

Miziwe Biik Development Corporation



Call for Proposals 2025-26 Information Package

**Base Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (Base ISHP) Funding –
Operating**

**Mental Health & Addictions (MHA) Funding –
Operating**

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Please use this information package in conjunction with Indigenous Supportive Housing (ISHP) Program Guidelines April 2022

Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP)

The Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP) is designed to be administered by Indigenous organizations for Indigenous people in need of housing and support services. Two funding streams under ISHP – the Base ISHP and Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) Funding – will enable Indigenous Housing Providers and/or Indigenous Support Service Agencies to provide housing assistance and support services or supportive housing to those experiencing homelessness and those at risk of homelessness.

Base ISHP

The Base ISHP funding stream service categories consist of **Housing Assistance, Support Services and Administration**. Housing assistance will be in the form of rent supplements (rent supplements are paid directly to the landlord by housing/service provider and are not portable). Support services will be individualized, flexible and ongoing e.g counselling, life skills training and will be provided in combination with housing assistance. Administration is for costs not directly related to delivery of supports e.g. office expenses.

Please see page 10 in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Base ISHP Eligibility Criteria – Recipients

Individuals will receive support services and housing assistance, which may include those in social housing and other forms of government-assisted housing at the time of entering program. Supports and housing assistance may be adjusted over time as individual's needs change.

Recipients must fall under one of more of the Provincial priority homelessness areas:

- Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Chronic homelessness
- Youth homelessness
- Homelessness following transitions from provincially-funded institutions and service systems (e.g. hospitals and prisons).

Please see page 11 in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Base ISHP Eligible Expenses – Housing Assistance

Housing assistance will be in the form of rent supplements in combination with appropriate supports that will assist eligible recipients to obtain and retain stable housing. The housing assistance model should best meet the recipients needs and may include transitional and/or dedicated supportive housing.

Please see page 13 Operating Funding in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Base ISHP Eligible Expenses – Support Services

Health related supports that are not covered under MHA funding.

Life skills development and daily living supports such as budgeting; assistance with person care; daily living supports such as housekeeping, laundry, cooking, and shopping; assistance to access education, training employment or income support.

Culturally-relevant supports such as traditional supports and activities to increase cultural connections and sense of belonging in community, healing services e.g. healing circles, sweat lodges, and access to traditional medicines.

Other supports that are not covered under MHA funding and will assist individuals to obtain and retain housing and live as independently as possible in the community.

Please see page 14 Operating in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Base ISHP Minor Retrofits or Upgrades to Existing Supportive Housing Facilities

Total funding requests of up to \$50,000

Please see page 14 Operating in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Mental Health and Addictions (MHA) Funding

The MHA stream service categories consist of **Housing Assistance, Community Outreach and Support Services, Supportive Housing and Administration**. Housing assistance will be in the form of rent supplements ((rent supplements are paid directly to landlord by housing/service provider and are not portable), short-term/emergency assistance and non-financial housing assistance. Community Outreach and Support Services refer to ongoing supports and services e.g., counselling, mental health and/or addictions supports.

Please see page 11 – MHA Stream Service Categories and page 14, bullet 1 under Eligible expenses, in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

MHA Eligibility Criteria – Recipients

Individuals will receive support services and housing assistance to assist eligible recipients facing mental health and/or addictions issues to obtain and retain stable housing and access appropriate supports.

Recipients must fall under one of more of the Provincial priority homelessness areas:

- Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Chronic homelessness
- Youth homelessness
- Homelessness following transitions from provincially-funded institutions and service systems (e.g. hospitals and prisons).

Please see page 16 MHA Eligible Criteria – Recipients in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

MHA Eligible Expenses – Housing Assistance

Housing assistance may include **short-term/emergency financial assistance** such as rent arrears e.g., rent banks, utility arrears, emergency repairs to units, financial assistance to set up housing unit e.g. first/last month rent, moving costs, furniture and housewares.

Long-term housing assistance in the form of rent supplements e.g., lasting one year or more.

Non-financial assistance e.g., eviction supports, budgeting, hoarding assistance.

Please see page 16 Eligible Expenses in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

MHA Eligible Expenses – Community Outreach and Support Services

Mental Health and Addiction supports for individuals not in supportive housing e.g., support services addictions treatment services, withdrawal and counselling services, case management and navigation; harm reduction; substance use assessment; crisis prevention; hiring mental health and addiction workers; purchasing equipment to provide virtual mental health and addictions supports

Food security e.g., food banks, grocery vouchers, food assistance

Employment, education, training supports e.g., services to access income benefits, pre and post-employment services that bridge individuals and families to the labour market and assist to maintain employment, services to support essential skills development e.g. financial planning and budgeting, services to connect individuals and families to education and training programs.

