

# **Call to Participate**

# Saskatchewan Homelessness Advisory Board (SHAB)

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN-S) is the Community Entity (CE) for the Reaching Home Non-Designated Indigenous Homelessness Funding Stream and the Reaching Home Non-Designated Rural and Remote Homelessness Funding Stream. The MN–S administers funding on behalf of the Government of Canada. Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy provides funding to communities and organizations for projects and programming that reduce and mitigate homelessness in Saskatchewan.

This Call to Participate will allow selected interested individuals to sit on the Saskatchewan Homelessness Advisory Board (SHAB). The Saskatchewan Homelessness Advisory Board has representation from Métis, First Nations, and Rural Saskatchewan. We are looking for people who have experience with homelessness programs or an interest in homelessness issues and those individuals with lived experience in homelessness as well as youth with interest or lived experience.

The Advisory Board engages stakeholders at the community level to implement homelessness projects and programs in Remote and Rural Saskatchewan. The Board receives, reviews, and recommends community proposals for funding under Infrastructure Canada's Homelessness Reaching Home funding program. The mandate of the Board is to:

- a. Develop terms of reference and other related policies and procedures
- b. Ensure Reaching Home funding priorities based on identified community needs
- c. Works in collaboration with the MN-S
- d. Review and assess project proposals
- e. Recommend applications for funding according to the criteria and directives mandated by the Reaching Home Contribution Agreement and in concert with Reaching Home funding requirements
- f. Where appropriate, identify funding partners (other than the Federal Government and MN–S)
- g. Review reports on the effect of funded programs





h. SHAB Members must disclose actual or perceived conflict of interest and recuse themselves in situations in such cases

# MN-S is looking for interested individuals in the following demographics:

- a. Métis decent (two applicants)
- b. First Nation Status or non-Status decent (one applicant)
- c. Youth aged 18-30 years old (one applicant)

## Individuals with the following criteria can apply:

- a. Individuals with lived experience of homelessness
- b. Members of the 2SLGBTQ+
- c. BIPOC
- d. People with disabilities
- e. Organizations, Friendship Centres, Indigenous housing organizations, Indigenous Service Providers, and Indigenous governments representative of their communities
- f. Youth and youth-serving organizations, including Child Welfare agencies
- g. Organizations serving women and families fleeing violence
- h. Community Organizations
- i. Organizations serving Seniors
- j. Health organizations, including hospitals and other public institutions that serve Indigenous people, and Indigenous organizations focused on mental health and addictions
- Veteran Affairs Canada or Indigenous Veterans-serving organizations

### **Terms of Service**

Board members are asked to commit to participating on the Advisory Board for a term of two or three years. Upon selection, Advisory Board members are asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

# **Board Meetings**

Currently, the Board meets approximately five times a year. In addition, some preparatory work is required to review meeting materials.

#### Remuneration





Board members serve in a voluntary capacity without remuneration. However, expenses for travel, sustenance and accommodation on Advisory Board business are reimbursed in accordance with board policies.

The following person(s) shall be disqualified from acting in the capacity as an Advisory Board member:

- a) Any person who is less than 18 years of age
- b) Any person who has been convicted of or is currently charged with an indictable offense or an offense involving fraud
- c) Any person who is found to be of unsound mind by a Court in Canada or elsewhere

If you feel you would be a great asset to the SHAB board please submit a cover letter, resume, and three (3) references before May 15, 2024 at 4:00pm to reachinghome@mns.work.

