

Actioning recommendations to improve safety for drug users request for proposals

Request for proposals

Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) invites qualified applicants to respond to this Request for Proposal for actioning recommendations to improve safety for drug users.

Background on the project

Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO) commissioned Sandy Hill Community Health Centre to create a report on [Creating a safer downtown for all: Improving services for people who use drugs in Ottawa](#). Upon receiving this report, the CPO Board of Directors endorsed the nine (9) recommendations contained in the report. We are now seeking a proponent to move forward on this Board recommendation.

Purpose, Objectives, Type of Project and Results

Purpose

This project will action recommendations from the [Creating a safer downtown for all: Improving services for people who use drugs in Ottawa](#) report to improve safety for drug users.

The initiative is expected to advance one of these outcomes through developing and actioning at least one of the recommendations from the report:

- Vulnerable adults have access to services and meaningful connections that support self-sufficiency.
- Vulnerable adults have access to meaningful social connections to address isolation, elder abuse/fraud, addiction/mental health, homelessness.

Projects may include the following deliverables or tasks:

- Conduct more consultations on these recommended project ideas with people who have lived and living experience in using drugs and being unsheltered in Ottawa.
- Prioritize, develop, and action a subset (a minimum of 1) of the report's recommendations with people who are the intended beneficiaries of

these initiatives. Those that would like to provide a response to more than 1 of the report's recommendations are encouraged to do so.

- Develop training materials, quick reference sheets, and guides to support the training as appropriate

Community Investment Proposal Process

This is an open competitive process for non-profit, for-profit, academic, and other capable corporations. CPO seeks qualified candidates to apply for this funding and we encourage partnerships.

The community investment amount you quote should be inclusive (taxes included) and must not exceed **\$45,000**.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will form the basis upon which Crime Prevention Ottawa will evaluate proposals. The mandatory criteria must be met and include:

- Organization must be based in Ottawa.
- Confirmation that your agency is incorporated, insured and has been in operation for more than two years and has the capacity to deliver this project.
- Organization must have proven experience/expertise in working with people who use drugs and who are unsheltered.
- Organization must demonstrate how it will approach the development and delivery of the recommendations using an inclusive and anti-racist lens.
- Organization must demonstrate how it will approach the development and delivery of the recommendations while supporting mental wellbeing.
- Organization must indicate the process they would use to demonstrate outcomes and measurable impact.
- Organization must submit signed letters from any partners or consultants listed in the application that confirms their involvement in the proposal.
- Include a timeline of your project and a detailed budget.
- o CPO intends to award the funds by December 16, 2022, and projects completed no later than December 22, 2023.

How to apply

Please [download and complete the application form](#).

Proposals including all supporting documents must be emailed by **Friday, November 25, 2022** to cpo@ottawa.ca to be considered.

If you have any questions, we are hosting a Question and Answer session on Tuesday, October 18, 12:00 pm (noon) – 1:00 pm. [Please register here.](#)