Other health-related supports not included under MHA supports for individuals not in supportive housing e.g., assistance in accessing community nursing; community paramedicine, assistance with medication, health and wellness promotion activities and education.

Life skills development and daily living supports in the community e.g., life skills such as budgeting, assistance with personal care, daily living supports e.g. housekeeping, laundry, cooking and assistance to access education, training, employment or income support.

Culturally-relevant supports for Indigenous people e.g., supports and activities with the goal of increasing cultural connections and sense of community belonging, supports to access traditional or culturally sensitive healing services such as healing circles, sweat lodges, access to traditional medicines.

Please see pages 17 & 18 in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

MHA Eligible Expenses – Supportive Housing

Combines long-term housing assistance such as rent supplements with individualized, flexible and ongoing support services e.g., counselling, mental health and addictions supports, life skills, activities for daily living, behaviour supports to enable people to live as independently as possible in their community.

Housing assistance for people in supportive housing includes rent supplements provided as part of supportive housing.

Support services for people in supportive housing e.g., mental health and addictions supports, other health-related supports not covered under MHA supports, life skills development and daily living supports, culturally relevant supports and other supports not included for people in supportive housing.

Minor retrofits or upgrades to existing supportive housing facilities - up to \$50,000

Please see page 18 & 19 in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Administration Funding

Housing and Support service providers may request up to 7.5% for Base ISHP and 2.5% under MHA for eligible administration expenditures.

Please see page 19 & 20 in the ISHP Program Guidelines 2022 for further details.

Reporting

MBDC must submit quarterly reports to MMAH on funding including take-up, activities carried out, and number of households assisted. Please ensure you submit your reporting to us per your agreement with MBDC in order for us to meet our ministry reporting requirements and to ensure there are no delays in funding flows between quarters. *(Page 21 in ISHP Program Guidelines 2022)*

Performance Indicators

Base ISHP Stream

Performance indicators for measuring the achievement of the ISHP's outcomes include:

- Households Assisted
- Households Receiving Rent Supplement with Program Funding
- Households Receiving Support Services with Program Funding
- Households Receiving Both Housing Assistance and Support Services with Program Funding
- Households Receiving Support Services from Other Funding Sources
- Households Receiving Housing Assistance from Other Funding Sources
- Household Successfully Housed for One Year or more

MHA Stream

Performance indicators for measuring the achievement of MHA's outcomes include:

- Number of households assisted that include a member with mental health and/or addictions issues;
- Number of households at risk of homelessness that include a member with mental health and addictions issues receiving services and supports directly related to housing stability (e.g., eviction prevention services, assistance with rental and energy arrears);
- Number of households experiencing homelessness that include a member with mental health and addictions issues receiving services and supports that contribute directly to a positive change in housing status (e.g., assistance to obtain housing);
- Number of households receiving services and supports related to mental health and/or addictions (e.g., community and hospital based mental health services, supports related to substance use and recovery); and
- Number of new staff members hired to support households with mental health and/or addictions issues.

(Page 22 in ISHP Program Guidelines 2022)

Considerations

- Utilizing the funding stream/s that best meets the clients served by your organization (may include a combination of Base ISHP and MHA).
- Building on existing supports/programming
- Targeted clients meet one or more of the provincial priority homelessness areas
- Housing Assistance and Support models meet the diverse needs of community
- Culturally relevant supports/services
- History of meeting reporting requirements
- Experience in delivery of supports/services to hard-to-reach clients
- Activities that will assist individuals/household with obtaining and remaining housed
- Housing Assistance and Supports that promote long-term housing stability

Eligibility for Funding

- Indigenous community-based organization operating within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
- Serve Indigenous clients within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
- Recipient clients of this funding must be Indigenous Peoples Status, Non-Status, Métis or Inuit
- Partnerships between indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations may be considered

Appeal Process

Organizations who wish to appeal a decision based on the outcome of their application/s must submit a written letter to MBDC and submit an electronic copy to info@mbdc.ca with "Appeal" in subject line. The Appeal will be brought forward on the Board's next scheduled meeting date. A written response from the Housing Coordinator will be sent out with a final decision.

Call For Proposals

Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC) is now accepting applications for the Base ISHP and MHA Operating funding for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Applications must be received on or before
March 26, 2025 at 12:00pm (Noon)

Please submit proposals by email to: info@mbdc.ca

with the subject line "Operating Funding".

Please submit questions to info@mbdc.ca up to March 24, 2025 end of
day.

Questions and Answers will be posted on our website at www.mbdc.ca as
they are received.

Subject to Government Funding Approval