



URBAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY PLAN APPENDIX:

# WIEC'S 10 YEAR INVESTMENT PLAN

2022



## FUNDING REQUIRED TO BUILD A HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN WINNIPEG

In 2017, The Winnipeg Indigenous Executive Circle headed a comprehensive community engagement process that led to the first community plan that informed the development and establishment of the four priority areas of **Access to Housing, Education, Training & Employment, Health & Wellbeing, and Strengthening Families**. These priority areas are foundational to the success of a dynamic and thriving community. They remain the pillars of WIEC's work and will guide the four strategic directions of the urban Indigenous community plan.

Investment in urban Indigenous organizations and priorities is key to enhancing and building a strong Indigenous community in Winnipeg. The future must look different from the past in order to create healthier realities for all Indigenous peoples in Winnipeg.

WIEC's immediate funding priorities over the next ten years are identified within. All costs are estimated and will be updated based on community need, developments and changes in the market. **We encourage you to think about your investment in community.**

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
<p>Funding to <b>expand men’s programs</b> to promote strong children and families, including through increasing funding for existing men’s programs at Aboriginal Health and Wellness.</p>	<p><b>\$500,000 PER YEAR</b></p>
<p>Creating an <b>Indigenous resource center</b> akin to Tunngasugit to assist Indigenous peoples who are transitioning to Winnipeg.</p>	<p><b>\$1 MILLION</b> in start-up costs</p>
<p>Funding for a <b>new stand-alone space for Aboriginal Senior Resource Centre</b> that is larger and accessible, to support program expansion to serve its 300+ members. This includes greater resources to support seniors’ <b>transportation needs</b> and <b>personal hygiene</b> (e.g., washers and dryers). It also includes offering assistance through <b>housing programs</b> to ensure that seniors have safe and comfortable accommodations, and the relevant costs associated with this (e.g., beds, fans, food supports, etc.).</p> <p>Maintaining strong connections to this population is critical to understanding the evolving needs of seniors in Winnipeg. Funding for the Aboriginal Senior Resource Centre has not increased, despite its membership multiplying by 10 times. Membership continues to increase as baby boomers grow older.</p>	<p><b>\$1.5 MILLION</b> to purchase a stand-alone accessible building plus increased capital funding.</p>
<p>Creating a <b>mental health services site</b> with western and traditional medicine offered under the same roof within an Indigenous-designed space (e.g., like Thunderbird House). This team needs to include an Elder, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, and administrative staff.</p>	<p><b>\$4 MILLION</b> start-up costs</p>
<p>Creating Aboriginal Health and Wellness <b>clinics (satellite sites) to offer primary care throughout Winnipeg</b> where there are high concentrations of Indigenous peoples. This would begin with three clinics, located in the North End, Elmwood, and St. Vital. These clinics will be Indigenous-led and operated to promote access to healthcare and positive service experiences.</p> <p>It should be noted that the Indigenous-led and operated COVID-19 vaccination clinics through Aboriginal Health and Wellness and the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre were highly effective, which is credited to their ability to provide instant familiarity and safety to Indigenous peoples. WIEC will continue to promote this model for Indigenous healthcare services and clinics in Winnipeg.</p>	<p><b>\$4.2 MILLION PER YEAR</b> ((\$1.4 million per site))</p>

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING (CONTINUED)

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
<p>Creating <b>mobile care units</b> (or increasing funding for those mobile units operated in partnership with Indigenous-led organizations) to provide healthcare services, resources, and health education to Indigenous peoples. These mobile care units would reach Indigenous peoples who would not otherwise have access to healthcare despite health needs (e.g., if an individual is living in an encampment they may be unable to leave without the risk of losing their personal belongings). Indigenous-led mobile care units will be able to reach these individuals where they are, to begin a conversation and a relationship.</p> <p>Aboriginal Health and Wellness requires funding for ambulance type vehicles to operate the mobile units (e.g., to promote privacy while providing sensitive healthcare services), equipment and materials, the ability to fill and return prescriptions, travel costs, internet services to access electronic medical records, liability insurance, harm reduction supplies, and administration (including staff roles for a supervisor, human resources, and administration).</p>	<p><b>\$6 MILLION</b> start-up costs</p>
<p>Expanding Aboriginal Health and Wellness' <b>Primary Care Clinic</b> to operate 7 days per week (including evenings and weekends) to promote access to healthcare for urban Indigenous peoples. This includes expanded access to cultural programming (such as ceremony, land based teachings, and retreats), increased healthcare services and support staff, and a larger location.</p>	<p><b>\$7-10 MILLION</b> per year</p>
<p>Creating a <b>24 hour safe space with a non-residential safe consumption site and manage alcohol program</b>. The site would offer formal programs and a gathering space to promote harm reduction. This requires a stand-alone space and staffing to accommodate a 24/7 operation.</p>	<p><b>\$8 MILLION</b> start-up costs</p>
<p>Programming to grow <b>healthy foods in Indigenous neighborhoods</b>, to promote food security in a capacity that reflects population needs through sustainable gardens that grow food year-round.</p>	<p><b>\$10 MILLION</b> start-up costs</p>
<p>Forming an <b>Indigenous co-operative</b> similar to Neechi Commons.</p>	<p><b>\$10.3 MILLION</b> (3.3 million in start-up costs and \$7 million in annual operating costs)</p>
<p><b>Hospital</b> for Indigenous peoples.</p>	<p><b>ETIMATED</b> <b>\$65 MILLION</b></p>

