

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS

Recommendation	Immediate Implementation Measures	Estimated Funding/Cost Implications
Enhance the Homelessness Prevention Program	Propose an increase to HPP as part of 2004 budget	Request an increase of \$50,000 for HPP in the 2004 budget.
Work with program areas across Regional departments to collaborate in the development of an implementation framework including ‘ quick wins ’. The goal would be for planning initiatives and program design to include a “prevention of risk” lens.	Establish an interdepartmental working group to collaborate on development of implementation framework and review existing initiatives to identify potential benefits to vulnerable residents	No funding required. Can be accomplished within existing resources
Staff undertake work with community partners and other funders to collect and analyze consistent and sufficient data (including the development of data sharing protocols) to ensure that the Region has current profiles of at-risk individuals and households	Multi-year project – for 2004 - Develop project proposal - Establish Advisory Body - Inventory of existing databases, data collection and capacity - Needs Assessment - Develop sharing protocols	- Develop inventory and needs assessment – \$75,000 - In 2005 or 2006 a budget to develop a data collection and reporting system may be proposed pending the outcome of the needs assessment.
Work with recently established Funders’ Alliance to enhance ability of funding to meet local needs and to support that funding processes are clearer and more transparent	Work with existing Funders’ Group members to develop a data sharing protocol. Seek opportunities for more collaboration of funding initiatives.	No Funding required. Can be accomplished within existing resources.
Increase shelter bed capacity targeted to specific populations such as young women and women who are not victims of violence	Develop budget proposal for capital and ongoing support services	Capital funding: Specific estimates would need to be developed on a project specific basis. - Avg. costs for new construction with land purchase \$50,000/bed. - Avg. cost to convert an existing building or add beds to an existing shelter \$23,000/bed. Operating Costs: Ongoing funding would be required. Per diems for existing shelters are approx. 38.50/day (80/20 cost-sharing)