

News Release

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Eleven affordable housing projects receive \$15 million in new funding

Approximately \$15 million in federal and provincial funds has been allocated to facilitate the development of 11 affordable housing projects that will create 314 units of affordable housing in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Leduc and Rocky Mountain House. This funding completes year three (2003-04) of the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program.

The announcement was made by the Honourable Anne McLellan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness and Member of Parliament for Edmonton West for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and by the Honourable Stan Woloshyn, Minister of Alberta Seniors with responsibility for Housing.

“The provision of good quality affordable housing for Albertans is a commitment the Government of Canada is making to ensure that those persons in the areas of highest need get quality housing,” said Deputy Prime Minister McLellan. “Working in partnership with the provincial and municipal governments and communities will get more projects completed and will meet our joint commitment to build strong communities throughout Alberta.”

“These new affordable housing initiatives build on a solid foundation of partnerships that we have forged over the first three years of the program,” said Minister Woloshyn. “These projects are good examples of how governments and the community can work together towards fostering affordable housing solutions for low-income Albertans.”

Over the past three years of the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program, provincial and federal commitments have totaled \$58 million. This amount is enhanced through additional contributions from other partners including municipalities, local community housing authorities, non-profit organizations, and private sector companies.

Together, these funding partnerships have fostered the creation of almost 1,300 new affordable housing units in high-growth, high-need, and northern remote communities throughout the province. Those communities now include Edmonton, Calgary, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Cochrane, Brooks, Leduc, Rocky Mountain House, Conklin, Janvier and northern remote communities in the Municipal Districts of Greenview, Opportunity, and Wood Buffalo.

For the 2004-05 fiscal year, another \$51.24 million was recently announced, bringing total federal and provincial funding of the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program to over \$109 million since the program agreement was signed in June 2002.

Details of the affordable housing projects announced today can be found in the accompanying backgrounders. A two-year summary report on the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program is provided on the Alberta Seniors website at www.seniors.gov.ab.ca.

