

## Council Priority Funds – Application

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**PRIORITY FUND INFORMATION – Completed by Applicant**Organization Name Sleep in Heavenly PeaceAddress #152, 363 Sioux Road

Street and number

Subdivision if rural

City or town Sherwood Park

Province

Alberta

Postal code

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Project Type

☒ Event☐ Project☐ ExpenseAmount Requested \$ \$14, 950

Brief description of request

Sleep in Heavenly Peace supplies beds to children whose moms are leaving A Safe Place. We need to build more beds to keep with demand. We also supply beds to children ages 3 to 17 to families in need who live in Strathcona County. Beds are given by referral from school counsellors, social workers or directly to people who apply for beds online. We need funds to pay for the costs to host our May 9, 2020 Community Mothers Day Bed Build. We are bringing together community volunteers, including Strathcona County Council members, Sherwood Park Rotary, Sherwood Park Scouts, RCMP and volunteers from Park United, Trinity Baptist and SPAC churches. SHP Strathcona is planning to build 60 twin beds. We are planning for 50 people. We are going to use the funds to buy the needed tools, wood, new mattresses and new bedding. After the beds are build we will deliver beds to needy families in the community.

Neil Hayes

Print name

Neil Hayes

Signature

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Date

**Please remember to attach a proposed budget and request letter to this request.**

Number of attached pages

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**Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

# **Strathcona County**



We are asking Strathcona Council to allocate Priority Funding to provide beds for children in need right here in Strathcona County! The children who get the beds are so happy they literally jump up and down, and often the Moms can't believe that these handmade solid beds and new mattresses and bedding are totally free! We will tell them that they are *not really free* but built by volunteers and funded by partners such as our own Strathcona Council through choosing to use their Priority funding to help children.

**Please consider funding May 9 Mother's Day Bed Build.**

We believe that a bed is a basic need for a child's physical, emotional and mental health. We have partnered with a Safe Place - the local Sherwood Park Women's shelter. They need up to six beds every week year-round for children who are leaving the shelter. With your financial support, on May 9 Mother's Day Build 50 plus volunteers from 12-year-old Scouts, Sherwood Park Rotary Club members, students, moms, dads and 80-year-old grandparents will build 60 beds for our community!



We are driven to help, because we have seen too many boys and girls forced to sleep on the floor. We have put beds into small rental houses and tiny apartments here in Sherwood Park. We estimate 2% of Strathcona County sleep on the floor. These beds will mean our children will have the dignity of sleeping on new beds. I can still remember getting a brand-new bunk bed as a child. It was an amazing thing. Our beds and bunk beds provide a warm and safe place to sleep.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Canada is a group of local volunteers dedicated to building and delivering beds to children ages 3 to 17 years. Our organization is new to Canada and is associated with SHP USA. We started in Strathcona County in 2019. We are a registered Canadian charity.

We started building beds in 2018 for one family in need. Now many schools and service groups such as the Sherwood Park Rotary, have partnered with us, because they too care for the children. Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Canada has no paid staff and a volunteer board. Our handmade beds are given complete with new mattresses and bedding free of charge. We are keeping up to the need and have given over 60 beds to kids this past year. SHP has pledged to build 200 beds and to give them free to all the children leaving A Safe Place. Please consider this donation of Priority Funds as a gift to the children of our community.



Our mission "no kids sleep on the floor in our town"

We can't do it on our own. We need your help to make a difference. Mattresses cost \$100 each, bedding is donated or bought with donations.

Beds for kids costs money and time – yet it is well worth it. We see the difference it makes.

Mom with two kids sleeping on couch cushions on the floor "now my kids really want to go to bed for the first time in their lives".

With new beds kids now can have sleep overs without the embarrassment of showing others their empty rooms. One mom told us her kids were going to sleep better and so was she! Imagine sleeping on the floor with a three and five-year-old.

Part of our request for Council Priority Funding is to provide us with more tools needed to build beds. These tools will safely equip our 50 volunteers. This is our first public community bed build! For safety we are using cordless drills and sanders and new

safety equipment. These tools and safety items will also be used in future bed builds here in the County of Strathcona. We have full insurance coverage for all our volunteers and bed builders. All the wood is precut at our shop. Volunteers sand and assemble the wooden beds cut from untreated lumber. It is safe and (dusty) fun.

**You are invited to join us this joyful and rewarding morning!**

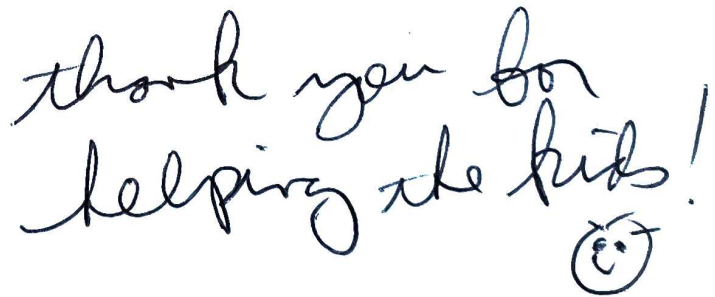
**We're all Strathcona Community volunteers together building 60 beds for local children who are sleeping on the floor!**

Thank you for helping us sponsor our first ever public bed build. People in our community will build not only beds, but better relationships and a stronger community. Thank you on behalf of 60 children who will receive brand new beds!

Yours in bed building for the kids,



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**"no kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"**  
**CRA Registered Charity # 78491 7874 RR0001**



## May 9, 2020 Mother's Day Bed Build

### Budget 9 Am to 1 PM

#### Expenses

60 beds x \$250 per bed = \$15,000

(bed costs include mattresses, wood, hardware, stain and delivery costs)

Breakfast 50 people x \$5 per person coffee/ donuts = \$250

Lunch 50 people x \$10 per person BBQ/ lunch = \$500

Tool purchase 20 sanders x \$150 = \$3000

Tool purchase of sander batteries 20 batteries x \$100 = \$2,000

Tool purchase 10 drills x \$150 = \$1500

Tool purchase 10 batteries x \$100 = \$1000

Safety Equipment, Safety glasses, dust masks, gloves, ear protection = 50 x \$45= \$2250

Admin/Insurance/rental costs = \$1000

Total = \$26,500

#### Revenues

Strathcona County Priority Funds \$14,950

Shell Canada \$10,000 (Grant Applied for January 16, 2020)

Boston Pizza - \$2500 (Pledged February 2020)

Total = \$27,450