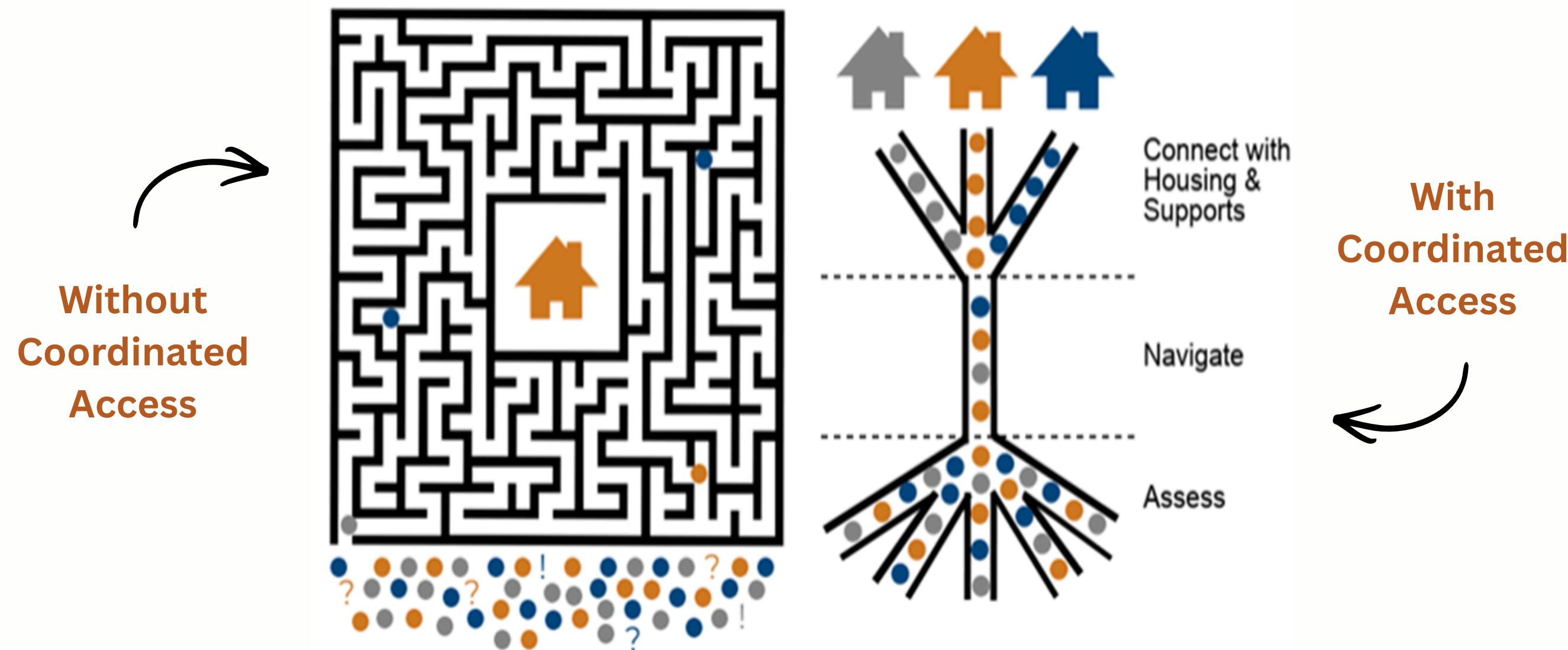
The Territorial Stream provides funding to meet the unique needs of northern communities and achieve the following outcomes:

- Reduced chronic homelessness
- Reduced inflows into homelessness
- Reduced returns to homelessness
- Reduced Indigenous homelessness
- Reduced overall homelessness



Coordinated Access

Coordinated Access is an approach that helps communities organize their response to homelessness, bringing consistency and equity to the process by which people experiencing or at risk of homelessness access services and housing. This approach is led by Safe at Home and supported by the Coordinated Housing Access Table (CHAT).





Coordinated Access

Access

People experiencing or at risk of homelessness go to a service provider.

Triage

Service provider does safety planning and helps prevent eviction if applicable.

Assessment

If triage support can't resolve housing challenge and client is homeless, worker gathers more info about strengths, needs, barriers, and preferences.

