

Shelters can apply for support from City programme

The City of Cape Town is urging shelters to apply for the Winter Readiness Programme which runs from May to September annually. The aim of the programme is to support organisations that provide shelter for street people by supplementing their available resources to enable more indigent people to benefit from their services.

In a statement, it says the City has set aside R700 000 for this purpose this year. “Organisations which are able to provide temporary mattress space during the winter period and who meet the stipulated criteria will receive food parcels, toiletries, mattresses and bedding as well as Expanded Public

Works Programme workers to assist with cooking and cleaning.”

Mayco member for community services and health, Zahid Badroodien, said shelters feel the pinch in winter when more street people seek respite from the elements. “This programme is designed to build capacity and to create the extra space and resources needed. I encourage organisations who want to apply to make sure that they meet all of the criteria and have all the relevant documentation to ensure that their application is successful.”

Application forms can be downloaded from the City’s website.