



## Expression of Interest INUVIK EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Housing NWT is requesting information from interested parties to submit expression of interest to **assume shelter operations that are currently being operated by Housing NWT in Inuvik**. This RFI is intended to gather information that could assist the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) in the development of a future procurement process. In the event that sufficient information is received, the Department may, but is not obligated to, initiate a competitive bidding opportunity

Housing NWT provides Northwest Territories (NWT) shelter providers with funding to temporarily shelter adults, aged 19 years and older, and families in need. The NWT Shelter and Diversion Program assists people experiencing homelessness with access to safe, supportive, overnight temporary sheltering and provides case management supports to locate housing options.

Housing NWT assumed operations of both Emergency Shelters in October 2021, temporarily during COVID to provide consistency in services to those experiencing homelessness.

Interested parties are invited to respond to this RFI by submitting a response to the GNWT. Responses should include ideas, information and recommendations that could result in a clarification of the requirements, cost-saving opportunities, and the identification of potential problem areas with this initiative.

### Eligibility Requirements:

As an NWT Community/Organization, please submit a brief description (maximum 5 pages) of the following to express your interest in Operating the Homeless Shelter in Inuvik:

- Your organization's name and key contact information (phone number, fax number, mailing address, e-mail address)
- Description of your organization and mandate
- Description of your organization and experience with operating Emergency Homeless Shelters, working with homeless people with mental health, addiction and inter-generation trauma and how will you support and provide appropriate programming to those accessing the homeless shelter.
- Summarize your vision for both of the Inuvik Emergency Homeless Shelters. Please incorporate a description of the following elements:
  - What the program would look like, i.e., it's service delivery model (e.g., what services and supports will be delivered, social and cultural considerations)
  - Identify partners you would work with to operate the Homeless Shelter and provide referrals to Program that will help someone out of the homeless shelter. (e.g., community supports, territorial supports)
- Description of additional funding sources that will be accessed, to cover additional funding costs incurred for shelter operations.
- Description of the capacity to deliver programs and administer funding including reporting
- Description of existing infrastructure in the community available for this purpose (if any) . E.g.:
  - conversion of a non-residential building to housing unit
  - conversion/acquisition of existing housing unit
- The location/address of the proposed site, if known.
- The zoning of the site.
- The environmental status of the land (include a copy of a phase 1 environmental assessment, if completed)

Applications should be marked "**NWT Emergency Shelter Program - Inuvik Homeless Shelter - Expression of Interest**".

**Preferences:**

While all responses to the EOI will be considered, the GNWT is most interested in responses which:

- Have a clearly defined service delivery model that incorporates the use of existing partnerships and supports
- Have existing community staffing and programming capacity
- Have experience in delivering programs and services for homeless clients targeted towards housing, mental wellness, and addictions recovery
- feature energy efficiency measures
- offer accessibility features for persons with disabilities
- Must not rely, solely on GNWT funding for operating the shelter.
- Must have experience in looking for additional sources of funding for operation and maintenance of project.
- Must be able to operate a shelter that accommodates both sober and intoxicated clients without any requirements such as sobriety to access the shelters

The GNWT will review all expressions of interests and gauge the amount of interest in the project and the general viability of the endeavor. After a full review of all submissions received, the GNWT may issue a request for detailed proposals to all parties who have expressed interest.

The GNWT reserves the right to invite other parties who may not have originally expressed interest in submitting a response to participate in the process.

**Liability or Indemnity the EOI:**

The GNWT is not liable for any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation of a response to this EOI. The GNWT shall not be responsible for any liabilities, costs, expenses, loss, or damage occurred, sustained, or suffered by any respondent, prior to or subsequent to, or by reason of any delay in the acceptance of the response to the EOI.

The GNWT reserves the right to request respondents to clarify any information related to their Expression of Interest.

The information submitted in response to this EOI will be treated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**The response to this Expression of Interest must be submitted no later than 12:00 Noon on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022. Please send applications to:**

**Housing NWT**

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