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August 9, 2021. *The following is a cross-announcement from NL Housing, the Government of Canada, and End Homelessness St. John's*

Federal-Provincial Governments Announce Funding to Support Housing Solutions for Vulnerable Populations

Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. That's why the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador, through a partnership of Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation and End Homelessness St. John's, are supporting 12 community organizations to extend COVID-19 responses to address the on-going needs of people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. These projects will focus on homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing and promotion of housing stability.

A combined investment of approximately \$1 million will support the implementation of these 12 community-based projects, through the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Bi-lateral Agreement under the National Housing Strategy, and Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy through Employment and Social Development Canada.

End Homelessness St. John's issued a proposal call to the St. John's Housing and Homelessness sector in March 2021, and the successful community organizations were selected through a joint review process. A list of community organizations receiving funding can be viewed in the back-grounder below. Projects have commenced with funding approved until March 31, 2022.

Today, the Provincial Government also launched a \$1.5 million proposal call under the federal government's National Housing Strategy through the Provincial Housing and Homelessness Partnership Fund. The fund is designed to support projects throughout the province which leverage partnerships and strengthen capacity of the community housing sector to provide housing options for low-income households. The fund targets supports to women and children fleeing domestic violence, Indigenous peoples, seniors, young adults, persons with disabilities, persons experiencing mental health and addictions issues, and persons experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.

The fund is seeking proposals for partnerships from proponents, including Indigenous and non-profit organizations, and municipalities. Applications may be advanced under two funding streams: Capital Contributions stream or Creative and Innovative Solutions stream, with maximum one-time funding of \$250,000 per project. Further information on the proposal call, including the funding application, can be found: [Here](#). Applications close August 31, 2021.

This builds on the Government of Canada's record of supporting housing projects across the country, and right here in Newfoundland and Labrador. This includes \$5 million to build a minimum of 14 new permanent and affordable homes in St. John's in the next 12 months, and \$18.5 million in cost-shared funding with the Provincial Government, announced earlier this year to complete repairs to Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation's social housing units in 2021-22 throughout the province, including vacancies requiring major repairs in order to be available to new tenants. This includes repairs to reopen 10 homes in Labrador West and three homes in Nain for families in need. The Government of Canada is committed to providing safe, stable and affordable housing to give everyone a fair chance at success.

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“Working together with our federal and community partners, these investments will help to secure safe, stable and affordable housing for many individuals and families – a place to call home – which is essential to their social, financial and physical well-being. Together we are making a real difference in their lives.”

Honourable John G. Abbott
Minister of Children, Seniors and Social Development
Minister Responsible for the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

“Every Canadian deserves a safe and affordable place to call home. That’s why we are proud to partner in these important initiatives as we increase the supply of affordable housing and give peace of mind and stability to the families in Newfoundland and Labrador. When we strengthen our communities, we build hope and a better Canada. This is the National Housing Strategy at work.”

Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
Minister Responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

“Everyone deserves a safe place to call home. These 12 local projects will provide housing stability, combat homelessness and support those who need it most. This will improve the quality of life for people in our Province and give everyone an equal chance at success.”

Honourable Seamus O’Regan
Minister of Natural Resources
Member of Parliament for St. John’s South-Mount Pearl

“Aligning our investments with our provincial and federal partners provides the community with much needed additional resources to serve our most vulnerable neighbours. Investing in a wide-range of supports and services will no doubt lead to successful housing outcomes for those who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.”

Doug Pawson
Executive Director
End Homelessness St. John’s

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BACKGROUNDER

Community Organizations Receiving Funds	Amount
Aids Committee NL	\$66,728
Choices for Youth	\$67,449
Connections for Seniors	\$161,477
Empower NL	\$53,130
First Light	\$75,645
Homestead	\$36,993
Iris Kirby House	\$120,226
John Howard Society	\$63,020
St. John's Status of Women's Council	\$63,695
Stella's Circle	\$77,227
The Gathering Place	\$63,308
Thrive	\$130,133

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