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An updated guide on how to use the Community Workspace on Homelessness is now available

An updated version of the guide to help you navigate through the Community Workspace on Homelessness is now available. The Tips & Tricks section provides step-by-step instructions on how to add a new discussion topic, update your profile, subscribe to content, send private messages and other helpful tips to get the most out of your Workspace experience.

Looking to start a new discussion or ask a question? Visit the [Tips & Tricks section](#).

Surplus federal properties for a dollar: an initiative to reduce homelessness in your community

The **Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative (SFRPHI)**, a funding stream of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS), makes surplus federal real properties available to community organizations, Indigenous organizations, not-for-profit or for-profit sectors, and other orders of government for projects to help prevent and reduce homelessness.

Currently, properties are available in Toronto and Sioux Lookout (Ontario), New Glasgow (Nova Scotia), and Lacolle (Quebec). Proposals can be submitted by September 30, 2017, at the latest, for these projects.

Visit the [initiative website](#) for a list of available properties and more information on the initiative.

Update on the engagement process on the redesign of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy

The Homelessness Partnering Strategy's (HPS) online engagement process is now closed. Over the past two months, Canadians were invited to share their views and ideas on how to better prevent and reduce homelessness in Canada through an online survey and by sharing their stories. We received more than 450 submissions from individuals and organisations across the country.

This feedback will feed into the work of the Advisory Committee on Homelessness, which will inform the redesign of the program, post 2019. Thank you for joining the conversation and helping to shape the future of the HPS.

Housing First training and technical assistance resources are now available on the Workspace!

The Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) program, developed by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH), has launched the new [Housing First Training Resources page](#) on the Community Workspace on Homelessness. It is dedicated to the exchange of tools and evidence-based Housing First training resources. This page complements CAEH's

on-the-ground training and support to communities and front line workers to build and operate high-performing Housing First programs.

CAEH's TTA program has made reports, presentations, templates and many other documents available on the Workspace. Additional resources will be continuously added to the [Housing First Training Resources section](#).

To learn more about CAEH's TTA program or request information about the training, please visit [Training and Technical Assistance page](#).

National Service Provider Data Available on CANSIM

Homelessness Partnering Strategy (HPS) has partnered with Statistics Canada to enhance the availability of shelter capacity statistics to the public, as of August 2017. The numbers of permanent beds in emergency homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities, aggregated by communities across Canada, will be published on the Canadian Socio-economic Information Management System (CANSIM).

National Service Provider List data is publicly available upon request. By publishing this data on CANSIM, this information will be more easily accessible to stakeholders and the Canadian public.

Join us at the National Conference to End Homelessness!

The National Conference to End Homelessness, organized by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH), will take place from October 25 to 27, 2017. This is a place where researchers, policy makers, funders, community leaders, advocates, and front line workers gather together to share, inspire, inform and provide training and tools needed to end homelessness. With a diverse conference program, this year's focus will be on Indigenous homelessness and will offer several keynote session speakers.

For more information on the National Conference to End Homelessness, please visit the [National Conference to End Homelessness website](#).

Share it, Pitch it, Scale it! Innovative Solutions to Homelessness Microgrants Projects

Join us on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at the 2017 National Conference to End Homelessness in Winnipeg, Manitoba, as we hear from the 12 top-ranking micro-grant projects funded under the Innovative Solutions to Homelessness funding stream. Recipients from across Canada will provide a snapshot of the project and its intended impact, the results, as well as lessons learned and pitch for up to an additional \$25,000 towards the scaling of their project.

The overall goal of the session is to share and improve or expand the use of innovative practices that are preventing or reducing homelessness.

For more information on the National Conference to End Homelessness, or if you are interested in attending, please visit the [National Conference to End Homelessness website](#).

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