

Calgary Homeless Foundations Announces Plans for 2024 Extreme Weather Response (EWR) Program

Calgary, AB – November 28, 2024 – As the cold weather approaches, Calgary Homeless Foundation is announcing plans for the third year of the Extreme Weather Response (EWR) Program. EWR, formally known as the Coordinated Community Extreme Weather Response (CCEWR), is an initiative that aims to provide individuals with immediate support and connection to resources during extreme weather months.

The EWR program is a collaborative effort between the City of Calgary, Calgary Homeless Foundation, and numerous organizations throughout the city. The program aims to provide warming spaces throughout the city with capacity for 400 individuals experiencing homelessness at any given time, as well as connection to overnight shelters and resources.

What to Expect at a Warming Space

Warming centers are welcoming, safe, and supportive spaces where individuals can access a variety of services including:

- Safe Shelter
- Warm Meals and Beverages
- Winter Clothing
- Connection to Support Services
- Shuttle to Overnight Shelters (*if applicable*)

“Collaboration and compassion are at the heart of the Extreme Weather Response program. Our partner organizations not only provide shelter from the cold, but they also ensure that those experiencing homelessness during these cold winter months have access to warmth, safety, and connection to vital resources. The Extreme Weather Response (EWR) program is a collective effort that can make a life-changing difference for our most vulnerable community members.”

- *Jessica Cope Williams, Vice President, Community Impact*

The EWR program will begin December 1st, 2024, providing vital services to those experiencing homelessness.

“The collaboration between The City of Calgary, Calgary Homeless Foundation and partner organizations enables us to offer space and support to those most in need during the difficult winter months. The Extreme Weather Response builds capacity of existing spaces and outreach teams through improved coordination and supports community efforts to reduce barriers to accessing shelters through coordinated transportation.”

- *Kay Choi, Acting Director, Partnerships, The City of Calgary*

The Extreme Weather Response program aims to foster an environment of compassion and support for those experiencing homelessness during these critical extreme weather conditions.

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