



## 2017 CONTINGENCY BUDGET FOR THE OPIOID CRISIS CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The City of Vancouver is committed to supporting initiatives aimed at mitigating the effects of the overdose crisis across the City. To this end, the City is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for projects to be funded from its *2017 Contingency Budget for the Opioid Crisis*.

Deadline for receipt of EOIs is **5:00pm (PST) on Friday, June 9, 2017**.

### ***Background***

In 2016, 931 people died in British Columbia due to overdose. 216 of these people were in Vancouver—23% of the total and the highest rate per capita. Although the impacts of the crisis are severe, our community has led the country in terms of an emergency health response. In December, 2016, Council approved a one-time, 0.5% property tax increase, raising approximately \$3.5 million to address the impacts of the overdose crisis. Thus far, the City has invested \$2.9 million to address urgent priorities during the crisis (for more information, see 2017 Council Reports dated [January 13](#); [January 31](#); and [February 7](#)).

This document calls for expressions of interest (EOI) from organizations that have innovative program ideas to mitigate the effects of the crisis and require funds for implementation. Below you will find criteria and questions to guide the development of your EOI.

### ***Opportunities for Mitigating the Effects of the Overdose Crisis***

Since the fall of 2016, the City has convened several meetings with stakeholders and community members to identify key action areas. These consultations have highlighted **five priority needs** for investment:

1. Innovative anti-stigma programs
2. Building capacity with urban Aboriginal communities
3. Addressing social isolation for drug users, especially men
4. Expanding interventions beyond the Downtown Eastside
5. Strategies to address toxic drug supplies

We encourage proposals, wherever possible, to incorporate peer-informed and/or peer-led project designs.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER CITY STRATEGIES**

Projects should align with broader City strategies, including:

- [The Healthy City Strategy](#)
- [Caring for All: Priority Actions to Address Mental Health and Addictions](#)

- [City of Reconciliation](#)
- [DTES Community Economic Development Strategy](#)

## FORMAT FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOIs should be submitted electronically in **Word format** (11 point font, single spaced) to the address below and be **no more than three pages long** (no attachments). The following questions will help you shape your submission:

1. What is your project and who does it target?
2. Which of the five priority needs does this project address?
3. What skills, knowledge, and experience do you bring to the project?
4. Briefly, what are the key activities, outputs, and intended outcomes of the project?
5. Briefly, how do these actions reduce the *impact* of the overdose crisis?
6. Who will you partner with to achieve intended outcomes?
7. What in-kind resources or additional funding sources *do you bring* to the project?
8. What resources—financial and otherwise—*do you need* to support the project?
9. How does your project align with key City strategies?
10. How will you monitor project activities, outputs, and outcomes?
11. How will you evaluate the project?
12. How will you report on project outcomes?

## Eligibility Criteria

### ***Lead Organization***

- Must be at least one of the following:
  - Registered non-profit society
  - Community service co-op
  - Social enterprise wholly owned by a non-profit, and in good standing with the Registrar of Companies
  - Registered charity with the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA).
- Must have an independent, active governing body composed of volunteers. The by-laws must have provisions that no Board director can be remunerated for being a director; staff members cannot be voting members of the Board or Executive;
- Must not exclude anyone by reason of religion, ethnicity, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, language, disability or income; except in instances where it can be proven that exclusion of some group is required for effective targeting of another group to occur; and
- Must have the demonstrated functional capacity and sufficient resources to deliver the project.

### **Projects must:**

- Be new initiatives;
- Only require a one-time investment from the City;
- Target one or more of the five priority needs;

- Demonstrate collaboration with other service providers; and
- Report on funded deliverables by Dec 31, 2017.

#### **ASSESSMENT: Your EOI will be assessed on the following:**

- Timeline, clarity and focus
- Degree to which the project:
  - Mitigates impacts of the overdose crisis in Vancouver
  - Addresses priority needs
  - Aligns with City strategies
- Strengths of partnerships, including:
  - Collaboration and collective impact
  - Secured leveraged funding or in-kind resources
- Potential long-term benefits

The City is issuing this call for EOI for **the remaining \$600,000 from the 2017 Contingency Budget for the Opioid Crisis** to address evidence-based gaps in the overdose crisis response. The City is seeking a number of projects with demonstrated, maximum impact on preventing overdose incidents.

A review committee will select a shortlist of successful EOIs. Staff will then notify successful proponents and provide direction and feedback during the subsequent proposal development process. If your EOI is selected, the due date for full proposals will be June 30th, 2017.

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Please email your EOI to: [christopher.vanveen@vancouver.ca](mailto:christopher.vanveen@vancouver.ca) no later than Friday, June 9, 2017.

Please be sure to include the lead organization's full address, plus the name, position, and contact information for the person authorized by the organization to submit the EOI.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

If you have additional questions, please contact Christopher Van Veen at [christopher.vanveen@vancouver.ca](mailto:christopher.vanveen@vancouver.ca), 604-873-7465.