



Highlight Sheet

Indigenous Shelters and Transitional Housing Initiative

Canada



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The Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative is part of a budget announced in the Fall Economic Statement 2020 for a comprehensive Violence Prevention Strategy to expand culturally relevant supports for Indigenous women, their children, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people facing gender-based violence.

Funding for this initiative will be provided over 5 years.

IS YOUR PROJECT ELIGIBLE?

Check out our website at [Indigenous Shelters and Transitional Housing](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/shelter-and-transitional-housing-initiative-for-indigenous)¹ for more information.



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Purpose of Funding

Capital

Eligible recipients will receive funding from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to support the construction of new shelter or transitional housing spaces; this includes the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing buildings for the creation of new shelter and transitional housing spaces.

Operational funding

Eligible recipients will receive on-going operating funding from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

Eligibility

Eligible Proponents

Indigenous organizations and governments across Canada are eligible to apply.

Eligible Building Types

- **Shelters:** Defined as a facility providing temporary shelter to support women and their children fleeing violence. They function in a crisis capacity with short stay duration.
- **Transitional Housing:** Often referred to as “second stage housing,” this housing is intended to offer a supportive living environment for its occupants in need for additional time and support to heal from their trauma, offering them the experience, tools, knowledge and opportunities for living independently and violence-free. It is considered an intermediate step between emergency shelter and supportive housing, and has limits on stay duration.

Available Funding

Capital Funding

CMHC will provide funding based on maximum construction costs of:

- \$7.2 million per facility in Territories and Inuit Nunangat
- \$3.48 million per facility in Provinces across the country
- Proponents with projects surpassing the maximum construction costs must have the financial capacity or partners to bring equity into the project to cover additional budget
- Applicants must provide a construction budget that is specific to their proposed facility

Operational Funding

- An average annual allocation of \$1 million to operate shelters in Territories and Inuit Nunangat
- An average annual allocation of \$800,000 to operate shelters in Provinces across the country
- An average annual allocation of \$500,000 for transitional housing across the country
- Applicants must provide an annual operational budget that is specific to their proposed facility

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to:

Capital

- Land acquisition/purchase
- Construction, purchase and rehabilitation of facilities
- Soft costs (i.e. architect, engineer, or project management fees, other consultants' fees, the cost of development fees and/or permits, taxes, course of construction insurance, interest charges on interim financing, legal fees, audits, enrolment in recognized warranty programs if applicable, and advertising costs for tenders.)
- Accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Hard furnishings required for the operation of the project (i.e. appliances, built-ins, non-movables and major pieces of maintenance equipment)
- Appropriate building security
- Children's areas indoors and outdoors
- Landscaping

Operations

For details on eligible expenditure, visit this link (<https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1588799372117/1588950658626>) to access ISC's website Contributions to improve the safety and security of Indigenous women, children, families and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

Minimum Requirements

- Must be shelter or transitional housing dedicated to Indigenous women, their children, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people facing gender-based violence.
- To receive operational funding from Indigenous Services Canada, selected proponents must be eligible under the Family Violence Prevention Program's Terms and Conditions <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1100100035253/1533304683142>
- Evidence of support for the project from the Indigenous community(ies) that will be served.
- Evidence demonstrating engagement and consultation have been conducted with the appropriate authorities and/or Indigenous Government.
- Projects must have a minimum 25% reduction in energy consumption as compared to the 2015 National Energy Code for Buildings (NECB) or a minimum 15% as compared to the 2017 building code. If the proposed project is for the conversion of an existing building, it must have a minimum 25% reduction in energy consumption relative to past performance levels.
- Project's common areas (including but not limited to the kitchen and washrooms) must be barrier-free and a minimum of 20% of units must meet accessibility standards, or the project must have full universal design. Universal design makes built environments usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.
- Must have a minimum of five shelter or transitional housing units/beds.

Flexibilities on the minimum requirements related to energy consumption, accessibility and minimum units may be considered upon CMHC's review.

Documentation Requirements

The following documents are required at the time of application:

Completed application

Completed mandatory application worksheet

Letter of support from Indigenous Government or Government of intended location of project

Letters of support from any community that will have access to the facility and from any organization that will provide services in the facility

Audited financial statements for the most recent three years.

If audited financial statements are not available, financial statements which have undergone a review engagement will be accepted.

Integrity declaration

Project development plan with supporting documents

Cost estimates for the project

(Class C or Class D quantity surveyor report or equivalent, such as a cost consultant certified report.

At a minimum a breakdown of forecasted costs provided by a certified architect or engineer)

Copy of preliminary plans and specifications

Consulting contract estimates (architecture, legal, etc.)

Offer to purchase (if applicable)

Construction schedule