Prioritization

As housing and support resources become available, clients are prioritized based on community-level priorities.

Matching & Referral

Clients are matched to service providers based on their needs, relationships, and preferences. Service providers support ongoing housing retention.



HIFIS

Homelessness Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) is a free and secure data base developed by the Government of Canada that is used to collect and share information to help provide services to people who are experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

The system allows service providers to collaborate to provide wrap-around services to shared clients and increases community capacity to make evidence-based decisions.

Using HIFIS to manage client information is a requirement for service providers receiving Reaching Home funding.



By-Name List

By-Name List (BNL) is a single, shared list of people experiencing homelessness. The BNL helps us understand the scope of homelessness.

When a housing or support resource becomes available, the BNL is sorted to create a priority list of those eligible for the unit or support and sorted again by those who meet the priority criteria.

The top eligible names are provided to the housing or support provider who make the final decision.

The BNL is stored on the Homelessness Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS).



By-Name List Data

By-Name List (BNL): A real-time list of people experiencing homelessness in Whitehorse, used for Coordinated Access, housing prioritization, and understanding homelessness in Yukon. Proponents are encouraged to use BNL data to shape their proposals.

As of November 2025

139

Households

104

Chronic (75%)

Indigenous Households

97 of 139 households (70%)

72 experiencing chronic homelessness

Sleeping: 26 shelter • 10 unsheltered • 52 couch surfing

Household Types

73%
Single

24%
Family

3%
Youth

Sleeping Location

42
Shelter

17
Unsheltered

61
Couch Surfing

24 households returned to homelessness in the past year



Governance



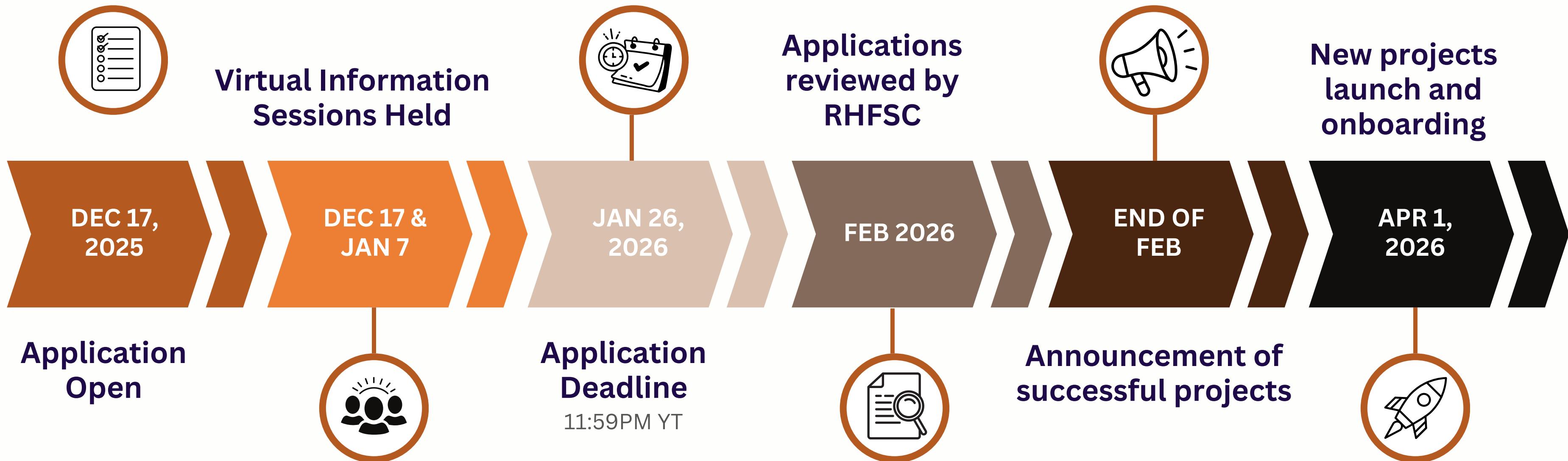


Funding Details

- **Total Available Funding:** \$2 million per fiscal year
- **Contract Length:** 1 or 2 years
- **Earliest Project Start Date:** April 1, 2026
- **Latest Completion Date:** March 31, 2028
- **Who Can Apply:** First Nations governments and Indigenous organizations, municipalities, territorial government departments and agencies, NGOs, and for-profit organizations (non-commercial)
- **Funding Priority Areas:** Housing Access, Housing Support, Housing Loss Prevention
- **Eligible Activities:** Staffing positions, direct participant support, training & development, HIFIS & Coordinated Access participation, and administrative costs
- **Priority:** Indigenous and Indigenous-partnered projects
- **Higher Consideration:** strong collaboration with community partners, addressing identified service gaps, readiness for effective service delivery, integration with existing housing and support programs



