

City of Saskatoon – Supportive and Transitional Housing Repair and Renovation Grant Pilot

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Applying the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative (UHEI) funding, the City of Saskatoon (City) is offering a Supportive and Transitional Housing Repair and Renovation Grant Pilot.

The Pilot will provide grants of up to $15,000 per unit, with funding available for new, existing, or units being converted to supportive and transitional housing developments by supporting capital repairs, renovations and facility improvements.

Disclaimer: Projects funded under the Supportive and Transitional Housing Repair and Renovation Grant Pilot will be dependent on the availability of UHEI funding.

DEFINITIONS

- **Transitional Housing** – provides time-limited accommodation and support services to help individuals or families, experiencing or at imminent risk of experiencing unsheltered homelessness move towards housing stability.
- **Supportive Housing** – housing with integrated supports and services to help individuals or families experiencing or at imminent risk of experiencing unsheltered homelessness live independently.

ELIGIBILITY

- Required to meet the UHEI funding term timelines of improvements completed between April 1, 2026 (eligible to be backdated if the work was not fully funded through another grant or loan program) to March 31, 2027. Project milestones include:
    - **December 31, 2026** – Project scoping complete
    - **January 15, 2027** – Three quotes received (if required)
    - **January 31, 2027** – Building and Development permit submission (if required) – no permit submissions past this date will be eligible
    - **March 31, 2027** – Eligible final invoices for work completed submitted to the City for payment

- Eligible improvements include capital repairs, renovations, energy efficiency, resiliency, health and safety and facility upgrades.
- Minimum of five housing units, which can be located across more than one project site.
- Demonstrated experience delivering transitional and supportive housing.
- For any new supportive or transitional units being converted or built:
    - The applicant must own the building/site or have an accepted agreement to purchase the property.
    - Any municipal processes (aside from Building and Development Permits) must already be complete (e.g., zoning, discretionary use, subdivision).
- Affordability must be maintained for a minimum of 10 years. All successful applicants will be required to enter into a legal agreement with the City, provide income screening and report on rental rates on an on-going basis for the length of the agreement term.
- All units must be affordable to low-income households with incomes at or below the Saskatchewan Household Income Maximums while spending no more than 30 percent of their income on housing or set at the maximum funding available under the shelter benefit.
- Successful applicants must actively participate in Saskatoon's Coordinated Access system and related referral and reporting processes.
- Properties must be in good standing with the City of Saskatoon, and taxes must be current.

Q. How do I apply?

A. Applications can be submitted online here. The online system allows applicants to save their progress and continue their application until it is ready to be submitted. Further questions can be directed to housinginfo@saskatoon.ca.

Q. What scope of renovations, repairs or facility improvements are eligible?

A. Items that are eligible include (but not limited to):

- Shell/exterior items – roofs, windows, exterior doors, etc.
- Services – plumbing, HVAC, electrical, fire protection, security systems, CO detectors, elevators, sanitation, etc.
- Health and safety remediation – mold, asbestos, etc.
- Energy efficiency – lighting, HVAC, insulation, windows and doors, hot water systems
- Water efficiency – low flow fixtures
- Resiliency – flood mitigation, stormwater management, air quality and cooling measures

Q. What projects are not eligible?

A. Projects that are not eligible include:

- Repairs and renovations of units due to damage
- Cosmetic upgrades
- Projects that have completed the work prior to April 1, 2026
- Projects that do not anticipate completing work or having eligible final invoices by March 31, 2027
- Projects that do not meet all eligibility requirements listed above

Q. What is the application deadline?

A. December 7, 2026, at 5:00pm (CST).

Q. What supporting documents are requested within the application?

A. Requested supporting documents include:

- ❑ Estimated Project Budget
- ❑ Project Pro Forma (New Builds Only)
- ❑ ISC Registration/Proof of Incorporation in the Province of Saskatchewan
- ❑ Estimated Project Timeline
- ❑ Copy of the Legal Land Title/Proof of Ownership/Signed Purchase Agreement
- ❑ Property Owner Consent and Contact Information (if applying on behalf of owner)
- ❑ Letters of Support/Partnerships (if applicable)

Note: the maximum file size accepted for each upload is 1 GB. Please contact housinginfo@saskatoon.ca if you need to submit larger files. Please ensure file names are named or labelled accurately.

Q. What is the approval process and timeline?

A. Following the application deadline, submitted proposals will be reviewed for their completeness and eligibility. Additional information may be requested as required. Internal review and evaluation will take place in December. Applicants will be informed of the status of their applications by mid-December 2026.

Q. When will projects receive funding?

A. Payments may be issued based on eligible expenses for completed work paid out on a milestone basis via progress payments. The milestones or progress payment schedule would be negotiated and confirmed prior to the funding agreement.

Q. What can the funding be used for?

A. The funding can be used towards eligible capital costs for improvements that include capital repairs, renovations, energy efficiency, resiliency, health and safety and facility upgrades. Ongoing operating costs are not eligible for funding.

Community Energy Planner & Community Energy Loan Program

Applicants are encouraged to participate in the Commercial Energy Planner (CEP) and explore additional financing through the Community Energy Loan Program (CEL Program) if eligible.

These programs can complement the Supportive and Transitional Housing Repair and Renovation Grant Pilot by supporting eligible improvements beyond what the grant can fund, including health and safety improvements, upgrades that reduce energy and water use and operating costs.

Applicants may secure grant funding first and then apply to the CEL Program to support remaining project costs or additional improvements.

CEP and CEL Program have separate eligibility and program requirements and are not subject to the UHEI milestones/timelines.

- Commercial Energy Loan Program Fact Sheet
- Apply for Commercial Energy Planner here.
- Apply for Commercial Energy Loan Program here.