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Shelter Ready Fund for VAW Shelters and Transition Houses: Greatest Needs, Fall 2024 FAQ

We encourage you to review this document carefully before completing your application form.

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Section 1: Who can apply?

Your organization can apply if:

- You operate a shelter/transition house in Canada whose primary mandate is to offer 24/7 residential services for women, children, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and/or gender non-binary people fleeing domestic violence.

NOTE: While we will be prioritizing those with an operating budget of \$500,000.00 or less and/or to those who did not receive money during the pilot round of Shelter Ready (2023), this is not a requirement. **We encourage you to apply!**

Section 2: When do I apply?

Applications are due by **Monday, October 7, 2024, at 11:59pm PT.**

Section 3: How do I apply?

WSC is using a system that requires you to register as a user to the portal.

If you applied for the Shelter Ready grant in July 2023 or February 2024, please sign in to the account you created for that purpose.

If you have NOT applied before, please try "Forget Password" on the login page as WSC is in the process of creating organizational profiles for shelters. If "Forget Password" doesn't work, you will need to register as a new user in the portal. You can find step-by-step instructions on [how to register here](#).

A PDF of the questions asked in the application can be [found here](#).

Applications are by organization, not by shelter/TH. If your organization operates more than one VAW shelter/TH, you will need to register under the organization name as opposed to the shelter name. Each organization can only submit one (1) individual application per round.

Section 4: How much funding can I apply for and what can I use it for?

There will be 14 grants of \$50,000 each given out to shelters across Canada.

The funding is to be used to cover your organization's greatest needs which can include, but is not limited to:

- Salaries
- Program costs
- Vehicles
- Capital cost

Section 5: When do I need to use the funding by?

There is no deadline by which the full \$50,000 must be used, but we encourage its use within one year of receiving the funds.

Section 6: What happens after I submit my application?

After you submit your application form online, you will receive a confirmation email that includes a PDF of your application. Make sure to check your junk mail if you don't find it in your inbox.

You will be notified about a funding decision in late October/early November 2024. Once a decision has been made, we will send you a copy of the funding agreement and transfer the payment to your organization once your signed agreement has been returned to us.

Section 7: How will WSC decide which applications receive funding?

Grantees will be selected with geography and population in mind as we strive to fund a cross-section of shelters from across the country while ensuring urban and rural areas are being equally considered. Priority will go to those with an operating budget of \$500,000 or less and to those who did not receive Shelter Ready funding in the pilot round of 2023. **We encourage all to apply.**

Section 8: What are the reporting requirements?

Our goal is to keep the reporting process as simple and straightforward as possible. There will be a short final report due one year after you receive your funding (November 2025).

The final report will ask for a brief description of how the funds were used and their impact. We will also be asking for any photos, video clips, news stories, etc. related to your use of these funds to use in our reports to funders and on social media. You will always have final approval before images are used.

You will need to submit a copy of your most recent Audited Financial Statements. If you do not have an audited financial statement, you must provide either your unaudited financial statement OR your most recent financial report submitted to your Board.

You will not be required to submit receipts to us. Please keep your records and receipts as per your usual internal accounting process, but for the purposes of this report, submissions of receipts will not be required.

Section 9: Contact information

If you have any questions, please contact the WSC grants team at grants@endvaw.ca.