CFP Timeline





CFP Development

Informed by:

1. Community Advisory Board & current funded projects
2. Needs identified through BNL data & Reaching Home community level outcomes
3. Community Action Plan recommendations

This CFP reflects:

- An outcomes-based approach
- A shift toward housing-focused service delivery
- A coordinated, system-wide response
- A strong emphasis on data quality and shared accountability
- Funding informed by need, capacity and alignment

Access

Support/Retention

Loss Prevention



Eligible Expenses

STAFF

Housing Access, Housing Support,
Housing Loss Prevention

PARTICIPANT SUPPORT

Expenses related to removing barriers to housing, supporting housing retention, preventing housing loss

TRAINING

Professional development
beyond mandatory requirements

HIFIS & COORDINATED ACCESS

Equipment, data systems,
secure workspace, staff to support data quality improvement

ADMINISTRATION

Up to 15% of total budget



Core Positions

HOUSING ACCESS WORKER

- Matching via BNL
- Participant engagement
- Document readiness
- Housing search
- Landlord relationships
- Move-in support
- Warm transfer

HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER

- Matching via BNL
- Relationship building
- Regular in-home visits
- Support planning
- Life skills development
- Social integration
- Safety & sustainability planning

HOUSING LOSS PREVENTION WORKER

**Imminent risk of homelessness*

- Landlord mediation
- Stability interventions
- Barrier mitigation
- Income support links
- Re-housing when needed
- Referrals

- Apply for one or multiple staff positions in one or more categories
- Roles may be proposed as separate or combined, where appropriate
- At least one core-housing position is required to access any other eligible funding



Other Positions

In addition to core positions, you may propose other supportive roles, such as:

Peer Support

Elders

Cultural Workers

Data Quality
Improvement

Parameters:

