



WE HELP LIVES BEGIN.

- Affordable Housing
- Art Program
- Clothing
- Computer Learning Centre (CLC)
- Computers for Low Income Calgarians (CLIC)
- Counseling and Supports
- Donations Centre
- Emergency Shelter and Immediate Needs
- Employment Training Placement and Services
- Financial Literacy Training
- Furniture Program
- Medical Services
- Personal Care
- Senior's Program
- Supportive Housing
- Victim Services Unit
- WoodWorks Program

Honourable Minister Amarjeet Sohi,

The Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre Society would like to heartily express our support for the Smart Cities Challenge Submission from The City of Calgary. Currently we are partnered as a member along with twenty-six other homeless serving agencies as part of a joint task force where we are actively working together to support the chronically homeless. This initiative focuses on inclusion and access for our city's most vulnerable members, and is essential in supporting our joint task force's key initiative about Open Communication and Data Sharing between agencies. Without an investment in technology and the support of a smart cities initiative, the opportunities to truly collaborate are diminished.

The value of closing the gap between low-income Calgarians and access to the services that support them is critical to building resilient communities. The United Nations estimates that there are over 1.1 billion people in the world that don't have government identification, and that number includes many of those who seek service from the Calgary Drop-In. By undertaking the project of offering a secure and encrypted biometric enabled access to a portal, we will create identification and accessibility while decreasing the costs and wait times of having to seek separate services all over the city. Creating an efficient and effective Entry Point is key to easily accessing services needed to resolve an individual's crisis.

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