# ACCESS TO HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
<p>Securing core funding for <b>Velma’s House</b> to operate 24/7. This requires funding to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a minimum of 12 staff positions (eight core positions including a manager, a coordinator, and two staff for each day, evenings, and overnights, as well as four additional casual workers); and</li> <li>(ii) other operational costs (rent, utilities, food, supplies, and honorariums).</li> </ul> <p>Until Velma’s House was created, Winnipeg was the only major urban city in Canada that did not have a safe space – highlighting the need for greater investments to extend the hours of operation and programming at Velma’s House. Established in March 2021, Velma’s House was initially projected to have 800 visits annually – a total which it surpassed in its first two months of operating, seeing 300 to 500 visits per month.</p> <p>To meet client needs moving forward, Velma’s House will also require funding for a building and an accessible shower.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$100,000</b> to operate 24/7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$640,000</b> for core operating costs</p>
<p>Creating an <b>80-bed Indigenous-led and operated women’s homeless shelter</b>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$4 MILLION</b> per year</p>
<p>Expanding the <b>Rapid Housing Initiative</b> investments in Winnipeg, prioritizing Indigenous-led and supportive low-barrier housing projects, including for those who are in conflict with the law and have specific conditions to adhere to from the criminal justice system.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$20 MILLION</b> per year for the next three years (including operating costs)</p>
<p>Funding for at least 178 new units of <b>supportive housing</b>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESTIMATED \$302,773</b> per unit (at least \$53,893,594 in total)</p>
<p>Funding for at least 470 new units of <b>rent-gearred-to-income housing</b> while maintaining the existing housing stock.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESTIMATED \$302,773</b> per unit (at least \$142,303,310 in total)</p>
<p>Implementing an <b>Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy</b> which includes a commitment to invest in capital and operating costs for 500 to 1,500 new units in Winnipeg.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ESTIMATED \$302,773</b> per unit (at least \$151,386,500 in total)</p>
<p>Creating <b>partnerships with BUILD</b> to enhance <b>home ownership programs</b> which include <b>expanding First Time Homebuyers initiatives</b>, increasing the <b>stock of affordable housing</b> (including for youth and seniors), creating <b>group homes</b> for Indigenous peoples, expanding housing for <b>students</b> (including a community area, garden, and gym), and <b>hiring local Indigenous organizations to build and maintain housing</b>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TO BE DETERMINED</b></p>

# SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
Startup operational costs for the Friendship Centre's Joseph Spence <b>24 hour drop in centre for youth.</b>	\$90,000
Funding for a <b>third party review</b> of non-Indigenous organizations providing services primarily to Indigenous peoples to determine effectiveness.	\$100,00
Creating partnerships with Ikwe to support <b>safe rides for women</b> to not have to travel alone at night.	\$100,000
Creating a Winnipeg-based and Indigenous-led <b>crisis intervention and response team.</b>	\$450,000
Core funding for the Eagle Urban Transition Centre to provide services to people moving from First Nations to Winnipeg.	\$565,000
Operational funding for the <b>Eagle Urban Transition Centre to run ISC status card registration.</b>	\$730,000
Funding for a <b>third party review of Child and Family Services</b> , which includes investigating the number of families not reunited because of the following factors: not living in a big enough space, unemployment, or food insecurity.	\$750,000
<b>Cultural programming</b> for all stages of life, provided by the Friendship Centre (this includes programs focused on land-based education, food security, and physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellness).	\$1 MILLION
Funding to <b>support individuals who use various substances (including inhalants)</b> , beginning with providing a warm and respectful space. Indigenous-led organizations require financial support to conduct further investigations to determine how to best support this population.	\$1 MILLION PER YEAR
Additional funding for the creation of <b>Indigenous Research Institutes</b> that allow Indigenous leaders to develop research values and principles to prevent harm, for those conducting research on Indigenous peoples.	\$1.2 MILLION
<b>Youth hub for children aging out</b> of care, including gang and drug use prevention.	\$1.5 MILLION

# SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES (CONTINUED)

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
<p>Increasing core funding for all existing Indigenous-led <b>early childhood development and head start programs</b> focused on the health and wellness of both children and parents. Funding is required to expand these programs across the city, including in Elmwood, the West End, and St. Vital, where there are high populations of Indigenous peoples.</p> <p>These programs offer Indigenous ways of caring for children, and have transformative impacts which include breaking cycles of trauma early on. However, these programs have not had any funding increases over the past twenty-five years, despite increasing needs.</p>	<p><b>\$2 MILLION</b> per year</p>
<p>Increasing funding for Indigenous-led <b>FASD programming</b> including InSight. This includes greater programming for both mothers who are pregnant or post-pregnancy, as well as individuals with FASD. Many individuals with FASD are undiagnosed as children and experience barriers to obtaining correct diagnoses as adults. Individuals with FASD may struggle in school, experience cognitive or behavioral issues that impact their daily lives, and may live on the streets.</p>	<p><b>\$2 MILLION</b> per year</p>
<p>Building <b>youth centers in the spaces where Indigenous peoples live</b>, which provide programming and opportunities for Indigenous youth.</p>	<p><b>\$2.5 MILLION</b> per location</p>
<p>Providing <b>transportation services for women from rural communities to safely travel to Winnipeg</b> (including the purchase of Greyhound buses)</p>	<p><b>\$3 MILLION</b></p>
<p>Programming for <b>residential school survivors</b> to support their healing partially resulting from the identification of mass graves.</p>	<p><b>\$5 MILLION</b></p>
<p>Building a resource and service centre for those who are engaged in the criminal justice system to receive wraparound services under the same roof.</p>	<p><b>\$730,000</b></p>

# SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES (CONTINUED)

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
Building a <b>resource and service centre for those who are engaged in the criminal justice system</b> to receive wraparound services under the same roof.	<b>\$8.7 MILLION</b> (\$700,000 lot and site purchase, \$3 million construction, \$5 million operating costs for 5 years)
Increasing access to <b>Restorative Justice and Diversion programs</b> through the creation of a new centre.	<b>\$5.5 MILLION</b> (\$3 million site purchase and renovations, \$2 million annually for staff and operational costs, \$500K for community outreach programs).
Promoting <b>family reunification</b> and assisting with <b>justice needs</b> .	<b>\$2.5 MILLION</b> per location
<b>Infrastructure investments for the construction of the Friendship Centre</b> at 45 Robinson St. (which will be a referral point for other services, a 24 hour youth drop in center, and provide 60 units of supportive housing for seniors).	<b>\$30 MILLION</b>
Phase 1 Capital Funding of 45 Robinson St.	<b>\$1.4 MILLION</b>
Phase 1 Purchase of Land and Building	<b>\$780,000</b>
Costs during construction (e.g., security, insurance, and taxes)	<b>\$250,000</b>

# EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND TRAINING

PRIORITY	INVESTMENT REQUIRED
Friendship Centre – <b>startup costs for developing social enterprise</b> focused on equipping female identifying youth who are survivors of exploitation with life and employment skills to enter the workforce.	\$100,000
Collective <b>proposal and grant writing staff person</b> to support WIEC organizations to manage funding applications and secure greater revenue.	\$100,000
Neeginan Centre – upgrades to <b>improve access to the building for persons with disabilities.</b>	\$300,000
Neeginan Centre – <b>upgrades to revitalize</b> the building's foundation, loading platform, and fencing.	\$300,00
Securing <b>training dollars for Mother Earth Recycling</b>	\$300,00
Securing <b>core funding for BUILD and training programs</b> , which include supporting Indigenous <b>entrepreneurs</b>	\$1 MILLION PER YEAR
Securing funding for a <b>centralized training hub</b> to train all staff delivering programs to Indigenous peoples (including training on First Aid, mental health, trauma, healing, addictions, Indigenous knowledge, and non-violent intervention).	\$2.5 MILLION
Investing in CAHRD's <b>educational and learning programs</b> , which include increasing the number of <b>Indigenous teachers</b> , supporting <b>adult learning programs</b> , enhancing learning programs for <b>Indigenous people with FASD</b> , and promoting <b>access to technology</b> to enhance learning.	\$3 MILLION
<b>Neeginan Centre – upgrades to 100-year-old building</b> to improve safety and performance of the building, reduce energy usage and lower carbon footprint, and create a healthy learning and work environment. These upgrades will give the building another 100 years of life.	\$20 MILLION
Building a <b>new industrial training center</b> to accommodate new training programs and the need for more space for CAHRD and partners.	\$26 MILLION
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INVESTMENT REQUIRED:</b>	<b>\$620 MILLION</b>