Must integrate with a core position

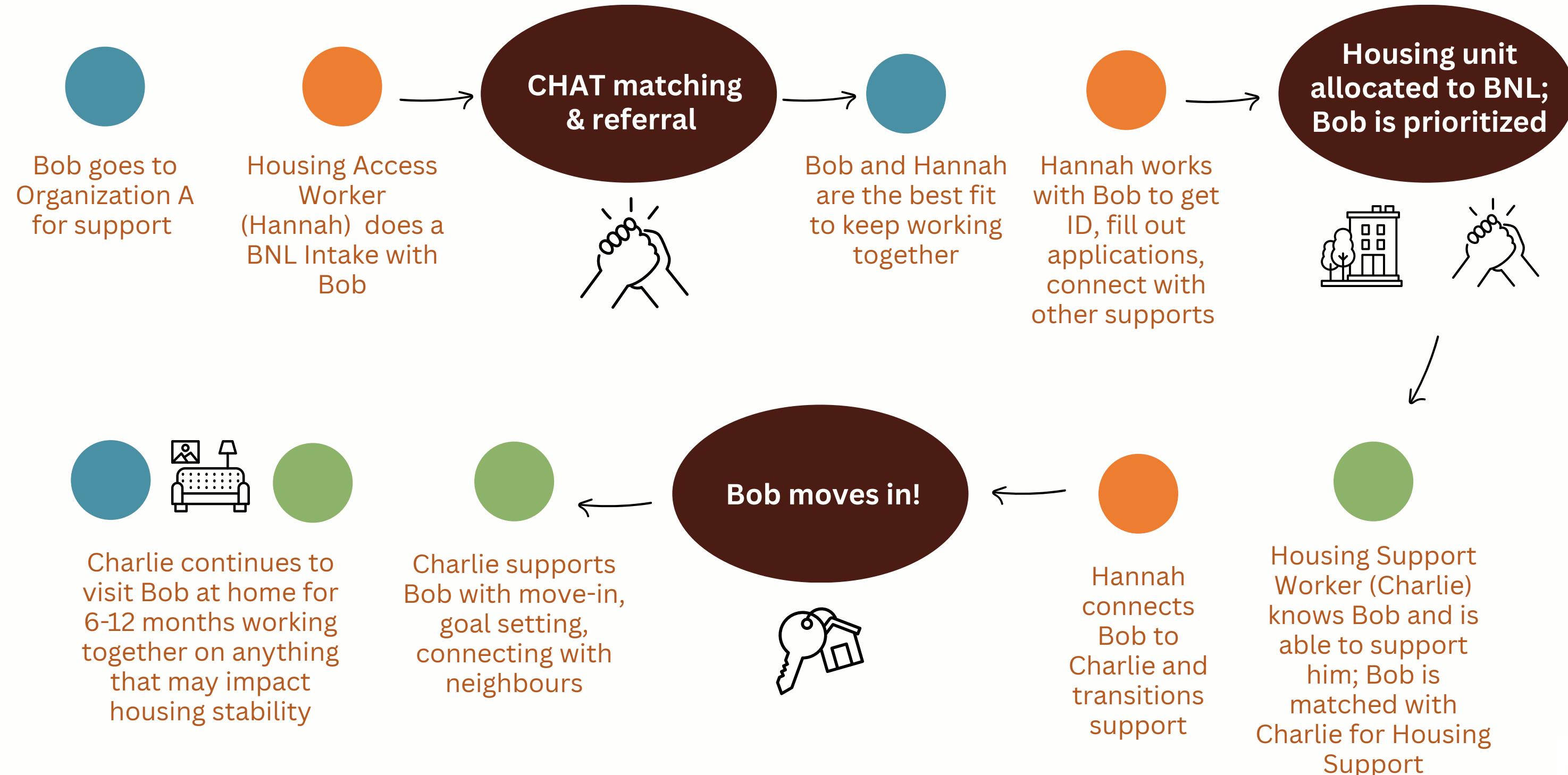
Must directly support core position activities

Must have clear coordination and supervision

Must contribute to project's outcomes



Support Pathways





Staffing Approach

Staffing Model & Team Composition

Housing Support and Loss Prevention staff typically support 10-15 participants.

Service Intensity & Expectations

Housing Access staff may carry larger support lists due to shorter intervention periods.

Documentation Requirements

Current Reaching Home-funded Roles:

- Roles and responsibilities have been revised from the 2024-2026 cycle
- Positions cannot be treated as an extension of current roles; must be re-aligned or re-designed to meet updated expectations, requirements and participation standards



Direct Participant Support

Each staff member funded through this CFP will have access to flexible funding to support the needs of participants on their active support list (caseload).





Direct Participant Support

Eligible Expenses:

Housing
Attainment

Short-Term
Rental Assistance

Housing
Set-Up

Housing Loss
Prevention

Shelter
Diversion

Basic
Needs

Social & Community
Integration

What is Different this CFP?

- More flexible funding than previous CFPs
- Estimate your needs per staff member in your application
- RHFSC may recommend standard amounts across projects

Housing Loss Prevention Emergency Fund: Organizations with a funded Housing Loss Prevention worker will receive a small emergency fund for people not currently connected to a worker.



Training & Development

Mandatory Training (No Cost)

Coordinated Access

Prioritization, matching, CHAT, warm transfers

HIFIS

BNL updates, care management, outcomes reporting

Housing-Focused Practice

Core competencies for delivering housing-focused care management

Specific training modules and schedules will be confirmed after proposals are assessed, allowing YAPC and SAH to tailor supports to priority needs across funded organizations.