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Backgrounder

Applicant:	Capital Region Housing Corporation	
Project Location:	95 Street and 104 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Low-income singles	
Number of Units:	26 units	
Unit type:	12 bed sitting units 14 studio/bachelor units	
Total Project Cost:	\$2,039,500	
Proposed Rents:	Bed sitting units	\$250 / month
	Bachelor/Studio units	\$335 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$650,000 (Federal) \$650,000 (Provincial)	
Other contributions:	\$200,500	
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Applicant:	Capital Region Housing Corporation	
Project Location:	108 Street and 172 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Low- to moderate-income families and physically handicapped	
Number of Units	44 units	
Unit type	6 two-bedroom units 36 three-bedroom units 2 two-bedroom handicapped units	
Total Project Cost:	\$5,627,000	
Proposed Rents:	Two-bedrooms	\$425 / month
	Three-bedrooms	\$575 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$1,100,000 (Federal) \$1,100,000 (Provincial)	
Other contributions:	\$1,485,000 (CRHC cash contribution)	
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Applicant:	Christian Senior Citizens Homes Society of Northern Alberta	
Project Location:	13425 – 57 Street Edmonton, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Low-income seniors	
Number of Units	40 affordable housing units in a new 100-unit project that will also include 20 Alzheimer units and 40 extended care units	
Unit type	20 studio/bachelor units 20 one-bedroom units	
Total Project Cost:	\$11,724,000	
Proposed Rents:	Studio/bachelor units	\$416 / month
	One-bedroom units	\$522 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$1,000,000 (Federal) \$1,000,000 (Provincial)	
Other contributions:	\$3,210,000	
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Applicant:	Town of Rocky Mountain House	
Project Location:	5110 – 50 Avenue Rocky Mountain House, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Individuals and families for whom the cost of suitable housing exceeds 30% of their income	
Number of Units	7 units	
Unit type	5 bachelor units 2 two-bedroom units	
Total Project Cost:	\$687,808	
Proposed Rents:	Bachelor units	\$253 / month
	Two-bedroom units	\$524 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$175,000 (Federal) \$175,000 (Provincial)	
Other contributions:	\$195,000 (Surplus Federal Real Property for Homelessness Initiative through the National Homelessness Initiative)-cost of Post Office building acquisition \$5,000 (Local fund raising)	
Other Partners:	Public Works and Government Services Canada Canada Post	
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Applicant:	COPE Rocky Mountain House Society for Persons with Disabilities	
Project Location:	5003 – 48 Street Rocky Mountain House, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Adults with disabilities	
Number of Units	8 units	
Unit type	3 one-bedroom units 4 group home units 1 respite unit	
Total Project Cost:	\$616,625	
Proposed Rents:	One-bedroom units	\$500 / month
	Group home units	\$600 / month
	Respite unit	\$750 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$75,000 (Federal) \$75,000 (Provincial)	
Municipal contributions:	\$95,000	
Other contributions:	\$125,000	
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Applicant:	City of Calgary, Corporate Properties and Buildings
Project Location:	116 – 7A Street NE 175 – 7A Street NE
Target Clients:	Low-income singles
Number of Units	4 units
Unit type	4 bachelor units
Total Project Cost:	\$356,000
Proposed Rents:	\$450 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$100,000 (Federal) \$100,000 (Provincial)
Municipal contributions:	\$156,000
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Applicant:	City of Calgary, Corporate Properties and Buildings	
Project Location:	121 – 8A Street NE 111 – 9 Street NE	
Target Clients:	Special needs: Low-income singles with physical disabilities Low-income singles	
Number of Units	12 units	
Unit type	8 bachelor units 4 wheelchair accessible units	
Total Project Cost:	\$960,000	
Proposed Rents:	Bachelor units	\$450 / month
	Wheelchair accessible units	\$419 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$300,000 (Federal) \$300,000 (Provincial)	
Municipal contributions:	\$360,000	
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Applicant:	Lethbridge Housing Authority
Project Location:	527 & 549 – 9 Avenue North Lethbridge, Alberta
Target Clients:	Low- to moderate-income families
Number of Units	8 units
Unit type	8 two-bedroom units
Total Project Cost:	\$642,000
Proposed Rents:	\$595 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$200,000 (Federal) \$200,000 (Provincial)
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Applicant:	City of Leduc	
Project Location:	4311 – 53 Street Leduc, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Low- to moderate-income families Persons with special needs requiring barrier-free access	
Number of Units	24 units	
Unit type	18 two-bedroom units 2 three-bedroom units 2 two-bedroom units (barrier-free) 2 three-bedroom units (barrier-free)	
Total Project Cost:	\$2,238,850	
Proposed Rents:	Two-bedroom units	\$525 / month
	Three-bedroom units	\$575 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$600,000 (Federal) \$600,000 (Provincial)	
Contact:	Ted Tymchuk, Director Family and Community Support Services City of Leduc Ph: (780) 980-7177	

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Applicant:	Glamorgan Christian Housing Society		
Project Location:	4211 Richmond Road SW Calgary, Alberta		
Target Clients:	Low- to moderate-income adult couples Low- to moderate-income seniors Mature adults 45+ at risk of being homeless Persons with special needs (disabled requiring wheelchair accessibility)		
Number of Units	36 units		
Unit type	33 one-bedroom units 3 two-bedroom units		
Total Project Cost:	\$4,135,180		
Proposed Rents:	One-bedroom units	\$525 / month	
	Two-bedroom units	\$625 / month	
CAAHP Grant:	\$832,350 (Federal) \$832,350 (Provincial)		
Other contributions:	\$200,000		
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Applicant:	994552 NWT Ltd. (Nova Builders)	
Project Location:	8930 – 118 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta	
Target Clients:	Low- to moderate-income families, Low- to moderate-income seniors and persons with special needs	
Number of Units	105 units	
Unit type	27 bachelor units 63 one-bedroom units 12 one-bedroom and den units 3 two-bedroom units	
Total Project Cost:	\$7,652,839	
Proposed Rents:	Bachelor units	\$295 / month
	One-bedroom units	\$420 / month
	One-bedroom and den units	\$540 / month
	Two-bedroom units	\$575 / month
CAAHP Grant:	\$2,625,000 (Federal) \$2,625,000 (Provincial)	
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