Glossary

Community Mobilization Sessions
Virtual Information Sessions that will explore the themes of the Healthy Communities Initiative and describe some best practices around project planning and applying for funding.

Equity Guidance
Optional resource for applicants to use while designing projects to help keep equity values as an important part of their project. Find the Equity Guidance here.

Equity seeking groups
Equity-seeking groups are historically marginalized communities that face significant collective challenges in participating in society. They identify barriers to equal access, opportunities and resources due to disadvantage and discrimination and actively seek social justice and reparation.

Commercial main street
The principal street of a town or neighbourhood, traditionally the site of shops, banks, and other businesses.

Grassroots/community collaborator
A grassroots/community collaborator is an organization that uses collective action at the local level to make change locally, regionally and beyond. A grassroots group works in a "bottom-up" rather than a "top-down" or hierarchical approach.

Green infrastructure
The use of vegetation, soils, and other elements to restore natural processes needed to manage water and create healthier environments. For example, rainwater recycling or rooftop gardens.

Group application
A group of eligible applicants applying together under a single application. See the Equity Checklist for best practices on equitable partnerships.

Gentrification and displacement
Transformation of a city neighbourhood that leads to higher-income residents moving in, improving housing, and attracting new businesses. Gentrification results in a neighbourhood's residents being displaced by rising rents and living costs.

Historically marginalized communities
Marginalized populations are groups and communities that experience discrimination and exclusion (social, political and economic) because of unequal power relationships across economic, political, social and cultural dimensions.

Infrastructure
Infrastructure is our environment (physical, social and digital) that allows communities to move, gather and connect. All forms of infrastructure contribute to community health outcomes and can be co-led by a variety of stakeholders such as urban planners, public health professionals and grassroots organizations.

Individual application
A single eligible applicant applying under one application.

Intellectual property
A set of intangible assets or assets that are not physical in nature (for example, inventions, designs, or creative works).

Federally or provincially incorporated not-for-profit
A not-for-profit that is registered as a corporate entity under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act or equivalent provincial statutes.

Mainstream institution
An organization that is considered normal, and having or using ideas and that are accepted by most people. Mainstream institutions can therefore privilege and reward the dominant culture.

Nothing about us without us
An equity consideration regarding whether project consultation and leadership includes individuals representative of the population(s) the applicant is seeking to serve.

Official Language Minority Communities
Individuals whose maternal or chosen official language is not the majority language in their province or territory.

Pandemic-resilient communities
A community that is built to efficiently absorb unexpected disturbances that affect the economy, society or environment

Public spaces
A space that is open to the local community. This includes, for example, a digital public commons.

Private spaces
A space that is privately owned and could be fenced off or closed off at some point in the future, making it not open to the public

Performance metrics/indicators
Measures that demonstrate how effectively a project is achieving key community engagement and impact objectives.

Regional Hub
Regional Hubs are the review committees that will review applications from across a Healthy Communities Initiative region. Applicants should apply to the Regional Hub(s) where their project takes place.

Survey Monkey Apply (SMA)
Online application portal used for the Healthy Communities Initiative. Applicants will create SMA accounts and complete the application through SMA.