Other Training & Development

CA & Data Training

Training that builds capacity for coordinated, data-driven response (beyond what's provided)
→ Budget under Section 4: Training

Other Professional Development

Training not directly linked to CA or data systems
→ Budget under Section 5: Admin (within 15%)



Requirements

To receive funding, proponents must meet or have a plan to meet the following requirements:

1. Readiness & Sustainability

Governance, financial systems, HR, privacy

3. HIFIS Participation

DSA signed, staff trained, accurate data entry

5. Meet Participants in Community

Vehicle access or transportation plan, in-home visits

7. Good Standing

With YAPC and governing bodies

9. Ability to Meet Outcomes (returning)

Successful outcomes in previous or current project

2. CHAT Participation (Whitehorse)

MOU, BNL intakes, filling active support list through CHAT

4. Training Commitment

Mandatory training by YAPC and SAH

6. Reporting Compliance

Quarterly activity & financial reports, monitoring

8. Financial Stability

May request financial statements



Reporting

Client Services & Outcomes Reporting (*Reported through HIFIS*)

Timely, accurate data entry is required to support Coordinated Access and community-level reporting

- Participants who receive support to access housing - 12 month follow up
- Participants who receive support to prevent housing loss - 3 month follow up support

Quarterly Reporting to YAPC

Reports should align with approved activities, outcomes and budget lines

- Quarterly activity reports
- Quarterly financial reports with general ledger documentation

Why Reporting Matters

- Supports accountability and continuous improvement
- Informs community planning and Reaching Home outcomes



Strong Proposal

Effective Applications Are:

- Aligned with CFP priorities
- Grounded in local data (BNL, community needs)
- Realistic and achievable
- Reflective of organizational strengths
- Rooted in cultural safety
- Supported by trained, supervised staff
- Integrated with Coordinated Access

Project Design Elements:

- Indigenous service approach
- Equity and inclusion strategies
- Integration of lived and living experience
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Coordinated service and warm transfers
- Continuity of service delivery
- Training and professional development

Your proposal should demonstrate how your organization and staff will contribute to reducing homelessness in the Yukon.



Evaluation Criteria



Organizational Ability & Capacity

- Do you have the infrastructure, staffing, and experience for quality service delivery?
- Can you meet active support expectations and documentation requirements?



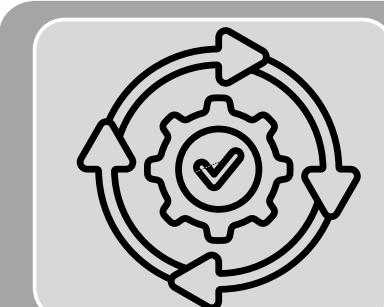
Approach & Service Model

- Does your model align with housing access, support, and loss prevention?
- Is your approach trauma-informed, culturally safe, and participant-centered?



Alignment with Purpose of CFP

- Does your project address community needs and reduce homelessness?
- How well does it align with Reaching Home priorities and Coordinated Access?



Continuity of Service Delivery

- Do you have clear, feasible strategies for minimizing service disruption?
- Does your plan include warm transfers and clear exit planning?



How to Apply

Applications have moved online!

[Reaching Home Funding Application](#)

[Reaching Home Budget Template](#)

Tips

- You can preview all questions before starting
- Save your progress and return later
- Section 5 of the Application allows you to download the *Budget Template* and upload it once completed
- You can edit your application after submission up until the deadline

Deadline: January 26, 2026 at 11:59 PM YT



Completing the Budget

- Section 1: Employment Costs – Staff wages + MERCs
- Section 2: Direct Participant Support – Flexible funding for clients
- Section 3: Coordination & Data – HIFIS equipment, secure workspace
- Section 4: Training – Beyond mandatory YAPC/SAH sessions
- Section 5: Administration – Max 15% of total budget
- Section 6: Totals – Auto-calculates (do not edit)
- Section 7: Other Funding – Cash and in-kind from other sources



Supporting Materials

Application Guide (full and condensed)

Budget Template

Key Information

Terms & Definitions

Sample BNL Data Summary

Completing the Budget Template

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Community Action Plan-Board Presentation

Reaching Home Directives

HIFIS Reporting Guide

All materials are
available on
[YAPC's website.](#)



YAPC Support

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For:

- Application & budget questions
- One-on-one meeting bookings
- Completeness check before deadline

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For:

- Coordinated Access questions
- Community Action Plan questions
- Help with project design

Website: www.yapc.ca/fund-administration/reaching-home



Questions & Discussion

- Clarifications about eligibility, staffing or budgets
- How this CFP may fit your organization or community
- Coordinated Access, HIFIS, and participation questions
- Anything we didn't cover or that needs more explanation

Thank you!

We look forward to working together.